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## Current positions and affiliations

Since 2019 Harvard University, Harvard Medical School

Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Health Care Policy.

Affiliations CESifo Munich

# Past positions and research visits

2019 University of Basel, Department of Economics

Postdoctoral fellow, Labour Economics Research Group.

2018 Sanitas Health Insurance, Zürich

Data Scientist, Advanced Analytics Division.

2018 University of St. Gallen, Department of Economics

Doctoral/postdoctoral fellow, Center for Disability and Integration.

2015 University of Uppsala, Department of Statistics/IFAU

Research stay, Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy (IFAU).

2011 University of Freiburg, Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences

Research and teaching assistant, Institute for Economic Research.

## **Education**

2017 University of St. Gallen, School of Economics and Political Science

PhD in Economics, specialization track: Econometrics, grade: 6.0/6.0.

Thesis committee: Michael Lechner, Rafael Lalive, Reto Föllmi.

2011 University of Freiburg, Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences

Diploma in Economics.

### Research

Journal publications

Does external medical review reduce disability insurance inflow? 2019. *Journal of Health Economics* 64, 108–128.

Disability discrimination in higher education: analyzing the quality of counseling services. 2017. *Education Economics* 25(6), 543–553. (With E. Deuchert, L. Kauer, and C. Wuppermann).

Aging faster in office? the effect of extended service in political office on longevity. 2016. *Applied Economics Letters* 23(7), 510–515. (With E. Deuchert).

On the heterogeneity of terror. 2014. *European Economic Review* 68, 116–136. (With K. Kis-Katos and G. Schulze).

On the origin of domestic and international terrorism. 2011. *European Journal of Political Economy* 27(S1), 17–36. (With K. Kis-Katos and G. Schulze).

Working papers

Peers with special needs: Effects and policies. 2019. Harvard University/University of St. Gallen. *Revise and resubmit at the Review of Economics and Statistics*. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).

Physicians and the production of health: Returns to health care during the mortality transition. 2019. Harvard University. *Under review.* (With B. Mäder).

Summer-born struggle: The effect of school starting age on health, education, and work. 2019. *CEPR Discussion Paper Series* 12515. Center for Economic Policy Research London. *Revise and resubmit at Health Economics*. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).

# Work in progress

Estimating work capacity in the US population. 2019. Harvard University. (With N. Maestas, K. Mullen, and S. Rose).

Efficient treatment regimes for health insurance expansions. 2019. Harvard University. (With A. Denteh).

Prescription opioids and the heroin epidemic: Unintended consequences of drug monitoring programs. 2019. Harvard University. (With S. Balestra, N. Maestas, and T. Sherri).

Predicting disability enrollment using machine learning. 2019. Harvard University. (With B. Vabson, T. Layton, N. Maestas, and D. Prinz).

The long-term cost of segregated special needs education. 2018. Harvard University/University of St. Gallen. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).

Dealing with uncertainty: Seller reputation in the online market for illegal drugs. 2018. Harvard University/University of St. Gallen. (With N. Eschenbaum).

# Other publications

Arbeitsanreize in der Schweizerischen Invalidenversicherung. 2016. Education Permanente 1, 40–44. (With B. Eugster).

Gezeigt dass es geht? Wirksamkeit unterschiedlicher Politikansätze zur Integration von Menschen mit Behinderung aus volkswirtschaftlicher Perspektive. In: *Berufliche Inklusion von Menschen mit Behinderung: Best Practices aus dem ersten Arbeitsmarkt.* Ed. by S. Böhm, D. Dvertmann, and M. Baumgärtner. Berlin-Heidelberg: Springer, 23–43. 2013 (with E. Deuchert).

# Referee services

Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Health Economics, Education Economics, Parliamentary Affairs.

## **Presentations**

Society of Labor Economists, Arlington; American Society for Health Economists, Washington D.C.; Health Economics seminar, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard University.

CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, St. Gallen; European Workshop On Econometrics and Health Economics, Groningen; Brown Bag seminar, University of Lugano (invited); Development Economics Research Seminar, University of Göttingen (invited).

American Economic Association, Chicago; Research seminar, University of Freiburg (invited); Workshop on Economics of Education, Catanzaro; European Economic Association, Lisbon; Verein für Socialpolitik, Vienna; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Lausanne.

Research seminar, University of Luzern (invited); European Workshop On Econometrics and Health Economics, Odense.

Society of Labor Economists, Montreal; Young Swiss Economists Meeting, Zürich; 5. Workshop Arbeitsmarkt und Sozialpolitik, ifo Institut Dresden; Brown Bag Seminar, University of Uppsala/IFAU (invited).

23. Meeting of the Economics of Education Association, Valencia; Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro; International Health Economics Association 10th World Congress, Dublin; Centre for Research in Active Labour Market Policy Effects Workshop, Billund.

### Grants and awards

2018 SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation, (74,400 CHF).

Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Young Economist Award, (1,000 CHF).

Incentive payment for receiving a Swiss National Science Foundation Grant, Basic Research

Fund, University of St. Gallen, (with B. Eugster (PI) and S. Balestra, 40,000 CHF).

Best dissertation in economics and finance, University of St. Gallen, (1,500 CHF).

SNSF Project Grant No. 176381 (2017–2020), Children with special needs: Long-term effects of early therapy and peer composition in schools, Swiss National Science Foundation, (with B. Eu-

gster (PI) and S. Balestra, 180,005 CHF).

Richard-Büchner Foundation funding grant, The opioid crisis: Pain medication, prescriber reg-

ulation and illicit drug substitution, (with S. Balestra, 17,000 CHF).

2012 SNSF Project Grant No. 143317 (2012–2014), Moral Hazard and Disability Insurance: Evidence

from the fourth and fifth revision of the Swiss Disability Insurance Act, Swiss National Science

Foundation, (with E. Deuchert (PI) and L. Kauer, 110,039 CHF).

# Teaching experience

Lectures Computational Data Analytics for Economists (PhD course, FS 2018, with A. Strittmatter).

Teaching Introductory Econometrics (SS 2016, SS 2015, SS 2014), Macroeconomics (SS 2014, SS 2013, SS assistant 2010, FS 2009), Microeconomics (FS 2014, FS 2013), Environmental Economics (FS 2010), In-

ternational Trade (FS 2010, FS 2009).

### **Skills**

Tools Vim, Emacs, Git, Regex, GIS, Shell utilities, Linux.

Programming Python, R, Stata, Oracle SQL, Bash, Latex.

Languages German (native), English (fluent, written and spoken), French (basics).

#### References

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