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EDUCATION

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

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (October 2003-February 2004)

University of Mannheim and Université Aix-Marseille, “Diplom” in Economics and
“Diplôme approfondi de langue française” (2000)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

Full 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

Leibniz Association – Member of the Senate Evaluation Committee (2021-).

Elected Member of the Executive Committee, EALE (2010-2016; 2021-).

Member of Scientific Advisory Board for the EU-Horizon2020 project “PILLARS—Pathways to Inclusive Labour Markets” (2021-).

Alfried Krupp Foundation – Member of the Scientific Advisory Council Greifswald (2020-)

Lead organizer of “VirtualBERLIN”, online EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference of Labor Economists, June 25-27, 2020 (<https://eale.nl/conference-2020/eale-sole-aasle-world-conference-2020>; it replaced the in-person conference scheduled to take place in Berlin; ~ 800 registered participant).

Director “Berlin Doctoral Program in Economics and Management Science” (2013-2019).

Berlin Economic Research Associates (BERA), Committee Member (2016-present).

Associate Editor, Journal of Labour Market Research (2019-present).

Elected Member of the Executive Committee of the Verein für Socialpolitik (2019-present).

Elected Member of the Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (Bevölkerungsökonomischer Ausschuss , 2008-present).

Associate Editor, Empirical Economics (2014-2019).

Member of Conference Program Committee:

- 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-Grant for “VirtualBERLIN”, online EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference of Labor Economists, June 25-27, 2020.

DFG-Collaborative Research Center (190) “Rationality and Competition: The Economic Performance of Individuals and Firms“ (2017-2024), Principal Investigator and Member of the Board (<https://rationality-and-competition.de/>).

DFG-Priority Programme (1764) “The German Labour Market in a Globalized World: Challenges through Trade, Technology, and Demographics“ (2014-2020), Principal Investigator and Member of the Board (<https://kooperationen.zew.de/dfg1764/about.html>).

DFG-Collaborative Research Center (649) „Economic Risk“ (2009-2016), Principal Investigator.

DFG-Priority Programme (1169) “Flexibility in Heterogeneous Labour Markets“ (2008-2010), Principal Investigator.

OTHER SOURCES

- The ROCKWOOL Foundation Research Grant “Digitalisation and the Skill Requirements in the Labor Market—Evidence from the Past 4 Decades” (2021-2024), Principal Investigator. (<https://www.rockwoolfonden.dk/en/fonden/>)
- National Sciences Foundation “STEM Education Effects on a Diverse Workforce's Development over the Life Cycle” (2013-2018), International Expert, Principal Investigator (PI): Chandra Muller, Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin, Co-PI: Sandra E. Black, Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs at Columbia University (https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1348527&HistoricalAwards=false)
- NORFACE Grant: “Migration in Europe: Integration, Impact and Interaction” (2010-2013), Co-Applicant, Scientific Director: Christian Dustmann, University College London (<http://www.norface-migration.org/currentprojectdetail.php?proj=6>)

PUBLICATIONS

- Refugee-Specific Government Aid and Child Refugees’ Economic Success Later in Life**, *Labour Economics*, Vol. 75, 2022. (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Hannah Liepmann, and Camille Remigereau). Download at [10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102099](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102099)
- The Importance of STEM: High School Knowledge, Skills and Occupations in an Era of Growing Inequality**, *Research Policy*, Vol. 50(7), 2021 (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Ziwei He, Koit Hung, and Chandra Muller). Download at [10.1016/j.respol.2021.104249](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.respol.2021.104249)
- The Impact of Immigration on Competing Natives’ Wages: Evidence from German Reunification**, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 102(1), 2020 (Joint with Susanne Prantl). Download at [10.1162/rest_a_00853](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_00853)
- 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). Download [10.1257/jep.28.1.167](https://doi.org/10.1257/jep.28.1.167)
- Technological Change and the Skill Content of Women’s Work**, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 92(1), 2010 (Joint with Sandra E. Black). Download at [10.1162/rest.2009.11761](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest.2009.11761)
- How does entry regulation influence entry into self-employment and occupational mobility?**, *Economics of Transition*, Vol. 17(4), 2009 (Joint with Susanne Prantl). Download at [10.1111/j.1468-0351.2009.00374.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0351.2009.00374.x)
- The Returns to Pencil Use Revisited**, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 61(4), 2008. Download at [10.1177/001979390806100404](https://doi.org/10.1177/001979390806100404)
- Technical Change, Job Tasks and Rising Educational Demands: Looking Outside the Wage Structure**, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 24(2), 2006. Download at [10.1086/499972](https://doi.org/10.1086/499972)

Managerial Ownership and Firm Performance in German Small and Medium-Sized Private Enterprises, *German Economic Review*, 7(2), 2006 (Joint with Elisabeth Müller).
Download at [10.1111/j.1468-0475.2006.00154.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0475.2006.00154.x)

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

Resilient Men in Prime Working Age (Joint with Alexandra Fedorets and Bernd Fitzenberger)

PUBLICATIONS IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES/PUBLIC OUTREACH (PARTLY IN GERMAN)

Ist Corona anders? Krisen und ihre Auswirkungen auf Forschung und Innovation – Eine Einschätzung aus Sicht des Arbeitsmarktes, Stifterverband Bildung. Wissenschaft. Innovation. Online Workshop „Innovationsfähigkeit in Zeiten der Krise: Erfolgsfaktor Unternehmenskultur“ (January 28, 2021).

Chancen der Niedriglohnphase für den Arbeitsmarkt, German Federal Ministry of Finance, November 6, 2019.

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).

Rising Wage Inequality in Germany, IAB-OECD Seminar, December 16-17, 2018.

Digitale Soziale Marktwirtschaft, Symposium der Hanns Martin Schleyer-Stiftung, June 27, 2018.

Fiscal Sustainability and Social Systems: Challenges and Policy Options for the Next Decades, German Federal Ministry of Finance, June 22, 2018.

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

2020-2021 Academic Year (online presentations): Cornell University, European University Institute (EUI), IAB Colloquium, IZA Labor Seminar, Universität Passau, Uppsala University, Maastricht University.

2019-2020 Academic Year: University of Bristol, Conference of the Asian Australasian Society of Labor Economists, Singapore 2019, Richard C. Holbrooke Workshop “The Effects of Automation on Employment, Wages, and Inequality in Germany” by the American Academy in Berlin, Brucchi Luchino Workshop Turin 2019 (keynote), Ski & Labor, Applied Machine Learning Days 2020 (<https://appliedmldays.org/speakers/alexandra-spitz-oener>).

2018-2019 Academic Year: 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), Goethe-University 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.

REFEREEING: JOURNALS

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 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, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Human Resources, Empirical Economics, Industrial and Labor Relation Review, Labour Economics, German Economic Review, Economics of Education Review.

REFEREEING: SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS

European Research Council (ERC), German Science Foundation (DFG), Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB), Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Swiss Federal Council, Joachim Herz Foundation.

MY STUDENTS' PUBLICATIONS OF JOB MARKET PAPERS:

Lukas Mergele (2020): **Public employment services under decentralization: Evidence from a natural experiment**, *Journal of Public Economics*, 182, 104-111.

Benjamin Bruns (2019): **Changes in Workplace Heterogeneity and How They Widen the Gender Wage Gap**, *American Economic Journal, Applied Economics*, 11(2), 74-113.

Hannah Liepmann (2018): **The Impact of a Negative Labor Demand Shock on Fertility – Evidence from the Fall of the Berlin Wall**, *Labour Economics*, 54, 210-224. Hannah also won the Humboldt Prize 2019 for her thesis.

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