

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### CURRENT POSITION / AFFILIATIONS:

- Professor of Economics, Institute of Economics, Technische Universität Carolo-Wilhelmina zu Braunschweig (since 2014)
- Research Professor, Ifo Institute – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich (since 2013)
- CESifo Research Network Affiliate, Center of Economics Studies, Munich (since 2011)

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Professor of Economics, Institute of Economics, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (2013-2014)
- Research Assistant and Post-Doc, Chair of Public Economics (Prof. Dr. M. Thum), Technische Universität Dresden (2007-2013)
- Junior Researcher and Doctoral Candidate, Ifo Institute Dresden Branch (2004-2007)
- Student Assistant, Institute of Public Finance (Prof. Dr. S. Homburg), Leibniz Universität Hannover (2002-2004)

### EDUCATION

- Habilitation, Technische Universität Dresden (2014)
- Dr. rer. pol., equiv. PhD in Economics, Technische Universität Dresden (2010)
- Diplom-Ökonom, equiv. M. A. in Economics, Leibniz Universität Hannover (2004)
- Studies of Economics at Leibniz Universität Hannover (1998-2004)

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Wolfgang Ritter Prize 2012
- Georg-Helm-Prize 2011, Dissertation Award, Technische Universität Dresden
- Dr. Feldbausch Prize 2011, Dissertation Award, Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Business and Economics
- Peggy and Richard Musgrave Prize 2009 for the paper “Aid, Growth, and Devolution” (joint with G. Markwardt)

#### EDITORSHIP

- Associate Editor, *Review of Economics* (since 2016)

#### ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Natural resource rents and internal conflicts – Can decentralization lift the curse? Forthcoming: *Economic Systems* (with Mohammad R. Farzanegan and Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality, Convergence, and its Determinants - A View from Outer Space, *European Economic Review* (92), 2017, 110-132 (with André Seidel)
- Aid, Growth, and Devolution: Considering aid modality and different types of decentralization, *World Development* (84), 2016, 118-130 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality and Internal Conflict, *German Economic Review* 17(2), 2016, 157-191
- Spatial Inequality and Development – Is there an inverted U relationship?, *Journal of Development Economics* 106, 2014, 35-51
- Foreign Direct Investment and Regional Inequality – A Panel Data Analysis, *China Economic Review* 24, 2013, 129-149
- Decentralization and the Shadow Economy: Oates meets Allingham-Sandmo, *Applied Economics* 45 (18), 2013, 2567–2578 (with Andreas Böhn and Gunther Markwardt)
- The Impact of Democracy and Press Freedom on Corruption: Conditionality Matters, *Journal of Policy Modeling* 35(6), 2013, 857-886 (with Christine Kalenborn)
- Föderalismus und Entwicklungsländer: Ist Dezentralisierung ein geeignetes Instrument der Entwicklungspolitik? *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik* 13 (4), 2012, 337–356 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Aid, Growth, and Devolution, *World Development* 40 (9), 2012, 1723–1749 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Regional Inequality and Decentralization – An Empirical Analysis, *Environment and Planning A* 44 (6), 2012, 1363–1388
- Interregional Redistribution and Mobility in Federations: A Positive Approach, *Review of Economic Studies* 78(4), 2011, 1345–1378 (with Anke S. Kessler and Nico A. Hansen)
- One Size Fits All? Decentralization, Corruption, and the Monitoring of Bureaucrats, *World Development* 38(4), 2010, 631–646 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Fiscal Decentralization and Regional Disparity: Evidence from Cross-Section and Panel Data, *Environment and Planning A* 41(10), 2009, 2455–2473

#### EDITED VOLUMES

- Fiscal federalism and foreign transfers: Does inter-jurisdictional competition increase foreign aid effectiveness? (with Gunther Markwardt), C. Fuest and G. Zodrow (ed), *Critical Issues in Taxation and Development*, MIT Press: Cambridge M.A., 2013, 189-216
- Dezentralisierung, Korruption und Bürokratie, in H. Bauer, P. Biwald and H. Pitlik (ed.): *Zur Effizienz der Förderpolitik im Bundesstaat*, Öffentliches Management und Finanzwirtschaft Band 17, NW Verlag: Wien, 2013, 107-116
- Decentralization and regional inequality, N. Bosch and A. Solé-Ollé (ed): *IEB's Report on Fiscal Federalism*, Institut d'Economica de Barcelona: Barcelona, 2013, 84-86.

#### MONOGRAPHS

- Determinants and Consequences of Regional Inequality, Habilitation Thesis, TU Dresden, 2014
- Föderalismus, regionale Ungleichheiten und Entwicklung, Metropolis Verlag: Marburg, 2011
- Rechtfertigung von Ansiedlungssubventionen am Beispiel der Halbleiterindustrie (with Beate Grundig, Anna Sophie Müller, Carsten Pohl and Joachim Ragnitz), ifo Dresden Studien, 45, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008
- Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik (with Joachim Ragnitz, Beate Schirwitz and Marcel Thum), ifo Dresden Studien, 44, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), ifo Dresden Studien, 40, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2007
- Sächsischer Mittelstandsbericht 2005/2006 (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), Hrsg.: Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit, Dresden, 2006

#### WORKING PAPERS

- The Geography of Natural Resources, Ethnic Inequality and Development, CESifo Working Paper, 2017 (with Arne Steinkraus).
- Trade, Integration, and Interregional inequality, CESifo Working Paper 4799 (with Georg Hirte), 2014

#### ARTICLES IN NON-REFEREED JOURNAL

- Kaufprämien für Elektroautos: Politik auf Irrwegen? *ifo Schnelldienst* 69(11), 2016, 21-26 (with Antje-Mareike Dietrich and Arne Steinkraus)
- Carbon Capture and Storage – Was kostet die Emissionsvermeidung? *ifo Schnelldienst* 69(09), 2016, 51-54 (with Arne Steinkraus)
- Satellitendaten zur Schätzung von Regionaleinkommen – Das Beispiel Deutschland, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 22(6), 2015, 35-42 (with André Seidel and Arne Steinkraus)
- Föderalismus und Korruption – Ist Dezentralisierung ein geeignetes Mittel zur Korruptionsbekämpfung? *ifo Dresden berichtet* 17(4), 2010, 43-48 (with Gunther Markwardt)
- Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 15(2), 2008, 11-18, (with Beate Schirwitz)
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Handwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(2), 2007, 14-24 (with Sabine Engelmann)
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(1), 2007, 15-28 (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber)
- Themenschwerpunkt: Probleme beim Arbeitslosengeld II und Lösungsvorschläge, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 13(2), 2006, 3-4 (with Beate Grundig)
- Die Novelle der Handwerksordnung, Ich-AGs und die Folgen für das Bauhandwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(6), 2005, 28-30

- Regionale Disparitäten in Deutschland und ausgesuchten OECD-Staaten im Vergleich, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(3), 2005, 25-33

#### MEDIA

- Interview: Babysteuern gegen Klimawandel? Rheinische Post (05.09.2016)
- Interview: Barzahlen nur noch bis 5.000 Euro? Braunschweiger Zeitung (04.02.2016)
- Gastkommentar: Zuckerbergs Spende ist egoistisch, Braunschweiger Zeitung (07.12.2015)
- Okerwelle: Radio interview on TTIP (22.11.2015)
- Das (TTIP) Abkommen wird Jobs schaffen, Braunschweiger Zeitung (28.10.2015)
- Die Transferunion existiert bereits, Oekonomenstimme.org (30.09.2015)
- Gastkommentar: Die Transferunion – Chancen und Risiken, Braunschweiger Zeitung (29.09.2015)
- NDR 1 NDS: Radio interview on labor time in Germany (02.05.2014)
- Regionale Ungleichheiten und das Risiko von Bürgerkriegen, Oekonomenstimme.org (04.02.2013)
- Sind regionale Ungleichheiten der Preis wirtschaftlicher Entwicklung?, Oekonomenstimme.org (01.11.2011)
- Wie interregionale Transferzahlungen regionale Ungleichheiten erhöhen (with Anke S. Kessler), Oekonomenstimme.org (02.03.2011)

#### RESEARCH STAYS

- Visiting scholar and guest lecturer for development economics, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen Nürnberg, 06/2012
- Visiting scholar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver (at the invitation of Anke Kessler), (03/2008-04/2008)
- 69th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Taormina, 2013.

#### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- German Research Foundation (DFG) grant for “Shining (New) Light on Regional Inequality, Convergence and Development” (569,000€, 3 years, co-PI, with Richard Bluhm and Melanie Krause), 2017.
- Pro\*Niedersachsen Programme, Science Ministry of Lower Saxony: “LUMI – Lichtdaten zur Untersuchung von Emissionen vor dem Hintergrund Internationalen Handels” (88,450€, 2 years), 2016.
- DAAD travel grant for the presentation at the 67th congress of the IIPF 2011 in Ann Arbor, 2011
- Grants of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) for the presentation at international conferences 2011, 2010, 2009.
- DFG-Priority program 1142: “Institutional Design of Federal Systems – Theory and Empirical Evidence“, project: „Federalism and Corruption, – A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Alternative Transmission Channels” (2007-2009).
- German Research Foundation (DFG) travel grant for the 10th anniversary conference of the CSGR in Warwick, 2006.

## REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science • Canadian Journal of Economics • Economics Bulletin • Economics of Governance • Emerging Markets Finance and Trade • Empirical Economics • Environment and Planning A • FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis • Fiscal Studies • International Tax and Public Finance • Journal of African Economics • Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization • Journal of Economic Geography • Journal of Economic Growth • Journal of International Development • Journal of Public Economics • Moravian Geographical Reports • Public Finance Review • National Tax Journal • Regional Studies • Review of Economics • Southern Economic Journal • World Development

## INVITED TALKS

- University of Freiburg, 2017 (at the invitation of Tim Krieger)
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 2015 (at the invitation of Silke Übelmesser)
- Leibniz Universität Hannover, 2015 (at the invitation of Andreas Wagener)
- Philipps-Universität Marburg, 2015 (at the invitation of Mohammad R. Farzanegan)
- University of Bayreuth, 2014 (at the invitation of David Stadelmann)
- Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, 2013 (at the invitation of Alfons Weichenrieder)
- WIFO & KDZ – Zentrum für Verwaltungsforschung, Wien, 2013 (at the invitation of Hans Pitlik)
- Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, 2012 (at the invitation of Michael Berlemann)
- DIW IO/Finance Seminar, Berlin, 2011 (at the invitation of Maria Nieswand)
- WZB-Conference „Reflections on Fiscal Federalism: Elaborating the Research Agenda“, Berlin, 2009 (at the invitation of Kai A. Konrad and Benny Geys)
- Simon Fraser University, Vancouver B.C., 2008 (at the invitation of Anke S. Kessler)
- ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich, 2007 (at the invitation of Robert Koll)

## KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- Vortrag „Marktversagen und Regulierung“ im Rahmen der Ringvorlesung „Märkte in der Diskussion“ des Philosophischen Seminars, TU Braunschweig.
- Keynote lecture, Stipendiatenseminar „Failed States – Problematik und Perspektiven“ der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Dresden, 2015
- Panelist, CDU-Kreisverband Göttingen: “TTIP – Chance und Risiko“, Göttingen, 2015
- Panelist, UNESCO Forum: “Warum Entwicklungshilfe Sinn macht“, Dresden, 2012
- Lecture “Decentralization and Development Policy“, study trip of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, ifo Dresden, 2011
- Talk “Business succession in Saxony“, symposium of Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Radebeul, 2007
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in East Germany“, study trip of the Atlantikbrücke e.V., Meißen 2007
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in Saxony“, Annual Meeting of the Verband Mitteldeutscher Fruchthändler e.V., Dresden, 2006

## CONFERENCES

- Annual meeting, Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association, 2017.
- 6th Workshop on Regional Economics, Dresden, 2016.
- Annual meeting, German Economic Association, Augsburg, 2016.
- Annual meeting, Research Group on Development Economics, German Economic Association, 2016.
- 5th Workshop on Regional Economics, Dresden, 2015.
- Annual meeting, German Economic Association, Hamburg, 2014.
- 70th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Lugano, 2014.
- 69th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Taormina, 2013.
- 68th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Dresden, 2012.
- 2nd Workshop on Regional Economics, Dresden, 2012.
- Annual meeting, German Economic Association, Frankfurt, 2011.
- 67th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Ann Arbor, 2011.
- 4th Workshop on Fiscal Federalism, IEB Barcelona, 2011.
- 66th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Uppsala, 2010.
- CESifo Venice Summer Institute, Taxation in Developing Countries, 2010.
- 65th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Cape Town, 2009.
- 7th Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, Mannheim, 2008.
- Annual meeting, German Economic Association, Graz, 2008.
- 9th International Conference of the Association of Public Economic Theory (APET), Seoul, 2008.
- 10th Anniversary Conference of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR), University of Warwick, 2007.
- 63rd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), University of Warwick, 2007.
- 8th International Conference of the Association of Public Economic Theory (APET), Nashville, 2007.
- 5th Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, TU Dresden, 2006.
- Annual meeting, German Economic Association, Bayreuth, 2006.
- 62nd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Paphos, 2006.
- 13th International Conference on Panel Data, Cambridge, 2006.
- 2nd International Conference on Business, Management and Economics (ICBME), Cesme, 2006.
- Joint Workshop of the ifo Institute for Economic Research and the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 2005.

- 3rd Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), 2005

(CO-)ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINAR SERIES:

- Braunschweiger Seminar “Ökonomie, Politik & Praxis“ (since 2016)
- CESifo Workshop on Political Economy (annual, since 2007)
- Ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics (annual, since 2014)
- Assistance to the organizers of the 68th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Dresden, 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (LECTURES)

- TU Braunschweig (since 2014)
- Visiting Lecturer, Verwaltungs- und Wirtschafts-Akademie Braunschweig (since 2015)
- Visiting Lecturer, Dresden International University (since 2005)
- FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg (2013-2014)
- TU Dresden (since 2007-2013)
- Visiting Lecturer, Sächsische Verwaltungs- und Wirtschaftsakademie, SVWA (2006-2010)
- BACHELOR LEVEL: Principles of Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics and Regional Science, Public Sector Economics, Social Policy, Development Economics, Economic Policy
- MASTER LEVEL: Optimal Taxation, Theory of the Welfare State, Insurance Theory and Health Economics, Development Economics

MEMBERSHIPS

- Research Professor, Ifo Institute Dresden Branch
- CESifo Research Network Affiliate
- GLO – Global Labor Organization Fellow
- German Economic Association
- International Institute of Public Finance
- Verein Braunschweiger Finanz- und Wirtschaftsmathematiker e.V.
- Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der TU Dresden e.V.
- Förderverein der Fakultät Wirtschaftswissenschaften der TU Dresden e.V.
- Deutscher Hochschulverband

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- Spokesman of the Department Business and Economics at TU Braunschweig
- Examination board, TUBS (since 2015)
- Advisory committee of student affairs, TUB#S (since 2015)
- Coordinator of the CGDE doctoral program, TUD (2008-2013)
- Deputy equal opportunity commissioner, TUD (2012-2013)
- Member of the faculty council, TUD (2009-2012)

- Equal opportunity commissioner, TUD (2009-2012)
- Member in the young academics commission of the academic senate, TUD (2010-2012)
- Member in the gender and diversity commission of the academic senate, TUD (2010-2012)