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Fields

Labor Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics

Current Positions

Since 2023	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Union (IAAEU), Economics Research Group
Since 2023	Postdoctoral Researcher, Trier University, Chair of Personnel Economics

Visiting Positions

Fall 2025	Research stay at University College London, hosted by Alex Bryson
2021–2022	Visiting Ph.D. Student, University of Oxford, Jesus College

Affiliations

Since 2026	Research Affiliate, IZA@LISER Network

Education

2017–2022	Ph.D. (*summa cum laude*), Trier University, Advisor: Prof. Laszlo Goerke
	Visiting Ph.D. student, University of Oxford, 2021–2022 (MPhil-DPhil Economics courses)
2014–2017	M.Sc. in Financial Management, Trier University
2011–2014	B.Sc. in Business Administration, Trier University

Job Market Paper

Skill or Loyalty? Decomposing the Return to Schooling under Autocracy (with A. Bernini), latest version.

Publications

- Councils of Contentment: Works Councils and Income Perceptions (with L. Goerke and Y. Huang), ***Journal of Population Economics**, 2026, 39, Art. 38*.
- Fog or Smog? The Impact of Uncensored Reporting on Pollution on Individuals' Environmental Preferences, ***Journal of Environmental Economics and Management**, 2026, 138, Art. 103325*.
- Influence of Within-Class Age Differences on Adolescents' Eating Behaviors (with L. Fumarco and F. Principe), ***Economics of Education Review**, 2026, 110, Art. 102756*.
- The Effect of West German Television on Smoking and Health: A Natural Experiment from German Reunification (with A. Bernini), ***Journal of Health Economics**, 2025, 104, Art. 103077*.
- Television and Family Demography: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in East Germany, ***Labour Economics**, 2024, 91, Art. 102640*.
- Habit Formation and Trade Unions (with L. Goerke), ***Oxford Economic Papers**, 2023, 75(3), 681-703*.
- Social Media Marketing for Equity Crowdfunding: Which Posts Trigger Investment Decisions? (with M. Eisenbeiss and L. Hornuf), ***Finance Research Letters**, 2023, 52, Art. 103370*.
- Can Television Reduce Xenophobia? The Case of East Germany (with L. Hornuf and M. O. Rieger), ***Kyklos**, 2023, 76(1), 77-100*.
- Our Product is Unique: A Note on a Delegation Game with Differentiated Products (with C. Buchen and A. Palermo), ***Economics Bulletin**, 2021, 41(3), 1322-1329*.

Working Papers

- School-entry Timing and Educational Mismatch: Evidence from Germany (with L. Fumarco and T. Geißler), *R&R at* ***Labour Economics****, resubmitted July 2026*, latest version.
- Keeping the Faith: Foreign Media and the Survival of Religious Identity under State Atheism (with A. Bernini), latest version.
- Television and the Labor Market: Evidence from Natural Experiments in West and East Germany (with A. Chadi and M. Hoffmann), latest version available upon request.
- Workplace Co-determination and Supplementary Compensation (with L. Goerke and Y. Huang), latest version available upon request.

Selected Work in Progress

- The Effects Of Environmental Beliefs and Knowledge on Policy Preferences and Expected Behaviors (with J. Berazneva, D. Graeber, P. H. Matthews, and M. McCauley).
- Who Moves First When a Market Opens? Information, Experience, and Financial Market Entry (with A. Bernini).
- Who Gets Named on a Patent? Credit Rules and the Size of Inventor Teams (with A. Bernini).
- Works Councils and Working Time Mismatch (with L. Goerke and Y. Huang).
- Sharing the Pie: Co-determination and Profit-Sharing (with L. Goerke and Y. Huang).
- Age at School Entry Effects on Italian Congressmen's Speeches and Voting Behaviors (with L. Fumarco).

Replication Reports

- A Comment on "Early Health Shocks, Intra-household Resource Allocation and Child Outcomes" (with U. Aminjonov, Y. Huang, and L. Voorintholt), Dublin Replication Games (upcoming).
- A Comment on "Should Cash Transfers Be Conditional? Conditionality, Preventive Care, and Health Outcomes" (with Y. Huang), ***I4R Discussion Paper Series****, 2026, No. 290*.
- A Comment on "Crisis and the Trajectory of Science: Evidence from the 2014 Ebola Outbreak" (with M. Baktash, P. Langer, M. Walz, and J. Weymeirsch), ***I4R Discussion Paper Series****, 2026, No. 289*.

Teaching

Instructor (Sole Responsibility)

Designed original syllabus, delivered all lectures, and managed all grading and supervision for:

- Research Seminar on Personnel Economics (Taught in English, M.A./M.Sc., Summer 2024, 2026)
- Research Seminar on Behavioral Economic Aspects of Job Satisfaction (B.Sc., Winter 2023/24, Evaluation)

Thesis Advisor (Undergraduate & Master's)

Primary mentor for 30 theses and 6 research projects in the field of labor and personnel economics.

- Conducted introductory seminars on scientific research methods.
- Provided comprehensive one-on-one research guidance and co-evaluated final submissions.

Tutorials

Co-designed pedagogical structure, taught all sessions, and designed/marked exams for:

- Personnel Economics (Winter 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2022/23)
- Finance and Banking (Winter 2019/20) (Evaluation, Outline)

Guest Lecture

Disruptive Innovation: Robots, Data, and AI (Harvard University, February 7, 2023)

Professional Development

Completed five certified higher education pedagogy courses focusing on course design, active learning strategies, AI integration, and diversity-sensitive teaching methods (40 hours total, Certificates)

Awards and Scholarships

- Visiting Ph.D. Scholarship, University of Oxford (Jesus College), 2021–2022, covering a tuition waiver (£23,620) and a maintenance grant (£13,007).
- Dissertation Award, Freundeskreis Trierer Universität e.V., 2023 (€2,000).
- Presentation Awards, Verein für Socialpolitik, sponsored by Deutsche Bundesbank and Swiss National Bank (EALE 2024, ESPE 2021, SOLE 2019).
- Publication Award, Graduate Center of Trier University, 2023.

Selected Seminar and Conference Presentations (since 2020)

2026 SOEP User Conference (Berlin), Research Colloquium "Social Science" at the Freie Universität (Berlin), Scottish Economic Society Conference (Glasgow), ASSA Meeting (Philadelphia)

2025 QSS and CLS Seminar Series at the UCL (London), World Congress of the ES (Seoul), Scottish Economic Society Conference (Glasgow), Masaryk University Economic Seminar (Brno), SOEP Brown Bag Seminar (Berlin)

2024 AASLE Conference (Bangkok), AIEL Conference (Naples), EALE Conference (Bergen), SOEP User Conference (Berlin), SOEP Brown Bag Seminar (Berlin), ASSA Meeting (San Antonio)

2023 AASLE Conference (Taipei), VfS Annual Meeting (Regensburg), EEA-ESEM Congress (Barcelona), Asian Meeting of the ES (online), ESPE Conference (Belgrade), RES & SES Conference (Glasgow), EPCS Meeting (Hanover), CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics (Munich), PEDD Conference (Münster), ASSA Meeting (New Orleans)

2022 AASLE Conference (online), CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Digitization (Munich), VfS Annual Meeting (Basel), EALE Conference (Padua), SOEP User Conference (Berlin), Asian Meeting of the ES (online), ESPE Conference (Rende), Scottish Economic Society Conference (Glasgow), Seminar on Labour Economics of the University of Bath (online)

2021 EP@P Workshop (Paris), Brucchi Labor Economics Workshop (Lugano), AIEL Conference (online), Australasian Meeting of the ES (online), Asian Meeting of the ES (online), ESPE Conference (online), IAREP & SABE Conference (online), SOLE Annual Meeting (online), Scottish Economic Society Conference (online), EPCS Meeting (online), ASSA Meeting (online)

2020 INFER Conference (online), VfS Annual Meeting (online), AIEL Conference (online), SABE Conference (online), ASSA Meeting (San Diego)

Earlier presentations include: SOLE, EEA-ESEM, EPCS, VfS, AIEL.

Professional Activities & Service

Editorial Service (Ad-hoc Reviewer)

- Journals: *Journal of Economic History, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Small Business Economics, British Journal of Industrial Relations, Finance Research Letters, PLOS ONE, Economics Bulletin, Information, Communication and Society.*
- Conferences: Meeting of Young Economists (2023, 2024).

Conference & Workshop Organization

- Lead Organizer: Colloquium on Economics at the IAAEU (2023–2024), Workshop on Gender Inequality in Labour Markets (Program), Workshop on Gender and the Labour Market (Program), Workshop on Media Economics (Program).
- Co-Organizer: 16th Workshop on Labour Economics, Trier (Program).

Institutional Service & Volunteering

- Representative of the academic staff, Faculty Committee for Doctoral Affairs (*Promotionskommission*), governing doctoral regulations and admission criteria (since 2026).
- Deputy Representative of the academic staff, Faculty Budget Committee (*Haushaltsausschuss*), responsible for departmental budget planning and resource allocation (since 2026).
- Financial Administration, IAAEU: Preparation of annual financial reports and representation of the institute at university budget meetings (since 2017).

Languages and Skills

Languages: German (native), English (fluent)

Software: Stata, LaTeX, MS Office, TYPO3 CMS (basic), HTML (basic), ArcGIS (basic)

References

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