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Personal Information

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Office Research Centre "Poverty, Equity and Growth", University of Goettingen,
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Current Position

University of Goettingen **Goettingen (Germany)**
Research Associate at the Research Centre "Poverty, Equity and Growth" 2014–Present

Education

PhD in Development Economics **University of Goettingen (Germany)**
Expected to graduate in 11/2017 2014–present

Member of the DFG Research Training Group "Globalization and Development"

Supervision: Prof. M. Ibanez and Prof. M. Schlather (University of Mannheim)

Thesis title: "Precautionary Saving and Saving for the Old Age"

M. Sc. Mathematics in Business and Economics **University of Mannheim (Germany)**
Major in Stochastics, final grade: 1.3 (scale 1-5, 1 being best), ranked 2nd 2011–2014

Thesis title: "Simulated Annealing - Theory and Applications", grade: 1.0

Semester abroad: Université Nice Sophia Antipolis, Nice (France), 08/2012–01/2013

B. Sc. Mathematics in Business and Economics **University of Mannheim (Germany)**
Major in Mathematical Finance 2008–2011

Thesis title: "Stochastic Simulations for Guaranteed Maturity Benefits in Life Insurance"

Semester abroad: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima (Peru), 07/2010–02/2011

Abitur/A-Levels **Oberndorf am Neckar (Germany)**
Final grade 1.0 (scale 1-6, 1 being best) 1998–2007

Research Interests

- Behavioral economics: Decision making processes under risk and uncertainty, time preferences
- Household finances and/or experiments in the context of Development Economics, microfinance
- Stochastics and statistics of experiments (treatment assignment, analysis)

Working papers

- **Schneider S**, Schlather M (2017). Treatment Assignment for One and Multiple Treatment Groups. Courant Research Centre Discussion Paper No. 228, <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/67061.html>

Work in progress

- Loss Aversion and the Poor. An Analysis from Bogotá (with M. Ibanez)
- Unemployment, Precautionary Savings, and Loss Aversion: An Empirical Test (with M. Ibanez)
- A New Elicitation Method for Higher Order Risk Preferences With an Application To Savings in Bogota (with M. Ibanez, G. Riener)
- Getting Gatekeepers Involved: On Attention Creation, Participation Bias and Treatment Randomization in Educational Field Experiments (with G. Riener and V. Wagner)
- Experimental Methods to Elicit Prudence and Temperance (with G. Riener)
- Anti-Social Behavior and the Evolution of Pro-Social Preferences of Vanilla Farmers in Madagascar (with M. Ibanez and V. Uruena)

Software

- **Schneider S** (2017). Software Package for Treatment Assignment for One And Multiple Treatment Groups (realized as Stata ado-package), available on request

Presentations at conferences and seminars

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| 2017 | German Economic Association (Verein fuer Sozialpolitik), Annual International Conference, Vienna, Austria – German Economic Association, AEL (Research Group on Development Economics) Annual International Conference, Goettingen, Germany – Graduate Seminar Applied Statistics and Econometrics, Goettingen, Germany |
| 2016 | Centre for Statistics (ZfS) University of Goettingen, Summer School, Goettingen, Germany – Economic Science Association, European meeting, Bergen, Norway – German Economic Association, AEL (Research Group on Development Economics) PhD workshop, Freiburg, Germany – Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (Seedec), Nairobi, Kenya – Behavioural Finance Working Group Conference, London, UK – Seminar "Development Economics", Goettingen, Germany |
| 2014 | Research Seminar Stochastics, Mannheim, Germany |

Invitations

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| 2017 | Invited by Elisabeth Sadoulet for a research stay at University of California Berkeley, Berkeley (USA), 10/2017–11/2017 |
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Teaching, workshops and supervision

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| SS '16,
SS '17 | Lecture and practice session (self-designed) on Maximum-Likelihood-Estimation for Risk and Time Preferences within the course "Behavioral Development Economics" (PhD/Master Level) |
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| SS '10 | Stock exchange workshop (self-designed), Girls Day, University of Mannheim |
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| WS '09/'10 | Calculus I (Tutorial, Bachelor Level), University of Mannheim |
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Master Thesis Supervision: 2015, Sonia Triviño, thesis title: "Saving for the old age: an analysis under prospect theory", Co-supervision with Prof. Marcela Ibanez

Scholarships

- 2015-2017** PhD Scholarship, Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (Foundation of German Business, merit scholarship)
- 2011-2012** Bronnbacher Stipendium, Kulturkreis der deutschen Wirtschaft im BDI (Association of Arts and Culture of the German Economy at the Federation of German Industries) and University of Mannheim
- 2009-2010** Tuition fee waiver ("Gebuehrenstipendium", merit scholarship), University of Mannheim
- 2009-2014** Study grant, Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (Foundation of German Business, merit scholarship)

Honors and awards

- since 2015** Elected group-representative of the local group of fellows of the German Business Foundation in Goettingen-Kassel
- 2013-2014** Elected group-representative of the local group of fellows of the German Business Foundation in Mannheim-Heidelberg
- 2011** Senior membership of Mannheim based student-led consultancy INTEGRA e.V., awarded for outstanding commitment as head of the quality management department
- 2007** Award for outstanding social commitment and award for students with the best final grades (A-levels), Gymnasium am Rosenberg, Oberndorf am Neckar, and Kreissparkasse Rottweil, Germany

Other Activities

Internships and student employee position.....

Mannheimer Versicherung AG	Mannheim (Germany)
<i>Student employee, department for reinsurance</i>	<i>09/2013 – 04/2014</i>
Hannover Re SE	Hannover (Germany)
<i>Intern, department for structured reinsurance</i>	<i>04/2013 – 06/2013</i>
Deloitte & Touche GmbH	Düsseldorf (Germany)
<i>Intern, quant team, financial risk solutions department</i>	<i>02/2013 – 03/2013</i>

Consultancies.....

BGRS Consulting GbR	Mannheim (Germany)
<i>Project Leader</i>	<i>01/2012–04/2012</i>
Managing and conducting a media screening for estimating the market volume for SCHUFA-free credits on behalf of SCHUFA AG (German credit investigation company) with a team of four student consultants	
ThermoWebConsult GbR	Mannheim (Germany)
<i>Developing a concept for the client's web presence</i>	<i>02/2011-07/2011</i>

Miscellaneous.....

Vinzenz von Paul Hospital gGmbH

Rottweil (Germany)

Civilian service: Assistant to an occupational therapist

09/2007–05/2008

Programming Languages and Software

Programming Stata with Mata (excellent knowledge); R/S, Scilab (good/very good knowledge); C, Delphi, PHP & MySQL, Git (basic knowledge)

Presentation and text processing/layout MS PowerPoint & Word, LaTeX (excellent knowledge)

Web design HTML & CSS (very good knowledge); CMS (basic knowledge, including set-up)

Other SPSS, QGIS (basic knowledge)

Certifications

Certificate Program Applied Statistics and Empirical Methods (2017),
Centre for Statistics, University of Goettingen

Languages

German (Mother tongue),

English (fluent, C1/C2), **Spanish** (fluent, B2/C1), **French** (fluent, B1/B2), **Portuguese** (basic)

References

Personal & Behavioral (Dev.) Economics

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