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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate taxation; local public finance; effective tax burdens; political economy; survey experiments.

EDUCATION

University of Mannheim / GESS

Doctoral candidate in Taxation (Taxation Track)

Mannheim, Germany

Sep 2025–present

- Research focus: corporate taxation and public finance; first-year examinations in mathematics, microeconomics and econometrics, and seminars in empirical accounting and taxation research.

University of Konstanz

M.Sc. Public Economics, with distinction; overall grade 1.1

Konstanz, Germany

Oct 2022–Sep 2024

- Thesis (grade 1.3): “The Effects of Unionization on Gendered Wage Inequality in Germany: A Quantile Selection Model Approach”; examiners: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Findeisen and Prof. Dr. Guido Schwerdt.
- Focus: economics of education, labour economics and development economics.

University of Essex

M.Sc. Economics (double degree), with distinction

Colchester, UK

Oct 2022–Nov 2024

- Focus: policy evaluation, data science and political economy; causal inference and machine learning applications in R.

Georg-August University Göttingen

B.A. Economics and Philosophy; overall grade 1.3

Göttingen, Germany

Oct 2018–Apr 2022

- Thesis (grade 1.0): “What Shaped German Aid Policy Since The New Millennium and Why has it Changed?”; examiners: Dr. Felicitas Nowak-Lehmann Danziger and Prof. Dr. Inmaculada Martínez-Zarzoso.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research

Researcher, Corporate Taxation and Public Finance

Mannheim, Germany

Sep 2025–present

- Background research and maintenance of the information base for the European Tax Analyzer and effective tax rates for the Mannheim Taxation Index, Country Index for Family Enterprises.

Office of the UN Resident Coordinator

Carlo-Schmid Fellow / Economics Intern

Suva, Fiji

Dec 2024–Jun 2025

- Supported policy work and communications on US tariffs, USAID funding cuts and the structural vulnerabilities of small island developing states; co-organised workshops and Pacific SDG Acceleration Fund consultations.

University of Konstanz, Chair of Economic Policy (Prof. Dr. Sebastian Findeisen)

Research Assistant

Konstanz, Germany

Nov 2023–Apr 2024

- Health and labour economics research; longitudinal survey data preparation and analysis in Stata and R; mapping commuter data in QGIS.

Deloitte Deutschland GmbH

Assurance Services Intern

Mannheim, Germany

Jul–Sep 2023

- Audit support for EU agricultural funds (EAFRD/EAGF), including preparation and implementation of on-site inspections of rural investment projects.

University of Essex, Department of Government (Dr. Brian J. Phillips)

Research Assistant

Colchester, UK

Jan–May 2023

- Background research and systematic data collection on terrorist groups; pilot project documenting organised crime groups in Europe.

Georg-August University Göttingen, Development Economics (Dr. Sarah Langlotz)

Research Assistant

Göttingen, Germany

Oct 2021–Mar 2022

- Data preparation, visualisation and regression analysis in Stata on refugee inflows and political polarisation.

Georg-August University Göttingen, Econometrics (Dr. Alexander Silbersdorff)

Tutor and Research Assistant

Göttingen, Germany

Oct 2019–Mar 2021

- Mathematics workshops for groups of up to 35 students; grading and teaching support.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

Travel grant, Leibniz ScienceCampus Mannheim Taxation (AMSE Summer School)	Jun 2026
VEUK Alumni Prize for academic achievement, University of Konstanz	Nov 2025
GESS doctoral scholarship, University of Mannheim	Sep 2025–Aug 2026
Carlo-Schmid-Programme scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation / DAAD	Dec 2024–Jun 2025
Jane M. Klausman Recognition Award, Zonta Club Hegau-Bodensee	Jun 2024
Study-abroad scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation	Oct 2022–Jun 2023
Lower Saxony Scholarship (second award)	Dec 2021
General scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation	Mar 2021–Sep 2024
Lower Saxony Scholarship (first award)	Dec 2020

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Software: Stata, R, QGIS; Python (beginner); $\LaTeX$, Microsoft Office.

Languages: German (native), English (C2), French (B1); Latin proficiency certificate.

INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation at the departmental meeting, Corporate Taxation and Public Finance Research Unit, ZEW (internal)	Jun 2026
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CONFERENCES

Attended as an audience member; no presentation.

13th Annual MannheimTaxation Conference, ZEW, Mannheim	10–11 Sep 2026
Public Finance Conference on Future-Oriented Public Policy, ZEW, Mannheim	11–12 May 2026
12th Annual MannheimTaxation Conference, ZEW, Mannheim	18–19 Sep 2025

EXTERNAL TRAINING

Elective summer course on survey experiments, open-ended survey data and AI in economic research by Prof. Ingar Haaland, Mannheim	1–4 Sep 2026
COBRA Summer School on Empirical Tax Research, Mannheim	2–4 Jul 2026
7th AMSE Summer School “Inequality, Wealth and Taxation”, Marseille	22–24 Jun 2026
Advanced Data and Information Literacy Certificate (ADILT), University of Konstanz	Aug 2022
Language courses: Russian (60 hours), French (200 hours total)	2021–2022

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Student representative, M.Sc. Economics examination board, University of Konstanz	Oct 2023–Oct 2024
German Academic Scholarship Foundation summer academy on digital society and AI regulation, Wrocław	Sep 2024
EU legislative simulation on emissions trading, Tutzing	Oct 2023
Scholar of the Symposium, 21st LSE German Symposium, London	Feb 2022