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### CURRENT POSITION

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

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

Feb. 2018 – **University of Zurich**  
Jul. 2020 *Senior Researcher*  
Chair for International Relations and Political Economy

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

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

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

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

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

### VISITING POSITIONS

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

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

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### Publications

- Stigma or Cushion? IMF Programs and Sovereign Creditworthiness (with Kai Gehring), *Journal of Development Economics*, 146 (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

- The Political Economy of the Democratic Deficit: IMF Programs and Inequality *Heidelberg University Discussion Paper 617. Revise & Resubmit: Review of International Organizations*
- The Distribution of Gains from Globalization (with Marina Mendes Tavares) *IMF Working Paper 18/54*.
- Buying Votes and International Organizations: The Dirty-Work Hypothesis (with Axel Dreher, B. Peter Rosendorff, and James Raymond Vreeland) *CEPR Discussion Paper 13290*.
- Helping the Left-Behind? Place-Based Policies and Regional Inequality in Europe (with Daniel Bischof and Nils Redeker)
- *Abstiegsangst*. Social Identity Shocks and the Rise of Political Discontent (with Lukas Haffert)
- The Political Economy of IMF Conditionality (with Lukas Wellner)

### 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.
- Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (2012), *Conflict Barometer 2011*.
- Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (2011), *Conflict Barometer 2010*.
- Lang, Joachim (2010), *Neues vom alten Brecht: Manfred Wekwerth im Gespräch*, Berlin (eds.: Valentin Lang and Karoline Sprenger).

### Newspaper Articles, Blog Posts, Policy Papers

- 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 ProdBlog* (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** (scheduled for 2021)
- **ifo Institut, Munich** (scheduled for 2020)
- **University of Bergen** (scheduled for 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: **2017**
- European Public Choice Society (EPCS) Annual Meeting: **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): **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

- **PhD Colloquium** (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, 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)
- **Global Inequality: Concepts, Causes, Consequences** (Bachelor Seminar, Fall 2019, 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

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

## REFEREEING

**Political Science:** *American Political Science Review* (4x), *American Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Review of International Organizations* (8x), *Review of International Political Economy* (2x), *Social Science Review*, *World Politics*

**Economics:** *Agricultural Economics*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *European Journal of Political Economy* (3x), *International Economics*, *International Economics and Economic Policy*, *Journal of International Economic Law*, *Review of International Economics* (2x), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Spring Meeting of Young Economists*, *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** awarded by KfW Development Bank and Verein für Socialpolitik (2019)
- **Fritz-Grunebaum-Award** (2019)
- **Faculty Prize** awarded 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*")