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Fields of Interest

Labor Economics, Public Economics, International Economics

Current Positions

Senior Research Associate, IZA, Bonn, Germany, (senior since 05/2014) Since 2012

Deputy Program Director Migration, IZA, Bonn, Germany, Since 2014

Affiliations

External Research Fellow, CReAM, University College London, UK Since 2016

Education

PhD in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 2012
Dissertation Topic: Causes and Consequences of Migration
Advisor: Gaia Narciso
Committee: Herbert Brücker, Agustín Bénétrix

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

7) **Migrant Networks and the Spread of Information** (joint with Gaia Narciso and Jacco Thijssen)
Oxford Bulletin of Economics & Statistics, conditionally accepted.

6) **Rank, Sex, Drugs, and Crime** (joint with Ingo Isphording)
Journal of Human Resources, forthcoming.

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) **Taking the Skill bias out of Global Migration** (joint with Costanza Biavaschi, Michał Burzyński and Joël Machado, *submitted*)
- 3) **Immigration, Voting, and Redistribution: Evidence from Post-War Germany** (joint with Arnaud Chevalier, Andreas Lichter and Nico Pestel)
- 4) **Achievement Rank and College Performance: Evidence from Randomized Tutorial Assignments** (joint with Ingo Isphording and Ulf Zölitz)
- 5) **Simultaneous Treatment Bias in the Estimation of Peer Effects** (joint with Ingo Isphording)
- 6) **Pollution and Human Capital Formation during Adulthood** (joint with Florian Wozny)
- 7) **Tax Refunds and Income Manipulation: Evidence from the EITC** (joint with Florian Buhlmann and Andreas Peichl)

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, 2017.

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 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

- 2018**
Scheduled: UCD Geary Institute, CERGE-EI Prague
- 2017**
University College Dublin, PSE, OECD, University of Freiburg, RWI Essen, IOS 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

**Conference
Presentations**

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

2017

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

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)

Refereeing

European Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association (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, Journal of Regional Science, Review of Development Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, China Economic Review, Economic Systems, German Economic Review (2x), International Migration Review, 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

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

Teaching Experience

University of Luxembourg
Economics of Migration (PhD Course) 2017

European Business School, Wiesbaden
Introductory Econometrics (lecture and lab) 2014-now
European Labour Markets (lecture) 2014-now

Trinity College Dublin
Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics (graduate) 2009-2012

University of Regensburg
Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics (undergraduate) 2006-2008

Conferences organized

Annual Migration Meeting (AM²; co-organizer), Bonn/Germany 2017

Annual Migration Meeting (AM²; sole organizer), Bonn/Germany 2016

Annual Migration Meeting (AM²; co-organizer), Dakar/Senegal 2015

Irish Society of New Economists (ISNE), Dublin/Ireland 2010

Academic Service

Seminar Organizer, IZA, since July 2013

Thesis Supervision: Christoph Deuster (M.Sc, U Bonn, 2013)

PhD Student Seminar Organizer, Trinity College Dublin 2010-2012
PhD Class Representative, Trinity College Dublin 2009-2010

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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