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EDUCATION

University of Mannheim, Ph.D. in Economics (2005)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (October 2003-February 2004)

University of Mannheim, “Diplom” in Economics (2000)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics

Applied Microeconometrics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

Professor of Economics (2010-present)

Junior Professor of Economics (2006-2010)

Department of Economics

Courses Taught: Graduate and Undergraduate Labor

Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg, Germany

Research Fellow (2008-present)

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany

Research Fellow (2007-present)

CREST, Paris, France

Marie-Curie Fellowship (2005)

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany

Researcher/Senior Researcher (2000-2005)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Director “Berlin Doctoral Program in Economics and Management Science” (2013-present).
Berlin Economic Research Associates (BERA) Committee Member (2016-present).
Associate Editor, *Empirical Economics* (2014-present).
Elected Member of the Executive Committee, EALE (2010-2016).
Elected Member of the Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (Bevölkerungsökonomischer Ausschuss , 2008-present).
Member of Conference Program Committees: European Association of Labour Economists (EALE, 2010-present), European Economic Association (EEA, 2017-present) Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (2017-present), Verein für Socialpolitik (2010-present), T.A.S.K.S. conference (2010-present).

GRANTS

GERMAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION (DFG)

DFG-Collaborative Research Center (190) “Rationality and Competition: The Economic Performance of Individuals and Firms“ (2017-2020), Principal Investigator (PI) and Member of the Board (MB).
DFG-Priority Programme (1764) “The German Labour Market in a Globalized World: Challenges through Trade, Technology, and Demographics“ (2014-2020), PI and MB.
DFG-Collaborative Research Center (649) „Economic Risk“ (2009-2016), PI.
DFG-Priority Programme (1169) “Flexibility in Heterogeneous Labour Markets“ (2008-2010), PI.

OTHER SOURCES

National Sciences Foundation “STEM Education Effects on a Diverse Workforce's Development over the Life Cycle” (2013-2018, joint with Chandra Muller and Sandra E. Black).
NORFACE Grant: “Migration in Europe” (2010-2013).

PUBLICATIONS

The Impact of Immigration on Competing Natives' Wages: Evidence from German Reunification, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, accepted (Joint with Susanne Prantl).
From the ‘Sick Man of Europe’ to the ‘Economic Superstar’: Germany’s Resurgent Economy, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 28(1), 2014 (Joint with Christian Dustmann, Bernd Fitzenberger and Uta Schönberg).
Technological Change and the Skill Content of Women’s Work, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 92(1), 2010 (Joint with Sandra E. Black).
How does entry regulation influence entry into self-employment and occupational mobility?, *Economics of Transition*, Vol. 17(4), 2009 (Joint with Susanne Prantl).

The Returns to Pencil Use Revisited, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 61(4), 2008.

Technical Change, Job Tasks and Rising Educational Demands: Looking Outside the Wage Structure, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 24(2), 2006.

Managerial Ownership and Firm Performance in German Small and Medium-Sized Private Enterprises, *German Economic Review*, 7(2), 2006 (with Elisabeth Müller).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Employee Adjustments to Economic Shocks (Joint with Susanne Prantl).

Female Shares and Occupational Wages (Joint with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln and Violetta Kuzmova).

On the Origins of STEM: The Role of High School STEM Coursework in Occupational Determination and Labor Market Success in Mid-Life (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Ziwei He, Chandra Muller).

Refugee-Specific Government Aid and Child Refugees' Economic Success Later in Life (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Hannah Liepmann, and Camille Remigereau).

The Role of STEM Occupations in the German Labor Market (Joint with Kai Priesack).

The Task-Flexibility of Workers: Implications for Wages and Employment (Joint with Bernd Fitzenberger and Alexandra Fedorets)

Who are Germany's Refugees? (Joint with Herbert Brücker, Rajshri Jayaraman, Yuliya Kosyakova, Steffen Sirries, and Ehsan Vallizadeh).

PUBLICATIONS IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES/POLICY WRITINGS

From Sick Man of Europe to Economic Superstar: Germany's Resurgence and the Lessons for Europe, in: **Explaining Germany's Exceptional Recovery**, Editor: Dalia Marin, A VoxEU.org Book, CEPR Press, 2018 (Joint with Christian Dustmann, Bernd Fitzenberger, Uta Schönberg).

The Real Reasons the German Labor Market is Booming, *Harvard Business Review*, 2017.

Human Capital, Job Tasks and Technology in East Germany after Reunification, *National Institute Economic Review*, No. 201 July 2007, 97-106.

Evolving Tasks and the Narrowing of the Gender Wage Gap, CEPR VoxEU.org, 2007 (Joint with Sandra E. Black).

Die Anatomie des Berufswechsels-Eine empirische Bestandsaufnahme auf Basis der BIBB/IAB-Daten 1998/1999, 2004, in: W. Franz, H.J. Ramser und M. Stadler: *Bildung*, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Seminar in Ottobeuren, Bd. 33, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, 29-54 (Joint with Bernd Fitzenberger).

Informationstechnologien, organisatorische Veränderungen und Entlohnung, 2003, Mitteilungen aus der Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, 36. Jahrgang, 599-613 (Joint with Irene Bertschek).

Quantification of Qualitative Data Using Ordered Probit Models, 2002, in: G. Poser and D. Bloesch, *Economic Survey and Data Analysis*, CIRET Conference Proceedings, OECD, Paris, 325-343 (Joint with Ulrich Kaiser).

Do Owners Make Good Managers?, 2002, Centre Piece, Centre for Economic Performance, Vol. 7, Issue 2, 25-27 (Joint with Elisabeth Müller).

SELECTED ACADEMIC VISITS AND PRESENTATIONS

2018-2019 Academic Year (scheduled): LSE/CVER conference (keynote), University of Mannheim, Norwegian School of Business and Economics (NHH), Rotterdam University, Congress on Research in Vocational Education and Training, Bern (keynote).

Before 2018-2019 Academic Year: AEA Meetings (various years), EEA Meetings (various years), SOLE meetings (various years), EALE Meetings (various years), Verein für Socialpolitik Meetings (various years), ESPE Meetings, MIT Labor Lunch Seminar, NBER and NBER labor studies program meeting, Princeton University, LSE, University of Texas, Austin, University of California, Irvine and Los Angeles, Paris School of Economics, Norwegian School of Business and Economics, Tinbergen Institute, CREST, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), University of Frankfurt, Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), Conference on Education, Training and the Evolving Workplace, Vancouver, MERIT Lunch Seminar, European Low-Wage Employment Research Network (LoWER) Conference.

REFEREE

Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Human Resources, Empirical Economics, Industrial and Labor Relation Review, Empirical Economics, Economica, Labour Economics, German Economic Review, Economics of Education Review.

PH.D. STUDENTS' PUBLICATIONS:

Benjamin Bruns: **Changes in Workplace Heterogeneity and How They Widen the Gender Wage Gap**, American Economic Journal, Applied Economics, forthcoming.

Hannah Liepmann: **The impact of a negative labor demand shock on fertility – Evidence from the fall of the Berlin Wall**, Labour Economics, forthcoming.