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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary: Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Agricultural Economics

Secondary: Impact Evaluation, Labor Economics, Gender

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Goettingen <i>Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development</i>	<i>since 09/2016</i>
German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik <i>Research Fellow</i>	<i>09/2010 – 08/2016</i>
German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik <i>Student Assistant</i>	<i>05/2008 – 12/2009</i>

EDUCATION

University of Passau <i>PhD at the Chair of Development Economics</i>	<i>10/2012 – 10/2016</i>
Brown University, Providence, US <i>Visiting PhD student</i>	<i>09/2014 – 12/2014</i>
University of Cologne <i>Latin American Area Studies (Diplom, equivalent to MA)</i>	<i>10/2004 – 09/2010</i>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Productive Effects of Public Works Programs: What do we know? What should we know?" (with Renate Hartwig), *World Development* 107, pp. 111-124, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2018.02.031>

"An Employment Guarantee as risk insurance? Assessing the effects of the NREGA on agricultural production decisions", *World Bank Economic Review*, 2017. doi: 10.1093/wber/lhw067

"Do cows have negative returns?" (with Michael Grimm), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1086/697414>.

"The insurability framework applied to agricultural microinsurance: What do we know, what can we learn?", *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance*, 39, pp. 264–279, 2014.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Consumption risk and human capital accumulation in India” (with Andrew D. Foster), NBER Working Paper No. 24041, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2017.

“How can Public Works Programmes create Sustainable Employment?” (with Renate Hartwig). DIE Discussion Paper, no. 11, 2015.

“Can public works infrastructure affect employment outcomes? Evidence from the NREGS in India”, *mimeo*. Old version available as DIE Discussion Paper, no. 9, 2015.

“Short-term effects of the global economic and financial crisis on households in three developing countries: the cases of El Salvador, Tajikistan and Cambodia” DIE Discussion Paper, 2012.

“Can micro-insurance cover natural risks?” DIE Discussion Paper, 2011.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Formal Insurance and Productive Effects (with University of Passau, IRSS Ouagadougou and German Development Institute)

The effects of the MGNREGA in India (with Institute for Rural Management, Anand (India), World Bank and Brown University)

Oilpalm expansion and the fertility transition in Indonesia (with Christoph Kubitza, University of Goettingen)

Weather shocks, female employment and children’s time allocation in Tanzania (with Bethelem Legesse Debela, University of Goettingen)

Missing women, marriage markets, and intra-household bargaining. Evidence from India (with Marco Kruse, University of Goettingen)

SELECTED SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

North Eastern Universities Development Consortium (MIT, Cambridge), Poverty and Applied Microeconomics Seminar (Development Economics Group, World Bank, Washington D.C.), Applied Microeconomics Lunch (Brown University), Meeting of the European Economics Association (Toulouse), IZA/ World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (Bonn), Fifth meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Bari), German Economic Association – Conference “Development Economics and Policy” (Kiel, Passau, Munich), GlobalFood Symposium (Goettingen), Nordic Conference on Development Economics (Copenhagen, Helsinki), PEGNet Conference (Berlin, Lusaka, Copenhagen), GIZ symposium “Economic and Social Development, Employment” (Bad Neuenahr), International Conference of the Courant Research Center “Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries” and the Ibero-America Institute of Economic Research (Göttingen), The MGNREGA in India: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai)

TEACHING

Evaluation of rural development projects and policies *Summer 2017*
Instructor

Social Protection in Developing Countries (with Markus Loewe), Postgraduate Training Programme for Development Cooperation, German Development Institute, Bonn *10/2012 & 10/2013*
Instructor

Microeconomics, University of Cologne *10/2006 - 02/2007*
Teaching Assistant

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

German Economic Association (Member)

REFeree ACTIVITIES

World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Agricultural Economics, Journal of Development Studies, IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme

SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (good)

Statistical and mathematical software: Stata, Maple, R Statistical Software

Other software: MS-Office, Latex, QGIS

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings	08/2017
Scholarship to participate in the 6th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences	
Initiative for Policy Dialogue and Institute for New Economic Thinking	01/2014
Scholarship to participate in the Advanced Graduate Workshop on Development and Globalization, Azim Premji University, Bangalore	
InWent – Capacity Building International	07/2009 – 08/2009
ASA-GLEN scholarship for an internship in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	
Goethe-Institut, Salvador-Bahia (Brazil)	03/2007 – 06/2007
DAAD scholarship for internships in International Organizations	
Universidad de Granada, Spain	02/2006 – 07/2006
ERASMUS scholar	

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

German Development Institute	04/2015 – 10/2015
<i>Plenary speaker</i>	
German Development Institute	05/2012 – 04/2014
<i>PhD speaker</i>	
Capoeira Pernas pro Ar, sports association	05/2011 – 10/2013
<i>President</i>	
Capoeira Aachen e.V., sports association	07/2005 – 09/2009
<i>President</i>	

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