

# Curriculum Vitae – Sebastian Schirner

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## Research interests

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Political Economy, Economics of Migration, Public Finance, Applied Microeconomics

## Employment and affiliations

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09/2025 –	CESifo Research Network Affiliate
01/2025 –	Postdoctoral researcher Center for Labor and Demographic Economics ifo Institute Munich
01/2021 – 12/2024	Research Assistant Chair for Social Policy and Public Economics Ruhr University Bochum
05/2020 – 12/2020	Economist German Economic Institute (IW Köln)

## Education

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01/2021 – 01/2025	PhD Economics (Dr. rer. oec.) Chair for Social Policy and Public Economics Supervisor: Prof. Zohal Hessami Ruhr University Bochum
10/2017 – 05/2020	University of Cologne Economics (M.Sc.)
08/2015 – 12/2015	Kasetsart University Bangkok (semester abroad) Enterpreneurial Economics
10/2013 – 09/2017	University of Bayreuth International Economics and Development (B.A.)

## Publications in peer-reviewed journals

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Baskaran, T., Hessami, Z., and S. Schirner (2024). Young versus Old Politicians and Public Spending Priorities. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 225, 88-106.

Schirner, S. (2025). Managing Migration: Female Mayors and the Intake of Refugees. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 240, 107306.

Hessami, Z., S. Schirner and C. Wobbe (2025). Asylum Seekers, New Businesses, and Job Creation. *Journal of Population Economics*, forthcoming.

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## Work in progress

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Hessami, Z. and S. Schirner (2024). Immigration Shocks and Shifting Social Group Boundaries. *IZA Discussion Paper No. 17343*.

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## Policy papers (in German)

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Werding, M., B. Läpple, and S. Schirner (2024). Modellrechnungen für den Sechsten Tragfähigkeitsbericht des BMF. *FiFo-Berichte*. No. 33.

Schirner, S., Hickmann, H., Malin, L. and D. Werner (2021). Fachkräfteengpässe in Unternehmen – Fachkräftemangel und Nachwuchsqualifizierung im Handwerk. *KOFA-Studie*. No. 1/2021. Köln.

Burstedde, A., Flake, R., Jansen, A., Malin, L., Risius, P., Seyda, S., Schirner, S. and D. Werner (2020). Die Messung des Fachkräftemangels, *IW-Report*, No. 59/2020, Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft (IW), Köln.

Burstedde, A. and S. Schirner (2019). Digitalisierung und die Zukunft von Berufen. *IW-Kurzbericht*. No. 48/2019. Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft (IW). Köln.

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## Research visit

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04/2023 – 06/2023

BI Norwegian Business School (Oslo)

Host: Prof. Jon H. Fiva

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## Conferences and workshops

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### 2025

KIZ Political Economy Workshop (Munich)

### 2024

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries (Paris)

Verein für Socialpolitik Jahrestagung 2024 (Berlin)

14<sup>th</sup> ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics (Dresden)

Annual Congress of the IIPF (Prague)

3<sup>rd</sup> IEB Workshop on Public Policies (Barcelona)

The Economic, Social, and Political Consequences of Migration (Leiden)

Meeting of the European Public Choice Society 2024 (Vienna)

**2023**

Verein für Socialpolitik Jahrestagung 2023 (Regensburg)  
Silvaplana Workshop on Political Economy 2023 (Pontresina)  
16<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Conference – Ruhr Graduate School (Bochum)  
Meeting of the European Public Choice Society 2023 (Hannover)

**2022**

Meeting of the European Economic Association 2022 (Milan)  
Meeting of the European Public Choice Society 2022 (Braga)  
15<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Conference – Ruhr Graduate School (virtual)

**2021**

15<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Political Economy by ifo Dresden (virtual)

**Teaching**

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Fiscal Policy in a Federation (BSc, Seminar, English)  
War and Peace: The Political Economy of Conflict (BSc, Seminar, German)  
Public Choice - Economic Analysis of Politics (BSc, Seminar, German)

**Refereeing**

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European Journal of Political Economy, International Tax and Public Finance, Economic Modelling, Journal of Conflict Resolution

**Software**

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Stata, R, Python, LaTeX, QGIS

**Language**

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German (native) and English (fluent)

**References**

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