

Curriculum Vitae

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: November 19, 1977, Wolfenbüttel

CITIZENSHIP: German

MARITAL STATUS: Married, 1 child (Mathilda, born August 28, 2008).

CURRENT POSITION / AFFILIATIONS:

- Lecturer, Chair of Public Economics (Prof. Dr. M. Thum), Technische Universität Dresden, since November 2007.
- CESifo Research Network Affiliate, Center of Economics Studies, Munich (since 2011)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Junior Researcher and Doctoral Candidate, Ifo Institute for Economic Research (2004-2007)
- Visiting Lecturer, Sächsische Verwaltungs- und Wirtschaftsakademie, SVWA (2006-2010)
- Visiting Lecturer, Dresden International University, DIU (since 2005)
- Student Assistant, Chair of Public Economics (Prof. Dr. S. Homburg), University of Hannover (2002-2004)

EDUCATION

- Dr. rer. pol., equiv. PhD in Economics, Technische Universität Dresden (2010)
- Diplom-Ökonom, equiv. M. A. in Economics, Leibniz University Hanover (2004)
- Studies of Economics at Leibniz University Hanover (1998-2004)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Fiscal Federalism, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations
- Political Economy
- Economic Geography
- Development Economics

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Georg-Helm-Prize 2011, Dissertation Award, Technische Universität Dresden.
- Participant of the 4th Meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, Lindau, 2011.
- Peggy and Richard Musgrave Prize 2009 for the paper "Aid, Growth, and Devolution" (joint with G. Markwardt), 65th annual congress of the International Institute of Public Finance in Cape Town.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Regional Inequality and Decentralization – An Empirical Analysis, *Environment and Planning A* (forthcoming).
- Interregional Redistribution and Mobility in Federations: A Positive Approach, *Review of Economic Studies* 78(4), 2011, 1345-1378 (with Anke S. Kessler and Nico A. Hansen).
- One Size Fits All? Decentralization, Corruption, and the Monitoring of Bureaucrats, *World Development* 38(4), 2010, 631-646 (with Gunther Markwardt).
- Fiscal Decentralization and Regional Disparity: Evidence from Cross-Section and Panel Data, *Environment and Planning A* 41(10), 2009, 2455-2473.

MONOGRAPHS

- *Föderalismus, regionale Ungleichheiten und Entwicklung*, Metropolis Verlag: Marburg, 2011.
- *Rechtfertigung von Ansiedlungssubventionen am Beispiel der Halbleiterindustrie* (with Beate Grundig, Anna Sophie Müller, Carsten Pohl and Joachim Ragnitz), ifo Dresden Studien, 45, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008.
- *Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik* (with Joachim Ragnitz, Beate Schirwitz and Marcel Thum), ifo Dresden Studien, 44, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2008.
- *Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand* (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), ifo Dresden Studien, 40, ifo Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Dresden, 2007.
- *Sächsischer Mittelstandsbericht 2005/2006* (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber), Hrsg.: Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit, Dresden, 2006.

WORKING PAPERS

- Spatial Inequality and Development – Is there an inverted-U Relationship?, CESifo Working Paper 3622, 2011.
- Regional Inequality and Decentralization – An Empirical Analysis, CESifo Working Paper 3568, 2011.
- Decentralization and the Shadow Economy: Oates meets Allingham-Sandmo (with Andreas Bühn and Gunther Markwardt), CESifo Working Paper 3551, 2011.

- Foreign Direct Investment and Regional Inequality – A Panel Data Analysis, mimeo, Technische Universität Dresden, 2011.
- The Impact of Democracy and Press Freedom on Corruption: Conditionality Matters (with Christine Kalenborn), mimeo, Technische Universität Dresden, 2010.
- Interregional Redistribution and Regional Disparities: How Equalization Does (Not) Work (with Anke S. Kessler), CEPR Discussion Paper No 8133, 2010.
- Fiscal federalism and foreign transfers: Does inter-jurisdictional competition increase foreign aid effectiveness? (with Gunther Markwardt), Dresden discussion paper series in economics 10/10.
- Decentralization and Foreign Aid Effectiveness: Do Aid Modality and Federal Design Matter in Poverty Alleviation? (with Gunther Markwardt), CESifo Working Paper 3035, 2010.
- Aid, Growth, and Devolution (with Gunther Markwardt), CESifo Working Paper 2805, 2009.

ARTICLES IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- Sind regionale Ungleichheiten der Preis wirtschaftlicher Entwicklung?, *Oekonomensstimme.org*.
- Wie interregionale Transferzahlungen regionale Ungleichheiten erhöhen (with Anke S. Kessler), *Oekonomenstimme.org* (02.03.2011).
- Föderalismus und Korruption – Ist Dezentralisierung ein geeignetes Mittel zur Korruptionsbekämpfung? *ifo Dresden berichtet* 17(4), 2010, 43-48 (with Gunther Markwardt).
- Revolvierende Fonds als Instrument zur Neuausrichtung der Förderpolitik, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 15(2), 2008, 11-18, (with Beate Schirwitz).
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Handwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(2), 2007, 14-24 (with Sabine Engelmann).
- Unternehmensnachfolge im sächsischen Mittelstand, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 14(1), 2007, 15-28 (with Michael Berlemann, Sabine Engelmann, Heinz Schmalholz, Henner Spelsberg and Hendrik Weber).
- Themenschwerpunkt: Probleme beim Arbeitslosengeld II und Lösungsvorschläge, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 13(2), 2006, 3-4 (with Beate Grundig).
- Die Novelle der Handwerksordnung, Ich-AGs und die Folgen für das Bauhandwerk, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(6), 2005, 28-30.
- Regionale Disparitäten in Deutschland und ausgesuchten OECD-Staaten im Vergleich, *ifo Dresden berichtet* 12(3), 2005, 25-33.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND RESEARCH STAYS

- DAAD travel grant for the presentation at the 67th congress of the IIPF 2011 in Ann Arbor, 2011.
- Grant of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) for the presentation at the 66th congress of the IIPF in Uppsala, 2010.
- Grant of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) for the presentation at the 65th congress of the IIPF in Cape Town, 2009.

- DFG-Priority program 1142: “Institutional Design of Federal Systems – Theory and Empirical Evidence“, project: „Federalism and Corruption, – A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Alternative Transmission Channels“ (2007-2009).
- Visiting Scholar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver (at the invitation of Anke Kessler), (03/2008-04/2008).
- DFG travel grant for the 10th anniversary conference of the CSGR in Warwick, 2006.

REFEREEING

- Economics Bulletin
- Environment and Planning A
- FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis
- International Tax and Public Finance
- Journal of African Economics
- Fiscal Studies
- National Tax Journal
- Regional Studies
- Southern Economic Journal
- World Development

CONFERENCES

- Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Frankfurt, 2011.
- 67th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Ann Arbor, 2011.
- 4th Workshop on Fiscal Federalism, IEB Barcelona, 2011.
- 66th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Uppsala, 2010.
- CESifo Venice Summer Institute, Taxation in Developing Countries, 2010.
- 65th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Cape Town, 2009.
- 7th Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, Mannheim, 2008.
- Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Graz, 2008.
- 9th International Conference of the Association of Public Economic Theory (APET), Seoul, 2008
- 10th Anniversary Conference of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR), University of Warwick, 2007.
- 63rd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), University of Warwick, 2007.
- 8th International Conference of the Association of Public Economic Theory (APET), Nashville, 2007.
- 5th Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, TU Dresden, 2006.
- Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Bayreuth, 2006.
- 62nd Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Paphos, 2006.

- 13th International Conference on Panel Data, Cambridge, 2006.
- 2nd International Conference on Business, Management and Economics (ICBME), Cesme, 2006.
- Joint Workshop of the ifo Institute for Economic Research and the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 2005.
- 3rd Workshop of the DFG Priority Program No. 1142: Institutional Design of Federal Systems: Theory and Empirical Evidence, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), 2005.

INVITED TALKS

- DIW IO/Finance Seminar, 2011 (at the invitation of Maria Nieswand).
- WZB-Conference „Reflections on Fiscal Federalism: Elaborating the Research Agenda“, 2009 (at the invitation of Kai A. Konrad and Benny Geys).
- Research Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver B.C., 2008 (at the invitation of Anke S. Kessler).
- Research Seminar, ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich, 2007 (at the invitation of Robert Koll).

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

- Lecture “Decentralization and Development Policy“, study trip of the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, ifo Dresden, 2011.
- Talk “Business succession in Saxony“, symposium of Saxon State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Radebeul, 2007.
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in East Germany“, study trip of the Atlantikbrücke e.V., Meißen 2007.
- Lecture “Demographic Transition in Saxony“, Annual Meeting of the Verband mitteldeutscher Frucht-Großhändler e.V., Dresden, 2006.

CO-ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

- Assistance to the organizers of the 68th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Dresden, 2012.
- CESifo 5th Workshop on Political Economy, 2011.
- CESifo 4th Workshop on Political Economy, 2010.
- CESifo 3rd Workshop on Political Economy, 2009.
- CESifo 2nd Workshop on Political Economy, 2008.
- Workshop on Political Economy, ifo Dresden and TU Dresden, 2007.

TEACHING

- WS 2011/2012
 - Principles in Economics (lecture, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Optimal Taxation (tutorial, TUD, master level)

- SS 2011
 - Microeconomics (tutorial, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Education economics (seminar, TUD, bachelor level)
- WS 2010/11
 - Principles in Economics (tutorial, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Development Economics (seminar, TUD, master level)
 - Insurance Theory and Health Economics (lecture, DIU, master level)
- SS 2010
 - Theory of the Welfare State (lecture, TUD, master level)
 - Climate Policy (seminar, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Insurance Theory and Health Economics (lecture, DIU, master level)
 - Principles in Economics (lecture, DIU, bachelor level)
- WS 2009/10
 - Optimal Taxation (tutorial, TUD, master level)
 - Economic Policy in Times of Crisis (seminar, TUD, master level)
 - Economic Policy (lecture, SVWA, bachelor level)
- SS 2009
 - Optimal Taxation (tutorial, TUD, master level)
 - Resource Economics (seminar, TUD, master level)
- WS 2008/09
 - Principles in Economics (tutorial, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Public Sector Economics (tutorial, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Theory of the Welfare State (tutorial, TUD, master level)
 - Economics of the Family and Human Capital (seminar, TUD, master level)
 - Economic Policy (lecture, SVWA, bachelor level)
- SS 2008
 - Theory of the Welfare State (tutorial, TUD, master level)
 - Fiscal Competition (seminar, TUD, master level)
- WS 2007/08
 - Principles in Economics (tutorial, TUD, bachelor level)
 - Decentralization (seminar, TUD, master level)
 - Economic Policy (lecture, SVWA, bachelor level)
- WS 2006/07
 - Economic Policy (lecture, SVWA, bachelor level)
- WS 2004/05
 - Insurance Theory and Health Economics (lecture, DIU, master level)

MEMBERSHIPS

- CESifo Research Network Affiliate
- German Economic Association

- International Institute of Public Finance
- Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der TU Dresden e.V.
- Förderverein der Fakultät Wirtschaftswissenschaften der TU Dresden e.V.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- Member in the young academics commission of the academic senate (since 2010)
- Member in the gender and diversity commission of the academic senate (since 2010)
- Member of the faculty council (since 2009)
- Equal opportunity commissioner (since 2009)
- Coordinator of the doctoral program (since 2008)

REFERENCES

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