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## Affiliations

CESifo Affiliate  
CRC TR 224 "Economic Perspectives on Societal Challenges"  
Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik

## Fields of Interest

Applied Econometrics, Data Science, 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

### **Department of Economics, University of Cologne**

Interim professor (*Lehrstuhlvertretung*), OCT 2021 - MAR 2022

### **Department of Economics, University of Cologne**

Interim professor (*Lehrstuhlvertretung*), OCT 2020 - MAR 2021

### **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)**, 2020, 2021

University of Cologne, Germany  
Evaluation: 1.2 (2020, 1 = best), 4.1 (2021, 5 = best)

**Scientific Work (Bachelor)**, 2020, 2021  
University of Cologne, Germany  
Evaluation: 1.0 (Group 1, 1 = best), 1.6 (Group 2, 1 = best)

**Labor Economics (Master)**, 2016  
University of Bonn, Germany  
Evaluation: 1.3 (Lecturer, 1 = best), 1.7 (Content, 1 = best)

**“Applied Microeconometrics”**, 2011, 2012  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
Evaluation: 1.1 (2011, 1 = best), 1.0 (2012, 1 = best)

**Tutorial for “Applied Competition Policy”**, 2010, 2011  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
No evaluation available

**Tutorial for ”European Integration”**, 2009  
Ruhr University Bochum, Germany  
No evaluation available

## Languages and Skills

German (native), English (fluent)  
Advanced Stata Programming, R,  $\LaTeX$ ,

## Personal Information

Born in 1982  
German Citizenship

## Publications in Refereed Journals

1. “Schools under Mandatory Testing Can Mitigate the Spread of SARS-CoV-2”, joint work with Marc Diederichs, Reyn van Ewijk and Nico Pestel, forthcoming at *PNAS*
2. “Achievement Rank Affects Performance and Major Choices in College”, joint work with Benjamin Elsner and Ulf Zölitz, *The Economic Journal*, Volume 131, Issue 640, November 2021, Pages 3182–3206
3. “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
4. “Pandemic meets Pollution: Poor Air Quality increases Deaths by COVID-19”, joint with Nico Pestel, *The Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Volume 108
5. “Minority Salience and Political Extremism”, forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, joint work with Tommaso Colussi and Nico Pestel, IZA Discussion Paper #10417.
6. “Peer Diversity, College Performance and Educational Choices”, *Labour Economics*, 2020, Volume 64, joint work with Arnaud Chevalier and Elena Lisauskaite.
7. “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
8. “Rank, Sex, Drugs and Crime”, 2018, *Journal of Human Resources*, Volume 53, Number 2, pp. 356-381, joint work with Benjamin Elsner.
9. “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.
10. “Language Barriers in Immigrant Health”, 2017, *Health Economics*, Volume 26, Issue 6, pp. 765-778 joint work with Andrew Clarke.
11. “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.
12. “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.
13. “Disadvantages of Linguistic Origin – Evidence from Immigrant Literacy Scores”, 2014, *Economics Letters* 123, pp.236-239.
14. “The Costs of Babylon – Linguistic Distance in Applied Economics”, 2013, *Review of International Economics*, 21(2), pp. 177–385, joint work with Sebastian Otten.

15. “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 Sieglösch, IZA Discussion Paper No. 14830
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.

## 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. “Early Identification of College Dropouts Using Machine-Learning: Conceptual Considerations and an Empirical Example”, joint with Tobias Raabe, IZA Research Report No. 89, 2019
3. “Gender Differences in Student Dropout in STEM”, joint with Pamela Qendrai, IZA Research Report No. 87, 2019.
4. “Ursachen des Studienabbruchs – eine Analyse des Nationalen Bildungspanels”, joint with Florian Wozny, IZA Research Report No. 82, 2018.
5. “Wandel der Beschäftigung: Polarisierungstendenzen auf dem deutschen Arbeitsmarkt”, joint with Werner Eichhorst, Patrick Arni, Florian Buhlmann, and Verena Tobsch, IZA Research Report 68, 2015.
6. “Language and labor market success”, *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, 2015, pp. 260-265.
7. “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, PI, 2021-2022, Volume: 35.000 €

2. *4<sup>th</sup> round evaluation of the German Minimum wage: employment dynamics and wage structure*, funded by the German Minimum Wage Commission, PI, 2021. Volume: 125.000 €
3. *3<sup>rd</sup> round evaluation of the German Minimum wage: effects on wages and hours*, funded by the German Minimum Wage Commission, Co-PI, 2019. Volume (IZA): € 44.000 €
4. *PIRanHa – Identification of student dropouts*, funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), PI, 2017-2018. Volume: 380.000 €

## Presentations at Conferences / Seminars

2021	ifo Center of the Economics of Education (online) U Magdeburg (online) U Passau
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, Economic Policy, 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, Southern Economic Journal, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Education Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Review of the Economics of the Household, Canadian Journal of Economics, LABOUR, Journal of Human Capital, 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

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| 2021 | 2nd Joint IZA & Jacobs Center Workshop: Consequences of COVID-19 for Child and Youth Development (with Ulf Zölitz) – Online<br>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<br>6 <sup>th</sup> IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education (with Simon Burgess) – Online<br>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)   |