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Personal Information

Born in Bern, Switzerland, 1975. Australian and Swiss citizen. Married, one child.

Employment

Professor, Department of Economics, University of St.Gallen, since 2014.

Director, SIAW-HSG, University of St.Gallen, since 2014.

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Lucerne, 2011–2014.

Program Manager Doctoral Courses, Study Center Gerzensee, 2010–2011.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne, 2009–2010.

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne, 2007–2009.

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Bern, 2005–2006.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Bern, 2000–2004.

Affiliations and Visiting Positions

Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, since 2016.

Affiliate, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, since 2016.

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2015–2016.

Member, Research Committee on Development Economics, Verein für Socialpolitik, since 2014.

Research Fellow, CESifo Network, Munich, since 2012.

External Research Associate, OxCarre, University of Oxford, since 2009.

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University, 2004–2005.

Short-term visiting positions (2–8 weeks): CES/LMU Munich, 2012, 2015; Monash University, 2013; Pompeu Fabra University, 2011; University of Melbourne, 2014; University of Oxford, 2010.

Education

PhD in Economics (Dr.rer.oec.), University of Bern, 2004.

Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students, Study Center Gerzensee, 2001.

Master in Economics (lic.rer.pol.), University of Bern, 2000.

Awards, Honors, and External Grants

Keynote Lecture, CESifo Workshop on Political Economy, 2016.

Discovery Project Grants (co-applicant), Australian Research Council, 2012–2015, 2015–2019.

Prize for Excellence in Policy-Relevant Development Research, KfW Development Bank, 2014.

Certificates of Excellent Undergraduate Teaching, University of Melbourne, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Dean's Outstanding Lecturer Award, University of Melbourne, 2008.

Fellowship for Prospective Researchers, Swiss National Science Foundation, 2004–2005.

Knut-Wicksell Prize, European Public Choice Society, 2004.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Media Freedom and Democracy in the Fight against Corruption (with Sambit Bhattacharyya), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2015, 39, 13–24.

The Effects of Voting Costs on the Democratic Process and Public Finances (with Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2015, 7(1), 141–171. Featured in: Basler Zeitung, Swissinfo.

Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict at the Regional Level (with Paul A. Raschky), *Economics Letters*, 2014, 124(3), 530–533.

Persuasion, Binary Choice, and the Costs of Dishonesty (with Simon Loertscher and Dominic Rohner), *Economics Letters*, 2014, 124(2), 195–198.

Regional Favoritism (with Paul A. Raschky), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2014, 129(2), 995–1033. Listed in: *QJE* highly cited articles published in 2014. Featured in: CBS, France 24, Huffington Post, NBC, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Quartz, Wired, Yahoo.

Do Natural Resource Revenues Hinder Financial Development? The Role of Political Institutions (with Sambit Bhattacharyya), *World Development*, 2014, 57, 101–113.

Development (Paradigm) Failures (with Axel Dreher), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2013, 101, 63–74.

All-Pay War (with Hadi Yektaş), *Games and Economic Behavior*, 2012, 74(2), 526–540.

Ethnic Fractionalisation and Aid Effectiveness (with David S. Knight), *Journal of African Economies*, 2012, 21(1), 65–93.

Electoral Terms and Terrorism (with Dominic Rohner), *Public Choice*, 2012, 150(1), 181–193.

Institutions, Trade, and the Political Economy of Financial Development, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 2011, 167(3), 445–464.

Elections and the Strategic Use of Budget Deficits, *Public Choice*, 2011, 148(1), 149–161.

Inefficient Policies and Incumbency Advantage (with Simon Loertscher and Dominic Rohner), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2010, 94(9–10), 761–767.

Natural Resources and Income Inequality: The Role of Ethnic Divisions (with Ruikang M. Fum), *Economics Letters*, 2010, 107(3), 360–363.

Natural Resources, Democracy and Corruption (with Sambit Bhattacharyya), *European Economic Review*, 2010, 54(4), 608–621. Listed in: Ten most cited *EER* articles published in the last five years, 2014, 2015.

Redistribution and Inequality in a Heterogeneous Society, *Economica*, 2009, 76(304), 704–718.

Industrial Policy in an Imperfect World, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2009, 90(1), 85–93.

What Determines Financial Development? Culture, Institutions or Trade (with Nils Herger and Michael Lobsiger), *Review of World Economics*, 2008, 144(3), 558–587.

Specialization and Welfare in the Presence of Imperfectly Integrated Capital Markets and Learning-by-Doing, *Open Economies Review*, 2008, 19(3), 391–402.

Leisure and Redistribution, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2008, 24(2), 354–363.

Rent Seeking and Aid Effectiveness, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 2007, 14(5), 525–541.

The Curse of Natural Resources in Fractionalized Countries, *European Economic Review*, 2006, 50(6), 1367–1386. Listed in: Ten most cited *EER* articles published in the last five years, 2010, 2011. Reprinted in: Frederick van der Ploeg and Anthony J. Venables, *The Economics of Resource Rich Economies*, Edward Elgar, 2015.

How Fiscal Decentralization Flattens Progressive Taxes (with Kurt Schmidheiny), *FinanzArchiv*, 2006, 62(2), 281–304.

Invited Journal Article

For the Student: Political Economics, *Australian Economic Review*, 2008, 41(3), 330–335.

Recent Working Papers

Ethnic Favoritism: An Axiom of Politics? (with Giacomo De Luca, Paul A. Raschky, and Michele Valsecchi), CEPR Discussion Paper 11351, 2016. Earlier version: CESifo Working Paper 5209, 2015.

Aid on Demand: African Leaders and the Geography of China's Foreign Assistance (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Bradley C. Parks, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney), CEPR Discussion Paper 10704, 2015. Earlier version: AidData Working Paper 3, 2014. Featured in: ABS, BBC, Financial Times, L'Agefi, Radio Taiwan International, Reuters, The Economist, The Guardian, The National Interest, The Sun, Washington Post, World Finance, Yahoo.

Wars of Conquest and Independence (with Friedhelm Hentschel and Hadi Yektas), University of St.Gallen Discussion Paper 2015-16, 2015. Earlier version: CESifo Working Paper 4282, 2013.

The Economic Effects of Political Violence: Evidence from the Genocide in Rwanda (with Christian Almer), Bath Economics Research Paper 37/15, 2015.

The Political Economics of the Arab Spring, CESifo Working Paper 4023, 2012. R&R at *Economic Inquiry*.

Media Contributions

Chinese Aid Is Helping African Economies, but Not in the Places that Need it Most (with Bradley C. Parks, Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney), Washington Post, 07/10/2016.

Ethnic Favoritism: Not Just an African Phenomenon (with Giacomo De Luca, Paul A. Raschky, and Michele Valsecchi), VoxEU, 21/07/2016.

Flat Tax: Weder Individuen noch Paare bestrafen, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 05/03/2016.

Why African Leaders Like Chinese Aid, World Finance, 01/02/2016.

Are African Leaders Misusing Chinese Development Finance? The Price of Country Ownership (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Bradley C. Parks, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney), IGC Blog, 18/08/2015.

Abstimmungserleichterungen könnten kontraproduktiv sein (interview), Swissinfo, 15/09/2014. English version: Making it Easier to Vote May Backfire, Swissinfo, 17/09/2014.

Regional Favouritism across the World (with Paul A. Raschky), VoxEU, 28/05/2014.

Mit Transparenz gegen den Ressourcenfluch (with Jonas Röllin), Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 13/05/2013.

Natural Resources and Corruption: Is Democracy the Missing Link? (with Sambit Bhattacharyya), VoxEU, 13/09/2009.

Menschenrechtsverletzungen werden in der Entwicklungshilfe belohnt: Ein quantitativer Blick auf die Schweizer Entwicklungszusammenarbeit von 1980 bis 2004 (with Stephan Ryser), Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 21/02/2007.

Presentations

Annual meetings: Australasian Development Economics Workshop (2007, 2008), Australasian Economic Theory Workshop (2010), Australasian Trade Workshop (2007), CESifo Conference on Public Sector Economics (2015), CESifo Workshop on Political Economy (2016), Econometric Society (2007, 2009, 2015), European Economic Association (2004, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2016), European Public Choice Society (2004, 2005, 2013), International Institute of Public Finance (2012), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (2008), Norwegian-German Seminar on Public Economics (2005), Public Choice Society (2005), Research Committee on Development Economics (2006, 2012, 2013, 2014), Royal Economic Society (2006), Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy (2006, 2010, 2013), Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (2004, 2010, 2011, 2015), Verein für Socialpolitik (2010).

Research seminars (and small workshops by invitation): U Adelaide (2008), ANU (2007), U Auckland (2007), IEB Barcelona (2016), U Basel (2006, 2009), CMI Bergen (2016), NHH Bergen (2014, 2016), U Bergen (2014), WZ Berlin (2006), U Bern (2009, 2010), Deakin (2008), U Frankfurt (2010), U Fribourg (2015), U Glasgow (2012), U Gothenburg (2016), U Hamburg (2013), U Hannover (2015), Harvard (2005), U Heidelberg (2008, 2010, 2013), U Konstanz (2015), La Trobe (2008), U Lucerne (2010), U Lugano (2016), U Melbourne (2006, 2014), Monash (2008, 2009, 2013), U Namur (2011), BI Oslo (2015), U Oxford (2010), Pompeu Fabra (2011), U Regensburg (2013), U Siegen (2014), U St.Gallen (2009, 2013), U Tasmania (2008), U Tilburg (2006), NTNU Trondheim (2012), U Wageningen (2011), U York (2015), ETH Zurich (2012, 2014, 2016), U Zurich (2006, 2011).

Policy conferences and seminars: Conference on Policy Evaluation in Development Cooperation (2015, organized by ministries of Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2014).

Teaching and Supervision

Bachelor courses: Competition and Strategy (U Melbourne 2007–2009), Growth and Development (U Lucerne 2011–2013), International Trade (U Lucerne 2011–2013), Public Economics/Public Finance (U St.Gallen since 2014).

Master courses: Foreign Aid (U Lucerne 2012–2014), Microeconomics (U Lucerne 2012–2014), Political Economics (U Melbourne 2008–2009, U St.Gallen since 2014).

PhD courses: Economics and Politics of Resource-Rich Economies (U Gothenburg 2015), Political Economics of Development (U St.Gallen since 2016), Topics in Political Economics (LMU Munich 2012, U St.Gallen 2014–2017), Topics in Public Policy (U St.Gallen 2014–2015).

PhD supervision: Anna Bruederle (in progress), Friedhelm Hentschel (2016), Martin Mailaender (in progress), Philine Widmer (in progress), Noemie Zurlinden (in progress).

PhD committees: U Bern (2011, 2016), Deakin (2014), U Melbourne (2012).

Professional Services

Program co-director: Bachelor in Economics (U St.Gallen since 2015).

Conference co-organizer: Australasian Development Economics Workshop (2009), SIAW-Aussenwirtschaft Conference (2015, 2016), Swiss Economists Abroad Conference (2010, 2012).

Reviewer for conferences, funding agencies, prize committees, and more than 40 different academic journals (e.g., *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*).

Expert report: Parlamentarische Verwaltungskontrolle (Swiss Parliament, 2017).