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Education

2020–2025 Ph.D., Economics, **Berlin School of Economics** and **DIW Berlin**
2024 Visiting Scholar, **Boston University**
Visiting Scholar, **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid**
2018–2019 M.Sc., Economics, **London School of Economics and Political Science**
2014–2018 B.Sc., Economics and Finance, **University of Amsterdam**, *cum laude*

Fields

Primary: Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Secondary: Migration Economics, Health Economics

References

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Job Market Paper

[Migration and native health: new evidence from the workplace](#)

Abstract: This paper evaluates the impact of immigration on the incidence of severe health shocks at the workplace level. Using rich linked employer-employee data from Germany and an instrumental variable leveraging policy variation, I show that firms with a higher concentration of foreign workers experience lower rates of long-term sickness among their employees. Decomposing the rates by gender and worker origin reveals that these health improvements are concentrated entirely among native men, are particularly pronounced in medium-sized construction and trade companies, and are driven by the firm's foreign new hires. The primary mechanism is a lower relative participation of native male workers in manual tasks at the firm, particularly in industries with high health risks. Further analysis confirms that these effects are not due to the substitution of less healthy natives, the evolution of norms around absenteeism, differences in firm expansion trends, or reverse causality.

Research Papers

[Effect of migration on careers of natives: evidence from long-term care](#) (with Peter Haan), *Reject and Resubmit in Journal of Labor Economics*

Abstract: This paper examines the effect of increasing foreign staffing on the labor market outcomes of native workers in the German long-term care sector. Using administrative social security data covering the universe of long-term care workers and policy-induced exogenous variation, we find that increased foreign staffing reduces labor shortages but has diverging implications for the careers of native workers in the sector. While it causes a transition of those currently employed to jobs with better working conditions, higher wages, and nonmanual tasks, it simultaneously diminishes re-employment prospects for the unemployed natives with LTC experience.

The impact of immigration on the availability and price of long-term care (with Julia Schmieder and Peter Haan)

Abstract: In this paper, we analyze how an increase in the inflow of working migrants affects prices and the supply of goods and services in the long-term care sector. For identification, we leverage a sharp increase in the number of foreign female residents in Germany using a combination of the shift-share instrumental approach and a difference-in-difference model. Using administrative data that covers the entire population of long-term care facilities, we show that immigration leads to a reduction in the price of long-term care across all care needs, simultaneously increasing the number of available places in nursing homes. Moreover, we find that immigration increases the number of staff at nursing homes and the number of nursing home inhabitants, without a corresponding decrease in the number of informal care recipients.

Academic positions

2022–	Research Associate, DIW Berlin, Public Economics department
2021–2023	Teaching Assistant, European University Viadrina
2019–2020	Research Assistant, Swiss National Bank, International Policy Analysis Unit
2018–2019	Teaching Assistant, London School of Economics

Awards & Honors

2024	Dieter Schumacher Young Scholar Travel Fund, BSoE Travel Funds (€3,000)
2023	BSoE Insights Travel Scholarship (€2,500)
2021–2022	BSoE PhD Scholarship
2019	London School of Economics SU Teaching Award

Presentations

- 2024 UC3M Applied Micro Seminar, ISEG Migration Economics Workshop, Flash Talk during EALE Tour [*host presentation*], IZA Research Retreat, PENSINEQ Conference on Unequal Ageing, OECD Long-Term Care seminar (virtual), RF Berlin Graduate Seminar, RF Berlin Brown Bag; *past accepted*: Leiden Junior Migration Workshop, IZA Summer School, European Association of Labor Economics Conference; *forthcoming*: Economics of Migration Junior Seminar
- 2023 European Society of Population Economics Conference, European Association of Labor Economics Conference, BeNA Workshop, DIW Cluster Seminar
- 2022 PENSINEQ Conference on Unequal Ageing, Berlin Applied Micro Seminar, BSoE Summer Workshop, DIW Cluster Seminar

Teaching experience

- European University Viadrina*
- 2022–2023 Economics of Migration (lecture and tutorial); Economics of European Integration (tutorial); Bachelor thesis supervision (3 students)
- 2021–2022 Economics of European Integration (tutorial); Bachelor thesis supervision (4 students)
- London School of Economics*
- 2019 Microeconomics Summer School (tutorial)
- 2018–2019 Introductory Economics EC102 (tutorial)

Service to the academic community

- 2023- Mentor, *European University Viadrina* Mentoring Program
- 2022-2023 Organizer of the DIW Cluster Seminar
- 2021-2023 Committee Member for PhD Admissions, Berlin School of Economics

Skills

- Software Stata, R, \LaTeX , MATLAB
- Languages English (C2), Polish (native), Spanish (B2), German (A2)

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