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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Goethe University Frankfurt: Professor of Economics, since July 2009

Harvard University: Assistant Professor of Economics and of Social Studies, 2004 - 2009

## **VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Columbia University, New York, February 2022 – February 2023

University of New South Wales, Sydney: Visiting Professor, August 2018 - January 2019

Stanford University: Visiting Professor, August 2015 - July 2016

## **EDUCATION**

### **Yale University, USA**

Ph.D., Economics, 2004

M.Phil., Economics, 2001

M.A., Economics, 2000

### **Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany**

*Staatsexamen*, Mathematics and Geography, 1996

*Vordiplom*, Economics, 1996

## **OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

Affiliate, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn

Fellow, CESifo Research Network, Munich

Member, Verein für Socialpolitik: Research Group on Development Economics

Associated Member, Research Center “Normative Orders” at Goethe University Frankfurt

Board Member of the Center for Interdisciplinary African Studies (ZIAF) at Goethe University Frankfurt

Advisory Board, Society for International Development (SID) – Chapter Frankfurt

Advisory Board, Merz Foundation gGmbH

## **PAST POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Director, Master Program in International Economics and Economic Policy, Goethe U. Frankfurt (2010-2015)

Director, Master Program in Money and Finance, Goethe University Frankfurt (2013-2015)

Faculty Associate, Center for International Development (CID), Harvard University (2004-2009)

Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (2004-2009)

Faculty Associate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (2006-2009)

Member, Standing Committee on African Studies, Harvard University (2004-2009)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Natural Disasters, Discrimination, and Favoritism: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the 2015 Earthquake in Nepal (with Prakash Pathak), *Journal of Public Economics* 209, 2022, 104607.
- The Demand for Advice: Theory and Empirical Evidence from Farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Dominik Naeher), *World Bank Economic Review* 36(1), 2022, 91-113.
- Environmental Effects of Development Programs: Experimental Evidence from West African Drylands (with Simon Heß and Dany Jaimovich), *Journal of Development Economics* 153, 2021, 102737.
- Development Projects and Economic Networks: Lessons from Rural Gambia (with Simon Heß and Dany Jaimovich), *Review of Economic Studies* 88(3) 2021, 1347–1384.
- The Long-term Effects of Communism in Eastern Europe (with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln), *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 34(2) 2020, 172-191.
- Multiple Visits and Data Quality in Household Surveys, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 80(2) 2018, 380-405.
- On the Endogeneity of Political Preferences: Evidence from Individual Experience with Democracy (with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln), *Science*, 6 March 2015, 347 (6226), 1145-1148.
- Private versus Social Returns to Human Capital: Education and Economic Growth in India (with John Playforth), *European Economic Review* 66, 2014, 266-283.
- Are Immigrants More Mobile than Natives? Evidence from Germany, *Journal of Regional Science* 54(1) 2014, 70-95.
- Local Financial Development and Firm Performance: Evidence from Morocco (with Marcel Fafchamps), *Journal of Development Economics* 103, 2013, 15-28.
- Appreciating Depreciation: Physical Capital Depreciation in a Developing Country, *Empirical Economics* 44(3), 2013, 1277-1290.
- Ethnic Heterogeneity and the Private Provision of Public Goods, *Journal of Development Studies*, 49(1), 2013, 36-55.
- Where are Limited Liability Companies Formed? An Empirical Analysis (with Jens Dammann), *Journal of Law and Economics*, 55(4) 2012, 741-791.
- Deterring or Displacing Electoral Irregularities? Spillover Effects of Observers in a Randomized Field Experiment in Ghana (with Nahomi Ichino), *Journal of Politics*, 74(1) 2012, 292–307.
- The Incorporation Choices of Privately Held Corporations (with Jens Dammann), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 27(1) 2011, 79-112.
- Can Entrepreneurial Activity Be Taught? Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Central America (with Bailey Klinger) *World Development* 39(9), 2011, 1592–1610.
- Who Stays, Who Goes, Who Returns? East-West Migration within Germany since Reunification (with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln), *Economics of Transition*, 17(3), 2009, 703-738.
- Precautionary Savings and Self-Selection: Evidence from the German Reunification “Experiment” (with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 120(3), 2005, 1085-1120.
- The Savings Behavior of East and West Germans - Theoretical Predictions and Empirical Evidence (with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln), *Journal of Applied Social Science Studies*, 123(1), 2003, 209-220.

**RECENT WORKING PAPERS**

Institutions under Pressure: The Effect of Community Forest Groups after a Natural Disaster (with Prakash Pathak).

Pro-environmental Voting when Climate Change is Made Salient: Evidence from High-resolution Flooding Data (with Felix Holub).

Land Titles and Deforestation: Evidence from 2.6 Million Forest Plots in Vietnam (with Johannes Van Vlodrop).

**MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS**

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ): Evaluation of a Digital Skills Program for TVET Teachers in Rwanda; joint with Rajshri Jayaraman (2023-2025)

DFG Grant: Empirical Analyses of the Effect of Climate Change on Economic and Political Development in Less Developed Countries (2022-2024).

DFG Grant: Natural disasters and economic development: Microeconomic evidence from Nepal's 2015 earthquake (2018-2021).

DFG Grant: The dynamics of economic community networks in the development process: An empirical study in rural Gambia, West Africa; joint with Dany Jaimovich (2014-2017).

NSF Grant (Award # SES-0752986): Political Participation and Electoral Malpractices in Ghana: The Role of Domestic Election Observers and Information; joint with Nahomi Ichino (2008-2010).

Milton Fund Award, Harvard University: The Political Economy of Ethnic Diversity, Elections, and Public Goods Provision in Ghana (2007/2008).

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University: Semester Leave Grant (2007/2008).

**OTHER AWARDS AND GRANTS**

SOEP-Prize: Best Publication by a Junior Researcher Using the German Socio-Economic Panel (2007)

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Junior Faculty Development Grant (2007)

Warburg Fund (Harvard, 2006)

Clark Fund Grant (Harvard, 2004 and 2007)

Social Science Research Council: Program in Applied Economics Fellowship (2002-2003)

John Perry Miller Fund Award (Yale, 2002)

Ryoichi Sasakawa Fellowship (Yale, 2001)

Yale University Fellowship (1999-2003)

Dr. Prill-Prize in Geography (University of Cologne, 1996)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*at Goethe University Frankfurt:*

Development Microeconomics (PhD Program)

Development Economics: Microeconomic Aspects of Development (Master Program)

Development Economics: Firms and Industries (Master Program)

Evaluation of Development Policy: Methods and Applications (Master Program)

Climate Change and Developing Countries (Master Program)

Causal Inference with Nature's Help (Master Program)

Empirical Development Economics (Bachelor Program)

*at Harvard University:*

The Industrial Sector in Developing Countries (PhD Program)

Economic Aspects of Globalization (Bachelor)

Economic Development in Africa (Bachelor)

Poverty, Inequality, and Economic Policy (Bachelor)

Research in Economic Development (Bachelor)

Topics in Economic Development (joint with Michael Kremer, Bachelor)

*other:*

Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Methods in Development Economics (Mini-Course):

DIW-Berlin Graduate Center (October 2011)

Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn (January 2013, December 2013, January 2015)

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Consultant: World Bank, 2014-2016: Principal investigator (with Dany Jaimovich) for the impact evaluation of the program “Strengthening micro-entrepreneurship for disadvantaged youth in the informal sector”, Kingdom of Morocco and World Bank.

Visiting Researcher: DIW, Berlin, Germany, October 2011

Visiting Researcher: CESifo, Munich, Germany, July 2007

Visiting Researcher: Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany, June-July 2005, December 2006

Panelist: Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, UNCTAD, Geneva, February 2005

Consultant: World Bank, Development Economics Research Group (DECRG); Washington, D.C., 2001

Consultant: International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and World Bank, Nairobi, Kenya, 2001

Consultant: World Bank, Development Economics Research Group (DECRG), South Africa, 2001

Consultant: World Bank, Poverty Reduction and Social Development, Africa Region; Washington, D.C., 2000

Intern: Department of Education Mpumalanga / LIB (German Development Organization), South Africa, 1997/98

## **REFEREEING**

*Journals:* AEJ: Economic Policy, Agricultural Economics, American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Political Science, B.E. Economic Analysis & Policy, Development Engineering, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, Empirical Economics, Environmental Sciences Europe, European Economic Review, Industrial Relations, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of the European Economic Association, MIT Press, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Development Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Regional Studies, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Income and Wealth, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Small Business Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, World Politics

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