

# SEBASTIAN VOLLMER

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Göttingen**, Department of Economics & Centre for Modern Indian Studies  
Professor of Development Economics, August 2016 – present  
Assistant Professor of Development Economics, April 2012 – August 2016

**Université Clermont Auvergne**, École d'Économie  
Visiting Professor, January 2017 – present

**Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**, Department of Global Health and Population  
Adjunct Professor of Global Health, August 2016 – June 2018  
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Health, July 2012 – August 2016

**Dartmouth College**, Department of Economics  
Visiting Assistant Professor, December 2011 – March 2012

**Harvard University**, Center for Population and Development Studies  
Research Fellow, September 2009 – August 2011

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.), Economics**, University of Göttingen, June 2009

**M.Sc. (Diplom), Mathematics**, University of Göttingen, May 2006

**B.A., Economics**, University of Göttingen, February 2005

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

**Science Award of the German Society of Health Economics**, 2018

**KfW Development Bank Prize for Excellence in Applied Development Research**, 2015

**Georg Christoph Lichtenberg Fellowship**, State of Lower Saxony, October 2006 – March 2009

**German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)**, since February 2000

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

**Director**, Centre for Poverty, Equity and Growth, 2019 – present

**Speaker**, Global and Transregional Studies Platform, 2019 – present

**Programme Director**, MSc in Development Economics, 2019 – present

**Director**, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, 2017 – present

## CONSULTING

**The World Bank**, Consultant, October 2019 – present

**Federal Ministry of Education of Nigeria**, Consultant, September 2017 – present

**UNICEF**, Consultant, May 2019 – February 2020

**The World Bank**, Consultant, October 2018 – November 2018

**UNICEF**, Consultant, September 2017 – February 2018

**German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEVAL)**, Consultant, September 2016 – July 2017

**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, Consultant, March 2015 – December 2015

UNESCO, Consultant, December 2014 – January 2015

UNAIDS, Consultant, January 2014 – May 2014

Asian Development Bank, Consultant, December 2012 – May 2013

The World Bank, Consultant, April 2011 – May 2012

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Consultant, June 2011 – December 2011

The World Bank, Consultant, August 2008 – September 2008

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany / The World Bank, Team member of the World Development Report 2009, November 2007 – May 2008

## SELECTED GRANTS

“DFG Research Unit FOR 2432/2: Social-Ecological Systems in the Indian Rural-Urban Interface: Functions, Scales, and Dynamics of Transition”, Principal Investigator (Speaker: Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel), **German Research Foundation (DFG)**, July 2019 – June 2022

“Scaling up the WHO-PEN package for diabetes and hypertension in Swaziland: a nation-wide cluster-randomised evaluation of three strategies in Swaziland (WHO-PEN@Scale)”, Co-Principal Investigator, **European Commission Horizon 2020**, Oktober 2018 – April 2023

“The suitability of peer education to improve diabetes management and outcomes in a low- income setting: A randomized controlled trial”, Principal Investigator, **International Diabetes Federation**, November 2017 - October 2020

“Reducing poverty risk in developing countries”, Co-Principal Investigator, **Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony**, July 2015 – December 2018

“Research Training Group (RTG) 1723: Globalization and Development”, Principal Investigator (Speakers: Stephan Klasen and Andreas Wagener), **German Research Foundation (DFG)**, April 2015 – March 2021

“Impact Evaluation of Gram Varta Initiative in Bihar, India”, Principal Investigator, **International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)**, March 2015 – March 2017

“Structure, Trends and Determinants of Welfare Distributions”, Co-Principal Investigator, **German Research Foundation (DFG)**, October 2010 – February 2013

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (full list available at [www.uni-goettingen.de/vollmer](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/vollmer))

Krämer M, Kumar S, Vollmer S (forthcoming) Improving Child Health and Cognition: Evidence from a School-Based Nutrition Intervention in India. **The Review of Economics and Statistics**

Ogbuonji O, Vollmer S, Jamison D, Bärnighausen T (forthcoming) Economic consequences of better health: insights from clinical data. **The BMJ**

Bommer C, Mittal N, Vollmer S (2020) The Impact of Nutritional Interventions on Child Health and Cognitive Development. **Annual Review of Resource Economics**, DOI: 10.1146/annurev-resource-110519-093256

Didzun O, De Neve J-W, Awasthi A, Dubey M, Theilmann M, Bärnighausen T, Vollmer S, Geldsetzer P (2019) Anemia among men in India: a nationally-representative cross-sectional study of all states and Union Territories. **The Lancet Global Health**, 7(12): e1685–e1694

Deichmann U, Reuter A, Vollmer S, Zhan F (2019) The Relationship between Energy Intensity and Economic Growth: New Evidence from a Multi-Country Multi-Sectorial Dataset. **World Development**, 124: 104664

Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, Marcus M, Ebert C, HPACC Collaborators, Bärnighausen T, Atun R, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM (2019) The state of hypertension care in 44 low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of individual-level nationally representative data from 1.1 million adults. **The Lancet**, 394: 652–662

Minasyan A, Zenker J, Klasen S, Vollmer S (2019) Educational Gender Gaps and Economic Growth: A Systematic Review and Meta-Regression Analysis. **World Development**, 122: 199–217

Manne-Goehler J, Geldsetzer P, HPACC Collaborators, Davies JI, Vollmer S, Atun R, Bärnighausen T, Jaacks L (2019) Health system performance for people with diabetes in 28 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys. **PLOS Medicine**, 16(3): e1002751

Steinert JI, Cluver LD, Meinck F, Doubt J, Vollmer S (2018) Household Economic Strengthening through Financial and Psychosocial Programming: Evidence from a Field Experiment in South Africa. **Journal of Development Economics**, 134: 443–466

- Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, Theilmann M, Davies JI, Awasthi A, Danaei G, Gaziano TA, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM, Bärnighausen T, Atun R (2018) Geographic and sociodemographic variation of cardiovascular disease risk in India: A cross-sectional study of 797,540 adults. **PLOS Medicine**, 15(6): e1002581
- Zenker J, Wagener A, Vollmer S (2018) Better Knowledge Need Not Affect Behavior: A Randomized Evaluation on the Demand for Lottery Tickets in Rural Thailand. **World Bank Economic Review**, 32(3): 570–583
- Bommer C, Sagalova V, Heesemann E, Manne-Goehler J, Atun R, Bärnighausen T, Davies J, Vollmer S (2018) Global economic burden of diabetes in adults: projections from 2015-2030. **Diabetes Care**, 41(5): 963–970
- Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, Theilmann M, Davies JI, Awasthi A, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM, Bärnighausen T, Atun R (2018) Diabetes and hypertension in India: A nationally representative study of 1.3 million adults. **JAMA Internal Medicine**, 178(3): 363–372
- Vollmer S, Bommer C, Krishna A, Harttgen K, Subramanian SV (2017) The Association of Parental Education with Childhood Undernutrition in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Comparing the Role of Paternal and Maternal Education. **International Journal of Epidemiology**, 46(1): 312–323
- Bommer C, Heesemann E, Sagalova V, Manne-Goehler J, Atun R, Bärnighausen T, Vollmer S (2017) The Global Economic Burden of Diabetes in Adults aged 20 to 79: A Cost-of-Illness Study. **The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology**, 5(6): 423–430
- Manne-Goehler J, Atun R, Stokes A, Goehler A, HPACC Collaborators, Geldsetzer P, Levitt NS, Salomon JA, Yudkin JS, Vollmer S, Bärnighausen T (2016) Diabetes diagnosis and care in sub-Saharan Africa: pooled analysis of individual data from 12 countries. **The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology**, 4(11): 903–912
- Kumar S, Molitor R, Vollmer S (2016) Drought and Early Child Health in Rural India. **Population and Development Review**, 42(1): 53–68
- Krämer M, Kupka R, Subramanian SV, Vollmer S (2016) Association between household unavailability of iodized salt and child growth: evidence from 89 demographic and health surveys. **American Journal of Clinical Nutrition**, 104(4): 1093–1100
- Strulik H, Vollmer S (2015) The Fertility Transition around the World. **Journal of Population Economics**, 28(1): 31–44
- Fink G, McConnell M, Vollmer S (2014) Testing for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Experimental Data: False Discovery Risks and Correction Procedures. **Journal of Development Effectiveness**, 6(1): 44–57
- Harttgen K, Vollmer S (2014) A Reversal in the Relationship of Human Development with Fertility? **Demography**, 51(1): 173–184
- Vollmer S, Harttgen K, Subramanyam M, Finlay J, Klasen S, Subramanian SV (2014) Association between economic growth and early childhood undernutrition: evidence from 121 Demographic and Health Surveys from 36 low-income and middle-income countries. **The Lancet Global Health**, 2(4): e225–e234
- Harttgen K, Klasen S, Vollmer S (2013) An African Growth Miracle? Or: What do Asset Indices Tell us about Trends in Economic Performance? **Review of Income and Wealth**, 59(S1): S37–S61
- Strulik H, Vollmer S (2013) Long-Run Trends of Human Aging and Longevity. **Journal of Population Economics**, 26(4): 1303–1323
- Harttgen K, Klasen S, Vollmer S (2013) Economic Growth and Child Undernutrition in sub-Saharan Africa. **Population and Development Review**, 39(3): 397–412
- Kumar S, Vollmer S (2013) Does Improved Sanitation Reduce Diarrhea in Children in Rural India? **Health Economics**, 22(4): 410–427
- Herzer D, Strulik H, Vollmer S (2012) The Long-Run Determinants of Fertility: One Century of Demographic Change 1900-1999. **Journal of Economic Growth**, 17(4): 357–385
- Herzer D, Vollmer S (2012) Inequality and Growth: Evidence from Panel Cointegration. **Journal of Economic Inequality**, 10(4): 489–503

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