

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, Germany:

Head of Research Group “Global Migration”	Since 04/2024
Head of Berlin Office	Since 05/2023
Researcher, Department “Climate Change and Development”	Since 02/2019
Acting Head of Berlin Office	09/2022 - 04/2023
Deputy Head of Berlin Office	11/2021 - 08/2022

Northwestern University, USA:

Guest Researcher, Kellogg School of Management	10/2022 - 12/2022
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University of Goettingen, Germany:

Research Associate, Chair of Development Economics	04/2015 - 02/2019
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AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics	Since 01/2025
Research Affiliate at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics	01/2021 - 01/2025
Fellow for Interdisciplinary Economics of the Joachim Herz Foundation	11/2020 - 12/2023

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (summa cum laude), University of Göttingen, Germany	2015 - 2019
MSc in Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands	2013 - 2014
BSc in Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	2009 - 2013
Undergraduate in Economics (exchange year), University of California, Santa Barbara, USA	2011 - 2012

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ebert C, Klasen S & Vollmer S (2025). [Counting missing women: a reconciliation of flow and stock measures](#), *Journal of Population Economics*, 38, 2.
2. Ebert C & Steinert JI (2025). [Violence against women and the substitution of help services in times of lockdown: Triangulation of three data sources in Germany](#). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Volume 232, 106879.
3. Frohnweiler S, Beber B & Ebert C (2024). [Information frictions, belief updating and internal migration: Evidence from Ghana and Uganda](#). *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 171, 103311.
4. Ebert C, Heesemann E & Vollmer S (2024). [Two scalable interventions to promote health and mental development in early childhood: A randomized controlled trial in rural India](#). *Journal of Human Capital*, 18:1, 140-193.

5. Geldsetzer P, Tisdale RL, Stehr L, et al. (2024). [The prevalence of cardiovascular disease risk factors among adults living in extreme poverty](#). *Nature Human Behaviour*.
6. Bogler L, Bommer C, Ebert C, Kumar A, Subramanian SV, Subramanyam MA & Vollmer S. (2024). [Effects of a large-scale participatory learning and action programme in women’s groups on health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene: a cluster-randomised controlled trial in Bihar, India](#). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 16, 2, 246-263.
7. Frohnweiler S, Beber B & Ebert C (2023). [Delayed effects on migration intentions in an information provision experiment in Ghana](#). *Revue d’économie du développement*, 35, 3-4, 37-44.
8. Ebert C & Vollmer S. (2022). [Girls unwanted – The role of parents’ child-specific sex preference for children’s early mental development](#). *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 82, 102590.
9. Theilmann M, Lemp J, Winkler V, et al. (2022). [Patterns of tobacco use in low- and middle-income countries by tobacco product and sociodemographic characteristics: a study of nationally representative survey data from 82 countries](#). *The BMJ*.
10. Manne-Goehler J, Theilmann M, Flood D, et al. (2022). [Data resource profile: The global health and population project on access to care for cardiometabolic diseases \(HPACC\)](#). *International Journal of Epidemiology*, e337–e349.
11. Schön M, Heesemann E, Ebert C, Subramanyam M, Vollmer S, Horn S (2022). [How to ensure full vaccination? The association of institutional delivery and timely postnatal care with childhood vaccination in a cross-sectional study in rural Bihar, India](#). *PLOS Global Public Health*, 2(5): e0000411
12. Kirschbaum T, Sudharsanan N, Manne-Goehler J, et al. (2022). [The association of socioeconomic status with hypertension in 76 low- and middle-income countries](#). *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 80(3): 804-817
13. Teufel F, Seiglie JA, Geldsetzer P, et al. (2021) [Body mass index and diabetes risk in 57 low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of nationally-representative individual-level data](#). *The Lancet*, 398(10296), 238-248.
14. Ebert C & Steinert JI (2021). [Prevalence and risk factors of violence against women and children during COVID-19, Germany](#). *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 99(6): 429-438.
15. Marcus ME, Ebert C, Geldsetzer P, et al. (2021) [Unmet need for hypercholesterolemia care in 35 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys](#). *PLOS Medicine*, 18(10), e1003841.
16. Basu S, Flood D, Geldsetzer P, et al. (2021) [Estimated effect of increased diagnosis, treatment, and control of diabetes and its associated cardiovascular risk factors among low-income and middle-income countries: a microsimulation model](#). *The Lancet Global Health*, 9(11), e1539-e1552.
17. Kirschbaum TK, Theilmann M, Sudharsanan N, et al. (2021) [Targeting hypertension screening in low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional analysis of 1.2 million adults in 56 countries](#). *JAHA: Journal of the American Heart Association*, 10(13): e021063.
18. Sudharsanan N, Theilmann M, Kirschbaum T, et al. (2021). [Variation in the proportion of adults in need of BP-lowering medications by hypertension care guideline in low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of 1,037,215 individuals from 50 nationally representative surveys](#). *Circulation*, 143: 991–1001.
19. Teufel F, Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, et al. (2020). [Analysis of attained height and diabetes among 554,122 adults across 25 low- and middle-income countries](#). *Diabetes Care*, 43 (10), 2403-2410.
20. Lemp JM, De Neve JW, Bussmann H, et al. (2020). [Lifetime prevalence of cervical cancer screening in 55 low- and middle-income countries](#). *JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association*, 324(15), 1532-1542.

21. Davies J, Reddiar SK, Hirschhorn LR, et al. (2020). [Association between country preparedness indicators and quality clinical care for cardiovascular disease risk factors in 44 lower and middle income countries: A multi-country analysis of survey data](#). *PLOS Medicine*, 17(11), e1003268.
22. Seiglie JA, Marcus ME, Ebert C, et al. (2020). [Diabetes prevalence and its relationship with education, wealth, and BMI in 29 low- and middle-income countries](#). *Diabetes Care*, 43(4), 767-775.
23. Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, Marcus M, Ebert C, et al. (2019). [The state of hypertension care in 44 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of individual-level nationally representative data from 1.1 million adults](#). *The Lancet*, 394(10199), 652-662.
24. Manne-Goehler J, Geldsetzer P, Agoudavi K, et al. (2019). [Health system performance for people with diabetes in 28 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys](#). *PLOS Medicine*, 16(3): e1002751.
25. Baernighausen T, Oldenburg C, Tugwell P, et al. (2017). [Quasi-experimental study designs series: Assessing the assumptions](#). *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*, 89, 53-66.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Ebert C, Heldring L, Robinson J A, & Vollmer S (2025). [The breakdown of the English society of orders: The role of the Industrial Revolution](#). NBER Working Paper 34153.
2. Beber B, Ebert C & Sievert M (2024). [Is irregular migration responsive to recent German asylum policy adjustments?](#). IZA DP No. 16850.
3. Jumaniyazova M, Ebert C, & Steinert J I (2026). [Gender, birth order, and child growth: Evidence from Central Asia](#). Munich Papers in Political Economy, Working Paper No. 01/2026.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. How migration shapes local networks: Evidence from 145 Senegalese villages. *With Bernd Beber, Niklas Murken and Zara Riaz.*
2. Improving migration outcomes: A mentoring experiment and its network effects in Senegal. *With Bernd Beber, Zara Riaz and Juni Singh.*
3. Climate change adaptation and migration decisions under cognitive strain in rural Senegal. *With Bernd Beber, Lena Dettlefsen, Sarah Frohnweiler and Salar Jahedi.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Beber B, **Ebert C**, Kyle J, Riaz Z. 2024. [Migration and women's voice and agency in Senegal: Introducing a new survey](#). IFPRI Project Note December 2024. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
2. **Ebert C**, Flörchinger D, Frohnweiler S, Ihring S, & Rosadio Cayllahua KM. 2021. [Employment and income effects of skills development interventions: An impact evaluation of three employment promotion measures in Eastern Africa within GIZ's Employment and Skills for Development program](#). RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI.
3. Betsch C, et al. 2021. [COVID-19 Snapshot Monitoring \(COSMO Germany\) - Wave 12](#). PsychArchives.
4. Betsch C, et al. 2020. [COVID-19 Snapshot Monitoring \(COSMO Germany\) - Wave 6](#). PsychArchives.

5. Subramanyam M, **Ebert C**, Bommer C, et al. (2017). [Impact of the Gram Varta programme on health, nutrition and women’s empowerment in India](#). 3ie Grantee Final Report. New Delhi: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie).
6. FAO (2016). [Sex-disaggregated data and gender indicators in agriculture: A review of data gaps and good practices](#). *Technical Report Series GO-12-2016*. Rome.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Leibniz Collaborative Excellence (Co-PI), research grant for “The Senegal Migration Panel: Understanding mobility in a climate-stressed population”, 2022, 999,990 EUR
- Transatlantikprogramm, travel grant for research stay at Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management (invited by Leander Heldring), 2021, 3.705 EUR
- Joachim Herz Add-On Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Economics, 2020, 12,500 EUR
- Google Cloud & Harvard Global Health Institute, research grant for “The impact of COVID-19 on violence against women in Germany” (with Janina Steinert), 2020, 6,500 USD in Google Cloud credits
- Connex of the Dr. Hans Riegel-Foundation, research grant for “The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for economic productivity and family wellbeing” (with Janina Steinert and Sayli Javadekar), 2020 7,700 EUR
- Fiat Panis Foundation, research grant for “Fostering early childhood development - A randomized controlled trial in rural Bihar, India” (with Esther Heesemann and Sebastian Vollmer (PI)), 2017, 10,000 EUR
- Go International Plus by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, 2017, 3,060 EUR
- Scholarship for MSc in Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (rejected), 2013

AWARDS

- Prize for Economic Policy Consulting and Science Communication 2025 by the Society of Friends and Sponsors of the RWI
- 3rd prize Young Researcher Award 2020 of the German Economic Association’s Research Group on Development Economics in cooperation with the KfW Development Bank
- H.K. Nieuwenhuis Thesis Award for best Master’s thesis at the the Amsterdam School of Economics and Amsterdam Business School, 2015

REFEREEING

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Applied Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Income and Wealth, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Demographic Economics, PLOS ONE, BMJ Open, Social Sciences, Italian Economic Journal, World Development Perspectives, Italian Economic Journal, Frontiers Psychiatry, International Journal of Manpower.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2026: DIW-SOEP Seminar, Research Seminar at Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)
- 2025: DIME Lightning Seminar at the World Bank, IFPRI Brownbag Seminar, RFBerlin Migration Forum, ESMT-RWI Berlin Development Workshop, German Development Economics Conference (closed section), 18th AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference, Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration between Africa and Europe at University of Cologne and HWWI Hamburg
- 2024: BeNA 20 Year Jubilee Conference, German Development Economics Conference, Annual Conference Verein für Socialpolitik, ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin Institute Seminar, GEM Research Seminar at Groningen University, Research Seminar at Ruhr Uni Bochum
- 2023: Bocconi Alp-Pop Conference, Research Seminar Health and Population at Leibniz University Hannover, Women in Economics Retreat, European Economic Association, 16th International Conference on Migration and Development, Research Seminar at the Center of Economic Demography at Lund University, WATT Workshop “Unveiling Wealth and Income Inequalities”
- 2022: International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, Northwestern Development Economics Lunch Seminar, Northwestern Economic History Lunch Seminar
- 2021: Essen Health Conference (EHC), German Development Economics Conference (GDE, previously AEL), International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, 3rd International Conference on Globalization and Development (GlaD), Annual Conference of the Verein fuer Socialpolitik (VfS), Berlin Colloquium in Economic and Social History
- 2020: 18th Economy, Feminism and Science (efas) Symposium, BMFSFJ & eu2020 Online Conference
- 2019: Econometric Society Winter Meeting (ESWM), 3rd IZA/HSE Workshop on Skills and Preferences and Labor Market Outcomes in Post-transition and Emerging Economies, European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE)
- 2018: North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), DIW Gender Economics Workshop, U4 SSEL Cluster Conference, Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Annual Conference, Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB) 5th PhD Workshop, Oxford Development Economics Workshop (OXDEV), Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) EDePo Seminar, German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference, 2nd International Conference on Globalization and Development, Oxford Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Bocconi Alp-Pop Conference
- 2017: Harvard Project Launch on Access to Care on Cardiometabolic Diseases
- 2016: UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Growth, German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference

CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)	2019 - 2021
Consultant, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy	2015 - 2015
Research Analyst, National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K) , Jakarta, Indonesia	2014 - 2015

TEACHING

Empirical Development Economics , Master's course, lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin	2024 - 2025
Supervision of bachelor's thesis , University of Bayreuth	2023
Supervision of master's and bachelor's theses , University of Goettingen	2015 - 2022
Quasi-experiments in Development Economics , Master's course, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen	2016 - 2019
Field experiments in Development Economics , Master's course, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen	2018
Quasi-experiments in Development Economics , Master's seminar, lecturer, Jawaharlal Nehru University	2017
Childhood Development in India , Master's course, one-time lecture, University of Goettingen	2017
Women's Self-help Groups in India , Master's course, one-time lecture, University of Goettingen	2017
Why Nations Fail , Bachelor's seminar, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen	2016

IN THE MEDIA (selected)

- Interview on Deutschlandfunk Kultur: [Häusliche Gewalt - Die Risiken der Heimquarantäne](#) [English translation: Domestic Violence - The Risks of Home Quarantine]
- Podcast on ÄrzteZeitung: [Tatort Wohnzimmer – Gewalt gegen Kinder und Frauen im Corona-Lockdown](#) [English translation: Crime Scene Home - Violence Against Children and Women during Corona Lockdown]
- Selected online media coverage on violence against women and children during the COVID-19 pandemic: [Sueddeutsche.de](#), [Zeit Online](#), [Spiegel Online](#), [FAZ.net](#)