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POSITIONS AND VISITS

since 2024 **Vienna University of Economics and Business**, assistant professor (tenure track)
2022 – 2024 **University of Vienna**, assistant professor (non-tenured)
2020 – 2022 **Goethe University Frankfurt**, postdoc, Chair of Development Economics, M Schündeln
2018 **Stanford University**, three months visiting researcher at SIEPR, host: M Fafchamps
2014 – 2019 **Goethe University Frankfurt**, part-time employed at the Chair of Development Economics
2013 – 2014 **European Bank for Reconstruction & Development**, research analyst, Office of the Chief Economist
2012 – 2013 **University of Konstanz**, student research assistant to H Ursprung and C Alós-Ferrer

DEGREES

2020 **Goethe University**, PhD in Economics (summa cum laude), *Prize for scientific excellence and practical relevance* by the German Economic Association's Committee on Development Economics and the KfW
2013 **University of Konstanz**, MSc in Economics
2011 **University of Konstanz**, BSc in Economics, visiting the American University in Cairo during 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Shared e-scooter services and road safety: Evidence from six European countries (with C Cloud and J Kasinger)
European Economic Review, doi.org/10.1016/j.euroecorev.2023.104593

Environmental Effects of Development Programs: Experimental Evidence from West African Dryland Forests (with M Schündeln and D Jaimovich)
Journal of Development Economics, vol. 153: 102737, 2021, doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2021.102737

Development Projects and Economic Networks: Lessons From Rural Gambia (with M Schündeln and D Jaimovich)
The Review of Economic Studies, vol. 88(3): 1347–1384, 2021, doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdaa033

Randomization Inference with Stata: A Guide and Software 316 citations
Stata Journal, vol. 17(3): 630–651, 2017, doi.org/10.1177/1536867X1701700306

WORKING PAPERS

Kinship networks and local elections: Evidence from voter registration data in Nepal
with P Pathak and M Schündeln (Goethe University)

Causal evidence that herpes zoster vaccination reduces the incidence of dementia with M Eytting (Mainz and Stanford) and M Xie (Heidelberg and Stanford), P Geldsetzer (Stanford); medRxiv 2023.05.23.23290253

The effect of herpes zoster vaccination on the occurrence of deaths due to dementia in England and Wales
with F Michalik (Heidelberg and Stanford), M Eytting (Mainz and Stanford) and M Xie (Heidelberg and Stanford), S Chung (Stanford), P Geldsetzer (Stanford); medRxiv 2023.09.08.23295225

Altruism and the Topology of Transfer Networks,
with M Fafchamps (Stanford); CEPR Discussion Paper 16561

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Importance of Experimental Protocol: Ethnic In-Group Bias in The Gambia
with J Detemple (Goethe University Frankfurt) and H Jawara (University of The Gambia)

German Colonialism
with SO Becker, N Jahangirli, and R Ramachandran (Monash University)

TEACHING

As course instructor

2024	Introductory Econometrics , graduate lecture, Vienna University of Business and Economics
2024	Microeconometrics , graduate lecture, Vienna University of Business and Economics
2022, 2023	Introductory Econometrics , undergrad. lecture with up to 100 students, University of Vienna
Sept 2023	Causal Inference , 3-day mini course, Monash University Malaysia
Spring 2023	Causal Inference , MSc course with 38 students, University of Vienna
Spring 2022	Development Economics: Microeconomic Aspects of Development , MSc lecture, Goethe University; co-taught with M Schündeln
Fall 2021	Microeconomic Methods and Applications , MSc seminar, Goethe University
2020, 2021	Empirical Development Economics undergrad. lecture, Goethe University; co-taught with M Schündeln

As teaching assistant

2014 – 2020	Development Economics II, Development Economics III, Evaluation of Development Policy , MSc courses, Goethe University
2008 – 2013	Microeconomics II – Game Theory (undergrad.), Advanced Microeconomics I (MSc), Mathematics for Economists I (undergrad.), Mathematics for Economists II (undergrad.), University of Konstanz

AWARDS & GRANTS

2023	Small research grant, University of Vienna, € 2,000
2022	Research fellowship, Heinrich Graf Hardegg'schen Stiftung, € 8,000
2021	Dissertation award by KfW and the Development Group of the German Economic Association, € 5,000
2020	Sturm & Drang Prize for the best publication by a young researcher of the Faculty of Economics and Business at Goethe University, € 1,500
2019 – 2022	Joachim Herz fellowship for interdisciplinary economics, € 12,500
2013 – 2014	Carlo Schmid fellowship 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)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Presentations and invited seminars

2024: Central European University (planned); Philipps-Universität Marburg (planned); **2023:** Vienna University of Economics and Business; Standing Committee on Development Economics of the German Economic Association; University of Passau; TU Dresden; **2022:** Trinity College Dublin; University of Vienna; HEC Lausanne; DIME/Worldbank; Annual Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics of the German Economic Association; **2021:** Theory Seminar at Aix Marseille School of Economics; **2020:** 12th World Congress of the Econometric Society; Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association; **2019 and before:** CSAE Conference 2019 at Oxford University; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Research Seminar; Workshop on Geodata and Economics 2018 by the TU Braunschweig and the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW); 70th European Meeting of the Econometric Society; Annual Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics of the German Economic Association 2016

Scientific refereeing

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Land Use Policy, Party Politics

Affiliations and memberships

[German Economic Association](#) (Verein für Socialpolitik); [Research Committee on Development Economics of the German Economic Association](#)