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Research Fields: Development Economics, Regional Economics, Political Economy

Research Topics: Local Economic Growth, Digital Infrastructure, Electoral Turnout

#### **POSITIONS**

since 2022	Assistant Professor (Juniorprofessor W1)	TU Dresden
2017 - 2022	Junior Economist	ifo Institute Munich

## **EDUCATION**

2017 - 2022	Ph.D. Economics	LMU Munich
2014 - 2016	M.Sc. Mathematical Finance & Actuarial Science	TU Munich
2014	Exchange studies: Mathematics and Statistics	USP São Paulo
2012 - 2015	B.A. Political Science	LMU Munich
2011-2014	B.Sc. Mathematics	TU Munich

### **AFFILIATIONS**

ifo Institute Munich (guest researcher), CESifo Research Network (affiliate member)

#### RESEARCH VISITS

Jan – Jul 2024	Brown University	Host: Stelios Michalopoulos
Mar – Apr 2023	University of Southampton	Host: Nicolas Apfel
Sep – Oct 2021	ParisTech	Host: Lukasz Grzybowski

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

No Surprises, Please: Voting Costs and Electoral Turnout (with Jean-Victor Alipour) Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics (2025), Vol. 3 (1), 59–97. [publication] [latest version] [CESifo WP] [press briefing] Nominated for the Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize at Public Choice Society Meeting 2022

The Effect of China's "Stadium Diplomacy" on Local Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Gustav Pirich) World Development (2025), Vol 185, 106765. [publication] [CESifo WP]

Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi) Information Economics and Policy (2023), Vol. 65, 101064. [publication] [FIT IN Initiative WP]

Interoperability between Mobile Money Agents and Choice of Network Operators: The Case of Tanzania (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi) Review of Network Economics (2023), Vol. 22:1, 27–52. [publication] [FIT IN Initiative WP]

New Region, New Chances: Does Moving Regionally for University Shape Later Job Mobility? (with Thomas A. Fackler and Felix Ehrenfried) Regional Studies (2023), Vol. 57:7, 1239–1253. [publication]

Is High-Speed Internet an Infrastructure of General Interest? Information Economics and Policy (2021), Vol. 56, 100924. [publication]

Digital Infrastructure and Local Economic Development: Early Internet in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Moritz Goldbeck) R&R at Journal of the European Economic Association [latest version] [CESifo WP] [short video] Nominated for the Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award at the CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Digitization 2022

Should I Mail or Should I Go: Voting Behavior After a One-Time All-Postal Election (with Marius Kröper) submitted [latest version] [CESifo WP]

Training, Automation, and Wages: International Worker-Level Evidence (with Oliver Falck, Yuchen Guo, Christina Langer, and Simon Wiederhold) submitted [latest version] [CESifo WP]

Involuntary Changes in Commuting Distances: Effects on Subjective Well-Being in the Era of Mobile Internet (with Katharina Bettig) submitted [latest version] [CESifo WP]

## WORK IN PROGRESS (selected)

Leapfrogging Telecommunication: Did the Roll-Out of Mobile Coverage Structurally Change Labor Markets? (with Marta Bernardi)

Work from Home and Absenteeism (with Jean-Victor Alipour, Katharina Bettig, Kamila Cygan-Rehm, and Christian Leßmann)

Polarizing the Polls: Candidate Ideology and Electoral Engagement (with Klara Lehmann)

Cloudy with a Chance of Laziness: Voting Effects from the First East German Bundestag Election (with Sarah Zeller)

### NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHED WORK (selected and partly in German)

How Well-Intentioned Measures Have Unintended Consequences for Election Turnout (with Jean-Victor Alipour), EconPol Forum 25 (4), 45-48 [publication]

Wahllokal-Neuzuteilung beeinflusst Wahlbeteiligung (with Jean-Victor Alipour), ifo Schnelldienst digital, 2024, 5, No. 5, 01-04 [publication]

How Can Phones Improve Financial Inclusion? (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi), FIT IN Initiative Policy Papers, February, 2024 [publication]

Mit der Nacht den Tag erklären (with Astrid Probst), Science Notes (10), 20-33 [publication]

Elderly Left Behind? How Older Workers Can Participate in the Modern Labor Market (with Oliver Falck and Simon Wiederhold), EconPol Forum 23 (5), 16-19 [publication]

Funkloch Deutschland? Der Ausbau der mobilen Datennetze in den letzten zehn Jahren (with Moritz Goldbeck and Svenja Schwarz), ifo Schnelldienst, 2021, 74, No. 11, 29-33 [publication]

### INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Passau (DPE), Ruhr University Bochum, Marmara University, Radboud University, University of Southampton, University of Barcelona (AQR), Economic Research South Africa (ERSA)

# **TEACHING**

2025	Lecture: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
2025	Seminar: Empirical Political Economy
2024/25	Lecture: Microeconomic Perspectives on Development Economics
2024/25	Seminar: Causal Inference in Network Infrastructures
2024	Lecture: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
2024	Seminar: Empirical Political Economy
2023/24	Lecture: Microeconomic Perspectives on Development Economics
2023/24	Seminar: Digital Infrastructure in Developing Countries
2023	Lecture & Exercises: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
2023	Seminar: Spatial Data in Development Economics
2022/23	Seminar: Evaluation of Infrastructure Investments and their Economic Impact
2017 - 2019	Exercises: Introduction to Microeconomics

# THIRD-PARTY PROJECTS

2020 - 2021	Evaluation of the Next Generation Access Programme, Policy evaluation of na-
	tional state aid for broadband rollout in Germany
2017 - 2020	Economics of Innovation in Telecommunications, Thesis promotion

# HONOURS AND GRANTS

2025	Professor Hilbert Publication Award
2025	Invitation to the 8th Lindau Nobel Meeting in Economic Sciences
2024	Dr. Händel Award: Enable research visits abroad
2023	Deutsche Bundesbank Award: Support of international research cooperations
2021-2022	Member of PILLARS – Pathways to Inclusive Labour Markets by European Com-
	mission (European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme)
2021 - 2023	Granted research proposal for the FIT IN Initiative (Toulouse)
2021	Seed grand by the Bavarian Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt)

# SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Referee:	Journal of Public Economics, Research Policy, Small Business Economics, Infor-
	mation Economics and Policy, Technological Forecasting & Social Change, Annals
	of Regional Science, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications
Conference Organization:	ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics (since 2023)
Conference Referee:	European Association of Young Economists (EAYE) Annual Meeting (since 2023)

# REFERENCES

Christian Leßmann	Oliver Falck	Stelios Michalopoulos	Lukasz Grzybowski
TU Dresden	ifo Insitute	Brown University	University of Cape Town
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