

# CARINA NEISSER

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Married, two children (born 2018 & 2022)

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy and Public Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

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## CURRENT POSITION

Summer 2025 Interim Professor in Economics, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE),  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany  
10.2020 – Post-doc, University of Cologne (11.2022–08.2023 Maternity Leave)

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## AFFILIATIONS

2023 – Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), Member  
2021 – ZEW - Leibniz Center for European Economic Research (Research Area: Inequality  
and Public Policy), Junior Research Associate  
2020 – ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy Cluster of Excellence, YEP Fellow  
2016 – IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Research Affiliate

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## RESEARCH VISITS

2023 University of Stockholm, Department of Economics, Sweden  
2016 University of California, Berkeley, USA

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## EDUCATION

06.2021 Dissertation: Essays in Public Finance; University of Mannheim, Germany (Dr. rer.  
pol., *summa cum laude*)  
2014 Master of Science in Economics, University of Cologne  
2010 Bachelor of Science in Economics, University of Bonn  
2009 – 2010 Toulouse School of Economics (Exchange Student)

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## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2014 – 2020 Researcher, Research Group: Social Policy and Redistribution, ZEW - Leibniz Center  
for European Economic Research, Mannheim (08.2018–06.2019 Maternity Leave)  
2013 – 2014 Student Research Assistant, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

2011 – 2013      Student Research Assistant, Cologne Institute for Economic Research  
2008 – 2009      Student Research Assistant, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods

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## REFERRED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“The Elasticity of Taxable Income: A Meta-Regression Analysis”, *The Economic Journal*, 131 (640), 2021, pp. 3365-3391

“P-Hacking, Data Type and Data-Sharing Policy”, *The Economic Journal*, 134 (659), 2024, pp. 985-1018 (with Abel Brodeur and Nikolai Cook)

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## WORKING PAPERS

“Outside Income as a Signal: Evidence from Politicians and Voters ”, *Revise and resubmit requested by the Review of Economics and Statistics* ECONtribute Discussion Paper No. 354 (with Nils Wehrhöfer)

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS / POLICY WORK

“Kommt das Geld bei den Kindern an?”, Bertelsmann-Foundation, 2018 (with Holger Stichnoth, Lukas Riedel, Sebastian Camarero Garcia, Philipp Dörrenberg, Martin Ungerer und Nils Wehrhöfer)

“Machbarkeitsstudie und Ableitung von Forschungsfragen zu Bedeutung, Inanspruchnahme und Verteilungswirkungen von gesellschaftlich notwendigen Dienstleistungen”, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, 2018 (with Holger Bonin, Sebastian Camarero Garcia, Max Lay, Vivien Liu, Margard Ody, Lukas Riedel, Holger Stichnoth, Martin Ungerer und Nils Wehrhöfer)

“Möglichkeiten zur Verbesserung der statistischen Datenqualität zur Beschreibung höchster Einkommen und Vermögen”, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, 2015 (with Max Löffler, Andreas Peichl and Christian Wittneben)

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## POLICY COLUMNS / BLOGS / MEDIA APPEARANCES

Transparenz und Politiker (ECONtribute, Der Wirtschaftspodcast, 2025)

Die zwei Seiten von Transparenz (FAZ, 2025)

Die Mär vom Spitzensteuersatz - Leichte Sprache und Abschreckungsnachrichten erhöhen Steuerdisziplin (FAZ, 2023)

Part of Zia Visible Women in Science - Fellowship (ZEIT, 2023)

What Do We Know About Taxpayer Responses to Tax Changes? (Austaxpolicy, 2021)

Was lässt sich über optimale Steuersätze sagen? (Der ökonomische Blick, 2021)

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## (EXTERNAL) RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023-2025      Add-on Fellowship of the Joachim Herz Foundation [15,500 euros]

2023            Travel Grant by C-SEB and ECONtribute [5,000 euros]

2022-2023      Fellow of Zia: Visible Women in Science, Zeit-Verlag [7,500 euros]

2022-2023      Effizienz- und Verteilungswirkung des Steuer- und Transfersystems für gleichgeschlechtliche Paare, Dr. Hans Riegel-Stiftung [3,750 euros]

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| 2022-2023 | Earnings Disclosure by Politicians, C-SEB Junior Start-Up Grant [3,000 euros] |
| 2022      | Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Participation grant [5,000 euros]              |

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINAR TALKS

**2025** KIZ - Young Scholar Political Economy Workshop, Munich (*scheduled*); **2024** C-SEB Workshop, Cologne; 4th ECONtribute YEP Workshop, Bonn; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Conference, Prague; LMU Munich; **2023** Advisory Political Economics Group and Brown Bag, Stockholm University; **2022** ECONtribute Public Economics Symposium, Cologne; U Münster; 7th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (Next Gen Economics); Lindau; Verein für Socialpolitik, Basel; **2021** Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics (LAGV), Marseille (online); International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Conference, Reykjavik (online); 7th Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics (online); **2020** Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Vienna; Verein für Socialpolitik, Köln (online); **2019** ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists, Mannheim; MaTax Annual Conference, Mannheim; National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference (regular and NTA Next Generation Session), Tampa; **2018** Ruhr Graduate School (RGS) in Economics 11th Doctoral Conference, Essen; Royal Economic Society (RES) Annual Conference, Brighton; Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Mallorca; **2017** ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; IEB Workshop on Economics of Taxation, Barcelona; Federal Statistical Office, Wiesbaden; Research School of International Taxation (RSIT) Conference on Tax Policy in the Global Economy, Tübingen; **2016** Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet Conference in Public Economics (LAGV), Aix en Provence; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Conference, Lake Tahoe; **2015** ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Ghent; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Doctoral School, Warsaw; Workshop on Behavioral Responses to Income Taxation, Mannheim; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Conference, Dublin

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Summer 2025** Lecture and Seminar in Public Economics (Master), Düsseldorf; Seminar: Gesellschaftliche Entscheidungen und deren politische und ökonomische Konsequenzen (Bachelor), Düsseldorf; **Winter 2024/2025** Projektkurs VWL - economic consultancy project: to increase labor supply, let us abolish the joint income taxation! (Bachelor), University of Cologne; **Summer 2024** Seminar Markets and Economic Policy: Gender Norms vs. Tax System - Drivers of Earnings Responses (Master), University of Cologne; **Winter 2023/2024** Seminar Peers at Work: Salary Comparisons, Job Satisfaction, and Work Effort (Master), University of Cologne; Projektkurs VWL - Human Rights and Global Value Chains (Bachelor), University of Cologne; **Winter 2022/2023** Seminar Peers at Work: Salary Comparisons, Job Satisfaction, and Work Effort (Master), University of Cologne; **Summer 2022** Reading Group in Econometrics (PhD), University of Cologne; **Winter 2021/2022** Seminar in Tax Compliance and Tax Evasion (Master), University of Cologne; **Summer 2021** Reading Group in Econometrics (PhD), University of Cologne; **Winter 2020/2021** Seminar in Public Economics: Taxation, Migration and Labor Markets (Bachelor), University of Cologne (together with Emmanuel Hansen); **June 2016** Empirical Methods to Study the Effects of Tax and Transfer Systems, ZEW training/teaching for professionals, Berlin, Lecturer; **since 2015** (Co-) supervision of Master and Bachelor Theses, University of Mannheim and Cologne; **2015 – 2020** Coordinator of undergraduate Research Assistants and Interns within Research Unit at ZEW

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## FURTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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| Refereeing  | American Economic Review, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Fiscal Studies, Public Finance Review  |
| Conferences | ECONtribute Young Economist Workshop in Applied Economics (Organizer, 2024, 2022-2021), International Institute for Public Finance (Scientific Committee, 2024), Annual Mannheim Taxation Conference (Scientific Committee, 2022-2020), ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists: Advances in Empirical Public Economics (Organizer, 2019), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Referee for the years: 2016–2018) |
| Other       | Serving on the department board: Economics at the U Cologne (Since 11/2024)   |

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