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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born in Germany, 31st May 1988

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2013–present Doctoral Fellow, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN–
Chair of Pub. Econ.

Doctoral Fellow I work on a research project supported by the FNA (“Forschungsnetzwerk Alterssicherung”) which concerns the income-distributional effects of the “Riester-Rente”. This is also my doctoral thesis.
Advisors: Prof. Giacomo CORNEO & Prof. Carsten SCHRÖDER

2011–2013 Student Assistant, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT
BERLIN–Chair of Emp. Pub. Finance

Student Assistant I have worked as a student assistant for one and a half years and I helped to prepare lectures and graded exams. I also conducted research, which was spun off into my master’s thesis.
Employer: Prof. Frank M. FOSSEN

EDUCATION

2011–2013 Freie Universität Berlin

MSc. Economics School of Economics and Business
Thesis: *The Decision to Become Self-Employed*
Description: This thesis presents empirical evidence on the impact of personal health and health insurance (costs) on the decision to become self-employed in Germany.
Advisors: Prof. Frank M. FOSSEN & Prof. Viktor STEINER

2007–2011 Freie Universität Berlin

BSc. Economics School of Economics and Business
Thesis: *Preise signalisieren Qualität*
Description: This thesis explored the price signaling models in the paper of Bagwell and Riordan (1991) and introduced a simple extension of the baseline model by including advertising.
Advisor: Prof. Helmut BESTER

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Public Health Insurance and Entry into
Self-Employment - [SSRN](#)
- WP We estimate the impact of a differential treatment of paid employees versus self-employed workers in a public health insurance system on the entry rate into entrepreneurship. We estimate that an increase in the health insurance cost differential between self-employed workers and paid employees by 100 euro per month decreases the annual probability of entry into self-employment by 0.38 percentage points, i.e. about a third of the average annual entry rate. The results show that the phenomenon of entrepreneurship lock, which an emerging literature describes for the system of employer provided health insurance in the USA, can also occur in a public health insurance system.
Authors: Frank M. FOSSEN, Johannes KÖNIG
- 2015 Distributional Effects of Subsidizing Retirement
Savings Accounts - [EDOCS](#)
- WP We empirically investigate the distributional consequences of the Riester scheme, the main private pension subsidization program in Germany. We find that 387.3neutral when looking at standard inequality measures. This is due to two offsetting effects: a progressive one stemming from the subsidy schedule and a regressive one from voluntary participation. Regressions of the participation decision suggest that a high level of household wealth significantly increases the probability of benefiting from the Riester scheme.
Authors: Giacomo CORNEO, Johannes KÖNIG, Carsten SCHRÖDER

TEACHING

- Summer Term* Measuring Inequality
2014 & 2015
- Tutorial* I taught the fundamental methods of empirical measurement of inequality at graduate-level. The tutorial instructed students to use Stata to implement the material taught in lectures and proving mathematical results otherwise skipped.
Senior Instructor: Carsten SCHRÖDER

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Basic* EViews, Mathematica, SAS, Matlab
- Intermediate* L^AT_EX, emacs, MS Word
- Advanced* Stata
- Languages* GERMAN · Mothertongue
ENGLISH · Advanced (conversationally fluent)
FRENCH · Basic (simple words and phrases only)

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