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Research Fields: Development Economics, Regional Economics, Political Economy
Research Topics: Digital Infrastructure, Electoral Turnout, Labor Markets

POSITIONS

since 2022	Assistant Professor (<i>Juniorprofessor W1</i>)	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

Training, Automation, and Wages: International Worker-Level Evidence (with Oliver Falck, Yuchen Guo, Christina Langer, and Simon Wiederhold) *Accepted at Research Policy* (2026) [[latest version](#)] [[CESifo WP](#)]

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. [\[publication\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS

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* [\[latest version\]](#) [\[CESifo WP\]](#)

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 Listabarth)

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

Lectures (MA)	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS): 2025, 2024, 2023 Microeconomic Perspectives on Development Economics: 2025/26, 2024/25, 2023/24
Seminars (MA)	Intergenerational Mobility in Applied Economics: 2025/26 Empirical Political Economy: 2025, 2024 Causal Inference in Network Infrastructures: 2024/25 Digital Infrastructure in Developing Countries: 2023/24 Spatial Data in Development Economics: 2023 Evaluation of Infrastructure Investments and Their Economic Impact: 2022/23

THIRD-PARTY PROJECTS

2020 – 2021	Evaluation of the Next Generation Access Programme, Policy evaluation of national 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 Commission (European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme)
2021 – 2023	Granted research proposal for the FIT IN Initiative (Toulouse)
2021	Seed grant by the Bavarian Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Referee:	Journal of Public Economics, Research Policy, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, European Journal of Political Economy, Small Business Economics, Information Economics and Policy, Bulletin of Economic Research, Review of Network Economics, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Annals of Regional Science, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, International Journal of Emerging Markets
Conference Organization:	ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics (since 2023)
Conference Referee:	European Association of Young Economists (EAYE) Annual Meeting (since 2023)

REFERENCES

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