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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Harvard University 2004 - present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Co-Editor, *The Economics of Transition* 2006 - present

SHORT-TERM VISITING POSITIONS

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 2007
Center for Economic Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich 2007
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn 2005

AFFILIATIONS

NBER Faculty Research Fellow 2008 - present
CESifo Research Network Affiliate, Munich 2007 - present
Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Faculty Associate, Harvard University 2005 - present
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Faculty Associate, Harvard University 2004 - present

EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D., Economics (with distinction) May 2004
M.Phil., Economics December 2001
M.A., Economics December 2000

Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany

Diplom, Latin American Studies 1999
Diplom, Economics (with distinction) 1998

Universidad del Norte Santo Tomás de Aquino, Tucumán, Argentina

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholar 1995

PUBLICATIONS

The Response of Household Saving to the Large Shock of German Reunification, *American Economic Review*, 98(5), 2008, 1798–1828.

On Preferences for Being Self-Employed, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, forthcoming.

Good Bye Lenin (or not?) – The Effect of Communism on People’s Preferences (with Alberto Alesina), *American Economic Review*, 97(4), 2007, 1507-1528.

Precautionary Savings and Self-Selection: Evidence from the German Reunification “Experiment” (with Matthias Schündeln), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 120(3), 2005, 1085-1120.

Stock Market Liberalizations: Financial and Macroeconomic Implications (with Norbert Funke), *Review of World Economics*, 139(4), 2003, 730-761.

The Savings Behavior of East and West Germans - Theoretical Predictions and Empirical Evidence (with Matthias Schündeln), *Journal of Applied Social Science Studies*, 123(1), 2003, 209-220.

L’insoutenable légèreté de l’euro (with Laurence Boone, Alain de Serres, and Vincent Koen), *Economie Internationale*, 88(4), 2002, 77-106; (also available as *OECD Economics Department Working Paper* “Tracking the Euro”, No. 298, June 2001).

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATION

Argentina and Brazil: Economic Reforms in the Presence of Volatile Capital Flows (in German, with Thomas Röhms), *ifo Schnelldienst*, 25-26, 1996, 33-43.

WORKING PAPERS

What Causes the Low Labor Productivity in East Germany? A Spatial Analysis (with Rima Izem).

Inequality Facts for Germany: Levels, Trends, and their Interpretation (with Dirk Krueger and Mathias Sommer).

Who Stays, Who Goes, Who Returns? East-West Migration within Germany since Reunification (with Matthias Schündeln).

Welfare Loss and Precautionary Savings Due to Uninsured Idiosyncratic Labor Risk, 2002.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Role of Borders, Language, and Currencies as Obstacles to Labor Market Integration (with Rima Izem).

The Effect of Child Care Provision on Fertility and Female Labor Supply.

Individual Preferences for Redistribution, State Intervention, and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Matthias Schündeln).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2008:

Society of Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, Boston.

Michigan Retirement Research Center, Ann Arbor.

2007:

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.

Society of Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, Prague.

Fifth International PIER IGIER Conference, University of Pennsylvania.

Fourth Annual Meeting of German Economists Abroad, Mannheim.

2006:

German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) Annual Meeting, Bayreuth.

2005:

Society of Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, Budapest.

Macroeconomics and Household Borrowing, European University Institute, Florence.

German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) Annual Meeting, Bonn.

2004:

Education, Wages, and Risk, University of Copenhagen.

First Annual Meeting of German Economists Abroad, Bielefeld.

2003:

NBER Summer Institute: Aggregate Implications of Microeconomic Consumption Behavior, Boston.

Third Villa Mondragone Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics, Rome.

Fellows' Conference of the SSRC Program in Applied Economics, Santa Cruz.

2002:

German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) Annual Meeting, Innsbruck.

5th International Conference of German Socio-Economic Panel Users, Berlin.

INVITED SEMINARS

2008: Yale University, Humboldt University Berlin, Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel, Goethe University Frankfurt, University of Cologne, Johns Hopkins University

2007: Boston University, University College London, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, University of Regensburg, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Brandeis University

2006: University of Pennsylvania, Goethe University Frankfurt, University of Cologne

2005: Boston College, Dartmouth, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Stanford University, UC Los Angeles

2004: Columbia University, Harvard University (Economics Department), Harvard University (KSG), McGill University, MIT, Stockholm University, UC Irvine, University of Michigan, Yale University

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

European Economic Association Annual Meetings, Milan, August 2008.

Econometric Society European Meetings, Milan, August 2008.

European Economic Association Annual Meetings, Budapest, August 2007.

DISCUSSIONS

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2007:

“Baby Boomer Retirement Security: The Roles of Planning, Financial Literacy, and Housing Wealth“, by Lusardi and Mitchell.

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2006:

“German Reunification: Lessons and Legacy“, with papers by Burda, Uhlig, and Snower/Merkl.

“Commitment, Risk, and Consumption: Do Birds of a Feather Have Bigger Nests?“, by Shore and Sinai.

Macroeconomics and Household Borrowing, EUI, Florence, 2005:

“What Is the Welfare Cost of Financial Crises When Risk-Sharing Is Imperfect?“, by Duygan.

NBER Summer Institute, Economic Fluctuations and Growth, 2004:

“Household Expenditure and the Income Tax Rebates of 2001“, by Johnson, Parker and Souleles.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University:

Europe and the US: Comparative Economic Analyses Spring 2008, Fall 2008

Intermediate Macroeconomics, undergraduate course Spring 2006

Advanced Topics in Closed and Open Economy Macroeconomics, 2nd year graduate course Fall 2005

Aggregate Implications of Household and Firm Behavior, 2nd year graduate course Spring 2005, Spring 2007

Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich:

Consumption: Theory and Empirics, graduate course Summer 2007

Yale University:

Teaching assistant, graduate macroeconomics Fall 2001

University of Cologne:

Teaching assistant, Macroeconomics/Growth theory 1999

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

DAAD Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in German and European Studies, 2008.

William F. Milton Fund Grant, 2008.

Steven H. Sandell Grant in Retirement Research, 2007.

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

Weatherhead Center Grant, Harvard University, 2005-2007.

Clark Fund/Cooke Fund, Harvard University, 2004-2007.

Doctoral Scholarship of the German National Merit Foundation, 2003-2004.

Predissertation Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), 2002-2003.

Ryoichi Sasakawa Fellowship, 2002.

John Perry Miller Award, Yale University, 2002 and 2003.

Recipient of the Raymond Powell Teaching Prize, Yale University, 2001-2002.

Cowles Foundation prize, Yale University, 2000 and 2001.

European Recovery Program Scholarship of the German Ministry of Trade and Commerce, 1999-2001.

Yale University Fellowship, 1999-2003.

Scholarship of the German National Merit Foundation, 1996-1998.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholar, 1995.

REFEREEING

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Economics of Transition, European Central Bank Working Paper Series, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, National Science Foundation

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Assistant to the editors: <i>Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.</i>	September 2002 and March 2003
Summer intern: <i>International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C.</i>	June – August 2001
Summer intern: <i>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris</i>	June – July 2000
Summer associate: <i>McKinsey & Company, Inc., Cologne</i>	July – September 1998

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATIONS

Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics, Berkeley, 2002.

Workshop of the SSRC Program in Applied Economics, Virginia, 2000.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: native

English and Spanish: fluent

French: intermediate

Portuguese: some reading and speaking abilities