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My research leverages statistical innovations to investigate policy-relevant decision problems in the social sciences.

Education

Behavioural Science, PhD

Warwick, UK

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

10/2017 - 09/2021

- Bridges Leverhulme programme
- Thesis: "Spatial and behavioral patterns in police officer decisions"
- Supervisors: Neil Stewart, Nattavudh Powdthavee and Julia Brettschneider

Economics, MSc

Berlin, Germany

HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN

10/2015 - 09/2017

- GPA of 1.7 (top 5%); 120 + 32 ECTS
- Thesis: "Improving Crime Forecasts with Taxi and Twitter Data"; grade: 1.0
- Semester abroad at Nova University of Lisbon (09 - 12/2016)

Politics and Economics, BA

Münster, Germany

UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER

10/2011 - 02/2015

- GPA of 1.7 (top 5%); 180 + 26 ECTS
- Thesis: "Surveying Data Marketplaces: Trends and Developments"; grade: 1.0
- Semester abroad at Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil (07/2013 - 02/2014)

Allgemeine Hochschulreife / A-levels

Frankfurt, Germany

MUSTERSCHULE

06/2011

- GPA of 1.2 (top 3%), graduation with distinction
- Year abroad at Uttaradit Daruni, Thailand (07/2007-02/2008)

Publications

Improving Crime Count Forecasts with Twitter and Taxi Data

Decision Support Systems, 113, 73–85

VOMFELL/HÄRDLE/LESSMANN

2018

- Using spatial and machine learning models, predictions for New York City crime over 26 weeks are enhanced
- Property crime depends on local opportunities as captured by new data sources
- Violent crime does not emerge from short-run human dynamics

A Classification Framework for Data Marketplaces

Vietnam Journal of Computer Science

3.3, 137–143

STAHL/SCHOMM/VOSSEN/VOMFELL

2016

- Understanding pricing mechanisms of data
- Development of a scheme to group emerging data marketplaces

Marketplaces for Digital Data: Quo Vadis?

ERCIS Working Papers, Vol. 24

VOMFELL/STAHL/SCHOMM/VOSSEN

2015

- Analysis of 72 electronic marketplaces where data is sold
- Identification of two segmented markets

Work in progress

- Differences in police officer experience and attitude are not the origin of ethnic bias in stop and search (with Neil Stewart)
Revise & resubmit at Nature Human Behaviour ([PDF](#))
- Modeling officers' stop and search decisions with point processes
- Improving measures of stop and search disparities
- Is crime deterrence spatio-temporally varying? (with Julia Brettschneider)
- Outlier-robust inference in cognitive science (with Jeremias Knoblauch)

Experience

OECD

Berlin, Germany

INTERNSHIP

07/2015 - 10/2015

- Independent research and editing of the OECD Statistic of the Day
- Daily exchange with OECD statisticians and communication to journalists

European Research Center for Information Systems

Münster, Germany

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

05/2014 - 10/2015

- Research and data analysis on the acceptance of electric mobility

Chair of Computer Science

Münster, Germany

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

05/2015 - 08/2015

- Independent published research on data marketplaces

Commerzbank

Frankfurt, Germany

INTERNSHIP

02 - 04/2014

- Financial analysis at Germany's second largest bank

Chair of Political Economy

Münster, Germany

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

01 - 08/2013

- Data analysis on income inequality data

Selected Presentations and Seminars

11/2019	SJDM , Oral presentation	Montréal, Canada
09/2019	IAREP/SABE , Oral presentation	Dublin, Ireland
08/2019	SPUDM , Oral presentation	Amsterdam, Netherlands
05/2019	Chicago Booth , Invited Seminar	Chicago, US
01/2019	Stop and Search Commission, West Midlands PCC , Invited Talk	Birmingham, UK
08/2018	Privatissimum Statistik , Invited Seminar	Berlin, Germany

Fellowships and Awards

2017 - 2021	Bridges Leverhulme , Doctoral Scholarship
08/2018	Visiting Researcher , at the High Dimensional Nonstationary Time Series group at HU Berlin
2018, 2019	Bank of England , Outstanding contribution to teaching 'Big Data Analytics' for two consecutive years
2016	Data Mining Cup , 10th to 49th place
2015	Thesis Award , best bachelor's thesis in computer science awarded by zeb
2013	PROMOS Scholarship , international mobility scholarship

Skills

Programming	R (advanced skills in statistical computing, algorithm design, computational optimisation, and parallel programming), Python (basic skills)
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent), French (basic)

Extracurricular Activities

Service	Bridges/CAGE Summer School in Behavioural Economics (2019); Early Career Research in Behavioral Science in Warwick (2018-); Women in Behavioural Science (2017)
Hobbies	Thai Boxing, hiking, sewing, knitting and pattern drafting