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GENDER: Male

CITIZENSHIP: German

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:

2011-2013	MRes in Economics (with Distinction), London School of Economics
2010-2011	MSc in Economics, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
2007-2010	BA in Economics, University of St. Gallen
	Exchange Semester: University of British Columbia, Vancouver

DOCTORAL STUDIES:

PhD Candidate in Economics, London School of Economics

DATES: 2013 - present

THESIS TITLE: "Essays in Applied Economics"

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: May 2017

THESIS ADVISOR AND REFERENCES:

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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Primary Fields: Labor Economics, Economic History

Secondary Fields: Political Economy, Economic Geography

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2016 – 2017	EC317 Labour Economics, LSE (Undergraduate)
2014 – 2016	EC423 Labour Economics for MSc, LSE (Graduate)
2014 – 2016	EC455 Quantitative Approaches and Policy Analysis, LSE (Graduate)
2013 – 2014	EC317 Labour Economics, LSE (Undergraduate)
2012 – 2013	EC220 Introduction to Econometrics, LSE (Undergraduate)

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

2014 – 2016	Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, LSE
2012 – 2014	Research Assistant for Brian Bell and Jörn-Steffen Pischke, Centre for Economic Performance
2012 – 2014	Graduate Teaching Assistant, LSE
2003 – 2008	Freelance journalist at local newspapers

LANGUAGES

Languages: English (fluent), French (good), German (native), Spanish (basic)

Software: Stata, ArcGIS, Matlab, LaTeX

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2016 – 2017	Royal Economics Society Junior Fellowship
2015	LSE Department of Economics Class Teacher Award
2014	LSE Student Union Teaching Excellence Awards: Highly Commended Nominee for Excellent Feedback and Communication
2013	LSE Departmental Prize for outstanding performance in the MRes in Economics Track 1 year 2 examinations
2011 – 2014	LSE PhD Scholarship
2007 – 2013	Student Fellowship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation)

COMPLETED PAPERS:

Job Market Paper:

“Male-biased Demand Shocks and Women's Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Large Oil Field Discoveries”
(with Andrei Potlogea)

Abstract: Do male-biased demand shocks affect women's labor force participation? To study this question, we examine large oil field discoveries in the US South from 1900-1940. We find that oil wealth has a zero net effect on female labor force participation due to two opposing channels. Oil discoveries increase demand for male labor in oil mining and manufacturing and consequentially raise male wages. This leads to an increased marriage rate of young women, which could have depressed female labor force

participation. But at the same time, oil wealth also increases demand for women in services, which counterbalances the marriage effect and leaves women's overall labor force participation rate unchanged. Our findings demonstrate that when the nontradable sector is open to women, male-biased demand shocks in the tradable sector need not reduce female labor force participation.

Working Papers:

"Voting behaviour and public employment in Nazi Germany"
CEP Discussion Paper 1326
Revisions requested, *Journal of Economic History*

Abstract: This paper analyses whether the German National Socialists used economic policies to reward their voters after coming to power in 1933. Using newly-collected data on public employment from the German censuses in 1925, 1933 and 1939 and addressing the potential endogeneity of the NSDAP vote share in 1933 by way of an instrumental variable strategy based on a similar party in Imperial Germany, I find that cities with higher NSDAP votes shares experienced a relative increase in public employment: for every additional percentage point in the vote share, the number of public employment jobs increased by around 2.1 percent.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

"Of Mice and Merchants: Trade and Growth in the Iron Age"
(with Ferdinand Rauch and Jörn-Steffen Pischke)

Abstract: The causal connection between trade and development is typically obscured by reverse causality, the endogenous location of economic activities, and confounding factors like institutions. To avoid these problems, we study this question using one of the earliest massive trade expansions in prehistory: the first systematic crossing of open seas in the Mediterranean during the time of the Phoenicians. For each point on the coast, we construct the ease with which other points can be reached by crossing open water. This connectivity differs depending on the shape of the coast and the location of islands. We show that an association between better connected locations and archaeological sites emerges during the Iron Age when sailors routinely crossed open water. We corroborate these findings at the world scale.

"The Long Shadow of Slavery: The Persistence of Slave-owners in Southern Law-making"

"Oil Discoveries and Black Education in the Postbellum South"

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

2016 Oxford Trade Workshop, SSES Lugano, EEA-ESEM Geneva

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