

Curriculum Vitae

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POSITION:

Professor of Economics, especially International Economics, Technische Universität Dresden (since 2020)

AFFILIATIONS & RESEARCH NETWORKS

- Research Professor, Ifo Institute
- CESifo Research Network Fellow
- Center for International Studies, TU Dresden
- Center of Public and International Economics, TU Dresden
- Regional Economics Section, German Economic Association
- Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Professor of Economics, Institute of Economics, Technische Universität Carolo-Wilhelmina zu Braunschweig (2014-2020)
- Professor of Economics, Institute of Economics, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (2013-2014)
- PhD cand. and Post-Doc, Chair of Public Economics, TU Dresden (2007-2013)
- Junior Researcher, Ifo Institute Dresden Branch (2004-2007)
- Student Assistant, Institute of Public Finance, Leibniz University Hannover (2002-2004)

EDUCATION

- Habilitation, Dr. rer. pol. habil., Technische Universität Dresden (2014)
- Dr. rer. pol., equiv. PhD in Economics, Technische Universität Dresden (2010)
- Diplom-Ökonom, Leibniz University Hannover (2004)

AWARDS

- Wolfgang Ritter Prize 2012
- Georg-Helm-Prize 2011, Dissertation Award, TU Dresden
- Dr. Feldbausch Prize 2011, Dissertation Award, TU Dresden

- Peggy and Richard Musgrave Prize 2009, IIPF (joint with G. Markwardt)

HONORS

- Participant of the 4th Meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, Lindau, 2011
- Handelsblatt-Ranking, Top-Young Economists (2011: 71; 2013: 100, 2017: 63)

EDITORSHIP

- Associate Editor, *Review of Economics* (since 2016)

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Nighttime Lights and Wealth in Very Small Areas: Namibian Complete Census versus DHS Data, *Review of Regional Research*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10037-021-00159-6> (with Ilari Määttä and Thomas Ferreira)
- Spatial Inequality, Geography and Economic Activity, *World Development* 136, 2020, 105114, (with Sandra Achten)
- International Trade, Geographic Heterogeneity and Interregional Inequality, *European Economic Review* 127, 103427, 2020 (with Georg Hirte und André Seidel)
- Human Lights, *Remote Sensing* 11(19), 2019, 2194 (with Ilari Määttä)
- Natural Disasters and Regional Development – The Case of Earthquakes, *Environment and Development Economics* 24(5), 479-505, 2019 (M. Fabian and T. Sofke)
- The Geography of Natural Resources, Ethnic Inequality and Civil Conflict, *European Journal of Political Economy* 59, 2019, 33-51 (with A. Steinkraus)
- Large Scale Infrastructure Investment and Economic Performance – A Case Study of Oresund, *Applied Economics Letters* 26(1), 2019, 21-26 (with S. Achten, L. Beyer, A.-M. Dietrich, D. Ebeling and A. Steinkraus)
- Natural resource rents and internal conflicts – Can decentralization lift the curse? *Economic Systems* 42(2), 2018, 186-205 (with Mohammad R. Farzanegan and Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality, Convergence, and its Determinants - A View from Outer Space, *European Economic Review* (92), 2017, 110-132 (with André Seidel), No 1 most cited paper in EER 2020
- Aid, Growth, and Devolution: Considering aid modality and different types of decentralization, *World Development* (84), 2016, 118-130 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality and Internal Conflict, *German Economic Review* 17(2), 2016, 157-191

- Spatial Inequality and Development – Is there an inverted U relationship? *Journal of Development Economics* 106, 2014, 35-51, top-10 most cited papers 2019.
- Foreign Direct Investment and Regional Inequality – A Panel Data Analysis, *China Economic Review* 24, 2013, 129-149, highly cited award 2016.
- Decentralization and the Shadow Economy: Oates meets Allingham-Sandmo, *Applied Economics* 45 (18), 2013, 2567–2578 (with Andreas Bühn and Gunther Markwardt)
- The Impact of Democracy and Press Freedom on Corruption: Conditionality Matters, *Journal of Policy Modeling* 35(6), 2013, 857-886 (with Christine Kalenborn)
- Föderalismus und Entwicklungsländer: Ist Dezentralisierung ein geeignetes Instrument der Entwicklungspolitik? *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik* 13 (4), 2012, 337–356 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Aid, Growth, and Devolution, *World Development* 40 (9), 2012, 1723–1749 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality and Decentralization – An Empirical Analysis, *Environment and Planning A* 44 (6), 2012, 1363–1388
- Interregional Redistribution and Mobility in Federations: A Positive Approach, *Review of Economic Studies* 78(4), 2011, 1345–1378 (with Anke S. Kessler and Nico A. Hansen)
- One Size Fits All? Decentralization, Corruption, and the Monitoring of Bureaucrats, *World Development* 38(4), 2010, 631–646 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Fiscal Decentralization and Regional Disparity: Evidence from Cross-Section and Panel Data, *Environment and Planning A* 41(10), 2009, 2455–2473

EDITED VOLUMES

- Fiscal federalism and foreign transfers: Does inter-jurisdictional competition increase foreign aid effectiveness? (with Gunther Markwardt), C. Fuest and G. Zodrow (ed), *Critical Issues in Taxation and Development*, MIT Press: Cambridge M.A., 2013, 189-216
- Dezentralisierung, Korruption und Bürokratie, in H. Bauer, P. Biwald and H. Pitlik (ed.): *Zur Effizienz der Förderpolitik im Bundesstaat*, Öffentliches Management und Finanzwirtschaft Band 17, NW Verlag: Wien, 2013, 107-116
- Decentralization and regional inequality, N. Bosch and A. Solé-Ollé (ed): *IEB's Report on Fiscal Federalism*, Institut d'Economica de Barcelona: Barcelona, 2013, 84-86.

MONOGRAPHS AND REPORTS

- Determinants and Consequences of Regional Inequality, Habilitation Thesis, TU Dresden, 2014

- Föderalismus, regionale Ungleichheiten und Entwicklung, Metropolis Verlag: Marburg, 2011
- Rechtfertigung von Ansiedlungssubventionen am Beispiel der Halbleiterindustrie (with Beate Grundig, Anna Sophie Müller, Carsten Pohl and Joachim Ragnitz), ifo Dresden Studien, 45, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008
- Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik (with Joachim Ragnitz, Beate Schirwitz and Marcel Thum), ifo Dresden Studien, 44, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), ifo Dresden Studien, 40, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2007
- Sächsischer Mittelstandsbericht 2005/2006 (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), Hrsg.: Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit, Dresden, 2006

WORKING PAPERS

- Tri-border areas and the location of economic activity in open economies (with Felipe Santos-Marquez)
- The unequal burden of human-wildlife conflict, Working paper (with A.R. Brackowski, C.J. O'Brian, C. Rondinini, A. Crysell, S. Gilbert, M. Stringer, L. Gibson & D. Biggs)
- The Political Geography of Cities, 2021, CESifo Working Paper 9376 (with R. Bluhm and Paul Schaudt)
- Growth and Spatial Inequality, 2018 (with R. Bluhm and M. Krause)

ARTICLES IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS

- 60 Jahre Mauerbau: Leuchtende Landschaften, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 28(4), 2021, 29-31
- Zero-Emission? CO₂-Emissionen von Elektroautos, *ifo Schnelldienst* 72(12), 2019, 3-6 (mit Arne Steinkraus)
- Die Umwelt-Kuznets-Kurve und internationaler Handel, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 25(1), 2018, 29-31 (with S. Achten and A. Steinkraus)
- Kaufprämien für Elektroautos: Politik auf Irrwegen? *ifo Schnelldienst* 69(11), 2016, 21-26 (with Antje-Mareike Dietrich and Arne Steinkraus)
- Carbon Capture and Storage – Was kostet die Emissionsvermeidung? *ifo Schnelldienst* 69(09), 2016, 51-54 (with Arne Steinkraus)
- Satellitendaten zur Schätzung von Regionaleinkommen – Das Beispiel Deutschland, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 22(6), 2015, 35-42 (with André Seidel and Arne Steinkraus)

- Föderalismus und Korruption – Ist Dezentralisierung ein geeignetes Mittel zur Korruptionsbekämpfung? *ifo Dresden berichtet* 17(4), 2010, 43-48 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 15(2), 2008, 11-18, (with Beate Schirwitz)
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Handwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(2), 2007, 14-24 (with Sabine Engelman)
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(1), 2007, 15-28 (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelman, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber)
- Themenschwerpunkt: Probleme beim Arbeitslosengeld II und Lösungsvorschläge, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 13(2), 2006, 3-4 (with Beate Grundig)
- Die Novelle der Handwerksordnung, Ich-AGs und die Folgen für das Bauhandwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(6), 2005, 28-30
- Regionale Disparitäten in Deutschland und ausgesuchten OECD-Staaten im Vergleich, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(3), 2005, 25-33

MEDIA

- Interview: Digitallehre, Geldnot, Rezession – droht eine Generation Corona? Braunschweiger Zeitung (28.08.2020)
- Interview: Ein erheblicher Teil der Maßnahmen wirkt eher langfristig als kurzfristig, Die Debatte.org (05.06.2020)
- Interview: Wir haben es nicht mit einer strukturellen Krise zu tun, Die Debatte.org (21.04.2020)
- Interview: Kleinunternehmen sind die großen Verlierer, Braunschweiger Zeitung (20.04.2020)
- Interview: Doppelschock: Sinkende Kraftstoffpreise freuen Autofahrer, Braunschweiger Zeitung (03.04.2020)
- Kommentar: Corona-Shutdown: Ausstieg aus dem Zwangsausstand? Standort38 (9.03.2020).
- Standort 38: Hier kommen sich Deutschland und Europa in die Quere, Interview, Nr. 93, Juli 2019.
- Die Zeit: Wachstum im Grünen, Nr. 21/2018.
- Interview: Fünf Jahre Rana Plaza Katastrophe, Braunschweiger Zeitung (06.02.2018)
- Bericht zur Kinderuni: Wenn Kartoffelpreise in den Keller sacken, Braunschweiger Zeitung (23.10.2017)
- Interview: Babysteuern gegen Klimawandel? Rheinische Post (05.09.2016)
- Interview: Barzahlen nur noch bis 5.000 Euro? Braunschweiger Zeitung (04.02.2016)

- Gastkommentar: Zuckerbergs Spende ist egoistisch, Braunschweiger Zeitung (07.12.2015)
- Okerwelle: Radio interview on TTIP (22.11.2015)
- Das (TTIP) Abkommen wird Jobs schaffen, Braunschweiger Zeitung (28.10.2015)
- Die Transferunion existiert bereits, Oekonomenstimme.org (30.09.2015)
- Gastkommentar: Die Transferunion – Chancen und Risiken, Braunschweiger Zeitung (29.09.2015)
- NDR 1 NDS: Radio interview on labor time in Germany (02.05.2014)
- Regionale Ungleichheiten und das Risiko von Bürgerkriegen, Oekonomenstimme.org (04.02.2013)
- Sind regionale Ungleichheiten der Preis wirtschaftlicher Entwicklung?, Oekonomenstimme.org (01.11.2011)
- Wie interregionale Transferzahlungen regionale Ungleichheiten erhöhen (with Anke S. Kessler), Oekonomenstimme.org (02.03.2011)

RESEARCH STAYS

- Visiting scholar and guest lecturer for development economics, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen Nürnberg, 06/2012
- Visiting scholar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver (at the invitation of Anke Kessler), (03/2008-04/2008)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- DAAD Exchange Program 2020, Fakultät für deutsche Ingenieur- und Betriebswirtschaftsausbildung (FDIBA) an der TU Sofia (109,997€).
- Deutsche Bundesbank Hauptverwaltung in Bremen, Niedersachsen und Sachsen-Anhalt, grant for Seminar Series "Ökonomie, Politik & Praxis" (15,840€, 3 years), 2020-2023.
- German Research Foundation (DFG)/Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS) grant for incoming researcher: Dr. Thomas Ferreira (University of Stellenbosch), 2019 (9,150€).
- DAAD Exchange Program 2019, Fakultät für deutsche Ingenieur- und Betriebswirtschaftsausbildung (FDIBA) an der TU Sofia (98,888€).
- Deutsche Bundesbank Hauptverwaltung in Bremen, Niedersachsen und Sachsen-Anhalt, grant for Seminar Series "Ökonomie, Politik & Praxis" (12,848€, 2 years), 2017-2019.
- German Research Foundation (DFG) grant for "Shining (New) Light on Regional Inequality, Convergence and Development" (569,000€, 3 years, co-PI with Richard Bluhm and Melanie Krause), 2017.

- Pro*Niedersachsen Programme, Science Ministry of Lower Saxony: “LUMI – Lichtdaten zur Untersuchung von Emissionen vor dem Hintergrund Internationalen Handels” (88,450€, 2 years), 2016.
- *Conferences*: DAAD travel grant for the presentation at the 67th congress of the IIPF in Ann Arbor, 2011; German Research Foundation travel grant for the 10th anniversary conference of the CSGR in Warwick, 2006; Grants of the German Economic Association for the presentation at international conferences 2011, 2010, 2009.
- DFG-Priority program 1142: “Institutional Design of Federal Systems – Theory and Empirical Evidence”, project: „Federalism and Corruption, – A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Alternative Transmission Channels” (2007-2009), PhD student (PI Prof. Marcel Thum).

REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science ● Applied Geography ● Canadian Journal of Economics ● Economics Bulletin ● Economics and Human Biology ● Economics of Governance ● Emerging Markets, Finance and Trade ● Empirical Economics ● Environment and Planning A ● European Journal of Political Economy ● FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis ● Fiscal Studies ● International Tax and Public Finance ● Journal of African Economics ● Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization ● Journal of Economic Geography ● Journal of Economic Growth ● Journal of International Development ● Journal of Public Economics ● Moravian Geographical Reports ● National Tax Journal ● Public Finance Review ● Regional Studies ● Review of Economics ● Review of Economics and Statistics ● Southern Economic Journal ● World Development

INVITED TALKS/KEYNOTES

- Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Köln, 2021 (at the invitation of Michael Hüther)
- Panelist, UN Day Dresden 2021, Inequalities and Crisis, Dresden, 2021
- Keynote Lecture “Spatial Inequality: Measurement, Causes and Consequences”, 1st FDZ Ruhr Regional Disparity Workshop, RWI Essen, 2019
- University of Stellenbosch, 2019 (at the invitation of Dieter van Fintel)
- Keynote lecture on “Spatial Inequality and Economic Activity”, Conference “Skilled Migration and Labor Shortage in Non-Metropolitan Areas”, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 2019
- Keynote lecture on “Spatial Inequality and Development”, Dresden-Leibniz-Graduate School, Autumn Summer School, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, 2018
- University of Freiburg, 2017 (at the invitation of Tim Krieger)
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 2015 (at the invitation of Silke Übelmesser)
- Leibniz Universität Hannover, 2015 (at the invitation of Andreas Wagener)

- Philipps-Universität Marburg, 2015 (at the invitation of Mohammad R. Farzanegan)
- University of Bayreuth, 2014 (at the invitation of David Stadelmann)
- Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, 2013 (at the invitation of Alfons Weichenrieder)
- WIFO & KDZ – Zentrum für Verwaltungsforschung, Wien, 2013 (at the invitation of Hans Pitlik)
- Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, 2012 (at the invitation of Michael Berlemann)
- DIW IO/Finance Seminar, Berlin, 2011 (at the invitation of Maria Nieswand)
- WZB-Conference „Reflections on Fiscal Federalism: Elaborating the Research Agenda“, Berlin, 2009 (at the invitation of Kai A. Konrad and Benny Geys)
- Simon Fraser University, Vancouver B.C., 2008 (at the invitation of Anke S. Kessler)
- ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich, 2007 (at the invitation of Robert Koll)

ADVISORY COUNCILS:

- Expert Group on pilot projects on local COVID19 measures, Saxon State Ministry of Science, Culture and Tourism (2021)

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- Juniordoktor Programm: „Wer kauft schon die Katze im Sack?“ TU Dresden, 2020, 2021.
- Kiwi Kinder Wissenschaftswoche: „Wer kauft schon die Katze im Sack?“ TU Braunschweig, 2019.
- Kiwi Kinder Wissenschaftswoche: „Wenn Fischers Fritze zu viel fischt!“ TU Braunschweig, 2018.
- Kinder-Uni: „Warum organisieren Märkte unsere Wirtschaft?“ TU Braunschweig, 2017.
- Panelist: Zukunft Migration, Campus Night TU Braunschweig, 2016.
- Vortrag „Marktversagen und Regulierung“ im Rahmen der Ringvorlesung „Märkte in der Diskussion“ des Philosophischen Seminars, TU Braunschweig, 2016.
- Keynote lecture, Stipendiatenseminar „Failed States – Problematik und Perspektiven“ der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Dresden, 2015
- Panelist, CDU-Kreisverband Göttingen: „TTIP – Chance und Risiko“, Göttingen, 2015

- Panelist, UNESCO Forum: “Warum Entwicklungshilfe Sinn macht”, Dresden, 2012
- Lecture “Decentralization and Development Policy”, study trip of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, ifo Dresden, 2011
- Talk “Business succession in Saxony”, symposium of Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Radebeul, 2007
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in East Germany”, study trip of the Atlantikbrücke e.V., Meißen 2007
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in Saxony”, Annual Meeting of the Verband Mitteldeutscher Fruchtgroßhändler e.V., Dresden, 2006

ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINAR SERIES:

- Workshop „Geodata and Economics“ (annual, since 2018)
- CESifo Workshop on Political Economy (annual, since 2007)
- Ifo Workshop on Regional Economics (annual, since 2014)
- PhD Workshop, Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association, Dresden, 2021
- GfR Summer Conference, Thünen Institute, TU Braunschweig & TU Dresden, Braunschweig, 2021
- Braunschweiger Seminar “Ökonomie, Politik & Praxis“ (2016-2020), funded by Deutsche Bundesbank
- 68th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Dresden, 2012 (assistance)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (LECTURES)

- TU Dresden (since 2020)
- TU Braunschweig (2014-2020)
- Visiting Lecturer, Verwaltungs- und Wirtschafts-Akademie Braunschweig (2015-2020)
- Visiting Lecturer, Dresden International University (2005-2018)
- FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg (2013-2014)
- TU Dresden (2007-2013)
- Visiting Lecturer, Sächsische Verwaltungs- und Wirtschaftsakademie, SVWA (2006-2010)

Bachelor level: Principles of Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Regional Science, Public Sector Economics, Social Policy, International Economics, Economic Policy, Empirical Research Methods

MASTER LEVEL: Optimal Taxation, Theory of the Welfare State, Insurance Theory and Health Economics, Development Economics

MEMBERSHIPS

- Research Professor, Ifo Institute – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich e.V., focus Dresden Branch
- CESifo Research Network Fellow
- Elected member of the Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association
- Elected member of the Regional Economics Section, German Economic Association
- GLO – Global Labor Organization Fellow
- German Economic Association
- International Institute of Public Finance
- Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung
- Verein Braunschweiger Finanz- und Wirtschaftsmathematiker e.V.
- Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der TU Dresden e.V.
- Förderverein der Fakultät Wirtschaftswissenschaften der TU Dresden e.V.
- Deutscher Hochschulverband

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- Head of the Department Business and Economics at TUBS (2017-2020)
- Advisory board of GradTUBS PhD programme, TUBS (2017-2020)
- Examination boards, TUBS (2015-2020)
- Advisory committees of student affairs, TUBS (2015-2020)
- Coordinator of the CGDE doctoral program, TUD (2008-2013)
- Deputy equal opportunity commissioner, TUD (2012-2013)
- Member of the faculty council, TUD (2009-2012)
- Equal opportunity commissioner, TUD (2009-2012)
- Member in the young academics commission of the academic senate, TUD (2010-2012)
- Member in the gender and diversity commission of the academic senate, TUD (2010-2012)