

## MARC WITTE

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### EMPLOYMENT

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Research Associate from 09/2020  
New York University (Abu Dhabi), Postdoctoral Associate 2019 - 2020

### EDUCATION

#### **University of Oxford**

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics October 2014 - March 2019

Probationer Research Student in Economics October 2013 - September 2014

MSc in Economics for Development, *distinction* October 2012 - July 2013

#### **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

BSc Economics, *first class* October 2009 - August 2012

### RESEARCH AREAS

Labor Economics; Development Economics

### PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

“Searching with Friends” (with Stefano Cario and Simon Franklin), *Forthcoming, Journal of Labor Economics*.

“Global Behaviors and Perceptions in the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Thiemo Fetzer, Lukas Hensel, Jon Jachimowicz, Johannes Haushofer, Andriy Ivchenko, Stefano Caria, Elena Reutskaja, Christopher Roth, Stefano Fiorin, Margarita Gómez, Gordon Kraft-Todd, Friedrich Götz, Erez Yoeli), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 193 (2022): 473-496.

“The Market-Reach of Pandemics: Evidence from Female Workers in Ethiopia’s Ready-Made Garment Industry” (with Morgan Hardy, Gisella Kagy, Christian Johannes Meyer, and Eyoual Tamrat). *World Development*, 137 (2021).

“Do Youth Employment Programs Improve Labor Market Outcomes? A Quantitative Review” (with Jochen Kluge, Susana Puerto, David Robalino, Jose Manuel Romero, Friederike Rother, Jonathan Stöterau, and Felix Weidenkaff). *World Development*, 114 (2019): 237-253.

### WORKING PAPERS

“Formalized Employee Search and Labor Demand” (with Lukas Hensel and Tsegay Tekleselassie)

“Why Don’t Small Firms Merge? Experimental Evidence from Ghana” (with Morgan Hardy, Seongyoon Kim, and Andreas Menzel)

“Why do workers make job referrals? Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia”  
*Best Paper Award, RES Symposium of Junior Researchers 2018*;  
*Best Job Market Paper Award, 5th edition, Unicredit & Universities 2018*.

“The Economic Effects of Mental Health Interventions in Low and Middle-Income Countries” (with Johannes Haushofer, Crick Lund, Kate Orkin, Thandi Davies, Vikram Patel).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Demand for Feedback and Job Search” (with Lukas Hensel, Ingo Isphording, Jonas Radbruch, and Tsegay Tekleselassie)

“Vacancy Information and Applicant Selection” (with Lukas Hensel and Tsegay Tekleselassie)

“Reducing Frictions in Ethiopian Labor Markets” (with Morgan Hardy and Christian Meyer)

“Network Position and Public Good Contributions” (with Simon Franklin)

“The direct and indirect effects of female training interventions in a traditional society” (with Selim Gulesci and Ahmed Elsayed)

“Impacts of Small-Scale Biogas Technology on Energy Access in Egypt” (with Olivier Deschenes, Ahmed Elsayed, Nico Pestel, Samer Atallah)

“The Impact of Firm Downsizing on Workers: Evidence from Ethiopia’s Ready-Made Garment Industry” (with Gisella Kagy, Eyoual Demeke, Morgan Hardy, and Christian Johannes Meyer)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2022	Labor Economics, MSc Economics, University of Bonn
Fall 2020 & 2021	Guest lecture ‘Labor Market Policy’, MSc Economics, University of Bonn
2015/16	Economics of Developing Countries, teaching assistant and tutor, third year undergraduate course of the BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford
2015/16	Quantitative Methods, teaching assistant (STATA and mathematics preparation), MSc in Economics for Development, University of Oxford

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-2018	Research Assistant for Professor Stefan Dercon and Professor Tanguy Bernard
2014-2015	Research Manager for Professor Marcel Fafchamps, Dr Simon Quinn
2014-2016	Short-Term Consultant, International Labour Organization, with Susana Puerto
2013-2014	Short-Term Consultant, World Bank, with Dr. David Robalino
2012	Visiting Economist, Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI)
2008-2009	German Compulsory Civil Service ( <i>Zivildienst</i> ) at GIZ in Kigali (Rwanda)

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### Research grants

2022-2023	German Science Foundation (€12,000), with Ingo Isphording and Jonas Radbruch
2021-2023	NYUAD (\$ 250,000), with Morgan Hardy and Christian Meyer
2021-2022	JPAL K-CAI (\$ 75,000), with Samer Atallah, Olivier Deschenes, Ahmed Elsayed, Nico Pestel
2021-2022	IGC (£62,783), with Lukas Hensel and Tsegay Gebrekidan Tekleselassie
2021-2022	JOBLINGE (€34,300), with Ingo Isphording
2020-2022	IGC (£76,304), with Morgan Hardy and Christian Meyer
2020	PEDL with Morgan Hardy and Christian Meyer (£39,930)
2019	PEDL (£20,000), with Lukas Hensel and Tsegay Gebrekidan Tekleselassie
2018	IGC (£49,823), with Lukas Hensel and Tsegay Gebrekidan Tekleselassie
2018	CSAE student grant (£4,700)
2016-2018	International Growth Centre (IGC) (£41,244)
2017	Anonymous Donor (£81,000), with Johannes Haushofer, Crick Lund, Kate Orkin et al.

### Scholarships and awards

2018	Best Job Market Paper Award, 5th edition, Unicredit & Universities, for job market paper
2018	Best Paper Award, RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, for job market paper
2018	Final-year departmental scholarship (Department of Economics)
2013-2017	Economic and Social Science Research Council Full Doctoral Studentship
2014	Best practice award (runner-up), PEGNet conference, on TVET promotion in Vietnam
2012-2013	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): scholarship for graduate studies abroad
2011-2012	Deutschlandstipendium (Germany Scholarship): scholarship for undergraduate studies

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2022	LEAP conference (Bocconi), NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development (Nova Lisbon), IAAEU (Trier), IZA-WB Jobs and Development Conference (UCT), EEA (Bocconi), CSAE conference (Oxford/online), German Development Economics Conference (Hohenheim).
2021	NEDUC (Boston/online), IZA-WB Jobs and Development Conference (online), EEA (online), ESPE (online), Bonn-DIE network meeting, CREB-ADE (Lahore/online) CSAE conference and workshop (Oxford/online), STEG workshop (online).
2020	IZA, NYUAD, Exeter, Oxford, PEDL conference, CSAE conference (Oxford).
2019	Aix-Marseille, Carlos III Madrid, Colegio Carlo Alberto (Turin), Exeter, Gothenburg, Birmingham, IZA Bonn, Bilkent, NYUAD.
2018	NEUDC (Cornell), ESWM (Naples), OxDEV (Oxford), World Bank Annual Conference on Africa (Stanford), SEEDEC (Wageningen), RES conference and Symposium of Junior Researchers (Sussex), European Economic Association (Cologne), Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference (LBS), Warwick PhD conference, German Development Economics and Policy Conference (Zürich), EBE Summer Meetings (Munich), GREThA (Bordeaux), Nottingham, GLAD conference (Göttingen), CSAE conference and workshop (Oxford).
2017	RES conference and Symposium of Junior Researchers (Bristol), SERC Annual Conference (LSE), Ethiopian Economics Association Conference (Addis Ababa), German Development Economics and Policy Conference (Göttingen), DIAL Conference on Development Economics (Paris Dauphine), CSAE conference and workshop (Oxford).
2016	NEUDC (MIT), PODER Summer School (Namur), RES Easter School (Essex), PEGNet conference (Kigali, Rwanda), CSAE conference (Oxford), CSAE workshop (Oxford), Economics PhD conference (Warwick), Annual PhD Workshop (East Anglia).
2015	CSAE conference (Oxford), IZA workshop (Bonn).
2014	CSAE conference (Oxford), PEGNet conference (Lusaka, Zambia).

## MISCELLANEOUS

Seminar organization	IZA Annual Migration Meeting (2021, 2022)
Software skills	Stata, R, Python, Matlab, QGIS, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Wolfram Mathematica.
Refereeing	Economic Development and Cultural Change (4x), International Journal of Manpower, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Journal of Labor Economics (2x), Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, The European Journal of Development Research.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: 21 November 1988; sex: male; citizenship: German.

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (basic).