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CH - 1015 Lausanne Citizenship: German

Interests Behavioral Economics, Public Economics, Experimental Economics

Current University of Lausanne

Position Post-doc (SNF Senior Researcher) since 08/20

EDUCATION Berlin School of Economics (Free University Berlin and DIW Berlin)

Dr. rer. pol. in Economics (summa cum laude) 10/15-06/20

• Dissertation Topic: "Essays in Behavioral Public Economics"

• Supervisors: Peter Haan, Dorothea Kübler

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

M.Sc., Economics (ECTS Grade: A) 10/12-05/15

University of Copenhagen

Exchange Semester 09/13-01/14

Leuphana University Lüneburg

B.Sc., Economics (with distinction, ECTS Grade: A) 10/09-09/12 B.Sc., Business Psychology (ECTS Grade: A) 10/08-09/12

 $\label{eq:new_new_def} \textbf{Research} \qquad \qquad \textbf{New York University}, \textbf{CESS}$

VISITS visiting Andrew Schotter 09/18-12/18

Short Visits

CEBI and IFRO at University of Copenhagen, FAIR at NHH Bergen, IFS London

PUBLICATIONS Social Image Concerns and Welfare Take-Up (with Jana Friedrichsen and Tobias König), **Journal** of Public Economics, 168, 2018, pp. 174-192.

Do prices and purchases respond similarly to soft drink tax increases and cuts? (with Sinne Smed),

Economics and Human Biology, 37, 2020, 100864.

WORKING Sin Taxes and Self Control (with Sinne Smed), CRC TRR 190 Discussion Paper No. 250, July Papers 2020, R&R at AEJ:Economic Policy.

Protecting the Ego: Motivated Information Selection and Updating (with Alessandro Castagnetti), May 2020, conditionally accepted at European Economic Review.

Earn More Tomorrow: Overconfident Income Expectations and Consumer Indebtedness (with Antonia Grohmann, Lukas Menkhoff and Christoph Merkle), *CRC TRR 190 Discussion Paper No. 152*, April 2019, **R&R at Journal of Money, Credit and Banking**.

Fair Procedures with Naive Agents: Who Wants the Boston Mechanism? (with Tobias König, Dorothea Kübler and Lydia Mechtenberg), CRC TRR 190 Discussion Paper No. 222, December 2019.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Confidence and strategic knowledge in college admission: Evidence from a student survey linked with administrative data (with Rustamdjan Hakimov and Camille Terrier)

Status: Survey data collected.

What drives preferences for sin taxes? Evidence from a survey experiment (with Tobias König)

Status: Funding secured, field work in preparation.

 $Sin\ taxes\ and\ motivated\ health\ cost\ denial:\ Evidence\ from\ a\ survey\ experiment\ (with\ Zarko\ Kalamov,$

Tobias König)

Status: Pilot completed, applying for funding.

Media Coverage

tagesschau Podcast "mal angenommen" (01/21), hr-Info (radio, 03/20), RND (newspaper, 03/20), NDR Info (radio, 06/18), WDR (TV, 04/18), Die Welt (newspaper, 04/18)

Policy Reports Fear of Stigmatization Prevents Individuals from Claiming Benefits (with Jana Friedrichsen), DIW

Weekly Report 26-27/2019, June 2019

Softdrinksteuer: Proportionale Steuer ist der vielversprechendste Ansatz, DIW Aktuell 10, May

2018

Eine Softdrinksteuer zur fiskalischen Konsumsteuerung, DIW Roundup 103, November 2016

Presentations

2021: Workshop on Beliefs, Narratives, and Memory, Matching in Practice Workshop, FETS Summer Experimental Economics Workshop

2020: University of Warwick, ZEW Mannheim, MPI for Tax Law and Public Finance Munich, University of Vienna, University of Essex

2019: Risky Health Behaviors Workshop Hamburg, CEBI at University of Copenhagen, FAIR at NHH Bergen, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress 2019 Manchester, IIPF 2019 Glasgow, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) London, Applied Micro Workshop at Hertie School Berlin, Retreat of the CRC TR 190 "Rationality and Competition"

2018: Food and Health Economics Workshop Toulouse, DIW Berlin Cluster Seminar

2017: Behavioral Welfare Economics Workshop at DIW Berlin, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress 2017 Lisbon, (Ce)2 Workshop 2017 Warsaw, University of Copenhagen, IMEBESS Meeting Barcelona

2016: ESA European Meeting Bergen, Micro Reading Group at DIW Berlin

Teaching

Experimental Economics (Master level, University of Lausanne)

Tax & Transfer System - Empirical Policy Evaluation (Master level, FU Berlin)

2019

TA for Mathematics 2 for Economists (Undergraduate level, Leuphana University Lüneburg)

2011

TA for Academic Research and Writing (Undergraduate level, Leuphana University Lüneburg)

2010

Refereeing

Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Experimental Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Professional Experience German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin

Research Associate, Department "Public Economics"

10/16-07/20

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Berlin

Research Assistant, Research Unit "Market Behavior"

01/13-09/15

European Parliament, Brussels

Intern 09/11-12/11

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION Workshop "Eating Meat 2019 - Determinants, Consequences, and Interventions", October 8-9, 2019, DIW Berlin (joint with Jana Friedrichsen, Manja Gärtner, and Steffen Huck)

Grants and Awards HEC Research Fund, 12/20

Warwick University PhD Conference Grant for "Protecting the Ego" (with Alessandro Castagnetti),

03/19

PhD Studies Scholarship of German Institute for Economic Research, 10/15-09/16

Basic Studies Scholarship ("Deutschlandstipendium"), 04/13-05/15

Scholarship of Lower Saxony for excellent course achievements, 12/09 & 12/10

LANGUAGES

Languages: German (native), English (Fluent)

References

Prof. Dr. Peter Haan

Head of Department "Public Economics"

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Prof. Georg Weizsäcker, Ph.D.

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