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CURRENT POSITION

University of California, Berkeley Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Economics	2024—
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RESEARCH FIELDS

Public finance, labor economics, health economics

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>), University of Basel Program for doctoral students in economics, Study Center Gerzensee	2017–2022
MSc in Economics , University of Lausanne	2013–2015
BSc in Economics , University of Lausanne	2010–2013

PAST POSITIONS

University of Basel Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Business and Economics Research and teaching assistant, Faculty of Business and Economics	2022–2024 2018–2022
Unisanté Health Economist	2015–2019

RESEARCH VISITS

Erasmus University Rotterdam (3 weeks)	2023, 2024
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (6 weeks)	2023
University of California, Berkeley (3 months)	2022

WORKING PAPERS

Timing Moral Hazard under Deductibles in Health Insurance

Unemployment Insurance with Policy Differentiation (with Conny Wunsch) – **R&R, Review of Economic Studies**

Income Tax Notches and Working Hours Mismatch: Evidence from Mini Jobs in Germany (with Ulrike Unterhofer) – **R&R, Journal of Human Resources**

WORK IN PROGRESS

Choice Rationality and Ex-Post Moral Hazard

Unemployment Insurance and Exits from Employment (with Mario Bernasconi, Jeffrey Grogger and Conny Wunsch)

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

Pre-Doctoral Publications

Moschetti, K., V. Zabrodina, T. Wangmo, A. Holly, J.-B. Wasserfallen, B. S. Elger, and B. Gravier (2018). The Determinants of Healthcare Expenditures of Prisoners: Evidence from Switzerland. **BMC Health Services Research**, 18:160.

Moschetti, K., V. Zabrodina, P. Stadelmann, T. Wangmo, A. Holly, J.-B. Wasserfallen, B. S. Elger, and B. Gravier (2017). Exploring Differences in Healthcare Utilization of Prisoners in the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland. **PLOS ONE**, 12(10): e0187255.

AWARDS

Young economist award , Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics	2023
Student paper prize second place, International Health Economics Association	2023
Faculty prize for the best doctoral dissertation , University of Basel	2022
Early career researcher best paper prize , International Health Economics Association	2019
Faculty prize for the best GPA , MSc in Economics, University of Lausanne	2015

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoc.Mobility, Swiss National Science Foundation	2023
Freiwillige Akademische Gesellschaft	2022
Basler Kantonalbank Stiftung	2022
Research Fund for Excellent Junior Researchers, University of Basel	2021
Scholarship, PhD program in Applied Economics, University of Basel	2017

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2025: Society of Labor Economists, Toronto; University of Pennsylvania, Empirical Micro Seminar; University of California, Berkeley.

2024: Tilburg University; University of Manchester; ZEW Mannheim; University of California, Berkeley Public Finance seminar; Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley; Workshop of the Swiss Network on Public Economics; European Society of Population Economics, Rotterdam.

2023: Georgetown University; Erasmus University Rotterdam; Tilburg University, Structural Econometrics Group; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Society of Labor Economists' Annual Meeting, Philadelphia; Ski and Labour Seminar, Engelberg; EuHEA Seminar Series, virtual; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Annual Congress, Neuchatel; International Health Economics Association Congress, Cape Town; European Association of Labour Economists, Prague; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Manchester.

2022: University of California, Berkeley; Central European University; University of Bern; 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 Conference, Basel; Economics Lunch, Basel.

2021: Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, virtual; IRDES-Dauphine Workshop on Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation, virtual; Economics Lunch, Basel.

2020: Econometric Society World Congress, virtual; EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, virtual; Young Swiss Economists Meeting, Zurich; IHEID Virtual PhD Workshop, virtual; Ski and Labour Seminar, Engelberg; 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: European Health Economics Association PhD-Supervisor Conference, Lausanne; International Health Economics Association Congress, Boston; Swiss Health Economics Workshop, Lausanne; IRDES Workshop on Applied Health Economics and Policy Evaluation, Paris; Young Swiss Economists' Meeting, Zurich.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Health Econometrics and Data Group, University of York	2022—
Junior Researchers Committee, University of Basel	2023—
Board of the Graduate School of Business and Economics, University of Basel	2018—

REFEREEING

American Economic Review, Economic Analysis and Policy, Health Economics, International Journal of Health Policy and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Labour Economics.

POLICY REPORTS

Impact of provider payment regulations on outpatient costs (2025). Prepared for the canton of Vaud, Switzerland (with Karine Moschetti)

Assessment of the use of diagnostic imaging equipment (2020). Prepared for the canton of Ticino, Switzerland (with Karine Moschetti).

Evaluation of the impact of the certificate-of-need regulation for medical equipment (2020). Prepared for the canton of Vaud, Switzerland (with Mark Dusheiko and Karine Moschetti)

Assessing the need for imaging equipment subject to certificate-of-need laws (2016). Prepared for the canton of Neuchâtel, Switzerland (with Mark Dusheiko and Karine Moschetti)

TEACHING

Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation (MSc and PhD), University of Basel	2021–2024
Applied Empirical Analysis (MSc and PhD)	2020
Topics in Economics (Bachelor seminar papers), University of Basel	2020
Empirical Research Methods in Labour Economics (MSc and PhD), Uni Basel	2018, 2019
Advanced Empirical Research Methods (MSc and PhD), University of Basel	2018, 2019

OTHER

Languages French (native), Russian (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate).

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