

Dr. Eric Sommer — Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Public Economics, Taxation and Labor Markets, Inequality and Redistribution, TaxBenefit Microsimulation

Professional career

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| 08/2016 — 07/2019 | Research Associate
IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn |
| 11/2013 — 02/2014 | Research Internship
OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, Paris |
| 08/2012 — 07/2016 | Resident Research Affiliate
IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn |

Education

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| 10/2012 — 04/2017 | Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.) in Economics
<i>Essays in Empirical Public Economics</i> , University of Cologne, Germany, under supervision of Felix Bierbrauer and Andreas Peichl |
| 04/2007 — 05/2012 | Diplom-Volkswirt (equiv. M.A. Economics and Political Science)
University of Cologne, Germany |
| 01/2010 — 07/2010 | Graduate Studies in Economics and Political Science
University of Copenhagen, Denmark |

Publications

Refereed Journals

- 2019 Demographic Change and the European Income Distribution (with M. Dolls, K. Doorley, A. Paulus and H. Schneider), [Journal of Economic Inequality](#), forthcoming.
[Feasible Smooth Income Tax Schedules: Benefits and Distributional Consequences](#), *Applied Economics*, forthcoming, (with D. Estévez Schwarz).
- 2017 Productivity Effects of Air Pollution: Evidence from Professional Soccer, [Labour Economics](#), 48, 54–66 (with A. Lichter and N. Pestel).
 Fiscal Sustainability and the Demographic Transition: A micro approach for 27 EU countries, [International Tax and Public Finance](#), 24 (4), 575–615 (with K. Doorley, M. Dolls, A. Paulus, H. Schneider and S. Siegloch).
 Shifting Taxes from Labor to Consumption: More Employment and more Inequality?, [Review of Income and Wealth](#), 63 (3), 524–563 (with N. Pestel).

Refereed German Journals

- 2016 Ist eine Glättung des Mittelstandsbauchs finanzierbar? Eine Mikrosimulationsstudie, [Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik](#), 17 (3), 264–275, (with N. Pestel, R. Schnabel, S. Siegloch and A. Spermann).
- 2014 Bundestagswahlkampf 2013: Klientelpolitik durch Steuerreform? [Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik](#), 15 (2), 182–194, (with A. Peichl, N. Pestel and S. Siegloch).

Other Publications

- 2019 Mikrosimulation von Reformszenarien zur finanziellen Entlastung von Geringverdienern, [IZA Research Report No. 88](#) (with H. Bonin, H. Stichnoth and F. Buhlmann).
- 2018 Arbeitsangebotseffekte einer Reform des Kinderzuschlags, [IZA Research Report No. 85](#) (with H. Bonin, H. Stichnoth and F. Buhlmann).
Verteilungswirkungen der Reformpläne der Großen Koalition: Rentner und Familien sind die Hauptprofiteure, [ZEW policy brief, 2018/2](#) (with F. Buhlmann and H. Stichnoth).
Wissenschaftliche Auswertung über Theorien und Instrumente für ein Inklusives Wachstum in Deutschland, [Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales, Forschungsbericht FB501](#) (with W. Eichhorst and F. Wozny).
- 2017 Ökonomische Bewertung verschiedener Reformoptionen im deutschen Steuer- und Transfersystem, [IZA Research Report No. 79](#) (with H. Bonin, F. Buhlmann, S. Camarero Garcia, H. Stichnoth and N. Pestel).
Wealth Transfers and Tax Planning: Evidence for the German Bequest Tax, [IZA Discussion Paper No. 11120](#).
People to Jobs, Jobs to People: Global Mobility and Labor Migration, [IZA Research Report No. 74](#) (with W. Eichhorst, T. Colussi, M. Guzi, M. Kahanec, A. Lichter and M. Nikolova).
Verteilungswirkungen ökonomischer Anreize energetischer Sanierungen, in: Großmann, K., A. Schaffrin and C. Smigiel (eds): [Energie und soziale Ungleichheit: Zur gesellschaftlichen Dimension der Energiewende in Deutschland und Europa.](#), Springer, 425–453 (with A.-L. Guske, K. Jacob, N. Pestel and C. Range).
- 2016 Verteilungswirkungen umweltpolitischer Maßnahmen und Instrumente, [UBA Texte 73/2016](#), Umweltbundesamt (with K. Jacob, A.-L. Guske, S. Weiland, C. Range, N. Pestel and J. Pohlmann).
Analyse der Verteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen in Deutschland, Projektbericht an das Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales, [IZA Research Report No. 73](#) (with B. Bockmann, R. Kleimann, among others).
- 2014 IZAΨMOD 3.0: The IZA Policy Simulation Model, [IZA Discussion Paper No. 8553](#) (with M. Löffler, A. Peichl, N. Pestel and S. Siegloch).

Presentations

International Conferences

- 2019 International Microsimulation Association (IMA), Galway.
- 2018 IZA World Labor Conference, Berlin.
- 2016 72nd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Lake Tahoe; 3rd MaTax Conference, Mannheim.
- 2015 International Microsimulation Association (IMA), Esch-sur-Alzette.
- 2014 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) International Conference, Segovia; International Microsimulation Association (IMA), Maastricht.
- 2013 69th Congress of the International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF), Toarmina; 106th Annual conference on Taxation, National Tax Association (NTA), Tampa; 18th Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Aarhus.

Workshops

- 2016 IZA Brownbag Seminar, Bonn; IZA/CMR Workshop, Bonn.
- 2015 IZA/OECD Employment Seminar, Paris; IZA Conference on Fiscal Policy Tools and Labor Markets during the Great Recession, Bratislava.
- 2014 Social Policy Division (SPD) Research Workshop, OECD, Paris.
- 2013 Center for Macroeconomic Research (CMR) Seminar, University of Cologne; Tax Policy Workshop at Statistics Norway, Oslo; Young Scholar SOEP Symposium, Delmenhorst.
- 2012 IZA Brown Bag Seminar, Bonn.

Other Professional Activities

Research Projects: Member of the Project team

- 2018 Bewertung von aktuellen Vorschlägen zur Weiterentwicklung der Besteuerung von Eheleuten
Arbeitsangebotseffekte einer Reform des Kinderzuschlags (on behalf of the German Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth)
- 2017 Ökonomische Bewertung verschiedener Reformoptionen im deutschen Steuer- und Transfersystem (on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Affairs)
Wissenschaftliche Auswertung über Theorien und Instrumente für ein inklusives Wachstum in Deutschland (on behalf of the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)
- 2015 — 2016 People to jobs, or jobs to People? (on behalf of Randstad)
- 2014 — 2015 Analyse der Verteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen in Deutschland, 5. Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht der Bundesregierung (on behalf of the German Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs)
- 2013 — 2015 Verteilungswirkungen umweltpolitischer Maßnahmen und Instrumente (on behalf of the German Federal Environment Agency)
- 2012 — 2014 Employment 2025: How will multiple transitions affect the European Labor Market (NEUJOBS, on behalf of the European Commission)
- 2011 Energiepreisentwicklung und Landnutzung (E-LAN, on behalf of the German Ministry for Education and Research)

Organization

IZA Annual Workshop on Labor Productivity and the Digital Economy (twice)

Refereeing

Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Inequality, Economic Modelling, Public Finance Analysis, European Journal of Political Economy, Contemporary Economic Policy, International Journal of Microsimulation, Public Sector Economics

Media Appearance

- TV/Radio *SWR, DeutschlandRadio Kultur, Newstalk (IRL)*
- Print/Online *Der Spiegel, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Welt, The Guardian, Daily Mail*