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Marital status: Married, 2 children (2015, 2018)
Maternity leave: February 2015-January 2016 and March 2018-March 2019

Employment

Since April 2025	KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt Professor of Economics, esp. Sustainable Economic Policy (W2-TT-W3), WFI Research Professor at ifo Institute CESifo Research Network Affiliate Member of the Standing Field Committee on Environmental and Resource Economics (AURÖ)
2019 – 2025	ifo Institute Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich Postdoc, Deputy Director of the ifo Center for Labor and Demographic Economics (75%), Junior Research Group Leader (since 11/2022)
April - July 2023	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Office of the Chief Economist, London Visiting Researcher
October 2014- February 2018	London School of Economics Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment Research Officer/Postdoctoral Researcher (100%)
October 2013- September 2014	London School of Economics Department of International Development: Teaching Fellow (50%)

Education

October 2009- August 2014	London School of Economics PhD Department of International Development
October 2008 - September 2009	London School of Economics MSc Development Studies (with distinction)
October 2003 - August 2008	University of Passau, Germany Master Economics and Intercultural Studies (with distinction)

Publications

The relationship between the youth-led Fridays for Future climate movement and voting, politician and media behaviour in Germany

Joint with M. Fabel, M. Flückiger, M. Ludwig, H. Rainer, S. Wichert

Nature Human Behaviour (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-024-02075-4>

"Let them Eat Cake": Drought, Peasant Uprisings, and Demand for Institutional Change in the French Revolution

Journal of Economic Growth, 29(1), 41-77, 2024;

CESifo Working Paper 2023, No. 10303

The Economic Effects of Long-Term Climate Change: Evidence from the Little Ice Age

Journal of Political Economy (130: 9), September 2022

The Long-Run Effects of Missionary Orders in Mexico

Journal of Development Economics, (127:355-378), July 2017

"Migration and Climate-Resilient Development" in: S. Fankhauser and T. McDermott, eds. *The Economics of Climate-Resilient Development*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2016: 204-221.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

The Long-Term Effects of Air Pollution on Health and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Socialist East Germany

Joint with Moritz Lubczyk

Adaptation to Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Joint with Michael Bernardi

Air Pollution and Socioeconomic Status in German Cities

Joint with T. Erbertseder, T. Hehner, I. Müller, H. Rainer and H. Taubenböck

Epidemics and Public Health Provision in Early Modern Europe

Joint with Davide Cantoni and Matthias Weigand

Other Publications

"Climate Adaptation Is as Imperative as Mitigation", *Project Syndicate*, August 22, 2024.

With Clemens Fuest

"EU Development Policy and Climate Change"

Joint with Andrey Samarsky, *EconPol Policy Brief* 61, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 2024, 77, Nr. 05, 35-38

"Migration in response to weather shocks" in European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Office of the Chief Economist: *Transition Report 2023/24: Transitions Big and Small*, November 2023.

Joint with Michael Bernardi

„The Hidden Costs of Pollution from Mining“ in European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Office of the Chief Economist: Transition Report 2023/24: Transitions Big and Small, 2023.

„The Green Revolution in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities,“

Joint with Michael Bernardi, Christa Hainz, and Paulina Maier, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 2023, 76, Nr. 05, 29-33

„Anpassung an den Klimawandel – Lasten verteilen und Ernährungssicherheit schaffen“

Reimund Schwarze, Robert Finger, Reimund P. Rötter, Mareike Köster, Klaus Müller, Theresa Hübsch, Maria Waldinger, Franziska Wintersteller, Gerome Wolf, Ulrike Grote, Etti Winter, Robyn Blake-Rath
ifo Schnelldienst, 2022, 75, Nr. 08, 03-28

„Trägt die Fridays-for-Future-Bewegung zum politischen Klimawandel bei? Big Data Economics mit Hilfe von Mobilfunk-, Schulstreik-, (Social-)Media-, Wetter- und Fußballdaten“

Joint with L. Andres, M. Fabel, M. Flückiger, M. Ludwig, H. Rainer, S. Wichert, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 2022, 75, Nr. 05, 28-33

„Wirtschaftliche Effekte langfristigen Klimawandels: Lehren aus der Kleinen Eiszeit“

Joint with Franziska Wintersteller, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 2022, 75, Nr. 05, 39-44

Seminars and talks

2026	University of Trondheim, Banque de France
2025	Federal Finance Court, University of Barcelona
2024	University of Wien, University of Linz, TU München, University of Augsburg, KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt European Central Bank, Federal, Federal Ministry of Finance
2023	University of Passau, University of Mainz Workshop Oliver Zahn, Artist Lab Program
2022	University of Oxford, University of Warwick, University of Heidelberg
2021	University of Bayreuth
2018	University of Heidelberg
2017	University of Bonn, University of St. Gallen, University of Bern, Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Munich, Universities of Essex, Sussex, and Surrey
2016	Berkeley University, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
2015	University of Notre Dame
2014	University of Warwick, University of Oxford, Nuffield College, London School of Economics, Dep. of Economic History
2013	London School of Economics, Dep. of International Development
2012	Harvard University, Department of Economics, Harvard University, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

Conferences

2026	University of Mannheim, AURÖ Young Researcher Workshop (keynote), AURÖ Committee on Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop Kassel, "Climate Change and Adaptation" Goethe University Frankfurt, "Climate Economics" Banque de France, "Climate Change: Lessons from the Past and Contemporary Challenges" Aix-Marseille School of Economics (keynote)
2025	ifo Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change (organiser) EconPol Annual Conference "Adaptation to Climate Change"
2023	Campbell Fellow Workshop, Hoover Institution at Stanford University
2022	Rural History Conference Uppsala
2016	Zeuthen Workshop Bio-Geographical Origins of the Wealth of Nations, University of Copenhagen
2015	American Economic Association Conference, Boston
2014	Conference of the European Economic Association, Toulouse, 10th BETA Workshop in Historical Economics, Strasbourg, Annual Conference of the Economic History Society, Warwick

Grants, Honours, and Awards

2024	Schmölders-Prize of the Verein für Socialpolitik
2023/2024	ifo Outstanding Publication Award, 2x
2022/2023	Campbell Visiting Fellowship "Environment and Energy" at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (US\$ 12,500)
2022	Research grant "Junior Research Group: Adaptation in Sub-Saharan Africa," Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (US\$ 500,000) ifo Institute (complementary funding)
2013/2014	Postdoctoral Fellow of the Economic History Society, UK
2010	Travel Funding Department of International Development, LSE
2004 - 2012	Scholarship for Undergraduate and Doctoral Studies Cusanuswerk
2009	Best Master Dissertation in MSc Development Studies, LSE
1999 - 2000	Scholarship for German Bundestag American Congress Youth Exchange Program

Teaching experience

Summer 2026	Environmental Challenges of Our Time - Economic Analyses and Solutions (BSc Seminar), Research Project Sustainability (BSc)
Since Winter 2025/26	The Economics of Climate Change and Sustainability: Insights for Policy and Business (BSc, L+T)
Since Summer 2025	Sustainability and Business Strategy (MSc, L+T), Doctoral Course
Since Winter 2023/24	Introduction to Economics (BSc, Lecture, Tutorial)
11/2024	Lectures on Sustainability (1x) Economic Effects of Climate Changes
Summer 2023	Knowledge and Growth: Institutional Determinants of Sustainable Economic Success (MSc, Seminar)

2013- 2014

London School of Economics
Development Management (MSc, class teaching)

Refereeing and other services

Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, European Economic Review, Cliometrica, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Economic History Review, Environmental and Resource Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Nature Communications

Since 2026	Head of Bachelor program "Sustainability in Business and Economics"
Since 2025	Sustainability Officer at WFI
2019 – 2023	Organizer ifo Research Seminar (Lunchtime Seminar)

Languages and IT

IT	Stata, ArcGIS, Python
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Languages	German: native	Spanish: very good
	English: fluent	Italian: beginner
	French: fluent	Chinese: beginner