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#### **Education**

University of Vienna (Oskar Morgenstern Doctoral School)

PhD - Economics, 2025 (expected)

Advisors: Monika Merz, Kirsten Wandschneider

University of California, Los Angeles

Visiting PhD Appointment (Department of Economics), Fall 2024

Host: Michela Giorcelli

University of Wisconsin-Madison

MSc - Econometrics and Quantitative Economics, 2021

Advisor: Kenneth West

University of Vienna

BSc - Economics (Minor Statistics), 2018

# **Research Fields**

Primary: Applied Econometrics, Empirical Macroeconomics

Secondary: Public Finance, Economic History

#### **Research & Teaching Experience**

UCLA, California Center for Population Research Affiliate, 2024 - current

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy Research Assistant, 2020 - 2021

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Research Assistant, Summer 2017

University of Vienna

Instructor: Introductory Econometrics (Graduate Level), 2022 - current

# **Job Market Paper [Link to the latest Version]**

"Taxed Out? How Early 20th Century Regional Tax Adoptions Shaped Interstate Firm Relocations"

Are firms relocating in response to the introduction of a corporate income tax? The paper explores the effects of corporate income tax adoptions on US interstate firm relocations during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The historical context allows for an investigation of unharmonized and sequential regional tax adoptions between 1910 and 1930, during which 16 states introduced taxation on corporate income. Leveraging newly linked employer-level data, together with a structural gravity model, enables a quantification of firm relocation flows caused by tax adoptions. The partial equilibrium analysis reveals a significant increase in average interstate firm flows by 13.02% attributable to these tax adoptions, where disaggregation by sector demonstrates pronounced effects for manufacturing, mercantile, service, and utility

businesses. These effects are further found to be decreasing in the distance to the state border. Counterfactuals show that firm outflow in early adopter states would have been significantly lower without the introduction of the income tax, while non-adopters would have observed slightly larger outflows.

# **Working & Policy Papers**

"A Taxing Journey: Tax Adoptions and Interstate Migration in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century", with Kirsten Wandschneider. CEPR Discussion Paper 18729, January 2024. *Under Review* 

"The Impact of Increased Unemployment Benefits During the COVID-19 Pandemic", with Noah Williams, Junjie Guo, Arwa Alalwani, Zhi Jiang, Jiashun Pang and Linhua Zeng. University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2021.

### **Work in Progress**

"Discretionary Policy under Fiscal Decentralization"

"Migrants of Influence: Skill Levels and the Effects on International Trade", with Ashim Dubey

"Decentralized Tax Cuts and the Labor Market", with Fabian Prettenthaler

"Foot Voting on Gendered Protective Labor Rights"

# **Seminars, Conferences & Workshops**

2024: Vienna Economics PhD Workshop, T2M Conference (Amsterdam), ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim), QED Jamboree (Amsterdam), VGSE Macro Seminar (Vienna), EHA Annual Meeting (Sacramento), Yale Economic History Lunch, UCLA Economic History Proseminar

2023: All-Vienna EcoHis Brownbag, VGSE Micro Seminar, Vienna Economics PhD Workshop, Posthumus ESTER Research Design Course, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association, WIFO Regional Economics Workshop, Annual Vienna Macroeconomics Workshop, VGSE Macro Seminar

### **Grants & Recognitions**

Vienna Graduate School of Economics Full Fellowship, 2021 - 2025 General Assembly Member, Oskar Morgenstern Doctoral School, 2023 - current Student Leadership Council, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019 - 2021 Class of Excellence, University of Vienna, Department of Statistics & Operations Research, 2019

#### **Skills Summary**

Programming: Stata, R, Python, Transkribus, Matlab, LaTeX Language: English (near-native), German (native), French (basic)

# References

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