Curriculum Vitae
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Fields of Interest

Applied labor, population and health economics, policy evaluation

Education

2004	Ph.D. in Economics (*Dr. rer. pol.*), summa cum laude Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany Supervisor: Prof. Michael C. Burda, Ph.D. 2nd Reader: Prof. Andrea Ichino, Ph.D.
1998	Master of Science in Economics University College London, UK Supervisor: Prof. Stephen Machin, Ph.D.
1997	Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics University of Oxford, UK

Main Professional Positions

2013 – current	Full Professor of Economics (W3), Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg
2012 – 2013	Head of Research Group *Migration*, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research
2011 – 2012	Visiting Professor, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2007 – 2013	Post-Doctoral Researcher, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (Research Unit *Labor Markets, Education, Population*)
2004 – 2007	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (German Science Foundation (DFG) research project *Temporary help work and its role on the German labor market*)
1998 – 2004	Research Assistant, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Institute for Economic Theory II - Prof. Michael C. Burda)

Affiliations/Services to Profession/Media Coverage

Affiliations

2016 – current	Member, Standing Field Committee for Labour and Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)
2013 – current	Research Fellow, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research
2010 – current	Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
2004 – current	Member, Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BeNA)
2011 – 2015	Research Fellow, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)
2004 – 2013	Initiator (2004), Founding Chairman of the Managing Board (2008-2012), and Co-organizer (2004-2013) of the *Berlin Network of Labor Market Research* (BeNA)
2005 – 2007	Research Affiliate, DFG Collaborative Research Centre 649 *Economic Risk*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2001 – 2005	Research Affiliate, EU Commission funded CEPR Research Network *A Dynamic Approach to Europe's Unemployment Problem (DAEUP)*
1998 – 2004	Research Affiliate, DFG Collaborative Research Centre 373 *Quantification and Simulation of Economic Processes*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Departmental Services

2018 – current	Speaker, Center of Evidence-based Policy Analysis (CEPA) at the Department of Economics and Management, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg
2018 – current	Study Program Director for Economics, Department of Economics and Management, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg (programs *Economic Policy Analysis* (Master) and *Economics* (Bachelor))
2018 – current	Program Committee Member, Central-German Doctoral Program Economics (CGDE), a joint initiative of five economics faculties (Dresden, Halle, Jena, Leipzig, Magdeburg) and two research institutes (ifo Dresden, IWH)
2018 – current	Member of Teaching Evaluation Commission at the Department of Economics and Management, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg
2014 – current	Speaker, Research Colloquium Series at the Department of Economics and Management, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg
2014 – current	Member (2016-2018) or Deputy Member (2014-2016, 2018 – current) of the Board of Faculty at the Department of Economics and Management, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg

Conference/Workshop/Network/Lecture Series Organization

2025	Co-organizer, 1st MAgdeburg BRaunschweig Economic Workshop (MADBREW Workshop) (Magdeburg)
2022 , 2024	Organizer, CGDE Frontier Lecture Courses: Jan Stuhler (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Wolf Wagner (Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University)
2022	Organizer, 9th CGDE Doctoral Workshop (online)
2021	Member, Scientific Program Committee of the Open Meeting, Verein für Sociapolitik 2021 Annual Conference, Regensburg
2017	Member, Scientific Board of *CReAM/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration*, organized by Centre for Research & Analysis of Migration at University College London (CReAM) and RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, Essen
2016	Member, Organizing Committee of 2nd Turkish-German Frontiers of Social Science Symposium (TUGFOSS) on *Forced Migration: Structures, Actors, Processes*, organized by Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung and Stiftung Mercator, Gelsenkirchen
2007 – 2012	Main/Co-organizer of BeNA Lecture Series: Joseph Altonji (Yale University), Manuel Arellano (FEMFI Madrid), Jörn-Steffen Pischke (LSE), Steve Machin (UCL), Andrea Ichino (University of Bologna)
2009	Member, Scientific Board of conference organized by University of Amsterdam and Euro CIETT *The role of flexible employment and employment intermediaries in cushioning the business cycle: what insights can research contribute?*, Brussels
2005	Co-organizer, CEPR workshop *Temporary Agency Work: A New Source of Labour Market Flexibility?*, Berlin

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Political Science Review, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, CESifo Economic Studies, Economica, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Review of Economic History, German Economic Review, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Economics and Statistics (Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik), Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Labour Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Review of Economic Studies, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers.

German Science Foundation, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.

Media Coverage (Selection)

International: New York Times, BBC World Broadcasting Radio, Financial Times England, Forbes, Il Sole 24 ore, Die Presse, ORF, Wiener Zeitung.

National (Germany): Handelsblatt, Financial Times Deutschland, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (Sonntagsökonom), Frankfurter Rundschau, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Die Welt, WirtschaftsWoche, die tageszeitung, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (WAZ), Berliner Zeitung, Berliner Morgenpost, Der Tagesspiegel, Frankfurter Rundschau, Stuttgarter Zeitung, Hamburger Abendblatt, Ruhr Nachrichten, Westdeutscher Rundfunk (WDR; radio and *hartaberfair, faktencheck*), Radio eins.

Publications

Refereed Publications

"Immigration and crimes against natives: the 2015 refugee crisis in Germany" (with Yue Huang), ***Journal of Population Economics***, 2026, 39, article 54: 1-31.

"International tax evasion, state purchases of confidential bank data and voluntary disclosures" (with Dirk Bethmann), ***Journal of Comparative Economics***, 2026, 54(2): 526-536.

"Immigration and Housing Rents: Short-Run Effects of the 2015 Refugee Crisis in Germany" (with Kathleen Kürschner Rauck), ***Journal of Regional Science***, 2025, 65: 1269-1302.

"Male Gatekeepers: Gender Bias in the Publishing Process?" (with Felix Bransch), ***Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization***, 2022, 202: 714-732.

"A Theory of Child Adoption" (with Dirk Bethmann), ***Journal of Economic Development***, 2022, 47(2): 101-114.

"Local labor markets and the persistence of population shocks: evidence from West Germany, 1939–1970" (with Sebastian Braun, Anica Kramer, and Philipp Meier), ***Journal of Economic Geography***, 2021, 21(2): 231–260.

"The health effects of smoking bans: Evidence from German hospitalization data" (with Thomas Siedler and Nicholas Ziebarth), ***Health Economics***, 2018, 27(11): 1738-1753.

"Nuclear Power Plant Closures and Local Housing Values: Evidence from Fukushima and the German Housing Market" (with Thomas K. Bauer and Sebastian Braun), ***Journal of Urban Economics***, 2017, 99: 94-106.

"Temporary Agency Work and the Great Recession" (with Daniel Baumgarten), ***Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization***, 2017, 136: 29-44.

"Immigration and Structural Change: Evidence from Post-War Germany" (with Sebastian Braun), ***Journal of International Economics***, 2014, 93(2): 253-269.

"War, Marriage Markets and the Sex Ratio at Birth" (with Dirk Bethmann), ***Scandinavian Journal of Economics***, 2014, 116(3): 859-877.

"The Economic Integration of Forced Migrants. Evidence for Post-War Germany" (with Thomas K. Bauer and Sebastian Braun), ***The Economic Journal***, 2013, 123(571): 998-1024.

"Men, Women, and the Ballot: Gender Imbalances and Suffrage Extensions in the United States" (with Sebastian Braun), ***Explorations in Economic History***, 2013, 50(3): 405-426.

"World War II, Missing Men and Out of Wedlock Childbearing" (with Dirk Bethmann), ***The Economic Journal***, 2013, 123(567): 162-194.

"National Sentiment and Economic Behavior: Evidence from Online Betting on European Football" (with Sebastian Braun), ***Journal of Sports Economics***, 2013, 14(1): 45-64.

"Much Ado About Nothing? Smoking Bans and Germany's Hospitality Industry" (with Harald Tauchmann), ***Applied Economics***, 2012, 44(35): 4539-4551.

"One Last Puff? Public Smoking Bans and Smoking Behavior" (with Silke Anger and Thomas Siedler), ***Journal of Health Economics***, 2011, 30(3): 591-601.

"The Institution of Marriage" (with Dirk Bethmann), ***Journal of Population Economics***, 2011, 24(3): 1005-1032.

"Does smoking really harm your earnings so much? Biases in current estimates of the smoking wage penalty" (with Silke Anger), ***Applied Economics Letters***, 2010, 17(6): 561-564.

"Does Temporary Help Work Provide a Stepping Stone to Regular Employment?" in: David Autor (ed.), ***Studies of Labor Market Intermediation***, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009: 335-372.

"Zeitarbeit in Deutschland: Trends und Perspektiven" [Temporary Agency Work in Germany: Trends and Perspectives] (with Michael C. Burda), ***Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik***, 2006, 7(2): 195-225.

Monographs/Book Chapters/Policy Papers

"The economic integration of forced migrants: Evidence from postwar Germany" (with Thomas K. Bauer and Sebastian Braun), *www.VoxEU.org*, 24.2.2014.

"Fukushima ließ deutsche Immobilienpreise sinken" [Fukushima Causes Fall in German Real Estate Prices] (with Thomas K. Bauer, Sebastian Braun), *Ökonomenstimme*, 17.01.2014 (also published in *IFW Highlights 2013*).

"Immigration und Strukturwandel – Lehren aus der deutschen Nachkriegsgeschichte" [Immigration and Structural Change – Lessons from the German Post-War Period] (with Sebastian Braun), *Ökonomenstimme*, 09.01.2013.

Durchlässiger Arbeitsmarkt durch Zeitarbeit? [Does Temporary Agency Work Aid Labor Market Permeability?] (with Daniel Baumgarten, Juliane Landmann, Eric Thode), Bertelsmann Foundation, 2012.

Herausforderung Zeitarbeit [Challenge Temporary Agency Work] (with Daniel Baumgarten), Bertelsmann Foundation, 2012.

"Beschäftigungszuschuss im SGB II. Ein neues Instrument als Ultima Ratio" [The Wage Subsidy in SGB II. A New Instrument as Ultima Ratio] (with Susanne Koch and Joachim Wolff), IAB-Kurzbericht, 2/2010.

"Eine Befragung von Gastronomiebetrieben zur Einführung von Rauchverboten im Gastgewerbe: deskriptive Ergebnisse" [A Survey of Establishments in the Hospitality Industry on the Effects of Smoking Bans and Businesses: Descriptive Results] (with Harald Tauchmann), RWI Materialien, 52, 2010.

"Moderne Dreiecksbeziehungen. Wachsende Bedeutung von Zeitarbeit" [A Modern Triangular Relationship. Growing Importance of Temporary Agency Work] *Unternehmermagazin*, 1-2/2007:

21, 2007.

"Die Reform des Arbeitnehmerüberlassungsgesetzes" [The Reform of the Law on Temporary Agency Work] in: H. Pfannkuche and J. Lange, (eds.), *Und die Moral von der Geschicht'...? Die Evaluierung der Arbeitsmarktreformen („Hartz I-III")*, Loccumer Protokolle, 14/2006, 121-131, 2006.

Temporary Agency Work in Germany, Aachen: Shaker Verlag, 2005 (Ph.D. thesis).

"Temporary Workers – Their Employment Conditions and Prospects" (with Axel Werwatz), *Economic Bulletin*, 40(12), 437-444, 2003. (also: "Arbeitsbedingungen und Perspektiven von Zeitarbeitern", *DIW-Wochenbericht*, 46/2003)

"Lohneffekte der Zeitarbeit" [Wage Effects of Temporary Help Work] (with Axel Werwatz), *Bundesarbeitsblatt*, 2/2003, 4-12, 2003. (also: "Lohneffekte der Zeitarbeit", *DIW-Wochenbericht*, 49/2002; "The Wage Effects of Temporary Agency Work", *Economic Bulletin*, 40(2), 57-64, 2003)

Selected Discussion Papers

"War, Oil, and the Demand for Electric Cars" (with Omar Martin Fieles-Ahmad, Victor Libet), Ruhr Economic Papers, 1214 (also FEMM Working Paper, 26012).

"Western TV and Crimes against Foreigners in East Germany" (with Omar Martin Fieles-Ahmad), IZA Discussion Paper, 18648 (also Ruhr Economic Papers, 1213, FEMM Working Paper, 26009).

"Home Bias in Top Economics Journals" (with Dirk Bethmann, Felix Bransch, Abdolkarim Sadrieh), IZA Discussion Paper, 15965.

Third Party Funding/Commissioned Policy Reports

2018 – 2020 German Science Foundation, research grant, amending DFG project *Germany and the 2015 Refugee Crisis.*

2017 – 2018 German Science Foundation, research grant, amending DFG project *Germany and the 2015 Refugee Crisis.*

2017 – 2020 German Science Foundation, research grant, *Germany and the 2015 Refugee Crisis* (with Thomas K. Bauer).

2016 Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, data grant (*Innovationsfond*), *Germany and the European Refugee Crisis.*

2012 – 2014 German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, commissioned research project, *Quality of Work in Temporary Agency Work* [Arbeitsqualität in Zeitarbeitsverhältnissen] (with Daniel Baumgarten, Michael Fertig, Helmut Haegele, Uta Wilkens), role/status/reports: project leader / completed / 2012/13/14 (interim), 2014 (final).

2008 – 2013 Funding for the Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BeNA) and its Leibniz Seminar from the Leibniz Association, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, DIW Berlin, WZB Berlin, and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, principal applicant as chairman of the managing board of BeNA.

2011 Bertelsmann Foundation, commissioned research project, *Two Studies on*

Temporary Agency Work [Erstellung zweier Studien zum Thema Zeitarbeit] (with Daniel Baumgarten), role/status/reports: project leader / completed / 2011 (final).

2008 – 2011 German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, commissioned research project, *Evaluation of Services for Employment Promotion Provided by §16e/10 SGB II* [Evaluation der Beschäftigungsförderung nach §16e SGB II] (with Apel H., M. Fertig, R. Kleinmeier, J. Kluve, S. Koch, F. Ossyssek, H. Puhe, K. Sattler, S. Schaffner and J. Wolff), role/status/reports: project leader at RWI / completed / 2008/09/10 (interim), 2011 (final).

2004 – 2006 German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, *Evaluation of the Hartz-Reforms: Employment Policy and Macro Effects* [Evaluation der Maßnahmen zur Umsetzung der Vorschläge der Hartz-Kommission – Modul 1f: Verbesserung der beschäftigungspolitischen Rahmenbedingungen und Makrowirkungen der aktiven Arbeitsmarktpolitik] (with Apel H., M. Burda, H. Buscher, T. Claus, M. Fertig, W. Friedrich, H. Hägele, L. Jacobi, J. Kluve, S. Schaffner, C.M. Schmidt, P. Schumacher, M. Tamm), role/status/reports: researcher / completed / 2004/05 (interim), 2006 (final).

Conference/Seminar/Other Presentations (since 2010)

2026 EEA (Dublin), Charles University (seminar, Prague), RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (seminar, Essen), CGDE Doctoral Workshop 2026 (discussion, Halle)

2025 CGDE Doctoral Workshop 2025 (discussion, Leipzig), MaD BrEW Workshop (discussion, Magdeburg)

2024 EALE (Bergen), BeNA 20-Year Jubilee Conference (Berlin)

2023 EEA (Barcelona)

2019 Friedrich Schiller University Jena (seminar, Jena), Standing Field Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (discussion, Würzburg)

2018 EEA (Cologne), Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) (seminar, Mannheim), RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (seminar, Essen), Standing Field Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (discussion, Munich)

2017 Standing Field Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (discussion, Passau), University of Hamburg (*Labour Economics* seminar, Hamburg)

2016 RES (Brighton), TUGFOSS (Gelsenkirchen), Standing Field Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (Freiburg)

2015 AEA (Boston)

2014 Verein für Socialpolitik (Hamburg)

2013 EEA (Gothenburg), EALE (Turin), ESPE (Aarhus), Swedish Institute for Social Research (seminar, Stockholm), Institute for Employment Research

	(IAB) (conference, Nuremberg), Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (seminar, Münster), Freie Universität Berlin (seminar, Berlin), Federal Employers' Association of Personnel Service Providers (stakeholder workshop, inaugural scientific talk, Berlin)
2012	ESPE (Bern), EALE (Bonn), Bertelsmann Foundation (stakeholder workshop, inaugural scientific talk, Berlin)
2010	AEA (Atlanta), EALE/SOLE (London)

Prizes/Awards/Scholarships

Research/Studies

2018	Prize for best refereed publication in 2017 by RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research for the paper "Nuclear Power Plant Closures and Local Housing Values: Evidence from Fukushima and the German Housing Market" (co-authors Thomas K. Bauer and Sebastian Braun), published in *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2017, 99: 94-106
2013	First prize in ideas fair *Research Catwalk* by Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) for the paper "When Nature Randomizes No More: Assisted Reproductive Technology and Twin Studies in Economics" (co-author Sebastian Braun)
2012	Prize for best refereed publication in 2011 by RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research for the paper "One Last Puff? Public Smoking Bans and Smoking Behavior" (co-authors Silke Anger and Thomas Siedler), published in *Journal of Health Economics*, 2011, 30(3): 591-601
2012	Hans Raupach Best Paper Award by the 2012 Summer Academy on "Recent Challenges in Migration Research: Economic and Broader Development Issues" organised by IOS/APB/European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) for the paper "Immigration and Structural Change: Evidence from Post-War Germany" (co-author Sebastian Braun)
2003	Prize for best weekly report in 2002 by German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) for the paper "Wage Effects of Temporary Agency Work" (co-author Axel Werwatz), published in *Economic Bulletin*, 2003, 40(2): 57-64
1995 – 1997	European Economist Scholarship, Pembroke College, Oxford University

Teaching

2024	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#3^{rd}$), MA program (summer term)
2023	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#2^{nd}$), BA program (winter term)
2023	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#2^{nd}$), BA program (summer term)
2022	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#3^{rd}$), BA program (winter term)
2019	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#3^{rd}$), BA program (summer term)
2018	Faculty Teaching Prize ($\#2^{nd}$), BA program (winter term)

2018	Faculty Teaching Prize (#1^{st}), MA program (summer term)
2017	Faculty Teaching Prize (#1^{st}), BA program (summer term)
2017	Faculty Teaching Prize (#2^{nd}), MA program (summer term)
2016	Faculty Teaching Prize (#2^{nd}), BA program (winter term)
	(all at Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg)