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CURRENT POSITION

Research Assistant & Ph.D. Candidate in Economics Dresden, Germany
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Christian Lessmann 02/2021 – Present
Chair of Economics, esp. International Economics at Technische Universität Dresden
Title of Dissertation: Essays on International Economics

EDUCATION

- **Master in Applied Economics and International Economic Policy (GPA: 1.7)** Wuppertal, Germany
Bergische Universität Wuppertal 10/2018 – 08/2020
Master Thesis: The Relationship between Income and Hours Worked
across Countries: An Empirical Analysis (1.0) Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Falko Jüßen
- **Bachelor in Accounting** Shanghai, China
Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance
- **Associate degree in International Finance** Shanghai, China
Shanghai University

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *Speaking a Common Technical Language: ISO Membership and Non-Tariff Trade Barriers* with Christian Lessmann
- *From Bytes to Migration: The Role of Mobile Internet Access in Shaping Migration Decisions in China* with Valentin Lindlacher
- *Digital Villages, Urban Dreams?* with Yuting Chen
- *Research Idea: Digital Infrastructure and Its Transformative Effects on Rural Healthcare and Aging Populations*

TEACHINGS

- **M.Sc. Exercise Course** at Technische Universität Dresden SS 2021, SS 2022, SS 2023, SS 2024
Development Economics
- **B.A /M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2024
Topics in International Economics: Economics of AI
- **M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2023
Topics in International Economics: Gender Economics
- **B.A/M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Winter 2022/23
Topics in International Economics: Global Food Security
- **M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2022
Topics in International Economics: Economics of Interstate War
- **B.Sc. Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2022
Introduction to Academic Writing: Consequences of War
- **M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Winter 2021/22
Topics in International Economics: growth and comparative development
- **B.Sc. Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2021
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research: Renewable Energy in China
- **M.A Seminar** at Technische Universität Dresden Summer 2021
Topics in International Economics: China Economy

PRESENTATIONS at Conferences and Workshops

- **American Economic Association 2024 Annual Meeting** (poster) 05-07 Jan 2024*
San Antonio, USA
- **PSE Summer School Workshop: International Trade** 25 June 2023
Paris School of Economics, France
- **HERMES PhD Workshop: Data Science in Business** 7-8 June 2023
Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
- **German Development Economics Conference (GDE)** 1-2 June 2023
Technische Universität Dresden, Germany
- **33rd International Trade and Finance Association Annual Conference 2023** 24-26 May 2023
University of Richmond, USA
- **21st GEP/CEPR Annual Postgraduate Conference** 27-28 April 2023
University of Nottingham, UK

- **Göttingen Workshop Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen** 29-30 March 2023
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany
- **Doctoral CGDE Workshop 2023** 02-03 March 2023
Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
- **Joint Workshop in Economics (TU Braunschweig, TU Dresden, Leibniz University Hannover)** 30 September 2022
Goslar, Germany
- **Brown Bag Seminar, Faculty of Business and Economics** 05 January 2022
Technische Universität Dresden, Germany

* Accepted

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- **International Trade and Finance Association Fellowship** 2023
- **Deutsche Bundesbank Prize** 2023
- **Tagungsprämie der Fakultät** 2023
- **Graduate Academy: Travel Awards for Conferences, Congresses, Symposia and Workshops** 2023
- **Graduate Academy: Travel Grants for short-term research stays and summer schools abroad** 2023

CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION (or ASSISTANCE)

- **2023 German Development Economics Conference (GDE)** *Technische Universität Dresden* 2023
- **Brown Bag Seminar** *Technische Universität Dresden* Winter 2023/2024 – Present

Ph.D. COURSE ATTENDED

- **Paris School of Economics Summer School** 17-30 June 2023
International Trade – Firms, Policies, and Distributional Outcomes
Migration Economics – Development Impacts of Migration and Challenges in Global Markets
- **Benefits, Objectives and Practices of Research Data Management - Data Handling in your Daily Research Routine**
Skills for Scientific Research Winter 2022/2023
- **Stanford Fall Seminar on China's Economy & Institutions** 06 December 2022
Gaslighting: How Comment Section Controls on Social Media Shapes Public Opinion in China
- **Stanford Fall Seminar on China's Economy & Institutions** 15 November 2022
Inequality by Design: China's Distinctive Political Economy
- **CDGE Course "Human Capital, Innovation and Growth"** Winter 2021/22
Lecturer: Professor Dr. Silke Übelmesser
- **CDGE Course "Advanced Econometrics"** Winter 2021/22

Lecturer: Professor Dr. Christoph Wunder, Professor Dr. Xiang Li, Professor Dr. Felix Noth, Professor Dr. Boreum Kwak, Professor Dr. Sabrina Jeworrek, Professor Dr. Melina Ludolph, Dr. André Diegmann, Dr. M atthias Mertens

- CDGE Course “**Advanced Macroeconomics**” Summer 2021
Lecturer: Professor Dr. Oliver Holtemöller, Professor Dr. Lars Börner, Professor Dr. Thomas Steger

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- **Hyundai Elevator CO., LTD., Shanghai, China** 2014 – 2018
Credit Management Supervisor
- **Carrefour China Inc., (Headquater) Shanghai, China** 2011 – 2014
Expansion Direktor Assistant
- **Wah Kwong (China) Investment Ltd. (Internship)** 2010 – 2011
Financial Manager Assistant
- **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Internship)** June 2008 – December 2008
Administrative Staff

LANGUAGES

- **Chinese:** Native speaker
- **English:** C1
- **German:** B2
- **Korean:** A2

SKILLS

- **Writing:** LaTeX, MS Office
- **Data Analysis:** STATA, R
- **Programming:** Python

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **ZaZa Education GmbH & Co.KG, Düsseldorf** 2023 –Present
Chinese teacher
- **Center for International Studies, Technische Universität Dresden** 2022 – Present
Elected Member of the Scientific Cousil
- **Volunteer at International English Library, Düsseldorf** 2020
Member of Events Team
- **Herb Hill Chinese School, Wuppertal** 2018 – 2020
Chinese Teacher for Children

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International Economics
- Development Economics
- Migration Economics
- International Trade
- Digital Infrastructure
- Rural-Urban Differences