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## ACADEMIC POSITION

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**Assistant Professor of Econometrics in the Digital Age**  
Department of Economics, University of Zurich. (2025-present)

## EDUCATION

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**University of Bern**, Ph.D., Economics (June 2020-May 2025). Supervisor: Blaise Melly  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Visiting Student (Sept 2023-June 2024).  
**Study Center Gerzensee**, Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, 2021  
**University of Bern**, M.Sc., Economics, *summa cum laude*, 2020.  
**University of Copenhagen**, Visiting Student, (Sept 2019-Jan 2020).  
**University of Bern**, B.Sc., Economics, *insigni cum laude*, 2018.  
**HTW Chur**, University of Applied Sciences, B.Sc., Tourism, 2016.

## RESEARCH

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Research interest: Econometrics, Panel Data, Quantile Methods, Health Economics

### Working papers

1. **Quantile on Quantiles [Job Market Paper]**. *Winner of the IAAE 2024 best student paper award*
2. **Minimum Distance Estimation of Quantile Panel Data Models** (joint with Blaise Melly). (*Submitted*)
3. **The Apple Does Not Fall Far From the Tree: Intergenerational Persistence of Dietary Habits** (joint with Frédéric Kluser). (*R&R at The Review of Economics and Statistics*)

### Publications

**The Impact of Air Pollution on Birthweight: Evidence from Grouped Quantile Regression.** 2022, *Empirical Economics* 62, 279–296.

## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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**2025:** ESWC Seoul (South Korea), UNC at Chapel Hill (USA), Federal Reserve Board (USA), University of Southern California (USA), UC Davis (USA), Rutgers (USA), Sciences Po (France), University of Zurich (Switzerland), University Carlos III (Spain), University of Manchester (UK), Pompeu Fabra (Spain), University of Mannheim (Germany).

**2024:** Workshop on Recent Advances in Panel and Network Data (Oxford, UK), International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE) Annual Conference (Thessaloniki, Greece), International Panel Data Conference, (Orléans, France), European meeting of the Econometric Society, (Rotterdam, Netherlands).

**2023:** MIT Econometrics Lunch (USA), Greenline Workshop (Boston University), International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE) Annual Conference, (Oslo, Norway), Young Swiss Economists Meeting, (Zurich, Switzerland).

**2022:** 2nd International Econometrics PhD Conference (Rotterdam, Netherlands), COMPIE (COunterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation) Conference (Mannheim, Germany), International Panel Data Conference (Bertinoro, Italy), Lunch Seminar, University of Geneva (Switzerland).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Best Student Paper Award (ex aequo), IAAE Thessaloniki, 2024

University of Bern, Doc Mobility Grant to visit the MIT, 2023

Prize for the best performance in the Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (ex aequo), Study Center Gerzensee, 2021

VWG Prize (Award for the Best Master Thesis), 2020

Award for the Best Master's Degree of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern, 2020

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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University of Bern, World Trade Institute, Research Assistant for the DESTA Project, *May 2018-November 2018*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

<b>Bachelor</b>	Workshop in Econometrics I <sup>a</sup> (2024)
	Econometrics I <sup>a</sup> (2020)
	Essential Mathematics for Economists <sup>a</sup> (2019)
<b>Master/PhD</b>	Seminar Workshop in Econometrics II <sup>a</sup> (2022, 2023)
	Econometrics II <sup>a</sup> (2020, 2021, 2022, 2024)
	Time Series Analysis II <sup>a</sup> (2021, 2022)
	Econometrics Sequences 1 & 3 <sup>b</sup> (2023, 2024, 2025)

<sup>a</sup>: University of Bern, <sup>b</sup>: Study Center Gerzensee

## REFEREE

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The Review of Economics and Statistics, Quantitative Economics, Empirical Economics.

## SKILLS

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Languages: Italian (native), German (fluent), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

Softwares: R, Stata, Latex, Git, Matlab

## REFERENCES

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