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**Research interests:** Labour economics, health economics, applied econometrics.

## Education

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- 2017—      Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel. Supervisors: Conny Wunsch (University of Basel) and Andrea Weber (Central European University)
- 2013–2015    M.Sc. in Economics, HEC Lausanne, University of Lausanne
- 2010–2013    B.Sc. in Economics, HEC Lausanne, University of Lausanne

## Research positions and visits

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- Spring 2022    Center for Labor Economics, University of California, Berkeley. Host: David Card.
- 2018—      Research and teaching assistant, Labour economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel
- 2015–2020    Research associate in health economics, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (now Unisanté), University Hospital of Lausanne and University of Lausanne
- 2015–2016    Research assistant, Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel

## Peer-reviewed publications

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Zabrodina, Véra, Mark Dusheiko, and Karine Moschetti (2020). A Moneymaking Scan: Dual Reimbursement Systems and Supplier-Induced Demand for Diagnostic Imaging. *Health Economics*, 29(12): 1566–1585.

Moschetti, Karine, Véra Zabrodina, Tenzin Wangmo, Alberto Holly, Jean-Blaise Wasserfallen, Bernice S. Elger, and Bruno Gravier (2018). The determinants of healthcare expenditures of prisoners: Evidence from Switzerland. *BMC Health Services Research*, 18:160.

Moschetti, Karine, Véra Zabrodina, Pierre Stadelmann, Tenzin Wangmo, Alberto Holly, Jean-Blaise Wasserfallen, Bernice S. Elger, and Bruno Gravier (2017). Exploring differences in healthcare utilization of prisoners in the canton of Vaud, Switzerland. *PLOS ONE*, 12(10): e0187255.

## Work in progress

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Timing Moral Hazard under Deductibles in Health Insurance

Unemployment Insurance with Response Heterogeneity (with Conny Wunsch)

The Optimal Time-Profile of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (with Conny Wunsch)

Hours Mismatch and Income Tax Incentives for Low-Earning Workers (with Ulrike Unterhofer)

## Policy reports

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Assessment of the use of diagnostic imaging equipment in the canton of Ticino (2020). Report for the Public Health Service of the canton of Ticino, Switzerland [in French], with Karine Moschetti.

Evaluation of the impact of the certificate of need regulation for heavy medical equipment (2020). Report for the Public Health Service of the canton of Vaud, Switzerland [in French], with Mark Dusheiko and Karine Moschetti.

Assessment of the need for costly diagnostic imaging equipment subject to certificate of need laws (2016). Report for the Public Health Service of the canton of Neuchatel, Switzerland [in French], with Mark Dusheiko and Karine Moschetti.

## Research grants

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| 2022 | Freiwillige Akademische Gesellschaft (FAG); Basler Kantonalbank Stiftung; Post-Covid19 Travel Fund, Graduate School of Business and Economics, University of Basel |
| 2021 | Research Fund of the University of Basel for Excellent Junior Researchers  |

## Awards and scholarships

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| 2019      | Early Career Researcher Best Paper Prize, International Health Economics Association |
| 2017–2018 | Study grant for a Ph.D. in Applied Economics, University of Basel                    |
| 2015      | Faculty prize for the highest GPA, M.Sc. in Economics, HEC Lausanne                  |

## Further coursework

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| 2017–2018 | Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, Study Center Gerzensee (Microeconomics and Econometrics) |
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2017	Graduate courses at the University of Basel: Advanced Research Methods, Topics in Advanced Mathematics
2016	Swiss School of Public Health+ International Doctoral Courses and Seminars in Health Economics and Policy (Cost-effectiveness analysis and health technology assessment, University of Lausanne; Economics of health behaviors, University of Lucerne; Empirical methods for microeconomics with applications to health, University of Lugano)
2014–2015	M.Sc. exchange semester, with graduate courses in microeconomics and macroeconomics, University of Zurich
2013	Development economics, Summer School, London School of Economics

### **Presentations at conferences and seminars (incl. scheduled)**

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2022	University of California, Berkeley; University of Bern; Central European University, Vienna; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Annual Congress, Fribourg; European Economic Association Annual Congress, Milan; European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, Fribourg; Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference, Basel
2021	Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, Barcelona (virtual); IRDES-Dauphine Workshop on Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation, Paris (virtual); Economics Lunch, Basel
2020	Ski and Labour Seminar, Engelberg; Young Swiss Economists Meeting, Zurich; IHEID Virtual PhD Workshop, Geneva (virtual); EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, Berlin (virtual); Econometric Society World Congress, Milan (virtual); Economics Lunch, Basel
2019	International Health Economics Association Congress, Basel; Swiss Health Economics Workshop, Lucerne; Swiss TPH HealthEconmix Seminar, Basel
2018	Conference and Doctoral Workshop of the Swiss Society of Health Economics, Lucerne; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, St. Gallen; Young Swiss Economists' Meeting, Zurich
2017	Swiss Health Economics Workshop, Lausanne; European Health Economics Association PhD-Supervisor Conference, Lausanne; International Health Economics Association Congress, Boston; IRDES Workshop on Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation, Paris; Young Swiss Economists' Meeting, Zurich

### **Teaching**

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2021	Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation, M.Sc. and Ph.D. (lab sessions and teaching assistance), Prof. Conny Wunsch, University of Basel
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- 2020      Applied Empirical Analysis, M.Sc. and Ph.D. (lab sessions and teaching assistance), Prof. Conny Wunsch, University of Basel
- 2018, 2019      Empirical Research Methods in Labour Economics, M.Sc. and Ph.D. (lab sessions and teaching assistance), Prof. Conny Wunsch, University of Basel
- Advanced Empirical Research Methods, M.Sc. and Ph.D. (teaching assistance), Prof. Conny Wunsch, University of Basel

### **Refereeing service**

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Labour Economics, Economic Analysis and Policy, International Journal of Health Policy and Management

### **Professional service**

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- 2018–2022      Representative of Ph.D. students and Postdocs on the board of the Graduate School of Business and Economics
- 2018–2021      Representative of Ph.D. students and Postdocs at the Faculty Assembly of the Faculty of Business and Economics

### **Other employment**

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- 2009, 2014      Summer intern in Economics, AECOM, London, United Kingdom
- 2009–2013      Graphic designer, ESL Education, Montreux, Switzerland

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