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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Public Economics, Labor Economics, Regional Economics

## EDUCATION

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**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

## RESEARCH STAYS

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**University of California, Berkeley** 01/2025 – 05/2025  
*Hosted by Prof. Emmanuel Saez* Berkeley, CA

**University of California, Irvine** 04/2025 – 05/2025  
*Hosted by Prof. David Agrawal* Irvine, CA

**Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich (scheduled)** 05/2025  
*Hosted by Prof. Andreas Peichl* Munich, Germany

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**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

<b>Internship as a Research Assistant</b> <i>RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research</i>	08/2017 – 09/2017 <i>Essen, Germany</i>
<b>Internship as a Research Assistant</b> <i>German Council of Economic Experts</i>	02/2017 – 04/2017 <i>Wiesbaden, Germany</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Economics of Inequality</b> <i>University of Cologne</i>	Summer 2024 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
<b>Supervision of Bachelor Theses</b> <i>University of Cologne</i>	since Winter 2023/24 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
<b>Macroeconomics</b> <i>University of Cologne</i>	Winter 2022/23 – Winter 2023/24 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
<b>Empirical Economic Research</b> <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Summer 2018 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>
<b>Macroeconomics I</b> <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Winter 2016/17 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>
<b>Introduction to Economics</b> <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Winter 2015/16 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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<b>Scholarship of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)</b> <i>Scholarship for a research stay at the University of California, Berkeley in the USA</i>	01/2025 – 05/2025
<b>Scholarship of the Peregrinus Foundation</b> <i>Scholarship for a semester abroad to study Economics at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium</i>	09/2018 – 01/2019
<b>ERASMUS European Exchange Program Scholarship</b> <i>Scholarship for a semester abroad with the Erasmus exchange program</i>	09/2018 – 01/2019
<b>Deutschlandstipendium</b> <i>Scholarship holder</i>	10/2016 – 09/2018

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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### 2025

*Public Finance Seminar (UC Berkeley), IRLE Visiting Scholar seminar (UC Berkeley), Transportation, Urban and Environmental Seminar (UC Irvine), Applied Micro Workshop (UC Irvine), KIZ - Young Scholar Political Economy Workshop (Ifo Munich, scheduled), Third Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (U Frankfurt, scheduled), Local Public Finance and Fiscal Federalism Around the World (MPI Berlin, scheduled), IIPF 2025 (Nairobi, scheduled), Verein für Socialpolitik (Cologne, scheduled)*

### 2024

*Second Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (U Bonn), Applied Microeconomics Seminar (U Cologne), Workshop on Regional Economics (ifo Dresden), Mannheim Taxation Conference (ZEW Mannheim)*

**2023**

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

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “*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 US troop withdrawal from Germany at the end of the Cold War. We use administrative data from the US Department of Defense to precisely quantify the troop withdrawal’s size at the municipal level. We deploy a Synthetic Difference-in-Differences (SDID) estimator to estimate the impacts of the troop withdrawal on local outcomes. Our results show negative effects on local labor markets and municipal public finances. Local business tax revenues decrease. Affected municipalities react by lowering their expenditures, while increasing property tax multipliers.

- “*Tax Havens in Germany*”, single-authored
- “*Reducing Survivor Pension to Promote More Equal Labor Market Attachment of Women: Evidence from Sweden*”, joint with Nadja Dwenger, Martin Nybom and Sebastian Sieglösch

## SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	German (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)
<b>Software skills</b>	R, Stata, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Matlab

## SUPERVISORS

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## OTHER

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- Founder and organiser of the biannual Young ECONtribute Program (YEP) Workshop for PhD in Economics students of the University of Cologne and the University of Bonn (currently 5th edition)