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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Development; Inequality; Social Mobility and Distributional Dynamics; Poverty Reduction; Applied Econometrics; Microsimulation Models; Political attitudes; Demographic Change.

EDUCATION

University of Göttingen and GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

10/2014 – present
Hamburg, Germany

PhD Research Fellow / Doctoral student

Thesis working title: “The rise of the new middle classes in emerging and developing countries: Patterns, causes, and consequences”

Fellow of the GIGA Doctoral Program; member of Research Program 3 “Socio-economic Development in the Context of Globalization” at GIGA; associated with the Research Training Group (RTG) 1723 “Globalization and Development” at the University of Göttingen, Germany.

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University of Göttingen

10/2011 – 03/2014
Göttingen, Germany

Master (M.A.) in International Economics

Area of Specialization: Development Economics

Thesis: The Middle Class in Economic Development: A Case Study of Brazil’s ‘New Middle Class’

University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)

09/2012 – 12/2012
Porto Alegre, Brazil

Graduate exchange semester

Graduate Program in Economics (PPGE) with emphasis on Developmental Economics

University of Tübingen

10/2007 – 03/2011
Tübingen, Germany

Bachelor (B.Sc.) in International Economics and European Studies

Combined study program in Economics with classes in Political Sciences, Languages and Cultural Studies (Spanish and English)
Areas of Specialization: Applied Economic Theory; International Trade and Finance

Thesis: “The Vicious Circle of Poverty: Do countries remain poor because they are poor?”

University of Guadalajara (UdG)

08/2009 – 12/2009
Guadalajara, Mexico

Undergraduate exchange semester

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (CUCEA)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD Scholarship of the Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.	from 05/2015
Best Graduate of the Faculty of Economics, University of Göttingen	05/2014
German National Scholarship ("Deutschlandstipendium")	10/2013 – 01/2014
Program for the enhancement of the Mobility of German Students (PROMOS) Scholarship	09/2012 – 12/2012
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarship	08/2009 – 12/2009

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The World Bank Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, Africa Region <i>Consultant</i> Development of a microsimulation tool to be used by advanced analysts to project poverty and inequality outcomes in poor country contexts. The package includes the model (based on Excel and STATA), a user's manual, and two working papers with an application to Botswana and Namibia respectively. In collaboration with J.-Professor Jann Lay, GIGA.	10/2014 – 09/2015
The World Bank Europe and Central Asia Chief Economist Office (ECACE) <i>Postgraduate Assistant Researcher</i> Co-authorship of two background papers for the Regional Flagship Report "Golden Aging" that investigates the economic consequences of population aging in Europe and Central Asia; empirical analysis for a study on Shared Prosperity in Europe.	02/2014 – 09/2014 Washington, DC, USA
University of Göttingen Chair of Development Economics <i>Graduate Assistant Researcher</i> Data cleaning and double entry checking of household survey data from Indonesia as part of the project: "Long-term land use, poverty dynamics and emission trade-offs".	Oct 2013 – Feb 2014 Göttingen, Germany
University of Göttingen Chair of Development Studies, with focus on Latin America <i>Graduate Assistant Researcher</i>	05/2013 – 09/2013 03/2012 – 09/2012 Göttingen, Germany
Institute for Applied Economic Research (IAW) <i>Undergraduate Assistant Researcher</i> Data analysis for the Country Report Germany: "How did exporting firms cope with the crisis?" as part of the project "European firms in a global economy: Internal policies for external competitiveness" (EFIGE), 7th framework program of the European Union, 2010-2012.	11/2010 – 02/2011 Tübingen, Germany
University of Tübingen Chair in International Economics <i>Undergraduate Assistant Researcher</i>	09/2010 – 03/2011 Tübingen, Germany

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)

Intern

02/2013 – 03/2013

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Co-authorship of two Country Reports, designed to brief members of the German and European Parliament as well as the general public on current issues in Brazilian politics and economics; support of the country team in building up a network between Federal Ministries to promote the exchange of best practices in environmental policies.

Institute for Applied Cultural Research (IFAK)

Intern

03/2012 – 06/2012

Göttingen, Germany

Support of the Development Policy Information Center (EPIZ) in terms of media communication and planning/ realization/ follow-up of events.

German-Chilean Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK)

Intern

05/2011 – 09/2011

Santiago, Chile

Compilation of a study on investment opportunities for German companies in the Chilean mining sector.

Global Marshall Plan Initiative

Member student group

02/2010 – 03/2011

Tübingen, Germany

Supervision of two microcredit projects conducted in Kisumu, Kenya.

PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

Recent Report chapters

Winkler, H., De Mello, L., Schotte, S., and E. R. Tiongson (2015). Overcoming the Legacy of Expanding Populations. In: Golden Aging: Prospects for Healthy, Active, and Prosperous Aging in Europe and Central Asia, World Bank, Washington, DC. [<Online>](#)

Bussolo, M., Nguyen, T. C., Munoz Boudet, A. M., Albertini, M., Azevedo, J. P., Bauer, J. M., Nie, P., Sousa-Poza, A., Evans, B., Majoka, Z., Nguyen, M., Schotte, S., Signorelli, S., Simler, K., and N. Sinha (2015). Aging and Poverty and Inequality. In: Golden Aging: Prospects for Healthy, Active, and Prosperous Aging in Europe and Central Asia, World Bank, Washington, DC. [<Online>](#)

Recent Articles

Lay, Jann, and Simone Schotte (2013). "Lateinamerikas neue Mittelschicht: nachhaltiger Aufstieg?". GIGA Focus Latin America. [<Online>](#)

Recent Working Papers

Bussolo, M., Schotte, S., and M. Matytsin (2015). "Population Aging and Households' Saving in the Russian Federation". Policy Research Working Papers, World Bank, Washington, DC. [<Online>](#)

De Mello, L., Schotte, S., Tiongson, E. R., and H. Winkler (2015). "Greying the Budget: Ageing and Preferences over Public Policies". IZA Discussion Paper No. 9681. [<Online>](#)

Winkler, Hernan, and Simone Schotte (2014). "Will Aging Societies Become More Averse to Open Immigration Policies? Evidence Across Countries". SSRN Working Paper Series. [<Online>](#)

Recent Miscellaneous

Dane, Felix, and Simone Schotte (2013). "Brazil: Economically overestimated and politically underestimated?". Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Country Report Brazil. [<Online>](#)

Lingenthal, Lukas, and Simone Schotte (2013). "Brasiliens Mittelklasse wächst - Was sind die Politischen Folgen?". Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Country Report Brazil. [<Online>](#)

INTERVIEWS

Deutsche Welle 09/2015

"Perda do grau de investimento pode agravar recessão". [<Online>](#)

Deutsche Welle 03/2015

"Dilma simplifica ao culpar crise internacional e seca, dizem analistas". [<Online>](#)

Deutsche Welle 02/2015

"Lateinamerika: Die Armut bleibt" Lateinamerika". [<Online>](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & EVENTS

21st Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE 2016) 31.03.-02.04.2016

"Not Middle Class, But Middle Classes: An Assessment for South Africa" Lisbon, Portugal

Comment for Prof. Jessé José Freire de Souza (President IPEA, Brasilia) 01.12.2015

Event: "Brasilien: Zurück zu Ungleichheit und Armut?" [<Online>](#) Berlin, Germany

6th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ) 07.04.-10.04.2015

"Assessing distributional and poverty trajectories under different policy and growth scenarios: A microsimulation model for Botswana" Luxembourg

The 2015 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (ECPs) 11.05.-12.05.2015

"Why Are The Elderly More Averse To Immigrants? Evidence Across Countries" Groningen, Netherlands

SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS

Workshop on Inequality and Middle Class Development in Africa 04.05.-06.05.2016

Cape Town, South Africa

16th Trento Summer School: Intensive Course on Inequality and the 15.06.-26.06.2015

Changing Distribution of Income Trento, Italy

TEACHING

Tutorial Methods of Economic Policy Evaluation, University of Göttingen Winter 2014/2015

SKILLS

- Experienced in working with household survey data; microsimulation approaches; household income generation models; statistical decomposition techniques; life-cycle models.
- Languages: German native speaker; fluent in English and Spanish; strong skills Portuguese; basic skills in French.
- IT: Strong skills in STATA, Excel, Word, and PowerPoint; familiar with LaTeX.