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Research Interests

Education Economics • Family Economics • Labour Economics • Applied Microeconometrics • Policy Impact Evaluation

Personal Information

- Citizenship: Germany
- Family Status: Married, two children (2 and 5)

Education

PhD in Economics (Summa cum Laude)

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN AND DIW BERLIN GRADUATE CENTER

2018

Germany

1st Supervisor: Prof. C. Katharina Spiess, 2nd Supervisor: Prof. Regina T. Riphahn, Ph.D.

Thesis Title: Essays on the Impact of Education and Family Policies on the Formation of Human Capital

Master of Science in Economic Policy (with Distinction)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

2012

UK

Graduate Diploma in Economics (with Distinction)

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

2011

UK

Bachelor of Arts in Banking and Finance (ECTS:A)

BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND LAW

2010

Germany

Professional Positions

Head of Research Group

"EDUCATION AND HUMAN POTENTIAL", FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION RESEARCH (BiB)

10/2022 - present

Germany

Senior Research Associate

"EDUCATION AND HUMAN POTENTIAL", FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION RESEARCH (BiB)

04/2022 - present

Germany

On parental leave: 05/2022-08/2022

Post Doctoral Research Associate

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY, DIW BERLIN

03/2018 - 03/2022

Germany

On parental leave: 04/2018-06/2018, 05/2019-08/2019, 05/2021-06/2021

Research Associate

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY, DIW BERLIN

06/2013 - 08/2013, 10/2014 - 02/2018

Germany

Research Associate

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG

11/2012 - 05/2013

Germany

Trainee

DEUTSCHE BANK

09/2007 - 09/2010

Germany, UK

Research

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Barschkett, M., Huebener, M., Leibing, A., Marcus, J., & Margaryan, S. (2023). Replication of Atwood's (2022) "The Long-Term Effects of Measles Vaccination on Earnings and Employment". *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics*, Accepted.
- Huebener, M. (2022). The effects of education on health: An intergenerational perspective. *Journal of Human Resources*, Accepted.
- Huebener, M., Waights, S., Spiess, C. K., Wagner, G. G., & Siegel, N. A. (2021). Parental Well-Being in Times of Covid-19 in Germany. *Review of Economics of the Household 19 (Special Issue on Covid-19)*, 91–122.
- Huebener, M., Pape, A., & Spiess, C. K. (2020). Parental labour supply responses to the abolition of day care fees. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization 180(C)*, 510–543.
- Huebener, M., Kuehne, D., & Spiess, C. K. (2019). Parental leave policies and socio-economic gaps in child development: Evidence from a substantial benefit reform using administrative data. *Labour Economics 61*, 101754.
- Huebener, M. (2019). Life expectancy and parental education. *Social Science & Medicine 232*, 351–365.
- Huebener, M., Kuger, S., & Marcus, J. (2017). Increased instruction hours and the widening gap in student performance. *Labour Economics 47(C)*, 15–34.
- Huebener, M. & Marcus, J. (2017). Compressing instruction time into fewer years of schooling and the impact on student performance. *Economics of Education Review 58*, 1–14.
- Huebener, M. (2015). The role of paternal risk attitudes in long-run education outcomes and intergenerational mobility. *Economics of Education Review 47*, 64–79.

DISCUSSION PAPERS

- Huebener, M., Jessen, J., Kuehne, D., & Oberfichtner, M. (2021). Parental Leave, Worker Substitutability, and Firms' Employment. *IZA Discussion Paper*, No. 14478 (*R&R The Economic Journal*).
- Huebener, M., Pape, A., Danzer, N., Schober, P., Spiess, C. K., & Wagner, G. G. (2021). Cracking under Pressure? Gender Role Attitudes toward Maternal Employment in Times of a Pandemic. *IZA Discussion Paper*, No. 14471 (*R&R Feminist Economics*).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Child Care to Refugee Families: Effects on Employment, Well-Being and Integration" (with Ludovica Gambaro, Sophia Schmitz and C. Katharina Spiess)
- "Family Policies, Fathers' Involvement and the Gender Care Gap" (with Malin Mahlbacher and Sophia Schmitz)
- "Children's Impact on Labour Supply and Life Satisfaction: IVF Treatments Evidence" (with Reto Odermatt)
- "What a difference a day makes: School entry age effects on mortality" (with Jan Marcus and Shushanik Margayan)
- "Fertility Increase and Abortion Bust Amid Crises: Tracing Effects of the COVID-19 Outbreak in Germany" (with Martin Bujard and Olga Poetzsch)
- "Market Expansions in Universal Childcare, Staff Structure, and Children's Development" (with Henning Hermes and Anja Linberg)
- "Can Universal Daycare Reduce Abortions Rates?" (with Mara Barschkett, Katharina Spiess and Elena Ziege)
- "Career or Children First? Investigating the interplay between women's careers and child development" (with Malin Mahlbacher, Susanne Schmidt and Gundula Zoch)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Huebener, M. (2023). Mit entschlossener Familien- und Bildungspolitik das Fundament der alternden Bevölkerung stärken. In K.-R. Korte, P. Richter, & A. von Schuckmann (Editors): *Regieren in der Transformationsgesellschaft*, Springer Nature, forthcoming.
- Huebener, M., Schmitz, Laura, Spiess, C. K., & Zinn, S. (2021). Familiäre, individuelle und institutionelle Einflussfaktoren auf Bildungsungleichheiten. In D. Dohmen & K. Hurrelmann (Editors): „Generation Corona“? *Wie Kinder und Jugendliche durch die Pandemie benachteiligt werden*, Beltz Verlag: Weinheim, 2021.
- Huebener, M. (2020). Parental education and children's health throughout life. In S. Bradley & C. Green (Editors), *The Economics of Education (2nd Edition): A Comprehensive Overview*. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier B.V..
- Huebener, M., Kuehne, D. & Spiess, C. K. (2019). Die Verwendung von Schuleingangsdaten für bildungs- und familienökonomische Analysen - das Beispiel der Analyse von Elterngeldeffekten auf sozioökonomische Unterschiede bei kindlichen Entwicklungsmaßen. In M.-C. Begemann & K. Birkelbach (Editors), *Sekundäranalysen in der Kinder- und Jugendhilfe*. Wiesbaden, Germany: Springer VS.

POLICY REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Barschkett, M. & Huebener, M. (2023). Eltern ohne Abitur: Kinder langfristig weniger gesund. *Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell* 5, 2023.
- Schmitz, S., Spiess, C. K., & Huebener, M. (2023). Weiterhin Ungleichheiten bei der Kita-Nutzung: Größter ungedeckter Bedarf in grundsätzlich benachteiligten Familien. *Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell* 2, 2023.
- Huebener, M., Brehm, U., & Schmitz, S. (2022). 15 Jahre Elterngeld: Erfolge, aber noch Handlungsbedarf - Ein Blick auf partnerschaftliche Arbeitsteilung und Karrieren. *Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell* 6, 2022.
- Huebener, M., Pape, A., Siegel, A. N., Spiess, C. K., & Wagner, G. G. (2021). Zu Beginn von vierter Corona-Welle: Eltern bei geöffneten Kitas und Schulen zufriedener und mit weniger Sorgen. *DIW aktuell* 59, 9 pages.
- Huebener, M. & Wagner, G. G. (2021). Unterschiede in Covid-19-Impfquoten und in den Gründen einer Nichtimpfung nach Geschlecht, Alter, Bildung und Einkommen. *DIW Discussion Paper*, 1968.
- Danzer, N., Huebener, M., Pape, A., Spiess, C. K., & Wagner, G. G. (2021). Kita- und Schulschließungen haben bei westdeutschen Vätern Einstellung zur Erwerbstätigkeit von Müttern verändert. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 31/2021.
- Huebener, M. & Spiess, C. K. (2021). Familien im Fokus der Bundestagswahl: Ein Bekenntnis zur Systemrelevanz von Familien. *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 31, 101–107.
- Huebener, M. & Spiess, C. K. (2021). Ein Digitalpakt für Kitas ist überfällig. In Spiess, C. K., Deckers, D., & Fegert, J. M. (Editors): *DIW Politikberatung Kompakt – Zusammenhalt in Corona-Zeiten: familienwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*, DIW Politikberatung Kompakt.
- Huebener, M., Siegel, N.A., Spiess, C. K., Spinner, C., & Wagner, G. G. (2021). Kein “Entweder-oder”: Eltern sorgen sich im Lockdown um Bildung und Gesundheit ihrer Kinder. *DIW aktuell* 59, 9 pages.
- Huebener, M., Spiess, C. K., & Zinn, S. (2020). SchülerInnen in Corona-Zeiten: Teils deutliche Unterschiede im Zugang zu Lernmaterial nach Schultypen und -trägern. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 47/2020.
- Huebener, M., Spiess, C. K., Siegel, N.A., & Wagner, G. G. (2020). Wohlbefinden von Familien in Zeiten von Corona: Eltern mit jungen Kindern am stärksten beeinträchtigt. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 30-31/2020.
- Huebener, M. & Schmitz, L. (2020). Corona-Schulschließungen: Verlieren leistungsschwächere SchülerInnen den Anschluss?. *DIW aktuell*, 30/2020.
- Huebener, M., Pape, A., & Spiess, C. K. (2019). Gebührenbefreiung des letzten Kita-Jahres: Mütter weiten ihre Arbeitszeit nur kurzfristig aus. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 48/2019.
- Huebener, M. & Marcus, J. (2019). Menschen mit niedriger gebildeter Mutter haben geringere Lebenserwartung. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 12/2019.
- Günther, T. & Huebener, M. (2018). Bildung und Lebenserwartung: Empirische Befunde für Deutschland und Europa. *DIW Roundup*, No. 126.
- Huebener, M., Kuger, S., & Marcus, J. (2018). G8-Schulreform verbessert PISA-Testergebnisse – insbesondere leistungsstarke SchülerInnen profitieren. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 13-14/2018.
- Huebener, M., Kuehne, D., & Spiess, C. K. (2017). Einführung des Elterngeldes hat Ungleichheit in kindlicher Entwicklung nicht erhöht. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 26/2017.
- Huebener, M., Müller, K., Spiess, C. K., & Wrohlich, K. (2016). Zehn Jahre Elterngeld: Eine wichtige familienpolitische Maßnahme. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 49/2016.
- Huebener, M. (2016). Parental leave policies and child development: A review of empirical findings. *DIW Roundup*, No. 102.
- Huebener, M. & Marcus, J. (2015). Auswirkungen der G8-Schulzeitverkürzung: Erhöhte Zahl von Klassenwiederholungen, aber jüngere und nicht weniger Abiturienten. *DIW Wochenbericht*, 18/2015.
- Huebener, M. & Marcus, J. (2015). Empirische Befunde zu Auswirkungen der G8-Schulzeitverkürzung. *DIW Roundup*, No. 57.

Third Party Funding

DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG)

Project title: “Understanding the role of maternal labour markets and workplace contexts for children’s development” (HU 3109)
Principal investigator, with Jun.-Prof. Dr. Gundula Zoch
36 months, total funding: 414,000 euro (begin in 01/2023)

LERN IDEENWETTBEWERB 2020/21

Project title: "Effects of employment insecurity and job loss on children's development"
Principal investigator, with Dr. Corinna Frodermann and Jun.-Prof. Dr. Gundula Zoch
12 months, total funding: 18,200 euro (*completed*)

Prizes & Scholarships

- Public Science Award (2nd prize) of the Center for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER) for Parental Wellbeing Monitor during COVID-19 ("FamilienMonitor_Corona") 11/2022
- Prize for the Best Dissertation in Education Economics 2017/2018 of the German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik) 03/2019
- BeNA Innovative Research Award 2017 05/2017
- Best DIW Wochenbericht 2015 09/2016
- Best Overall Performance Prize, MSc in Economic Policy Programme, University College London 11/2012
- Best Student Award, BA Banking and Finance Programme, Berlin School of Economics and Law 10/2010

- Doctoral Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) 10/2014 - 09/2017
- Haniel Scholarship Programme for MSc Studies Abroad 10/2011 - 10/2012
- Hamburg Scholarship Programme for Studies Abroad 10/2010 - 10/2011
- Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) 10/2008 - 10/2012
- Scholarship of the Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft 09/2008 - 09/2010

Other Academic Activities & Services to the Profession

TEACHING

Economics of Education (Master level), Spring 2021, with Prof. C. Katharina Spiess
Economics of Education (Master level), Spring 2020, with Prof. C. Katharina Spiess
Economics of Education (Master level), Spring 2017, with Prof. C. Katharina Spiess

REFEREEING

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Demography, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, *Economica*, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economics of Education Review, Health Economics, European Journal of Population, Labour Economics, Social Science & Medicine, Education Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Zeitschrift für Soziologie, KZfSS Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2017-2020

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Authoring an essay on education and demographic change  in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ, online, joint with C. Katharina Spiess and Sandra Buchholz)
- Guest in the Podcast  of the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB, March 2023). Topic: 15 Jahre Elterngeld - Kinderbetreuung weiterhin hauptsächlich bei Müttern (with Uta Brehm and Katja Patzwaldt)
- Coordinator of BiB's participation in the set-up of a European Child-Wellbeing-Panel-Study (EU-funded GUIDE-project, together with DJI)
- Jury member of the German Employer Award for Education 2023 (Deutscher Arbeitgeberpreis für Bildung des BDA)
- Board Member for Berlin Network for Labour Market Research (BeNA, 02/2017 - 01/2019)
- Deputy Representative for Fellows of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER)
- Impulse Speaker at the Bremer Kita Summit 2022
- Invited Speaker in Political Discussion Groups (e.g. Lecturer for Bavarian Green Party, B90/Grünen)

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & TALKS

- Co-Organizer of a 2-day retreat 2023 of BiB with about 50 researchers of the research institute
- Co-Organizer of the BiB Population Research Series with six Talks per Year (since 2022)
- Co-Organizer of CIDER-LERN Conference 2021 in Berlin
- DIW Online-Webinar: Corona-Elterngeld, Bildungsperspektiven und Gleichstellung - Familienpolitik in Zeiten von Corona (joint with C. Katharina Spiess and Katharina Wrohlich, 05/2020)
- Panel Discussion "Zwischenbilanz zum Gute-KiTa-Gesetz: Ist gut gemeint auch gut gemacht?" (joint with C. Katharina Spiess, 11/2019)
- BeNA Winter Workshop 2019
- Skills Camp on Machine Learning with Prof. Jann Spiess (Stanford) for the Berlin Network for Labour Market Research (BeNA, 9/2019)
- Berlin Lunchtime Meeting on Parental Leave and Inequality, June 2017 (joint with other members of DIW Berlin)
- BeNA Winter Workshop 2016
- BeNA Lecture Series 2015 by Prof. Ludger Woessmann (joint with Jan Marcus)

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

Dissertation (1x, joint with Prof. C. Katharina Spiess), Master's theses (4x, joint with Prof. C. Katharina Spiess), Bachelor Thesis (joint with Prof. Ulrich Kohler), interns at BiB and DIW

Academic Networks & Memberships

ACADEMIC NETWORKS

- Education Economics Committee of the German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, member since 2020)
- Institut zur Zukunft der Arbeit (IZA, affiliate since 2018)
- College for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER, member since 2019)
- Berlin School of Economics (BSE, 2018-2022)
- Berlin Network for Labour Market Research (BeNA)
- Berlin Interdisciplinary Education Research Network (BIEN)
- Leibniz-Forschungsnetzwerk Bildungspotenziale (LERN)
- College for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER, member since 2019)
- Swiss Leading House "Economics of Education"

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, European Association of Labour Economists, Royal Economic Society, Verein für Socialpolitik

Media Coverage (selection with links)

MDR aktuell (07/2023), Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (05/2023), Süddeutsche Zeitung (03/2023), ZDF (03/2023), Bayern 2 / ARD Alpha (12/2022), Süddeutsche Zeitung (11/2022), Tagesschau (11/2022), Spiegel Online (11/2021), Süddeutsche Zeitung (08/2021), Tagesspiegel (08/2021), Zeit Online (2/2021), Deutschlandfunk (11/2020), Spiegel Online (11/2020), Süddeutsche Zeitung (07/2020), taz - die Tageszeitung (4/2020), Die Welt (11/2019), Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (11/2019), Die Welt (3/2019), Spiegel Online (3/2019), Deutschlandfunk (3/2019), Deutschlandfunk (3/2018), Berliner Morgenpost (3/2018), Süddeutsche Zeitung (1/2018), Süddeutsche Zeitung (12/2017), Die Welt (7/2017), Correctiv (5/2017), Spiegel Online (6/2016), Süddeutsche Zeitung (4/2015), Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (4/2015), Spiegel Online (4/2015), detektor.fm (5/2015)

Academic Presentations (selection, past 4 years)

2023

- Final Conference of the Center for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER) Cohort IV, Berlin/Germany, scheduled
- IAB Workshop on (Un-)employment*, Nuremberg/Germany, scheduled
- IZA workshop on "Labor Markets and Innovation during Times of War and Reconstruction", online, scheduled
- SLLS*, Munich/Germany
- 21. DACH-Demografietreffen, Neuchâtel/Switzerland
- Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Regensburg/Germany
- Spring Workshop of the Center for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER), Mannheim/Germany

2022

- Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (VfS), Basel/Switzerland
- Center for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER), Frankfurt

2021

- Research Seminar at the University of Oslo, Oslo/Norway*
- Research Seminar in Economics, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin/Germany, invited talk
- 13th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Health Economics (DGGÖ)*, online
- ZEW Research Seminar, online
- Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association*, online

2020

- IAB Workshop on (Un-)employment*, Nuremberg/Germany
- DIW Cluster Seminar "Öffentliche Finanzen und Lebenslagen", Berlin/Germany
- Education Economics Committee of the German Economics Association, Vienna/Austria

* Presented by co-author

Languages

- German (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- French (Conversational)

Academic References

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