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### CURRENT POSITION

Aug. 2020 –  
Today **Mannheim University**  
*Assistant Professor*  
International Political Economy and Development

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

Feb. 2018 –  
Jul. 2020 **University of Zurich**  
*Post-Doc (“Oberassistent”)*  
Chair for International Relations and Political Economy

Sep. 2014 –  
Jul. 2018 **Heidelberg University**  
*Ph.D. in Economics. Summa cum laude.*  
Dissertation: “Political Decisions, Economic Effects: How International Organizations Govern the Globalized Economy”

Sep. 2014 –  
Jun. 2015 **Mannheim University**  
Ph.D. courses at the Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics

Oct. 2012 –  
Jul. 2013 **University of Cambridge**  
Graduate studies of International Relations  
*Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)*

Oct. 2008 –  
Jul. 2012 **Heidelberg University**  
Undergraduate studies of Political Science and Economics  
*Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)*

Aug. 2010 –  
Jun. 2011 **Sciences Po Paris**  
Undergraduate studies of Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics  
*Certificat du programme d’échange*

### VISITING POSITIONS

Nov. 2017 &  
Nov. 2016 **International Monetary Fund (IMF), USA**  
Visiting Scholar

Sep. 2016 –  
Oct. 2016 **University of Cambridge, UK**  
Visiting Scholar

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2016 –  
Nov. 2017 **IMF (International Monetary Fund), Washington, D.C.**  
*Project officer in the Strategy, Policy, and Review Department (SPR)*

Sep. 2013 –  
Sep. 2015 **OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), Paris**  
*Analyst in the Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD) (2013/2014)*  
*External Consultant for Development Cooperation and SDGs (2014/2015)*

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### Publications

- The Economics of the Democratic Deficit: IMF Programs and Inequality, *Review of International Organizations*, forthcoming.
- Stigma or Cushion? IMF Programs and Sovereign Creditworthiness (with Kai Gehring), *Journal of Development Economics*, 146: 102507 (2020).
- The Political Economy of International Finance Corporation Lending (with Axel Dreher and Katharina Richert), *Journal of Development Economics* 140: 242-254 (2019).
- Room for Discretion? Biased Decision-Making in International Financial Institutions (with Andrea Presbitero), *Journal of Development Economics* 130: 1-16 (2018).
- Foreign Aid (with Axel Dreher and Sebastian Ziaja), in: Risse, Thomas, Tanja Börzel, and Anke Draude (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Governance and Limited Statehood*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018): 394-415.
- The Political Economy of International Organizations (with Axel Dreher), in: Congleton, Roger, Bernard Grofman, and Stefan Voigt (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018): 607-652.
- Defining and Measuring Poverty and Inequality Post-2015 (with Hildegard Lingnau), *Journal of International Development* 27, 3: 399-414 (2015).

### Working Papers and Work in Progress

- Borrowing Costs after Sovereign Debt Relief (with David Mihalyi and Andrea Presbitero), *Revise & Resubmit: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- Buying Votes and International Organizations: The Dirty-Work Hypothesis (with Axel Dreher, B. Peter Rosendorff, and James Raymond Vreeland), *Revise & Resubmit: Journal of Politics*.
- The Distribution of Gains from Globalization (with Marina M. Tavares) *IMF Working Paper* 18/54. *Under review*.
- Helping the Left-Behind? Place-Based Policies and Regional Inequality (with Daniel Bischof and Nils Redeker)
- Abstiegsangst. Identity Shocks and the Rise of Political Discontent (with Lukas Haffert)
- The Power of International Bureaucrats: The Political Economy of IMF Labor Market Conditionality (with Lukas Wellner)
- Aid Effectiveness and Donor Motives (with Axel Dreher)
- Migration and the Far Right: Short and Long-Run Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Stephan Schneider)

### Other Publications and Editorial Work

- Political Decisions, Economic Effects: How International Organizations Govern the Globalized Economy, *PhD Dissertation, Heidelberg University* (2018).
- OECD (2015), *OECD & Post-2015 Reflections*, OECD Publishing, Paris.

## Newspaper Articles, Blog Posts, Policy Papers

- Borrowing Costs after Debt Relief. *VoxEU* (14/10/2020)
- Schwieriges Vorbild. Ein Währungsfonds für Europa? *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (23/9/2019)
- Schwellenländer in der Krise: Hilft der IWF? *ifo Institut: ifo Schnelldienst* (6/12/2018)
- Dirty work: Buying votes at the UN Security Council. *VoxEU* (24/11/2018)
- Mit dem IWF aus der Krise? *Ökonomenstimme* (1/10/ 2018)
- Schaffen wir das? *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (10/9/2018) (with A. Dreher, A. Fuchs, S. Langlotz)
- How income gains from globalization are distributed. *VoxEU* (27/4/2018).
- Wie objektiv sind Internationale Organisationen? *Ökonomenstimme* (6/2/2018)
- Redefining poverty (with Hildegard Lingnau), *Development and Cooperation* 41, 7 (2014).
- The New Geography of Poverty, *OECD ProgBlog* (6/11/2013)
- Iraq (Sunni militant groups), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2011*, Heidelberg: 97-98 (2012).
- Iraq (AQL, ISI), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2010*, Heidelberg: 81-82 (2011).
- Iraq (Kurdish Regional Government), in: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: *Conflict Barometer 2009*, Heidelberg: 78 (2010).

## Media Coverage of Research

*World Economic Forum, IMF Chart of the Week, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Handelsblatt, Wirtschaftswoche, The Strategist, MoneyWeek, Ideas for India*

## INVITED TALKS

- **University of Göttingen** (cege Research Seminar, Feb. 2021)
- **ZEW Mannheim** (Research Seminar, Dec. 2020)
- **University of Bergen** (Economics Department Research Seminar, Nov. 2020)
- **Global Research in International Political Economy (GRIPE)** (Webinar, Jul. 2020)
- **European Stability Mechanism (ESM)** (Research Seminar, Mar. 2019)
- **Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg** (HERE Research Seminar, Mar. 2019)
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** (Analytical Seminar, Nov. 2017)
- **Nijmegen University** (International Political Economy Seminar, Oct. 2017)
- **University of Cambridge** (Transformations in Global Economic Governance, Sep. 2017)
- **University of Hamburg** (Hamburg Lecture, Dec. 2016)
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** (Analytical Seminar, Dec. 2016)
- **University of Cambridge** (Internal Seminar, Sep. 2016)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Center for the Studies of African Economies Conference (CSAE): **2018, 2016**
- Development Economics and Policy (AEL) Conference: **2019, 2018, 2017, 2016**
- DIAL Development Conference: **2017**

- European Political Science Association (EPSA) Conference: **2020, 2017**
- European Public Choice Society (EPCS) Annual Meeting: **2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016**
- International Political Economy Society (IPES) Conference: **2018, 2017**
- Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO): **2019, 2018, 2017, 2016**
- Poverty, Equity, and Growth Network (PEGNet): **2017**
- Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ): 2021 (admitted), **2019**
- Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference: **2020, 2019**
- Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS) Annual Meeting: **2017**
- ZEW Public Finance and Development Conference: **2019, 2017**

## TEACHING

### Professional Training in Didactics

- Designing Seminars Rich in Variety (University of Zurich, 2019)
- Basics of University Teaching (University of Zurich, 2019)
- First Steps in University Teaching (University of Zurich, 2018)

### Teaching

- **International Political Economy** (Graduate, Lecture, University of Mannheim, Spring 2021)
- **Introduction to International Relations** (Undergraduate, Lecture (>150 students), University of Mannheim, Fall 2020)
- **Global Inequality: Concepts, Causes, Consequences** (Bachelor Seminar, Spring 2021 University of Mannheim, Fall 2019, University of Zurich)
- **International Organizations** (Undergraduate, Seminar, University of Mannheim, Fall 2020)
- **PhD Colloquium** (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, ETH Zurich & University of Zurich)
- **Globalization and Inequality** (Master seminar, Spring 2020, University of Zurich)
- **International Institutions** (Bachelor Seminar, co-taught with Loriana Crasnic, Fall 2019-Spring 2020, University of Zurich)
- **Economic and Political Globalization** (Master seminar, Spring 2019, University of Zurich)
- **The Politics and Economics of Inequality** (Master seminar, Fall 2018, University of Zurich)
- **Economic Globalization and International Organizations** (Bachelor seminar, co-taught with Loriana Crasnic, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, University of Zurich)
- **The Political Economy of International Financial Institutions** (Master seminar, Spring 2018, University of Zurich)
- **Development Economics Research Seminar** (Summer 2016, Winter 2016, Summer 2017, Winter 2017, Heidelberg University)

### Supervision

- **8 Master's theses** (University of Mannheim 2021-, University of Zurich 2018-2020, Heidelberg University 2017-2018), fields: *Political Economy, International Political Economy, Development Economics*
- **30 Bachelor's theses** (University of Zurich 2018-2020, Heidelberg University 2016-2018), fields: *Political Economy, International Political Economy, Development Economics*

## REFEREEING

*Agricultural Economics, American Political Science Review (4x), American Journal of Political Science, American Sociological Review, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of International Relations, European Journal of Political Economy (3x), International Economics, International Economics and Economic Policy, International Organization, International Interactions, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of International Economic Law, Journal of Politics, Review of International Economics (2x), Review of International Organizations (8x), Review of International Political Economy (3x), Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Social Science Review, World Politics (2x), World Development, World Economy.*

## EXTERNAL FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes** (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)
  - Fully-funded PhD merit scholarship (2016-2017)
  - Funding for research visits (Cambridge 2016, IMF 2016, IMF 2017)
  - Travel grants: IPES 2017, PEGNet 2017, VfS 2017
  - Merit scholarship for graduate and undergraduate studies (2009-2013)
- **Landesgraduiertenförderung** (Heidelberg University Graduate Academy)
  - Fully-funded PhD merit scholarship (2015-2016)
- **Carlo-Schmid-Program**
  - Fully-funded merit scholarship for the traineeship at the OECD (2013-2014)
- **DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, German Academic Exchange Service)**
  - Merit scholarship for graduate studies at Cambridge (2012-2013)
- **ERASMUS Program of the European Union**
  - Merit scholarship for studies at Sciences Po Paris (2010-2011)

## AWARDS

- **Prize for Excellence in Applied Development Research** by KfW Development Bank and Verein für Socialpolitik (2019)
- **Fritz-Grunebaum-Award** by Heidelberg University (2019)
- **Faculty Award** by Heidelberg Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (best PhD thesis in the 2017-2019 period)
- Runner-up of the **Wicksell Prize** of the European Public Choice Society (2016)
- Award for rhetoric of the **Dr. Siegfried Körner Stiftung** (2008)
- Award for German language of the **Justus-Hommel-Stiftung** (2008)
- Award at the German **Federal Competition of Mathematics** (2008)

## LANGUAGES

- German (native speaker, CEFR-level: C2)
- English (proficiency, CEFR-level: C2)
- French (advanced, CEFR-level: C1)
- Spanish (beginner, CEFR-level: A1)
- Latin (“*Großes Latinum*”)