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Current Position

Postdoctoral Researcher, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) 2023–present
Department of Macroeconomics / Economic Policy and Forecasting

Research Interests

Applied Econometrics, Structural Autoregressive Models, Sovereign Debt, Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy, Economic Forecasting, Economic Policy

Education

Dr. rer. pol. in Economics, University of Leipzig 2018–2023
Thesis: *Investors' Beliefs and Politics: The Expectations of Sovereign Creditors and their Effects on Macroeconomic Outcomes*
Supervisors: Gregor von Schweinitz and Benjamin Born
Final grade: *summa cum laude*

Doctoral Program in Economics, Halle Institute for Economic Research Halle (IWH) 2018–2023
Average grade: *very good*

M.Sc. in Money and Finance, Goethe University 2015–2017
Final grade: *very good*

B.Sc. in Economics, Free University Berlin 2011–2014
Final grade: *good*

Academic Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) 2023–present
Department of Macroeconomics / Economic Policy and Forecasting

Economist, Halle Institute for Economic Research Halle (IWH) 2018–2023
Department of Macroeconomics

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Free University Berlin 2012–2014
Department of Microeconomics

Non-Academic Experience

Consultant, AIOS GmbH, Berlin 01–07/2018
Staffing needs assessment for government agencies

Intern, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) AG, Berlin
Assurance and Risk Assurance Services

8–10/2016

Junior Controller, Kreditech Holding SSL GmbH, Hamburg
Financial Controlling and Reporting

1–8/2015

Publications

- Since 2023: Quarterly economic forecasts for German trade and the US economy; participation in the *Joint Forecast* for Germany; DIW Economic Forecasting & Economic Policy
- Macroeconomic Effects from Sovereign Risk vs. Knightian Uncertainty. *IWH Discussion Paper*, 27, 2023.
- Fiscal Policy under the Eyes of Wary Bondholders. *IWH Discussion Paper*, 26, 2023. *with G. von Schweinitz*
- The Effects of Sovereign Risk: A High Frequency Identification Based on News Ticker Data. *IWH Discussion Paper*, 8, 2022.
- 2018-2023: Economic Forecast USA and Participation in the *Joint Forecast* for Germany; IWH Working Group on Economic Activity

Presentations

- IAAE Annual Conference, Thessaloniki (06/2024)
- IAAE Annual Conference, London (06/2022)
- 9th CGDE Doctoral Workshop, Magdeburg (03/2022)
- Festival for New Economic Thinking, Edinburgh (10/2017)

Further Affiliations and Memberships

- Member, Monetary Policy Expert Panel of the European Parliament (since 2025)

Technical Skills

Programming: Python, R, Julia, MATLAB, LaTeX