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**Affiliations** CESifo Affiliate, SEP 2019 - now  
CRC TR 224 "Economic Perspectives on Societal Challenges", JAN 2021  
- now

**Fields of Interest** Applied Econometrics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public  
Economics

**Education** **Ruhr University Bochum, Germany**  
Ph.D., Economics, OCT 2009 - MAY 2013  
"Microeconomic Analyses of Immigrant Language Skills"  
(summa cum laude), supervisor: Prof. Dr. John P. Haisken-DeNew

**University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany**  
M.A., Economics, OCT 2007 - SEP 2009

**Norwegian School of Business and Economics, Bergen, Norway**  
Erasmus Exchange, AUG 2008 - DEC 2008

**Ruhr University Bochum, Germany**  
B.A., Economics and Social Psychology, OCT 2004 - SEP 2007

**Continental Sachversicherung AG, Dortmund, Germany**  
Apprenticeship, Consultant (Insurance), AUG 2001 - JAN 2004

**Employment** **IZA Bonn, Germany**  
Team Leader (permanent position), JUN 2017 - now

**IZA Bonn, Germany**  
(Senior) Research Associate, SEP 2013 - MAY 2017

**Chair for Economic Policy: Competition Theory and Policy,**  
**Ruhr University Bochum, Germany**  
Research & Teaching Assistant, MAR 2009 - SEP 2013

**Chair for Theoretical Economics**  
**Ruhr University Bochum, Germany**  
Teaching Assistant, JAN 2009 - AUG 2009

**RWI Essen, Germany**  
Student Assistant, JAN 2008 - AUG 2008

**Continentale Sachversicherung AG, Dortmund, Germany**  
Consultant, JAN 2004 - SEP 2004

## Teaching

**Applied Econometrics (Master)**, OCT 2020 - MAR 2021  
University of Cologne, Germany

**Scientific Work (Bachelor)**, OCT 2020 - MAR 2021  
University of Cologne, Germany

**Labor Economics (Master)**, APR 2016 - JUL 2016  
University of Bonn, Germany

**Project seminar “Applied Microeconometrics”**, OCT 2010 - AUG 2012  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

**Tutorial for “Applied Competition Policy”**, APR 2010 - APR 2012  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

**Tutorial for ”European Integration”**, OCT 2009 - MAR 2009  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

## Languages and Skills

German (native), English (fluent)  
Advanced Stata Programming, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MatLab, R

## Personal Information

Born in 1982  
German Citizenship

## Publications in Refereed Journals

1. “Achievement Rank Affects Performance and Major Choices in College”, joint work with Benjamin Elsner and Ulf Zölitz, forthcoming at *Economic Journal*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ej/ueab065>
2. “Does re-opening schools contribute to the spread of SARS-CoV-2? Evidence from staggered summer breaks in Germany”, joint with Nico Pestel and Marc Lipfert, *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 198
3. “Pandemic meets Pollution: Poor Air Quality increases Deaths by COVID-19”, joint with Nico Pestel, *The Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Volume 108
4. “Minority Salience and Political Extremism”, forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, joint work with Tommaso Colussi and Nico Pestel, IZA Discussion Paper #10417.

5. “Peer Diversity, College Performance and Educational Choices”, *Labour Economics*, 2020, Volume 64, joint work with Arnaud Chevalier and Elena Lisauskaite.
6. “The German Statutory Minimum Wage and Its Effects on Regional Employment and Unemployment”, *Journal of Economics and Statistics (Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik)*, 2020, 240(2-3), pp. 295-319, joint work with Holger Bonin, Annabelle Krause-Pilatus, Andreas Lichter, Nico Pestel and Ulf Rinne
7. “Rank, Sex, Drugs and Crime”, 2018, *Journal of Human Resources*, Volume 53, Number 2, pp. 356-381, joint work with Benjamin Elsner.
8. “A big fish in a small pond: Ability rank and human capital investment”, 2017, *Journal of Labor Economics*, Volume 35, Number 3, pp. 787-828, joint work with Benjamin Elsner.
9. “Language Barriers in Immigrant Health”, 2017, *Health Economics*, Volume 26, Issue 6, pp. 765-778 joint work with Andrew Clarke.
10. “Speaking in Numbers: The Effect of Reading Performance on Math Performance among Immigrants”, 2016, *Economics Letters*, Volume 139, pp.52-56, joint work with Marc Piopiunik and Núria Rodríguez-Planas.
11. “Linguistic Barriers in the Destination Language Acquisition of Immigrants”, 2014, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Volume 105, September 2014, Pages 30–50, joint work with Sebastian Otten.
12. “Disadvantages of Linguistic Origin – Evidence from Immigrant Literacy Scores”, 2014, *Economics Letters* 123, pp.236-239.
13. “The Costs of Babylon – Linguistic Distance in Applied Economics”, 2013, *Review of International Economics*, 21(2), pp. 177–385, joint work with Sebastian Otten.
14. “Returns to Foreign Language Skills of Immigrants in Spain”, 2013, *LABOUR*, 27(4), pp. 351–461.

## Working Papers

1. “Profit Taxation, R&D Spending, and Innovation”, joint work with Andreas Lichter, Max Löffler, Thu-Van Nguyen, Felix Pöge and Sebastian Siegloch
2. “The Value of a Peer”, joint with Ulf Zölitz, University of Zurich, Department of Economics, Working Paper No. 342
3. “Language Skill Returns in the U.S. Labor Market”, 2012, joint work with Mathias Sinning, Ruhr Economic Papers.
4. “Linguistic Distance and the Language Fluency of Immigrants”, 2011, joint work with Sebastian Otten, Ruhr Economic Papers.
5. “Risky Business. The Role of Individual Risk Attitudes in Occupational Choice”, 2010, Ruhr Economic Papers.

## Further Non-Refereed and Policy Publications

1. “Auswirkungen des gesetzlichen Mindestlohns auf Beschäftigung, Arbeitszeit und Arbeitslosigkeit”, joint work with Holger Bonin, Annabelle Krause-Pilatus, Andreas Lichter, Nico Pestel, Ulf Rinne, et al., Studie im Auftrag der Mindestlohnkommission, Bonn 2018, IZA Research Report No. 83.
2. “Gender Differences in Student Dropout in STEM”, joint with Pamela Qendrai, IZA Research Report No. 87, 2019.
3. “Ursachen des Studienabbruchs – eine Analyse des Nationalen Bildungspanels”, joint with Florian Wozny, IZA Research Report No. 82, 2018.
4. “Wandel der Beschäftigung: Polarisierungstendenzen auf dem deutschen Arbeitsmarkt”, joint with Werner Eichhorst, Patrick Arni, Florian Buhlmann, and Verena Tobsch, IZA Research Report 68, 2015.
5. “Language and labor market success”, *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, 2015, pp. 260-265.
6. “What drives the language proficiency of immigrants?”, *IZA World of Labor*, 2015.

## Grants and Third-Party-Funded Projects

1. Projekt Qualitätsstandard, JOBLINGE/Teach First Deutschland, scientific monitoring, 2021-2022
2. *4<sup>th</sup> round evaluation of the German Minimum wage: employment dynamics and wage structure*, funded by the German Minimum Wage Commission, Team Leader, 2021.
3. *3<sup>rd</sup> round evaluation of the German Minimum wage: effects on wages and hours*, funded by the German Minimum Wage Commission, Vice Team Leader, 2019.
4. *PIRanHa – Identification of student dropouts*, funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Principal Investigator, 2017-2018.
5. *2<sup>nd</sup> round evaluation of the German Minimum wage: employment effects*, funded by the German Minimum Wage Commission, Vice Team Leader, 2017.

## Presentations at Conferences / Seminars

2021	IIPF (online) ESPE (online) FBK-IRVAPP Trento (online) UCL (online) University of Cologne (online)
2020	Verein für Socialpolitik (Online) ICED 3rd Applied Economics Conference, Moscow (Online)

- IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting (Online)  
CEMFI, Madrid (Webinar during Corona Lockdown)
- 2019 U Padova, Italy  
U Cattolica Milano, Italy  
NBER Education Meeting, Stanford  
U Frankfurt, Germany  
IWAE, Catanzaro, Italy  
EALE, Uppsala, Sweden  
4th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, Bonn, Germany  
DICE, Duesseldorf, Germany  
U Mainz, Germany  
CPB, Den Haag, Netherlands
- 2018 U Maastricht, Netherlands  
Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy  
U Bristol, UK  
ZEW, Mannheim, Germany  
EEA, Cologne, Germany  
Workshop on the Economics of Education, Royal Holloway, London  
U Wuppertal, Seminar
- 2017 RES, Bristol, UK  
ESPE, Glasgow, UK  
EALE, St. Gallen  
University of Leicester, UK
- 2016 EALE, Ghent, Belgium
- 2015 University of Southern Denmark, Odense  
Aarhus University  
Copenhagen Education Network  
EEA Annual Congress, Mannheim  
SOLE Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada  
RWI, Essen  
Jena University
- 2014 Heidelberg University  
ESPE Annual Conference, Braga, Portugal  
SOEP Conference, Berlin  
RWI Research Network Conference, Berlin
- 2013 IZA Brownbag, Bonn, Germany  
EALE Annual Conference, Torino, Italy  
IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Jerusalem, Israel  
SOLE Annual Meetings, Boston, USA

NORFACE Migration, London, United Kingdom  
RGS Annual Conference, Bochum, Germany  
IZA Brownbag Seminar, Bonn, Germany

- 2012      OECD/CEPII Conference on Immigration, Paris, France  
Symposium “Migration and Language”, Princeton University, USA  
IOS/APB Summer Academy, Tutzing, Germany  
ESPE Annual Conference, Bern, Switzerland  
SOEP Young Scholars Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany  
Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2011      RURS Research Day, Bochum, Germany  
EALE Annual Conference, Paphos, Cyprus  
EEA Annual Congress, Oslo, Norway  
DIW/SOEP, Berlin, Germany
- 2010      ESPE Annual Conference, Essen, Germany  
SOEP Young Scholars Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany  
RGS Annual Conference, Bochum, Germany  
Seminar: University of Bochum, Germany

## Service to the Profession

### Referee Reports

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Labour Economics, Journal of Environmental and Economic Management, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A, European Economic Review, Demography, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economics of Education Review, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Education Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Review of the Economics of the Household, Canadian Journal of Economics, LABOUR, German Economic Review, Empirica, PlosOne, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, IZA World of Labor, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Zeitschrift für Empirische Hochschulforschung, Social Science Research, BMJ Open

### Workshop Organization

- 2021      2nd Joint IZA & Jacobs Center Workshop: Consequences of COVID-19 for Child and Youth Development (with Ulf Zölitz) – Online  
7<sup>th</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education (with Simon Burgess) – Online

- 2020 Joint IZA & Jacobs Center Workshop: Consequences of COVID-19 for Child and Youth Development (with Ulf Zölitz) – Online  
6<sup>th</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education (with Simon Burgess) – Online  
ECONtribute / IZA Human Capital Meeting (with Pia Pinger) – Online
- 2019 5<sup>th</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education (with Simon Burgess)
- 2018 4<sup>th</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education (with Ian Walker)
- 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education: Education and the Labor Market (with Ian Walker)
- 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education: Make Schools Work Better (with Ian Walker)
- 2016 1<sup>st</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education: Higher Education (with Ian Walker and Arnaud Chevalier)