

# Matthias Weigand

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## Education

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### Harvard University

*PhD* 2021–

Economics

### Brown University

*Pre-Doctoral Fellow* 2019–2020

Economics

### University of Oxford

*Visiting Student* 2018–2019

Mathematics, Economic and Social History, and Social Data Science

### Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich

*B.Sc. in Economics* 2015–2018

## Publications

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The Rise of Fiscal Capacity: Administration and State Consolidation in the Holy Roman Empire (with Davide Cantoni and Cathrin Mohr).

*Econometrica*, 92(5), pp.1439-1472

## Working Papers and Work in Progress

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Crisis, State Capacity, and the Making of Autocracy: A Design-based Analysis of the Thirty Years' War (with Luis Bosshart).

Identity and Institutional Change: Evidence from First Names in Germany, 1700–1850 (with Davide Cantoni and Cathrin Mohr).

The Success of the Informal State in Britain (with Leander Heldring, Davis Kedrosky, and James Robinson).

City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata (with Mathias Bühler and Davide Cantoni).

Housing Policy in West Germany Cities, 1945–1970.

The Inefficacy of Party Bans: Evidence from 128 Countries (with Andrew Kao).

## Scholarships and Awards

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**2021-2023:** ERC Program of the German National Academic Foundation

**2018-2020:** German National Academic Foundation

**2016-2017:** Munich Honors Program in Economics

**2015-2021:** Maximilianeum Foundation

**2015-2020:** Max Weber Program

## Affiliations

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Center for European Studies, Center for History and Economics, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

## Teaching Experience

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History of Human Capital (Graduate), Teaching Fellow for Claudia Goldin and Larry Katz, 2024  
The History of Economic Growth (Undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Melissa Dell, 2024  
Quantitative Methods in Economics (Undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Phillip Heiler, 2024

## Data

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"Princes and Townspeople: A Collection of Historical Statistics on German Territories and Cities.", Harvard Dataverse:

- "City Locations and Border Maps" (with Edyta P. Bogucka and Davide Cantoni, 2019).
- "Territorial Histories" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2019).
- "Town Charters and First Mentions" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Markets" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Construction Activity" (with Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Conflict Incidents and Wars" (with Davide Cantoni, 2021).

## Research Grants

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Weatherhead Center Pre-dissertation Grant (2024); Economic History Association Early Stage Dissertation Grant (2024); GSAS Summer Predissertation Fellowship (2023); IQSS Research Grant (2023); Kenneth C. Griffin Economics Research Fund ("Political Economy and Development") (2023); Chae Family Economics Research Fund ("The Economics of Crises") (2022)

## Presentations

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**2024:** ASSA 2024 Conference, San Antonio; Arthur Lewis Lab, Manchester; Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Sacramento; MIT Organizational Economics Lunch; NEUDC, Boston  
**2023:** Economic History Seminar, Northwestern University; 27th Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt; ASREC 2023 Conference, Cambridge; RSIT Tübingen  
**2022:** 26th Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference, University of Toronto  
**2019:** Annual Economic and Social History Conference, University of Oxford

## Academic Service

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Co-chair of seminar series *European Development in a Historical Perspective*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University  
Reviewer for *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Review of Economic Studies*  
Organizer of *Economic History Graduate Student Workshop*, Harvard University

Mentor for *Harvard and MIT Application Assistance and Mentoring Program*; *Harvard Undergraduates for Inclusion in Economics*; *Harvard Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program*

## **Research Assistant**

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Jesse Shapiro, Harvard University, 2024-

Nathan Nunn, University of British Columbia, 2022

Jesse Shapiro, Brown University, 2019-2020

Joachim Voth, University of Zurich, 2018