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BORN 02/02/1989 in Stuttgart, Germany
NATIONALITY Germany (resident of Switzerland)

CURRENT POSITION

Feb. 2018 – **University of Zurich, Switzerland**
Today Chair for International Relations and Political Economy
Senior Researcher (“Oberassistent”)

VISITING POSITIONS

Nov. 2016 – **International Monetary Fund (IMF), USA**
Dec. 2016 Visiting Scholar

Sep. 2016 – **University of Cambridge, UK**
Oct. 2016 Visiting Scholar

EDUCATION

Sep. 2014 – **Heidelberg University, Germany**
Jul. 2018 Chair for International and Development Politics
Ph.D. in Economics (summa cum laude); Supervisor: Axel Dreher

Sep. 2014 – **Mannheim University Graduate School, Germany**
Jun. 2015 Ph.D. Courses in Advanced Econometrics, Micro- and Macroeconomics

Oct. 2012 – **University of Cambridge, UK**
Jul. 2013 Graduate Studies of International Relations
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

Oct. 2008 – **Heidelberg University, Germany**
Jul. 2012 Undergraduate studies of Political Science, Philosophy and Economics
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Aug. 2010 – **Sciences Po Paris, France**
Jun. 2011 Undergraduate studies of Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics
Certificat du programme d'échange du college universitaire

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2016 – **IMF, Washington DC, USA**
Nov. 2017 *Project Officer in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department (SPR)*

Sep. 2013 – **OECD, Paris, France**
Sep. 2015 *Policy Analyst and Economist in the Development Co-operation Directorate*
Carlo-Schmid Trainee (Sep. 2013 – Feb. 2014)

- Jul. 2012 – **Stratfor Inc., Austin, USA**
 Aug. 2012 *Expert Assessment on political stability in Iraq*
- Jan. 2012 – **Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin, Germany**
 Apr. 2012 *Intern at the Department for Arms Control and Disarmament*
- Dec. 2011 – **German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin, Germany**
 Jan. 2012 *Research Assistant in the work unit „Transatlantic Relations/USA“*
- Apr. 2011 – **German Attorney General, Karlsruhe, Germany**
 Jun. 2011 *Expert Assessment on political stability in Pakistan*
- Jun. 2009 – **Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIK)**
 Feb. 2013 *Member of the board of editors, conflict observer for Iraq,
 Head of the research unit “Middle East and Maghreb” (2010-2011)*
- Apr. 2010 – **Institute of Political Science at Heidelberg University**
 Aug. 2010 *Research Assistant*

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Work in progress and under review

- Buying Votes and International Organizations: The Dirty-Work Hypothesis (with Axel Dreher, Peter Rosendorff, and James Raymond Vreeland)
- Stigma or Cushion? IMF Programs and Sovereign Creditworthiness (with Kai Gehring) *available as [ETH Zurich & University of Zurich CIS Working Paper 98](#) (2018)*
- The Distribution of Gains from Globalization (with Marina Mendes Tavares) *available as [IMF Working Paper 18/54](#) (2018)*
- The Economics of the Democratic Deficit: The Effect of IMF Programs on Inequality *available as [Heidelberg University Discussion Paper 617](#) (2016)*

Publications

- Room for Discretion? Biased Decision-Making in International Financial Institutions (with Andrea Presbitero), *[Journal of Development Economics](#) 130: 1-16 (2018)*.
- Foreign Aid in Areas of Limited Statehood (with Axel Dreher and Sebastian Ziaja), in: Risse Thomas, Tanja Börzel, and Anke Draude (eds.), *[The Oxford Handbook of Governance and Limited Statehood](#)*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018).
[Also available as [CESifo Working Paper 6340](#).]
- The Political Economy of International Organizations (with Axel Dreher), in: Congleton Roger, Bernard Grofman, and Stefan Voigt (eds.), *[The Oxford Handbook of Public Choice](#)*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
[Also available as [CESifo Working Paper 6077](#).]
- Defining and Measuring Poverty and Inequality Post-2015 (with Hildegard Lingnau), *[Journal of International Development](#) 27, 3: 399-414 (2015)*.

Short Articles and Policy Papers

- Redefining poverty (with Hildegard Lingnau), *Development and Cooperation* 41, 7 (2014).
- Iraq (Sunni militant groups), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2011*, Heidelberg: 97-98 (2012).
- Iraq (AQI, ISI), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2010*, Heidelberg: 81-82 (2011).
- Iraq (Kurdish Regional Government), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2009*, Heidelberg: 78 (2010).

Editorial Work

- OECD (2015), *OECD & Post-2015 Reflections*, OECD Publishing, Paris.
- Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (2012), *Conflict Barometer 2011*, Heidelberg.
- Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (2011), *Conflict Barometer 2010*, Heidelberg.
- Lang, Joachim (2010), *Neues vom alten Brecht: Manfred Wekwerth im Gespräch*, Berlin (editors: Valentin Lang and Karoline Sprenger).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Center for the Studies of African Economies Conference (CSAE): **2018, 2016**
- Development Economics and Policy (AEL) Conference: **2018, 2017, 2016**
- DIAL Development Conference: **2017**
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) Conference: **2017**
- European Public Choice Society (EPCS) Annual Meeting: **2018, 2017, 2016**
- International Political Economy Society (IPES) Conference: **2018 (paper accepted), 2017**
- Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO) Conference: **2017, 2016**
- Poverty, Equity, and Growth Network (PEGNet): **2017**
- Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS) Annual Meeting: **2017**
- ZEW Public Finance and Development Conference: **2017**

INVITED TALKS

- International Monetary Fund (Analytical Seminar, Nov. 2017)
- Nijmegen University (International Political Economy Seminar, Oct. 2017)
- University of Cambridge (Transformations in Global Economic Governance, Sep. 2017)
- University of Hamburg (Hamburg Lecture, Dec. 2016)
- International Monetary Fund (Analytical Seminar, Dec. 2016)
- University of Cambridge (Internal Seminar, Sep. 2016)

TEACHING

- The Political Economy of International Financial Institutions (Master seminar, Spring Semester 2018, University of Zurich)
- Development Economics Research Seminar (Summer Semester 2016, Winter Semester 2016, Summer Semester 2017, Winter Semester 2017, Heidelberg University)
- Co-supervision of Master's theses (Heidelberg University 2017-2018)
- Co-supervision of Bachelor's theses (Heidelberg University 2016-2018)

REFEREEING

American Political Science Review, European Journal of Development Research, International Economics and Economic Policy, Journal of International Economic Law, Review of International Economics, Review of International Organizations (5x), Review of International Political Economy, Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2016, Social Science Research, World Economy

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- **Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences**
 - Travel grant (IPES 2018)
- **Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)**
 - Fully-funded PhD merit scholarship (2016-2017)
 - Funding for three research visits (Cambridge 2016, IMF 2016, IMF 2017)
 - Three travel grants: IPES 2017, PEGNet 2017, VfS 2017
 - Merit scholarship for graduate and undergraduate studies (2009-2013)
- **Heidelberg University Graduate Academy**
 - Fully-funded PhD merit scholarship (2015-2016)
- **Carlo-Schmid-Program**
 - Fully-funded merit scholarship for the traineeship at the OECD (2013-2014)
- **DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, German Academic Exchange Service)**
 - Merit scholarship for graduate studies at Cambridge (2012-2013)
- **ERASMUS Program of the European Union**
 - Merit scholarship for studies at Sciences Po Paris (2010-2011)

LANGUAGES

- German (native speaker)
- English (fluent, CEFR-level: C2)
- French (fluent, CEFR-level: C1)
- Spanish (beginner, CEFR-level: A1)
- Latin ("*Großes Latinum*")

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