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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Regional Economics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics since 09/2022
University of Cologne Cologne, Germany

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Sieglösch

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics 08/2020 – 08/2022
University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany

Joined my supervisor in his move to Cologne

M.Sc. in International Economics and Public Policy 10/2017 – 08/2019
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Mainz, Germany

ERASMUS+ Semester Abroad 09/2018 – 01/2019
Université Catholique de Louvain Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

B.Sc. in Economics 10/2014 – 09/2017
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Mainz, Germany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Research Assistant 04/2019 – 09/2019 and 11/2017 – 08/2018
Prof. Dr. Klaus Wälde Mainz, Germany

Student Research Assistant 01/2018 – 06/2019
Prof. Dr. Daniel Schunk Mainz, Germany

Internship as a Research Assistant 08/2017 – 09/2017
RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research Essen, Germany

Internship as a Research Assistant 02/2017 – 04/2017
German Council of Economic Experts Wiesbaden, Germany

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Macroeconomics since Winter 2022/23
University of Cologne Cologne, Germany

Empirical Economic Research
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Summer 2018
Mainz, Germany

Macroeconomics I
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Winter 2016/17
Mainz, Germany

Introduction to Economics
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

Winter 2015/16
Mainz, Germany

AWARDS & GRANTS

Scholarship of the Peregrinus Foundation
*Scholarship for a semester abroad to study Economics
at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium*

09/2018 – 01/2019

ERASMUS European Exchange Program Scholarship
Scholarship for a semester abroad with the Erasmus exchange program

09/2018 – 01/2019

Deutschlandstipendium
Scholarship holder

10/2016 – 09/2018

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

*Second Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (Bonn)
EALE Conference (Bergen; scheduled)*

2024

*First Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (Frankfurt)
PSE Summer School on Economics of Gender (Paris)*

2023

RESEARCH VISITS

University of California, Berkeley
Hosted by Prof. Emmanuel Saez (scheduled)

01/2025 – 05/2025
Berkeley, CA

SKILLS

Languages	German (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)
Software skills	R, Stata, Python, L ^A T _E X, Matlab

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “*Tax Havens in Germany*”, single-authored

Abstract: In a world with heterogeneous tax systems, profit maximizing firms which try to minimize their overall tax burdens, have an economic incentive to strategically shift their wealth and income between regions. Some regions cater to these firms by offering very low tax rates, trying to attract the foreign tax base to their jurisdiction. These regions are widely known as *tax havens*. Academic studies so far have focused on investigating the size and fiscal consequences of international tax havens. In many countries, e.g. Germany and the USA, corporate taxes are in part set at the sub-national, i.e. state or municipal, level. I argue that, similar to international tax havens, sub-national governments have an

incentive to attract tax bases to their jurisdiction by choosing very low corporate tax rates. I label these regions *local tax havens*. So far there is no systematic information on the occurrence and size of local tax havens. In this project I will investigate local tax havens in Germany. I draw on administrative data on the municipal and establishment level to estimate the fiscal and economic effects of local tax havens in Germany.

- “*Trade Shocks and Local Public Finance: Evidence from German Municipalities*”, joint with Adrian Lerche

Abstract: In this paper, we investigate the effect of import and export shocks on German municipalities’ local business tax (LBT) bases and fiscal outcomes for the period from 1992 to 2012. Import shocks have a detrimental effect on local outcomes, while export shocks increase LBT bases as well as municipal revenues and expenditures. The effect on expenditure patterns depends on municipalities’ initial fiscal and economic conditions. Results are stronger in the 2002 to 2012 period than in the 1992 to 2002 period. We find that our results are mostly driven by trade between municipalities located in West Germany and Eastern Europe.

- “*The Local Economic Impact of US Troop Withdrawals in Germany*”, joint with Jakob Schmidhäuser

Abstract: What are the local economic impacts of foreign troop deployments? To answer this question, we exploit variation from the historical large-scale U.S. troop withdrawal from Germany at the end of the Cold War for identification. Administrative data by the U.S. Department of Defense enables the precise quantification of the shock at the municipal level. We find negative effects on local labor markets, which transmit to municipal finances. Revenues go down, which municipalities counter by decreasing their expenditures while increasing property tax multipliers. Long time-series enable us to show in a dynamic DID setup that these negative effects persist until today and often even increase over time. Persistently higher intergovernmental transfers allocated to affected municipalities alleviate the negative fiscal impacts.

- “*Reducing Survivor Pension to Promote More Equal Labor Market Attachment of Women: Evidence from Sweden*”, joint with Nadja Dwenger, Martin Nybom and Sebastian Sieglöch

OTHER

Organisator of the biannual Young ECONtribute Program (YEP) Workshop for PhD in Economics students of the University of Cologne and the University of Bonn