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Fields: Labor Economics (primary), Public Economics, Behavioral Labor, Political Economy, Applied Micro

Current and past positions

Acting Professor of Applied Microeconomics, University of Bonn since April 2025

Post-Doctoral Researcher (currently on leave), IZA since Jan 2020

Senior Researcher (Post-Doc), Institute for Employment Research (IAB) since July 2019

Researcher, Institute for Employment Research (IAB) April 2013 – June 2019

Education

PhD. Economics (Dr.), University of Erlangen Nuremberg July 2019

Thesis: Workers' Responses to Unemployment Insurance and Income Taxes

Advisors: Regina T. Riphahn, Johannes F. Schmieder

M.Sc. Economics, University of Regensburg Oct 2010 – Mar 2013

B.Sc. Economics, University of Konstanz Oct 2006 – Sep 2010

Publications & Forthcoming Papers

The Gender Gap in Earnings Losses after Job Displacement

(with Hannah Illing and Johannes Schmieder) [Paper](#), [Appendix](#), Coverage: [IZA Newsroom](#)

The Journal of the European Economic Association, 2024, Vol. 22, No. 5.

The Speed of Earnings Responses to Taxation and the Role of Firm Labor Demand

(with Matthew Gudgeon)

The Journal of Labor Economics, 2024, Vol. 42, No. 3. [Paper](#)

The Effects of UI Caseworkers on Job Search Effort (with Amelie Schiprowski, Julia Schmidtke and Johannes Schmieder) [Paper](#)

AEA Papers & Proceedings, 2024, Vol. 104.

Evidence on Job Search Models from a Survey of Unemployed Workers in Germany

(with Stefano DellaVigna, Joerg Heining and Johannes Schmieder)

The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2022, Vol. 137, No. 2. [Paper](#), [Appendix](#)

Job Search during a Pandemic Recession: Survey Evidence from the Netherlands
(with Maria Balgova, Nico Pestel and Christian Zimpelmann)
Labour Economics, 2022, Volume 75. [Paper](#)

Disincentive Effects of Unemployment Benefits and the Role of Caseworkers
(with Johannes Schmieder)
Journal of Public Economics, 2020, Vol. 182. [Paper](#), [Appendix](#)

Working Papers

Worker Representatives *Submitted*
(with Julian Budde, Thomas Dohmen and Simon Jäger) [Paper](#)

When Institutions Interact: How the Effects of Unemployment Insurance are Shaped by Retirement Policies
(with Matthew Gudgeon, Pablo Guzman-Pinto, Johannes Schmieder and Han Ye)
R&R at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy [Paper](#)

Unemployment Insurance Take-Up and Labor Market Conditions [Preliminary]
[Paper](#)

Selected Work in Progress

Career Blocker
(with Gökay Demir)

Measuring Works Council Quality[field phase concluded]
(with Alexander Busch, Valentina Götz, Simon Jäger and Chantal Pezold)

Understanding Severance Payments
(with Marvin Immesberger)

An Objective Measure of Job Search Effort Based on an Information Website for Unemployed Workers[in the field]
(with Stefano DellaVigna, Jörg Heining, Julia Schmidtke and Johannes Schmieder)

Social Comparison and Fairness Perceptions at the Workplace and the Role of Labor Market Institutions
(with Julian Budde, Thomas Dohmen and Simon Jäger)

The Impact of Job Disruptions on Households During the Covid-19 Pandemic
(with Hannah Illing, Michael Oberfichtner, Nico Pestel and Johannes Schmieder)
Policy-Transfer: [IZA-Standpunkte](#), [IAB-Kurzbericht](#)

Research Stays

Research Visit at Boston University, Economics Department	Sep 2016 - Dec 2016
Research Visit at the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn	Nov 2018 - Dec 2018

Grants, honors & awards

IZA Collaborative Research Grant "Labor Market and Social Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic", 2020-2022 (with Hannah Illing, Michael Oberfichtner, Nico Pestel and Johannes Schmieder), 125,000 Euro

Funding for Workshop "European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists" in Bonn 2024 (with Amelie Schiprowski and Arthur Seibold), 6,870 Euro

Fulltime-Scholarship (3 years) IAB Graduate Program (GradAB)

Teaching Experience

Research Module U-Bonn (Master)	Fall 2024
Short Lecture on Unemployment at IZA Summer School (w/ Jonas Jessen)	Spring 2024
Lecturer for Labor Economics, U-Bonn (Master)	Spring 2021
Lecturer for Introductory Econometrics, U-Nuremberg (prep. course, Master)	Fall 2017
Teaching Assistant for Introductory Econometrics, U-Nuremberg	Spring 2015
4 × Co-Supervision of Master Thesis, 1 × Co-Supervision of Bachelor Thesis	

Referee Service

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Research in Labor Economics

Conference-, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

2025 (*=Scheduled) WZB Workshop Berlin*, VfS Population Economics Meeting Vienna, NHH Bergen, 2024: RWI Essen, VfS Berlin, EALE Bergen, LMU Munich, ELSE Bonn, University of Konstanz, IFAU Uppsala, ASSA-Meetings San Antonio, 2023: FU Berlin Seminar, EALE, NBER-SI Political Economy, European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists Symposium (ELSE), 2022: Evaluation of Labor Market Policy Workshop, Sheffield, CRC-TR Workshop, ECONtribute Public Economics Symposium, 2021: CEPR Labor Symposium, SOLE-Conference, Philadelphia

Conference Organisations

Co-Organicer of: IZA Summer-School 2024; IZA 25th Anniversary Conference Berlin, 2023; IZA Labor in the Macroeconomy Workshops, 2020, 2021 and 2022; European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (ELSE) 2024.

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