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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany Research Associate, Chair of Political Economy and Empirical Economics	since 07/2023
University of Göttingen, Germany Research Associate, Chair of Development Economics	09/2019 - 06/2023
Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany Research Associate, Chair of Environmental, Climate and Development Economics	09/2018 - 08/2019

EDUCATION

University of Göttingen, Germany
PhD Economics, 2019-2024, *Summa cum laude*

Visiting Researcher: Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, 09/2022 - 03/2023

Lund University, Sweden
MSc Economics, 2018

University of Münster, Germany
BA Political Science and Economics, 2015

Studies Abroad: PUC Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 08/2013 - 12/2013

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

SoDa Labs Monash University, Melbourne, since 12/2022

Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI), since 07/2023

Kiel Institute Research Affiliate, 2018 - 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Fuchs, A., L. Kaplan, K. Kis-Katos, S. Leue, F. Turbanisch and F. Wang (2025). Mask Wars: Sourcing a Critical Medical Product from China in Times of COVID-19. *Journal of International Economics*, 155, 104068.

WORKING PAPERS

Fuchs, A., L. Kaplan, K. Kis-Katos, S. Leue, F. Turbanisch and F. Wang (2022). Tracking Chinese Aid through China Customs: Darlings and Orphans after the COVID-19 Outbreak. Kiel Working Paper 2232. R&R World Development

Fuchs, A., S. Leue, A. K. Rose (2025). Is Davos More Than a Boondoggle? Kiel Working Paper 2288.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Income and Migration: Evidence from a Century of Windfall Income Shocks (with Erik Haustein)

Iceberg Transport Costs (with Christian Düben and Jonas F. Rudsinske)

The Impact of Sea Rescue on Irregular Migration (with Sarah Langlotz and Paul Michel)

OTHER WRITINGS

[China's Mask Diplomacy: Political and Business Ties Facilitate Access to Critical Medical Goods During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) (with Andreas Fuchs, Lennart C. Kaplan, Krisztina Kis-Katos, Felix Turbanisch and Feicheng Wang), Voxeu.org, September 2020

[China Sent Masks, Gloves and Gowns to Many U.S. States. Here's Who Benefited.](#) (with Andreas Fuchs, Lennart C. Kaplan, Krisztina Kis-Katos and Felix Turbanisch), Washington Post (Monkey Cage), January 2021

[China's Aid Exports to Africa and the COVID-19 Pandemic: How Much? Where? What?](#) (with Andreas Fuchs, Lennart C. Kaplan, Krisztina Kis-Katos and Felix Turbanisch), PEGNet Policy Brief, 27, November 2022

PRESENTATIONS

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco

2024: EPCS Vienna, Oxford Development Economics Workshop, HWWI Research Seminar

2023: 9th Annual Conference on Migration and Diversity, WZB Berlin; 2023 APCC, Perth; Online Australasian Seminar in International Economics (OASIS); 16th Australasian Trade Workshop, Cairns; GLAD Seminar, Göttingen; PhD seminar, University of Göttingen

2022: IWB Workshop Göttingen; EPCS Braga; AidData Workshop on China, Williamsburg, VA; Melbourne Workshop on Political Economy; CESA, ANU Canberra

2021: ASSA Annual Meeting (virtual); PhD seminar, University of Göttingen; EHS Annual Conference (virtual); EPCS; GLAD Conference Göttingen; BBQ, Nuremberg; Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS, virtual)

2020: PEIO Annual Conference, SFU & UBC Vancouver; PhD Seminar, University of Göttingen; EHA Annual Meeting (virtual)

2019: PhD Seminar, Helmut Schmidt University; PhD Seminar, University of Göttingen

TEACHING

University of Göttingen

Introduction to Economic Analysis with R, Summer Semester 2022 & 2023

Introduction to Development Economics (Bachelor, tutorial, in German), Summer Semester 2020, 2021 & 2022

R-Course in Spatial Economics (Master, PhD), Summer Semester 2020 & 2021

Development Economics III: Regional Perspectives in Development Economics (Master, tutorial), Summer Semester 2022

Economic Analysis with R (Bachelor, Master, PhD), Summer Semester 2022 & Winter Semester 2022/23
Bachelor and Master Thesis supervision (2018 - 2025)

Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg

Environmental Economics (Master, tutorial, in German), Winter Term 2018

Political Economy of Development (Master, tutorial), Winter Term 2018

Introduction to Development Economics (Bachelor, tutorial, in German), Fall Term 2018

REFEREE SERVICE

Review of International Economics, Review of International Organizations, Empirica

GRANTS AND FUNDING

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) mobility grant	2020
Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association) conference mobility grant	2021, 2022 & 2024
Dr. Hans Riegel Foundation Connex grant	2022 & 2024

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker), English (fluent), Portuguese & French (intermediate), Swedish (beginner)

REFERENCES

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