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Work Experience

July 2021

Hertie School (Sept. 2015 - Oct. 2020)

Research Associate (employment during Ph.D.)

- Designed and analyzed A/B tests in cooperation with Wikimedia Germany
- Raised grant of €23,000 as Co-I
- Teachings in public economics

BearingPoint (May 2014 - June 2015)

Business Consultant (last position)

Until Feb. 2015 Business Analyst; until July 2014 Intern

- Team Lead for large-scale surveys: design, data collection, analysis
- Identified and secured follow-up projects
- Chaired client workshops

German Institute for Development Evaluation (May - Aug. 2013)

Data Analyst (fixed-term contract)

- Evaluation of health data

Education

Hertie School and Berlin School of Economics (2015 - 2020)

Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. rer. pol.)

Title: "[Measures to Influence Individual Behavior: Four Essays in Economics](#)"

Committee: Christian Traxler (Hertie), Eliana La Ferrara (Bocconi), Steffen Huck (UCL / WZB)

- 1.5 years training in econometrics at Ph.D. level (structured program)
- Experimental and quasi-experimental research in development and behavioral economics
- Building and managing research cooperation
- Visiting Scholar at Bocconi University (Fall 2018)

University of Muenster (2010 - 2013)

M.Sc. in Economics (GPA: 1.4)

- Specialization in econometrics

University of London – SOAS (2011 - 2012)

M.Sc. in Development Economics (distinction)

University of Bamberg (2006 - 2010)

B.Sc. in European Business Studies (GPA: 2.5)

- Erasmus exchange at University of Granada, Spain (2008 - 2009)

Publications and Research Papers

- [1] [“Framing and Social Information Nudges at Wikipedia”](#) (with Christian Traxler)
How does information about others affect the decision to donate?
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Vol. 188, 2021
- [2] [“Dictating Development? The Effects of Local Institutions under Upward Accountability”](#)
Who holds whom accountable in community meetings that successfully change behavior?
- [3] [“Time Use with Basic Income: Evidence from a Large-Scale Survey Experiment”](#)
What would people do if they receive cash with no strings attached?
- [4] [“Defaults in Online Charity: Evidence from Wikipedia Germany”](#) (with Christian Traxler)
What is the effect of defaults for the donation amount?
(draft available upon request)
- [5] [“The Effect of Giving Birth at Health Facilities on Fertility”](#)

Presentations

- 2019: CSAE-Conference (Oxford); Annual Conference, German Economic Association (Leipzig)
2018: Annual Conference, European Economic Association (Cologne); Food for Thought Seminar, Bocconi (Milan); Development Economics Conference, German Economic Association (Zurich); Political Economy Seminar, Hertie (Berlin); Doctoral Workshop in Development Economics, German Economic Association (Berlin)

Grants and Scholarships

- 2019-2020: Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Research Grant (Co-I, €23,000)(PI: Christian Traxler)
2016-2019: German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Scholarship
2015-2016: Hertie School, Scholarship

Econometrics Training at Ph.D. level

- Spring 2017 [Structural Econometrics](#), Berlin School of Economics (BSE, formerly BDPEMS)
Discrete choice methods: Simulation, numerical integration and discretization
Fall 2016 [Estimation of Treatment Effects](#), BSE
Methods for treatment effects estimation, nonparametric and semiparametric regressions
Spring 2016 [Econometrics II](#), BSE
Econometric analysis of cross section and panel data
Fall 2015 [Econometrics I](#), BSE
Mathematical foundations of linear regression and time series methods

Skills

- Software: Stata, R, Git, VBA, Excel, L^AT_EX (all advanced); Python, SQL, Matlab, QGIS (intermediate); HTML, PHP (basic)
Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish and Italian (good)

References

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