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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: 7. Aug 1979 in Potsdam *Citizen:* German

ACADEMIC CAREER

Current position

Since Sep 2011 Postdoc at DIW Berlin (German Institute for Economic Research)
Since Oct 2014 Assistant professor in Economics at Freie Universität Berlin (funded by DIW Berlin)

Previous positions

WS 2012 – 2013 Visiting professor (6 SWS, W2) at the Humboldt University Berlin
2006 – 2011 PhD in Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Thesis: “*Incumbency, divided government, partisan politics and council size – Four essays in local political economics*”
2008 – 2009 PhD studies in Economics at Princeton University, NJ, USA
2000 – 2006 Diplom degree (master equiv.) in Economics, Freie Universität Berlin
2004 – 2005 Visiting student at Stanford University, CA, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economics, Public Finance, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

Awards, Scholarships, and Third Party Funding

2014 Research project “The state of municipal finances in Germany” funded by the Bertelsmann Foundation (one-year funding for a Ph.D. student)
2012 Research project “Municipal debt and the responsibility of politics” funded by the Thyssen-Foundation (137.000 Euro)
2012 Young economist award of the International Institute of Public Finance (500 Euro)
2008 – 2011 Scholarship of the Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation (56.000 Euro)
2008 – 2009 Scholarship of the Hedelius Foundations for PhD Studies at Princeton University (45.000 Euro)
2006 Best of my class in Economics at Freie Universität Berlin (Grade Average 1,1)
2004 – 2005 Scholarship of the Stanford University for a visiting researcher position (35.000 Euro)
2002 – 2003 DAAD – Scholarship for studies abroad in Sweden (5.000 Euro)
2002 Prize of the Economics faculty at Freie Universität Berlin for the best intermediate exam (1.000 Euro)

TEACHING

Fall 2014/15 Economic policy – Seminar (Master/PhD Level), FU Berlin
Fall 2014/15 Theory of taxation (Bachelor), FU Berlin
Spring 2014 Public debt - Seminar (Bachelor), University Hamburg
Fall 2012/13 Topics in Labor Economics (Master/PhD Level), HU Berlin
Fall 2012/13 Empirical Labor Economics (Master/PhD Level), HU Berlin

OTHER SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE

Summer 2013	Visiting researcher at Institut d'Economia de Barcelona
2009 - 2011	Visiting researcher at DIW Berlin, Department of Public Economics
Summer 2008	Visiting researcher at LMU Munich
2008	Research assistant at the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics
Winter 2007	Visiting researcher at Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italia

EXPERIENCE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Since 2013	President of the Berlin Network of Labor Economists (BeNA)
Since 2011	Involvement in the supervision of the PhD students at DIW Berlin
2009 - 2014	Supervision of internships, seminar papers and student assistants in the Department of Public Economics at DIW Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

Signature Requirements and Citizen Initiatives: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Germany (with Felix Arnold), *Public Choice*, 2015, Vol. 162(1), pp. 43-56.

Incumbency, Party Identity and Governmental Lead: Evidence for Heterogeneous Incumbency Effects for Germany (with Florian Ade and Christian Odendahl), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2014, Vol. 36(C), pp. 117-134.

Divided government versus incumbency externality effect: Quasi-experimental evidence on multiple voting decisions (with Florian Ade), *European Economic Review*, 2013, Vol. 64, pp. 1 - 20.

'Marginal Employment' and the demand for heterogeneous labour: Empirical evidence from a multi-factor labour demand model for Germany, (with Viktor Steiner), *Applied Economics Letters*, 2010, Vol. 17, Issue 12, pp. 1177-1182.

'Marginal Employment': Stepping stone or dead end? (with Viktor Steiner), *Journal of Labor Market Research*, 2008, Vol. 2/3, pp. 223-244.

PAPERS IN REVISIONS

Do parties matter? Estimating the effect of political representation in multi-party systems (with Christian Odendahl), DIW Discussion Paper, Nr. 1205, April 2012. Status: Revise and Resubmit at *European Economic Review*.

Religious Heterogeneity and Fiscal Policy - Evidence from German Reunification (with Joshua Holm and Benny Geys), DIW Discussion Paper, Nr. 1266, Januar 2013. Status: Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Urban Economics*.

Race to the debt trap? Spatial econometric evidence on debt in German municipalities, (mit Frank Fossen Schumann und Thorsten Martin, DIW Discussion Paper, Nr. 1358, Januar 2014. Status: Revise and Resubmit at *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

Voters prefer more qualified mayors, but does it matter for public finances? (with Sebastian Thomasius), DIW Discussion Paper, Nr. 1262, August 2012. Status: Revise and resubmit at *International Tax and Public Finance*.

DISCUSSION PAPER

When can we trust population thresholds in regression discontinuity designs? (with Florian Ade), *DIW Discussion Paper*, Nr. 1136, 2011.

Incumbency as the major advantage: The electoral advantage for parties of incumbent mayors, *DIW Discussion Paper*, Nr. 1147, 2011. Status: Submitted to a journal

Do absolute majorities spend less? Evidence for Germany (with Christian Odendahl), *DIW Discussion Paper*, Nr. 1239, 2012.

The treatment effect of attending a high-quality school and the influence of unobservables (with Johanna Storck), *DIW Discussion Paper*, Nr. 1256, 2012. Status: Submitted to a journal

Overlapping Political Budget Cycles in the Legislative and the Executive (mit Dirk Foremny, Marc-Daniel Moessinger und Mustafa Yeter), *DIW Discussion Papers*, Nr. 1429, 2014.

The Earnings Returns to Graduating with Honors: Evidence from Law Graduates (mit Mathias Schumann und Thomas Siedler), *DIW Discussion Papers*, Nr. 1431, 2014. Status: Submitted to a journal

Voting for Direct Democracy: Evidence from a Unique Popular Initiative in Bavaria (mit Felix Arnold, Magdalena Pallauf und David Stadelmann), *DIW Discussion Papers*, Nr. 1435, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

2015

- Max-Planck Institute in Bonn (scheduled)
- Universität Marburg (scheduled)
- Universität Göttingen (scheduled)

2014

- Free University Berlin Seminar
- ZEW Mannheim Workshop “Public Administration”
- EPCS Cambridge
- Seminar at the IEB Universidad de Barcelona
- IIPF Lugano
- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin – Guest Lecture
- Political Economy Seminar, Hertie School of Governance

Before 2014

- Princeton Public Economics Workshop, Stanford Labor Workshop, IIES Stockholm University Brown Bag Seminar (2007, 2010), Mannheim University Seminar, Uppsala Public Economics Seminar, IFN Stockholm Brown Bag, VATT Helsinki Lunch seminar, St. Gallen Economics Brown Bag, Quantitatives ökonomisches Seminar at Freie Universität Berlin, ZEW Conference on Tax Policy Making, European Public Choice Society Meetings in Izmir and Rennes, Stockholm School of Economics Seminar (2008, 2010, 2011), Spring Meeting of Young Economists Mannheim, European Political Science Association Berlin, International Institute for Public Finance in Dresden, Verein für Socialpolitik in Göttingen, DIW Economic Policy Seminar, Berlin Network of Labor Economists (BENA) Seminar, Finanzwissenschaftlicher Workshop at WZB (Berlin), Political Economics Workshop at Ifo Dresden, Stockholm School of Economics Brown Bag, Suedswec Conference (Stockholm), Departmental Seminar at Ca’ Foscari University Venice (Italy), European Economic Association in Oslo, Norwegian-German Seminar in Public Finance at CESifo Munich, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Free University Berlin Seminar, ZEW Mannheim Workshop “Fiscal Performance”, University of Hamburg, Guest Lecture, Seminar at the University of Potsdam, Seminar at the University of Bayreuth, Seminar at the University of Freiburg

SUPERVISION OF PH.D. STUDENTS

Second supervisor to

1. Alexandra Avdeenko (expected graduation March 2015 at Hamburg University) – works on experiments and political economics
2. Elisabeth Bügelmayer (expected graduation June 2015 at FU Berlin) – works on education and labor economics
3. Felix Arnold (expected graduation Dec 2015 at FU Berlin) – works on local political economics
4. Verena Grass (expected graduation March 2016 at FU Berlin) – works on local public finance and time series econometrics
5. Thorsten Martin (expected graduation June 2016 at Potsdam University) – works on local public finance
6. Mathias Schumann (expected graduation June 2016 at Hamburg University) – works on labor economics

REFEREE REPORTS PREPARED FOR

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economic Letters, European Economic Review, German Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Political Science Research and Methods, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The Manchester School