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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Industrial Relations, Wage Inequality

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PhD in Management (Sloan, Institute for Work and Employment Research) since 08/2024
 • Research Visit: Hans-Böckler Stiftung - WSI (Germany) 06/2025 – 07/2025

University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Research Student 01/2023 – 06/2024

The London School of Economics and Political Science

MSc in Economics 09/2021 – 06/2022

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg

BSc in Economics, BA in Sociology 10/2018 – 08/2021

Affiliations

Center for European Studies (Harvard), Affiliated Graduate Student since 07/2025
 Institute for the Study of Employee Ownership and Profit Sharing (Rutgers), Fellow since 07/2025
 Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality” (Konstanz), Associated Researcher since 11/2024
 IZA, Associate Member since 09/2024

Current Projects

Sectoral Bargaining and the Wage Structure

with Kilian Weil

Codetermination at Full Parity

with Chantal Pezold

The Revival of Strikes in Germany

with Lukas Lehner and Kilian Weil

Compressing Education

Former LSE MSc Thesis

A Local Projections Approach to Difference-in-Differences Event Studies: The STATA Program lpdid

with Daniele Girardi, in collaboration with Arin Dube, Oscar Jorda and Alan Taylor

Non-Refereed Publications

Ist Deutschland eine Streikrepublik? *with Lukas Lehner and Kilian Weil*

In: Anke Hassel, Wolfgang Schroeder (Eds.), Was wird aus der Arbeit?, Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag, 2025.

Presentations (scheduled*)

2025: Wharton - People and Organizations Conference*; Halle*; Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut; LERA; MIT Sloan Economic Sociology Working Group

2023: UC Berkeley (2x Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, 1x European Institute)

2022: Young Economists Conference Vienna; U of Cologne & IZA Human Capital Workshop

2021: Young Economists Conference Linz

Summer Schools (scheduled*)

2025: Handbook of Labor Economics “Minimum Wage Masterclass” (at RF Berlin)

2023: Stone Center Summer Institute (at UC Berkeley); IZA Summer School

Academic Employment

Research Assistant

Nathan Wilmers (MIT) 09/2024 – 12/2024

Predoctoral Research Associate

Simon Jäger (MIT), Benjamin Schoefer (UC Berkeley) 01/2022 – 08/2024

Research Assistant (remote)

Elaine Liu (U of Houston) 08/2022

Research Intern

Jan Behringer (Macroeconomic Policy Institute) 07/2021 – 08/2021

Various Research / Teaching Assistant Positions

Christiane Schwieren, Thomas Klein, Timo Goeschl (Heidelberg U) 09/2019 – 05/2021

Grants and Scholarships

Rutgers University

Beyster Fellowship, jointly with Fiona Chen, Nathan Lazarus, and Chantal Pezold 07/2025

Labor and Employment Relations Association

Deans, Chairs, and Directors Council Travel Grant 06/2025

Hans-Boeckler Foundation

PhD Scholarship since 02/2025

Research Proposal Scholarship 01/2023 – 06/2023

Student Scholarship 10/2019 – 06/2022

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

PROMOS Scholarship 08/2023 – 12/2023

International Postgraduate Scholarship 09/2021 – 06/2022