

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 10/2012-06/2016 Ph.D. in economics, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität (FAU)
Erlangen-Nürnberg
Dr. rer. pol. (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisor: Christian Merkl
- 09/2010-06/2011 Visiting student at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 10/2009-03/2012 Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Master of Arts in International Economics
- 09/2007-01/2008 Visiting student at Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Science Po),
Bordeaux
- 10/2005-08/2008 Technische Universität Dresden
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Since 10/2012 Research Assistant, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Chair
of Economics, esp. Macroeconomics
- 10/2012-12/2012 Research Assistant, Institute for Employment Research (IAB),
Nuremberg
Research Group: Labor Market Processes and Institutions (A1)
- 04/2012-09/2012 Research Assistant, German Institute of Global and Area Studies
(GIGA), Hamburg
Project: Integrated Modeling of Land Use Changes at Rainforest
Margins in Indonesia

- 10/2011-12/2011 Student Assistant, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Chair of Economics, esp. Macroeconomics
- 05/2009-09/2009 Internship, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Accra, Ghana
Project: Sustainable Economic Development
- 01/2009-04/2009 Internship, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin
Department: Globalization, Trade, and Investments
- 10/2008-12/2008 Internship, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), Kiel
Research Area: Monetary Policy under Market Imperfections
- 08/2006-09/2006 Internship, German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), Bonn
Department: Projects Abroad

PUBLICATIONS

“Revisiting the Matching Function,” with Daniela Nordmeier and Christian Merkl, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2016, 69, 350-374.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Business Cycle Asymmetries and the Labor Market,” with Christian Merkl, IZA Discussion Papers 9816, Institute for the Study of Labor, March 2016 .

“Optimal Monetary Policy under Rigid Wages and Decreasing Returns,” University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, mimeo, March 2016.

“Labor Selection over the Business Cycle: An Empirical Assessment,” with Brigitte Hochmuth, Hermann Gartner, and Christian Merkl, FAU Discussion Papers in Economics 02/2016, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, March 2016.

“The Effects of Productivity and Benefits on Unemployment: Breaking the Link,” with Alessio J.G. Brown, Christian Merkl, and Dennis J. Snower, UNU-Merit Working Paper, No. 32, May 2016.

HONORS

- 01/2015-06/2015 Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE) Doctoral Student
- 01/2013-11/2015 German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) (Ph.D. scholarship)
- 02/2007-02/2012 German National Academic Foundation
- 2012 Florenz-Sartorius-Prize for best graduation in economics at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- 09/2010-06/2011 Education Abroad Program of the University of California (full study fee waiver)
- 09/2010-06/2011 DAAD scholarship for study abroad at UCLA (living expenses)

CONFERENCES

- 2016 Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Augsburg
- 8th Conference, Growth and Business Cycles in Theory and Practice, Manchester, UK
- 2015 Mainzer Wissenschaftsgespräche, Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur Mainz/Academy of Sciences and Literature Mainz
- EES Conference, New Developments in the Macroeconomics of Labor Markets, CREI, Barcelona, Spain
- 19th BGPE Research Workshop, Regensburg
- 2014 7th Conference, Growth and Business Cycles in Theory and Practice, Manchester, UK
- Research Colloquium, Department of Economics, University of Konstanz
- 2013 EES Conference, Understanding the sluggish recovery from the Great Recession, IfW Kiel
- European Economic Association (EEA), Annual Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung (ZEW), Macroeconomic Conference, Mannheim
- 2012 5. PhD Workshop, IAB, Nuremberg

COURSES (PHD-LEVEL)

Advanced Macroeconomics (Prof. Matthias Doepke, BGPE)
Time Series (Prof. Ulrich Müller, BGPE)
Advanced Econometrics (Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge, BGPE)
Advanced Microeconomics (Prof. Zvika Neeman, BGPE)
Macroeconomics: Dynamics and Growth Theory (Prof. Gary Hansen, UCLA)
Macroeconomics: Business Cycles (Prof. Andrew Atkeson, UCLA)
Macroeconomics: Topics in Macroeconomics (Prof. Vincenzo Quadrini, UCLA)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Miriam Golden, Prof. Michael Ross, Prof. Michael Thies, UCLA)

TEACHING

Monetary Policy and Applied Macroeconomics (lecture, Bachelor, FAU)

International Economics (tutorial, Bachelor, FAU)

Macroeconomics (tutorial, Bachelor, FAU)

Macroeconomics I (tutorial, Master, FAU)

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages German (native), English (fluent, Cambridge Advanced Certificate),
French (advanced, UNICERT III), Portuguese (advanced)

Software Matlab (& Dynare), Stata, Latex

Nuremberg, September 2016