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Personal Data

Date of Birth: 21.12.1978
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Research Interests

Applied Micro Economics, Measurement of Poverty and Inequality, Welfare Implications of Risk and Uncertainty, Nutrition, Labor Markets in Developing Countries, Population Economics, Development Cooperation, Sub-Saharan Africa.

Education

09/07 – 05/08	Harvard University Post-Doc, Department of Population and International Health	USA
01/04 – 02/07	University of Göttingen PhD in Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	Germany
09/02 – 10/03	Diplomatic Academy Vienna Post Graduate in International Affairs (<i>with honours</i>) Diplomatic Academy Russia Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA)	Austria Russia France
09/98 – 06/02	European School of Business (ESB) Dipl.-Betriebswirtin International Business (1.0) Northeastern University Boston BA International Business (GPA: 4.0)	Germany United States
08/89 – 06/98	Johannes-Kepler Gymnasium Abitur: Major in Mathematics and Biology (1.1)	Germany

Relevant Work Experience

09/07-05/08	Harvard University, Research Fellow	USA
01/04-08/07	University of Göttingen, Research and Teaching Associate	Germany
04/07-05/07	Stellenbosch University, Research and Teaching Associate	South Africa
03/07	World Bank (WB), Ethiopia Rural Investment Climate Survey, Consultant	Ethiopia
05/06	French Cooperation (AFD), Pro-Poor Growth Analysis for Mali, Consultant	France
03/06-04/06	Institut de Recherche de Développement (DIAL), Research Associate	France
09/04-01/06	German Cooperation (GTZ), Micro-Economics and STATA, Lecturer	Burkina Faso
05/05	World Bank (WB), Risk and Vulnerability Analysis for Madagascar, Consultant	
04/05	African Development Bank (AfDB), Economics of Poverty, Lecturer	Tunisia
01/05	German Cooperation (GTZ), Project Evaluation, Consultant	Mali
01/04-09/04	World Bank (WB), Pro-Poor Growth Study for Burkina Faso, Consultant	
11/01-12/01	United Nations (UN), Economic Commission for Europe, Internship	Switzerland
01/01-03/01	Leka Gape NGO, Township Development, Volunteer	South Africa

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Teaching Experience

Economics:	Introduction to Economics, Introduction to Econometrics, Theories and Empirics of Growth, Population Economics, Welfare Economics.
Development:	Macroeconomics of Development, Microeconomics of Development, Economic Development of Africa, Economics of Poverty and Inequality.

Research Projects

09/06-09/09	<i>Vulnerability in Southeast Asia</i> . Project sponsored by the German Research Foundation (DFG).
01/04-12/04	<i>Operationalizing Pro-Poor-Growth</i> . Project sponsored by the World Bank, DFID, AFD, GTZ, and KfW.

Other Relevant Information

Referee	Review of Income and Wealth, World Development.
Associations	Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), European Economic Association (EEA), Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Ecineq).
Languages	German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (fluent).
Programming	STATA, SPSS, Matlab, Latex.
Awards	2006: Award for the Best Publication of Junior Researchers at the University of Göttingen 2002: Award for the Best Diploma of the European School of Business (ESB)
Scholarships	2001/2002: DAAD scholarship for international students. 2007/2008: DAAD scholarship for international post-doc positions.

Publications in Refereed Journals and Books

- Measuring pro-poor growth when relative prices shift (*with Michael Grimm*), 2007. *Journal of Development Economics*, 82 (1): 245-256.
- Growth and Poverty in Burkina Faso. A Reassessment of the Paradox (*with Michael Grimm*), 2007. *Journal of African Economies*, 16 (1): 70–101.
- Pro-Poor Growth in Burkina Faso. The Impact of Price Shocks (*with Michael Grimm*), 2007. In: M. Grimm, A. McKay and S. Klasen (eds.), *Determinants of Pro-Poor Growth: Analytical Issues and Findings from 14 country case studies*. London: Palgrave-Macmillan.
- Measuring Chronic Non-Income Poverty (*with Stephan Klasen*), 2007. In: T. Addison, D. Hulme and R. Kanbur (eds.), *Poverty Dynamics: Towards Inter-Disciplinary Approaches*, accepted.
- Estimating Vulnerability to Idiosyncratic and Covariate Shocks (*with Kenneth Harttgen*), 2006. *World Development*, invited for resubmission.
- Household linkages between the informal and formal sector (*with Michael Grimm*), 2006. In: B. Guha-Jhasnabis and R. Kanbur (eds.), *Informal Labor Markets and Development*, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.

Other Publications

- Empirical Analysis of Poverty Dynamics. With Case Studies from Sub-Saharan Africa*, 2007. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag.
- La croissance pro-pauvres au Mali (*with Ali Marouani and Marc Raffinot*), 2007. *Notes et Documents*, No. 032, Paris : Agence Francaise de Développement.
- Amartya Sen: Perspectives on the Economic and Human Development of India and China* (eds. *with Stephan Klasen*), 2006. Göttingen: Göttingen University Press.

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Analyses Micro-Economiques avec STATA 8.0, 2005. *Tutorial* prepared for the German Cooperation (GTZ) and the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ouagadougou.

How to achieve Pro-Poor Growth in a Poor Economy. The Case of Burkina Faso (*with Michael Grimm*), 2004. *Report* prepared for the Operationalizing Pro-Poor-Growth (OPPG) project by the WB, GTZ, DFID and AFD.

Working Papers

The Non-Farm Economy in Rural Ethiopia 1995-2005. Characteristics and Dynamics (*with Markus Olapada*), 2007. *World Bank Background Paper*.

Competitive and Segmented Informal Labor Markets (*with Andrey Launov*), 2006. *IZA Working Paper*.

Work in Progress

Poverty, Vulnerability and Loss Aversion (*with Johannes Maier*). Göttingen: University of Göttingen.

A Network Analysis of International Development Cooperation. Göttingen: University of Göttingen.

The Insurance of the Family . Göttingen: University of Göttingen..

Giving to Humanitarian Aid in Germany . Cambridge: Harvard University.

Inequality in Adult Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa. Cambridge: Harvard University.

Life Expectancy and Fertility (*with David Bloom, David Canning and Sebastian Linnemayr*). Cambridge: Harvard University.

Conference Presentations

- 09/07 *Poverty, Equity and Growth*. PEGNET, GTZ, Berlin, Germany.
- 07/07 *Second Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality*. ECINEQ, Berlin, Germany.
- 06/07 *Annual Conference of the Research Committee Development Economics*. Verein für Socialpolitik, Göttingen, Germany.
- 06/07 *Fragile States, Fragile Groups*. WIDER, Helsinki, Finland.
- 04/07 *Royal Economic Society Conference 2007*. Royal Economic Society, Warwick, UK.
- 10/06 *Concepts and Methods for Analysing Poverty Dynamics and Chronic Poverty*. Chronic Poverty Research Centre, Manchester, United Kingdom.
- 09/06 *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*. Verein für Socialpolitik, Bayreuth, Germany.
- 06/06 *European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)*, Annual Conference. Verona, Italy.
- 05/06 *Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE)*, 11th Meeting. Sevilla, Spain.
- 05/06 *Employment and Development*. Institute for the study of Labor (IZA) and World Bank, Berlin, Germany.
- 05/06 *Annual Conference of the Research Committee Development Economics*. Verein für Socialpolitik, Berlin, Germany.
- 04/06 *Pro-poor growth in Africa*. AFD, GTZ and World Bank, Bamako, Mali.
- 04/06 *Poverty, Equity and Growth*. PEGNET, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, Germany.
- 10/05 *New Sources of Development Financing*. BMZ, InWEnt, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 06/05 *First Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality*. ECINEQ, Palma, Spain.
- 06/05 *Symposium on Poverty, Inequality, and Policy in Latin America*. Ibero-America Institute, Göttingen, Germany.

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- 04/05 *Annual Conference of the Research Committee Development Economics.* Verein für Socialpolitik, Kiel, Germany.
- 04/05 *Pro-Poor Growth: Country Experiences in the 1990s.* AFD, BMZ, DFID, World Bank, London, United Kingdom.
- 09/04 *Unlocking human potential linking the informal and formal sectors.* WIDER, Helsinki, Finland.
- 05/04 *Research seminar.* DIW, German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany.