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## ACADEMIC POSITION

Since Oct 2017    Research Associate at the Chair of Microeconomics, University of Regensburg

## EDUCATION

since OCT 2017    *PhD* in Economics [Evidence-Based Economics](#): Joint Program of LMU Munich, University of Regensburg and FAU Nürnberg, Supervisor: Andreas Roeder

AUG 2017    *Master of Science*, Economics, Major in Econometrics, Regensburg University

APR 2015    *Bachelor of Arts*, Governance and Public Policy, Major in Economics, Passau University

2012-13    Exchange year at Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R. China, Economics

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Machine Learning, Labor Economics, Causal Inference

## WORKING PAPERS

“Relaxing the Exclusion Restriction in Shift-Share Instrumental Variable Estimation”

“Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering for Selecting Valid Instrumental Variables” *joint with Xiaoran Liang, University of Bristol*

“Falsification Frontiers and IV Selection Methods - A Synthesis” *joint with Frank Windmeijer, University of Oxford*

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019    *Best Paper Award* at 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Labor Economics at IAAEU Trier

11/2016    *Travel Grant* from Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructure Diffusion project for LISER autumn school

4/2015-9/2017    Deutschlandstipendium *Scholarship*

2012-2013    German Academic Exchange Service *Scholarship* for an exchange study at Fudan University, Shanghai (P.R. China)

## CONFERENCES

- Presentation: (P), Poster: (PO)*
- 2019 Workshop in Empirical Economics, Potsdam (PO); EALE, Uppsala (PO); Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Leipzig (P); Mendelian Randomization Conference, Bristol (PO); Workshop on Labor Economics, IAAEU Trier (P); Workshop Natural Experiments and Controlled Field Studies, Ammersee (PO); Joint Statistical Meeting of the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Statistik (PO) BGPE Research Workshop, Munich (P)
- 2018 Summer School Topics and Methods in Labor Market Research, ZEW Mannheim (PO); IAAEU - Workshop on Labor Economics, Trier (PO)
- 2017 NCCR - on the move graduate conference, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland (P); Institute for Employment Research (IAB) Econometric Seminar, Regensburg (P)

## SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS

- 7/2018 *Summer School* Topics and Methods in Labor Market Research with Uta Schönberg, Jeffrey Smith, Bernd Fitzenberger and Jann Spiess, ZEW Mannheim (PO)
- 6/2018 *Guest Course*: Specification and estimation of structural models using experimental data from the lab and the field, with Charles Bellemare
- 5-6/2018 *EBE Summer School*: Applied Microeconomics Topics and Methods with Imran Rasul and Stephen Ryan
- 3/2018 *Guest Course*: Machine Learning with Applications in Economics, with Martin Spindler
- 12/2017 *EBE Core Course 2*: Econometric Methods, with Derya Uysal
- 10/2017 *EBE Core Course 1*: Behavioral Theory
- 6/2017 *Workshop* ifoCEMIR Junior Economist Workshop with George J. Borjas, ifo Munich
- 11/2016 *Autumn School* “Theory and Practice of Programme Evaluation: Regression Discontinuity Design (RDD) based methods” by Fabrizia Mealli and Alessandra Mattei (University of Florence), at Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research

## TEACHING

- 2019/20 Advanced Microeconomics (graduate)
- 2017/18 Industrial Organization (*undergraduate*)
- and 18/19
- 2018/19 Microeconomics II (*undergraduate*)

**PROFESSIONAL**

<b>EXPERI- ENCE</b>	5-11/2016	Student assistant at Chair of Empirical Macroeconomics and Regional Economics, Regensburg University
	6-8/2015	Intern at the German-Baltic Chamber of Commerce, Riga, Latvia
	4-9/2015	Student assistant at Chair of Statistics, Passau University, Research project on the effects of austerity policies on material deprivation, with Angelika Schmid
	6-9/2013	Intern at Southern People Weekly Magazine, Shanghai, P.R. China

**SKILLS**

<i>Software</i>	R, Python, Stata, LaTeX, EViews, jMulti, SPSS
<i>Languages</i>	Italian ( <i>native</i> ), German ( <i>native</i> ), English ( <i>fluent</i> ), Chinese ( <i>fluent</i> ), French ( <i>good</i> ), Turkish ( <i>basic</i> )

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

2010-11	Voluntary Service of the German Foreign Ministry and the UNESCO Commission, Teaching Assistant at primary school in Wuxi (Jiangsu), P.R.C.
2009, 2010, 2012	NPT-TV, video-journalistic project from UN conferences on nuclear non-proliferation

**OTHER PUB-  
LICATIONS**

5/2010	“Eine Welt frei von Atomwaffen?”, Jusos Blog, May 29, 2010
5/2009	“Nuclear Sharing in Germany”, NPT News in Review, May 13, 2009

**Personal  
Interests**

Cooking, Badminton, Literature