

# SOPHIE OCHMANN

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## EDUCATION

- Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany** 09/2019 - present  
PhD Candidate in Development Economics under the supervision of Prof. *Sebastian Vollmer*  
Teaching graduate-level course on 'Quasi Experiments in Development Economics' in Winter Semester 2019/2020
- Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom** 09/2016 - 07/2017  
Master of Science in *Economics for Development* at St. Edmund Hall, Passed with 68%  
Thesis under the supervision of Prof. *Chris Woodruff*: Consumption smoothing and risk pooling in rural Sri Lanka
- Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany** 09/2013 - 06/2016  
Bachelor of Arts in Global Economics and Management, GPA: 1.15 (1.0 best, 4.33 worst passing grade),  
Thesis under the supervision of Prof. *Welf Werner*: Conditional Cash Transfers' impact on education - A meta-analysis  
Summer school on 'Development Economics' at the London School of Economics, grade A- 07/2014  
Winter school on 'United Nations and Global Challenges' at Graduate Institute Geneva, grade A+ 01/2014
- Harvard University, Cambridge, USA** 09/2015 - 12/2015  
Exchange semester with Advanced Microeconomic Theory; and Linear Algebra & Real Analysis at undergraduate level and Economic Development at the Harvard Kennedy School with an overall GPA of 3.78 (4.00 best, 0.67 worst passing grade)
- Felix-Klein-Gymnasium, Göttingen, Germany** 08/2010 - 07/2012  
International Baccalaureate Diploma: 38/42 points, Higher Level courses in English, Mathematics, Chemistry

## PUBLICATIONS

Klasen, K., Scholl, N., Lahoti, R., Ochmann, S., & Vollmer, S. (2016) Inequality – Worldwide Trends and Current Debates (Courant Research Centre Discussion Paper No. 209). Retrieved from the University of Göttingen website: [http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/courant-papers/CRC-PEG\\_DP\\_209.pdf](http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/courant-papers/CRC-PEG_DP_209.pdf)

## WORK EXPERIENCES

- Pathways for Prosperity Commission, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford, United Kingdom** 11/2017 - 07/2019  
Research and Policy Officer, co-authored the commission's '*Digital Lives*' and '*Positive disruption*' reports, supervised interns, procured and edited research, closely worked with PR team on communications output, worked directly with academic director and former DfID chief economist Prof. *Stefan Dercon*
- Our World in Data, Oxford Martin School, Oxford, United Kingdom** 09/2017 - 04/2019  
Research Assistant with Dr. *Max Roser*, created content on the eradication of infectious diseases (*generally* and on *polio*, *smallpox* and *tetanus* specifically) by collecting and assessing available data, documenting historical developments and future projections, and summarizing the academic literature
- Evaluation for Policy Design India, Harvard Kennedy School, Gwalior, India** 07/2017 - 10/2017  
Research Assistant with Professors *Rohini Pande*, *Erica Field*, and *Simone Schaner*, scoping out a *new research project* by conducting qualitative interviews with over 100 Indian women on social norms governing mobile phone ownership and use
- Economics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA** 06/2016 - 09/2016  
Research Assistant with Prof. *Frank Schilbach* on a *Kenyan Randomized Controlled Trial* on the diffusion of agricultural technology
- Chair of Development Economics, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany** 06/2015 - 08/2015  
Research Assistant with Prof. *Stephan Klasen* on structural causes, outcomes and policy implications of inequality in developing countries in cooperation with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ)

## AWARDS

### Scholarships

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship for graduate studies at Oxford University (€30,000)  
German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) scholarship for university studies (>€32,000)  
Jacobs University Bremen merit scholarship subsidizing tuition fees (€30,000)

### Awards

Jacobs University Bremen member of the President's List awarding exceptional academic achievements  
Felix-Klein-Gymnasium Göttingen (high school in Germany) Student of the Year Award upon graduation, and  
Felix-Klein-Gymnasium International Baccalaureate Award for Social Engagement & Academic Excellence

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## SKILLS

### Languages

German	Mother tongue	French, Dutch	Novice (Taking B1 classes)
English	Native proficiency (TOEFL: 117/120 in 2015)	Spanish	Rusty (passed DELE B2 in 2013)

### PC Knowledge

Proficient at Microsoft Office and STATA; Intermediate familiarity with R, LATEX and Wordpress

### Teaching

Undergraduate tutorials introducing foundations of statistics and software package R at Jacobs University  
Weekend seminars on CV and Cover Letter writing for the Career Services Center at Jacobs University Bremen  
Initiated and taught German communication classes for refugees in Bremen, Germany, for 6 months  
Career mentoring for undergraduate economics students of Jacobs University Bremen

### Communication

One week summer academy on 'Unconscious and Implicit Bias' (organized by the German National Academic Foundation)  
60 hours communication training and two years telephone counseling experience at the German Youth Crisis Hotline

## INTERESTS

Road Cycling, plant-based cooking and sugar-free baking, reading novels, traveling (Volunteered in Bolivia and Ethiopia for three months each, Youth exchanges to New Zealand (one year), South Africa and Poland for two weeks each)