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Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Public Economics, International Economics, Microeconometrics

Current positions

Assistant Professor, University College Dublin, School of Economics Since 2018
Deputy Program Director Migration, IZA, Bonn, Germany, Since 2014

Affiliations

Research Fellow, IZA, Bonn, Germany Since 2018
External Research Fellow, CReAM, University College London, UK Since 2016
Research Fellow, Geary Institute for Public Policy, University College Dublin, Ireland Since 2017

Past positions

Senior Research Associate, IZA, Bonn, Germany 2014-2017
Research Associate, IZA, Bonn, Germany 2012-2014

Education

PhD in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 2012
Visiting PhD Student, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, Spring 2011
M.A. (Diplom), Economics, with Honors, University of Regensburg, Germany, 2003-2008
Visiting Student, University of Łódź, Poland, 2005-2006

Publications

- 9) **Taking the Skill bias out of Global Migration** (joint with Costanza Biavaschi, Michał Burzyński and Joël Machado)
Journal of Development Economics, forthcoming.
- 8) **Tax Refunds and Income Manipulation: Evidence from the EITC** (joint with Florian Buhlmann and Andreas Peichl)
International Tax and Public Finance, 2018, 25(6), 1490-1518.
- 7) **Migrant Networks and the Spread of Information** (joint with Gaia Narciso and Jacco Thijssen)
Oxford Bulletin of Economics & Statistics, 2018, 80(3), 659-688.
- 6) **Rank, Sex, Drugs, and Crime** (joint with Ingo Isphording)
Journal of Human Resources, 2018, 53(2), 356-381.

5) **A Big Fish in a Small Pond: Ability Rank and Human Capital Investment** (joint with Ingo Isphording)
Journal of Labor Economics, 2017, 787-828.

4) **Does Emigration Increase the Wages of Non-emigrants in Sending Countries?**
IZA World of Labor, 2015.

3) **Emigration and Wages: The EU Enlargement Experiment**,
Journal of International Economics, 2014, 91(1), 154-163.

2) **10 Years After: EU Enlargement, Closed Borders, and Migration to Germany** (joint with Klaus F. Zimmermann),
forthcoming in: Kahanec, M., and Zimmermann, K.F., "Migration and the Great Recession: Adjustments in the Labour Market of an Enlarged European Community", Edward Elgar, 2014.

1) **Does Emigration Benefit the Stayers? Evidence from EU Enlargement**,
Journal of Population Economics, 2013, 26(2), 531-553.

Working Papers

- 1) **Let's be Selective about Migrant Self-selection** (joint with Costanza Biavaschi)
reject & re-submit at the Journal of International Economics
- 2) **Immigrant Voters, Taxation and the Size of the Welfare State** (joint with Arnaud Chevalier, Andreas Lichter and Nico Pestel) *submitted*
- 3) **Achievement Rank Affects Performance and Major Choices in College** (joint with Ingo Isphording and Ulf Zölitz) *submitted*
- 4) **The Limits of Natural Variation: the Distributional Treatment Problem in the Estimation of Peer Effects** (joint with Ingo Isphording)
- 5) **The Cognitive Meltdown: Radiation and Human Capital after Early Childhood** (joint with Florian Wozny) *submitted*

Books edited

Editor of **Foundations of Migration Economics**, a book in honor of the IZA Prize in Labor Economics to George Borjas and Barry Chiswick.
Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2018.

Grants

- German Ministry of Education (BMBF)** 2017
Research grant for a project on the determinants of college dropout
(EUR 170,000; w. Ingo Isphording, Florian Wozny, Ulf Zölitz)
- IRCHSS** Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship (EUR 16,000) 2011-2012

Honors and Awards

Best Paper Award Spring Meeting of Young Economists	2018
Novartis Prize Best paper in health economics, IEA conference	2018
Best Paper Prize Warsaw International Economic Meeting	2016
Labour Economics Excellence in Refereeing Award	2015
FEEM Award ("Young Economist Award") European Economic Association,	2010
Strategic Innovation Fund PhD Scholarship	2008-2011
Award for the best M.A. thesis in economics at the University of Regensburg	2008
Haniel Foundation "Go East" scholarship for studies abroad	2005
Erasmus scholarship for studies abroad	2005-2006

Invited Seminars

2019

Scheduled: Bicocca, Queen's University Belfast

2018

UCD Geary Institute, Trinity College Dublin, CERGE-EI Prague, Masaryk University Brno, Paris School of Economics, University of Trier, LISER

2017

University College Dublin, PSE, OECD, University of Freiburg, RWI Essen, IOS Regensburg, U Regensburg

2016

SOFI Stockholm, Maastricht University, U Mannheim (public lecture), U Cologne, U Colorado Denver, U Leicester, U Oxford, U Duisburg-Essen, U Kent, U Bayreuth, U Bonn

2015

University of Mainz, IAB Nuremberg, Modul University Vienna, WU Vienna, Concordia University, University of Mannheim, University of Regensburg, U Dusseldorf

2014

DIAL Paris, NIW Hannover, University of Hamburg, Temple University, George Washington University, University of Dusseldorf (DICE), University of Heidelberg, University of Freiburg, IRES-UC Louvain

2013

University College Dublin, University of Southern Denmark, IOS Regensburg, University of Münster

2012

University of Edinburgh, LMU Munich, IZA Bonn, University of Stirling

2011

University College Dublin, NUI Maynooth, SSE Riga, Bocconi, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (Milan), Institute for East European Studies (Regensburg)

2010

Trinity College Dublin

Conference Presentations

2018

Irish Economic Association

2017

IZA Annual Migration Meeting (Bonn), IZA Workshop on the Environment and Labor Markets, EALE (St. Gallen), IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education

2016

SOLE Meetings (Seattle), EALE (Ghent), RGS/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Essen), IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, ZEW Workshop on Migration (Mannheim)

2015

IZA Workshop "Inequality: Causes and Consequences" (Bonn), SOLE/EALE World Congress (Montreal), Workshop Health.Skills.Education (Essen), IZA/Worldbank Conference on Employment and Development (Bonn), EEA Meeting (Mannheim), Verein für Socialpolitik (Münster), Workshop "Immigration in OECD Countries" (Paris)

2014

FERDI Workshop "International Labor Mobility and Inequality across Nations" (Clermont-Ferrand), RES Annual Conference (Manchester), SOLE (Arlington, VA), Annual Migration Meeting (Bonn), EALE (Ljubljana)

2013

RES Annual Conference (RHUL, London), NORFACE migration conference (UCL, London), EALE (Torino), IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting (Munich), ESPE (Aarhus), Worldbank Migration Conference (Ifrane, Morocco), ETSG (Birmingham), CEMIR workshop on migration (Munich), IZA/ASE Workshop "EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets" (Bucharest), OECD workshop "Immigration in OECD Countries" (Paris)

2012

RES PhD Meeting (London), Irish Economic Association (Dublin), EEA Meetings (Málaga), ESEM (Málaga), German Economic Association (Göttingen), IZA/CEU Workshop on EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets (Budapest), Immigration in OECD Countries (Paris)

2011

Mainz Workshop in Labor Economics (Mainz), NORFACE Conference "Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge" (London), German Economic Association (Frankfurt), Irish Society of New Economists (Dublin), 2nd TEMPO Conference on International Migration (Vienna), SAE (Málaga)

2010

EEA Meetings (Glasgow), Irish Society of New Economists (Dublin), RGS Doctoral Conference (Bochum), Irish Economic Association (Belfast)

2009

Irish Society of New Economists (Limerick)

Media Appearances

Deutsche Welle (internet; 22/01/2013); Wall Street Journal (internet; 08/05/2013); Spiegel online (internet; 08/05/2013); Rzeczpospolita (internet; 28/05/2013); Phoenix (tv; 2x: 28/05/2013, 04/07/2013); MDR jump (radio; 01/05/2014); BBC Capital (internet; 03/07/2018).r

Refereeing

Journal of Human Resources (2x), Journal of International Economics, fJournal of Labor Economics (2x), Journal of the European Economic Association (3x), European Economic Review (2x), Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2x), Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Population Economics (3x), Labour Economics (3x), Regional Science and Urban Economics (2x), Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economics of Education Review, Economic Policy, Journal of Regional Science, Review of Development Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of International Economics, China Economic Review, Economic Systems, Empirical Economics (2x), German Economic Review (3x), International Migration Review, IZA Journal of De-

velopment and Migration, IZA Journal of European Labor Studies, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, IZA Journal of Migration, IZA World of Labor (3x), Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Oxford Development Studies

PhD examinations	CERGE-EI, Prague (reader)	2017
Grant Reviews	GLM-LIC project (IZA and DFID, 2x), OeNB Jubiläumsfonds	
Editorships	Managing Editor (in substitution), IZA Journal of Labor Economics,	Feb 2013-June 2013
Selection Committees	DIAL conference "Barriers to Development" 2015, Annual Conference of the German Economic Association 2017	
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Teaching Experience	University College Dublin	
	Public Economics (B.Sc, lecture)	2019 (scheduled)
	Econometrics (Ph.D course)	2018
	Introduction to Econometrics (B.Sc, lecture)	2018
	Economics Research Workshop (B.Sc, lecture)	2018-
	Central Bank of Ireland	
	Introduction to Causal Inference (1-day course)	2018
	New Developments in Causal Inference (1-day course)	2018
	University of Luxembourg	
	Economics of Migration (PhD Course)	2017
	European Business School, Wiesbaden	
	Introductory Econometrics (PhD, lecture and lab)	2014-now
	European Labour Markets (lecture)	2014-now
	Trinity College Dublin	
	Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics (M.Sc)	2009-2012
	University of Regensburg	
	Economics of Migration (B.Sc, M.Sc)	2018
	Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics (B.Sc)	2006-2008
Conferences organized	Annual Migration Meeting (scheduled; co-organizer), Dublin/Ireland	2019
	Annual Migration Meeting (co-organizer), Cambridge, MA	2018
	Irish Postgraduate and Early Career Economics Conference (co-organizer), Dublin/Ireland	2018
	Annual Migration Meeting (AM ² ; co-organizer), Bonn/Germany	2017
	Annual Migration Meeting (AM ² ; sole organizer), Bonn/Germany	2016
	Annual Migration Meeting (AM ² ; co-organizer), Dakar/Senegal	2015
	Irish Society of New Economists (ISNE), Dublin/Ireland	2010
Academic Service	Seminar Organizer , IZA,	2013-2017
	PhD Student Seminar Organizer , Trinity College Dublin	2010-2012

PhD Class Representative, Trinity College Dublin

2009-2010

Supervision

Emanuele Albarosa (PhD, UCD), 2018-

Diego Zambiasi (PhD, UCD), 2018-

Christoph Deuster (M.Sc, U Bonn), 2013

Skills

Software: Stata, MatLab, R, MS-Office, \LaTeX

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French , Polish (very good), Italian, Czech, Russian (basic)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, German Economic Association

Other

Citizenship: German

Family status: married, 1 child (born 2017)

References

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