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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

- since 05/2016 **Junior Researcher**, *Chair for Empirical Economics, University of Potsdam.*
Project Evaluation of the Minimum wage (EVA-MIN)
- since 03/2014 **Junior Researcher**, *Chair for International Public Economics, Freie Universität Berlin.*

Professional Experience

- 06/2014 - 12/2015 **Junior Researcher**, *Sonderforschungsbereich Transregio 15.*
DFG funded research group under supervision of Professor Helmut Bester, Freie Universität Berlin.
- 02/2013 - 10/2013 **Student Assistant**, *Federal Ministry of Finance.*
Evaluation project "Family Institutions in Germany".
- 10/2012 - 01/2013 **Student Research Project**, *"Quantifying the German low-pay sector".*
Analysing low-wage employment in Germany in dependence of wage definitions and samples with the SOEP under supervision of Professor Ronnie Schöb, Freie Universität Berlin.
- 07/2012 - 09/2012 **Internship**, *Federal Ministry of Finance.*
Department of Economic Forecasting and Taxation Revenue Estimations.
- 10/2011 - 04/2013 **Student Assistant**, *Chair for International Public Economics, Freie Universität Berlin.*
- 01/2010 - 03/2010 **Internship**, *Thuringia Ministry of Economic, Labour and Technology Affairs.*
Thuringia department of the European Social Fund Administration.
- 08/2007 - 08/2008 **Community Service**, *Heilpädagogischer Kindergarten, Lebenshilfe Gifhorn.*
Kindergarten for children with special needs.

Academic Education

- since 03/2014 **PhD Candidate**, *School of Business and Economics, Freie Universität Berlin.*
Supervisor Professor Ronnie Schöb.
- 10/2011 - 02/2014 **Master of Science in Public Economics**, *Freie Universität Berlin.*
Focus of study in labour market and public policy. Title of master thesis "Dynamics within the low-pay sector" (written in German). Total grade 1.2 (excellent).

10/2008 - 09/2011 **Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management Science, Universität Leipzig and National University of Ireland, Maynooth.**
Focus of study in economics and statistics. Title of bachelor thesis "Challenges to the labour supply within the nursing-sector of Saxony" (written in German). Total grade 1.5 (excellent).

Research

Income in Jeopardy: How Losing Employment Affects the Willingness to Take Risks, with Clemens Hetschko (work in progress).

Using German panel data, we estimate the impact of job loss on risk aversion. In line with expected utility reasoning about background risk and absolute risk aversion, losing employment reduces the willingness to take risks. The effect strengthens in previous hourly wage, begins to manifest itself as soon as an employee perceives the threat of job loss and is of a transitory nature only. The change in stated risk attitude matches observed unemployment duration, confirming the behavioral validity of our results. Our findings can explain countercyclical risk aversion, concern public unemployment insurance and provide methodological insights about the risk tolerance measure applied.

[Online available as Discussion Paper 2015/32, Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business and Economics]

Losing (Locus of) Control?, with Juliane Hennecke (work in progress).

Research Interests

Personality Traits, Risk Behaviour, Low-Pay Employment, Empirical Labour Market Research

Presentations (selected)

- 2016 **28th Annual EALE Conference, Ghent.**
4th Workshop in Public Finance and Public Choice, MPI Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich.
Foundations of Utility and Risk Conference, Coventry.
Workshop on Labour Mobility and Inequality, IWH, Halle/Saale.
12th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin.
3rd BeNA Labor Economics Workshop, Potsdam.
- 2015 **3rd Workshop in Public Finance and Public Choice, MPI Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich.**
4th PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics, Potsdam.
IAREP/SABE Joint Conference, Sibiu.
1st PhD Conference in Behavioural Science, Stirling.
1st BeNA Labor Economics Workshop, Berlin.

**5th Workshop in Labour Economics and Social Policy, ifo Institute,
Dresden.**

Teaching

- Graduate Level **Problem class Reforming the Welfare State, Winter 2016/17.**
Problem class Labour Market and Social Policy, Winter 2015/16.
Problem class Advanced Labour Market Theory, Winter 2015/16.
Problem class International Public Economics, Summer 2014, 2016.
Seminar Minimum Wages and Migration, Winter 2016/17.
Seminar Behavioural Public Economics, Winter 2014/15.
**Seminar Poverty Prevention with Labour Market and Social Policy,
Summer 2016.**
- Undergraduate Level **Problem class European Politics, Summer 2015.**
Problem class Microeconomics, Summer 2010, 2011.
**Problem class Statistics and Theory of Probabilities, Winter 2009/10,
Summer 2011.**