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EDUCATION

2020	PhD in Economics, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Goethe University Thesis: Essays on Experimental Evaluations and Networks in Economics Committee: Matthias Schündeln, Daniel Gutknecht, Emilia Soldani, Thomas Otter
2013	MSc in Economics, <i>with distinction</i> (Grade: 1.1 — 1 st in class), University of Konstanz Thesis: Social Network Structures and the Stability of Authoritarian Regimes Thesis advisor: Professor Dr. Ursprung, Thesis Grade: 1.0
2011	BSc in Economics, <i>excellent</i> (Grade: 1.3 — 2 nd in class), University of Konstanz, one term at the American University in Cairo

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary Fields: Social and Economic Networks, Development Economics, Causal Inference
Secondary Fields: Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Since 2020	Postdoctoral researcher at the Chair of Development Economics, Professor M. Schündeln, Goethe University
2018	Visiting student researcher at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University (3 months)
2014 – 2019	Researcher for the DFG-funded project ‘ <i>The Dynamics of Economic Community Networks in the Development Process: An Empirical Study in Rural Gambia, West Africa</i> ’ at the chair of Professor M. Schündeln.
2013 – 2014	Research analyst (supervisor: Ralph De Haas), Office of the Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London (6 months)
2012 – 2013	Research assistant to Professor H. Ursprung and Professor C. Alós-Ferrer Chair of Political Economy and Chair of Economic Theory, University of Konstanz
2010	Trainee, KfW Entwicklungsbank (German Development Bank), Country Office Ghana (6 months)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations at Conferences

2020	12 th World Congress of the Econometric Society Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association
2016 - 2019	CSAE Conference 2019 at St Catherine’s College, Oxford University; Workshop on Geodata and Economics 2018 by the TU Braunschweig and the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW); 70 th European Meeting of the Econometric Society; Annual Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association 2016

Scientific Refereeing

Since 2018 | Economic Development and Cultural Change (4), Land Use Policy, Party Politics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	Co-taught a class with Professor Matthias Schündeln Empirical Development Economics (undergrad, course), Goethe University
2014 – 2020	Teaching assistant to Professor Matthias Schündeln, PhD and Dany Jaimovich, PhD Development Economics II, III (graduate courses), Evaluation of Development Policy: Methods and Applications (graduate seminar), Goethe University
2008 – 2013	Various teaching assistant positions to Dr. J. Franke, Dr. P. Dürsch and Prof. Schropp Microeconomics II – Game Theory (undergrad.), Advanced Microeconomics I (graduate), Mathematics for Economists I & II (undergrad.), University of Konstanz

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2020	Sturm & Drang Prize 2020 for the best publication by a young researcher of the Faculty of Economics and Business at Goethe University
Since 2019	Joachim Herz fellow for interdisciplinary economics
2013 – 2014	Carlo Schmid fellow for placements in international organizations
2013	VEUK-Award for the best graduate in economics at the University of Konstanz
2011 – 2013	Scholarships from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation) and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)

PUBLICATIONS

Development Projects and Economic Networks: Lessons From Rural Gambia

with M. Schündeln and D. Jaimovich, forthcoming at *The Review of Economic Studies*, doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdaa033

Randomization Inference with Stata: A Guide and Software

Stata Journal, vol. 17(3), pages 630-651, September 2017, doi.org/10.1177/1536867X1701700306,
software via: github.com/simonheb/ritest

WORKING PAPERS

Altruism, Capacity Constraints and the Topology of Transfer Networks

with M. Fafchamps

Environmental Effects of Development Programs: Experimental Evidence from West African Dryland Forests

with M. Schündeln and D. Jaimovich