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RESEARCH FIELDS

Public economics, health economics, population economics, applied microeconometrics

CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

Since 2013	University of Passau, Full Professor (W3) Chair of Public Economics
2010-2013	Ifo Institute Munich, Deputy department head Research area "Social Policy and Labour Markets"

AFFILIATIONS

Since 2019	CESifo Research Network Fellow
Since 2018	IZA Research Fellow
Since 2013	Research Professor at the Ifo Institute, Munich

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Since 2024	Member of the international scientific commission Sciences Humaines et Sociales-5 (SHS-5) of the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS)
2023-2025	Dean of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems, University of Passau
2022-2023	Vice Dean of the School of Business, Economics and Information Systems, University of Passau
2018-2023	BGPE Research Council (Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics)
2015-2017	Scientific Council of the German General Social Survey (ALLBUS)
Since 2014	Committee for Social Policy of the German Economic Association (VfS)

EDUCATION

2008-2010	Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena DFG Research Training Group "The Economics of Innovative Change" PhD in economics (Dr. rer. pol., with highest honor)
2000-2006	University of Passau: Business Administration & Economics, English (M.A.)
2003-2004	University of Exeter (UK): Visiting student

AWARDS, PRIZES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019	Prize for Exceptional Achievement in Third-party Funded Research for the project "Germany 2017" (awarded by the Ifo Institute)
2016	Walter Eucken Prize (5,000€)
2013	Prize for Exceptional Achievement in Third-party Funded Research for the project "Child benefits" (awarded by the Ifo Institute)
2012	Prize for Exceptional Achievement in Third-party Funded Research for the project "Public child care" (awarded by the Ifo Institute)
2011	Prize for Outstanding Academic Research in the Field of Empirical Economics (awarded by the Friends of the Ifo Institute)
2011	Handelsblatt fellow at the 4th Nobel Laureate Meeting in Economics
2008-2009	German Research Foundation (DFG): PhD scholarship
2006	University of Passau: „Best graduate of the year“

RESEARCH GRANTS

DFG Research Training Group 2720/0 "Digital Platform Ecosystems (DPE)", German Research Foundation (DFG), Principal investigator (10/2022 – 03/2027; 5,500,000€)

Germany 2017 – A Study of Peoples' Attitudes and Behavior in Unified Germany, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (07/2016-12/2017; 223,000€)

Collective Action in Natural Monopoly Sectors, Carl-Friedrich-von-Weizsäcker Foundation (04/2012-04/2013; 80,000€)

Ex-Post-Evaluation of Child Benefits and Allowances: Project for the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the Federal Ministry of Finance (12/2010-09/2011; 187,000€)

Ex-Post-Evaluation of Public Child Care Provision: Project for the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the Federal Ministry of Finance (10/2010-07/2011; 311,000€)

Coordination of the 8th Report on Family Affairs: Project for the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (07/2010-02/2012; 463,000€)

Analysis of the Relationship between Broadband Access and the Development of Competences: Project for German Telekom (03/2010-03/2011; 95,000€)

Adjustment Problems of the Labor Markets in the "Bavarian Objective 2 Regions" Bordering the Czech Republic: Project for the Bavarian Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (11/2004-12/2006)

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- (1) Bauernschuster, S., Blum, M., Hornung, E., Koenig, C. (2025), The Political Effects of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Weimar Germany, *Explorations in Economic History*, 96, 101648.
- (2) Bauernschuster, S., Rekers, R. (2022), Speed Limit Enforcement and Road Safety, *Journal of Public Economics*, 210, 104663.
- (3) Ahammer, A., Bauernschuster, S., Halla, M., Lachenmaier, H. (2022), Minimum Legal Drinking Age and the Social Gradient in Binge Drinking, *Journal of Health Economics*, 81, 102571.
- (4) Bauernschuster, S., Driva, A., Hornung, E. (2020), Bismarck's Health Insurance and the Mortality Decline, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18 (5), 2561-2607.
- (5) Bauernschuster, S., Hener, T., Rainer, H. (2017), When Labor Disputes Bring Cities to a Standstill: The Impact of Public Transit Strikes on Traffic, Accidents, Air Pollution and Health, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 9 (1), 1-37. ([Video](#))
- (6) Bauernschuster, S., Hener, T., Rainer, H. (2016), Children of a (Policy) Revolution: The Introduction of Universal Child Care and its Effect on Fertility, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14 (4), 975-1005.
- (7) Bauernschuster, S., Borck, R. (2016), Formal Child Care and Family Structure: Theory and Evidence, *CESifo Economic Studies*, 62 (4), 699-724.
- (8) Bauernschuster, S., Schlotter, M. (2015), Public Child Care and Mothers' Labor Supply - Evidence from Two Quasi-Experiments, *Journal of Public Economics*, 123, 1-16.
- (9) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O. (2015), Culture and the Spatial Dissemination of Ideas—Evidence from Froebel's Kindergarten Movement, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 15 (3), 601-630.
- (10) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Wößmann, L. (2014), Surfing Alone? The Internet and Social Capital: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from an Unforeseeable Technological Mistake, *Journal of Public Economics*, 117, 73-89.
- (11) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Heblich, S., Südekum, J., Lameli, A. (2014), Why Are Educated and Risk-loving Persons More Mobile Across Regions?, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 98, 56-69.
- (12) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Große, N. (2013), When Trustors Compete for the Favour of a Trustee - A Laboratory Experiment, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 34 (1), 133-147.
- (13) Bauernschuster, S. (2013), Dismissal Protection and Small Firms' Hirings: Evidence from a Policy Reform, *Small Business Economics*, 40 (2), 293-307.
- (14) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H. (2012), Political Regimes and the Family: How Sex Role Attitudes Continue to Differ in Reunified Germany, *Journal of Population Economics*, 25 (1), 5-27.

- (15) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Gold, R., Heblich, S. (2012), The Shadows of the Socialist Past: Lack of Self-Reliance Hinders Entrepreneurship, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 28 (4), 485-497.
- (16) Bauernschuster, S., Dürsch, P., Oechssler, J., Vadovic, R. (2010), Mandatory Sick Pay Provisions: A Labor Market Experiment, *Journal of Public Economics*, 94 (11-12), 870-877.
- (17) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Heblich, S. (2010), Social Capital Access and Entrepreneurship, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 76 (3), 821-833.
- (18) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Heblich, S. (2009), Training and Innovation, *Journal of Human Capital*, 3 (4), 323-353.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- (19) Bauernschuster, S. Grimm, M., Hajo, C. (2023), The Impact of Margaret Sanger's Birth Control Clinics on Early 20th Century U.S. Fertility and Mortality, IZA Discussion Paper 16118, CESifo Working Paper 10421, revise & resubmit: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
- (20) Andres, L., Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H., Schueller, S. (2024), Birthright Citizenship and Youth Crime, in progress.

POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS

- (21) Bauernschuster, S., Blum, M., Hornung, E., Koenig, C. (2023), How the 1918 Influenza Pandemic Affected Voting in the Weimar Republic, *VoxEU*.
- (22) Bauernschuster, S. Traxler, C. (2021), Tempolimit 130 auf Autobahnen: Eine evidenzbasierte Diskussion der Auswirkungen, *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik*, 22(2), 86-102.
- (23) Ahammer, A., Bauernschuster, S., Halla, M., Lachenmaier, H. (2021), Minimum Legal Drinking Age and the Social Gradient in Binge Drinking, *VoxEU*.
- (24) Albrecht, C., Bauernschuster, S., Endl-Geyer, V., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Ragnitz, J., Rainer, H. (2018), Mauer in den Köpfen? Die Einstellungen und Verhaltensweisen Ost- und Westdeutscher 28 Jahre nach der Wende, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 71 (21), 56-61.
- (25) Bauernschuster, S., Driva, A., Hornung, E. (2017), Bismarck's Health Insurance and its Impact on Mortality, *VoxEU*.
- (26) Bauernschuster, S., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Rainer, H. (2014), Streiks im öffentlichen Nahverkehr: Negative Folgen für Verkehr, Umwelt und Gesundheit, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 67 (24), 31-36.
- (27) Bauernschuster, S., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Rainer, H. (2014), Kinder einer Politikreform: Führen mehr Krippenplätze zu mehr Kindern?, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 67 (10), 30-37.

- (28) Bauernschuster, S., Danzer, N., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Holzner, C., Rainer, H., Reinkowski, J. (2014), Child Benefit Allowances in Germany: Their Impact on Family Policy Goals, *CESifo Dice Report*, 12(1), 37-45.
- (29) Bauernschuster, S., Fichtl, A. (2014), Öffentlich geförderte Kinderbetreuung ohne Zielkonflikt, *Wirtschaftsdienst – Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftspolitik*, 94(2), 94-98.
- (30) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H., Danzer, N., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Holzner, C., Reinkowski, J. (2013), Kindergeld und Kinderfreibeträge in Deutschland: Evaluierung der Auswirkungen auf familienpolitische Ziele, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 66 (9), 28-36.
- (31) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H., Auer, W., Danzer, N., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Holzner, C., Reinkowski, J., Werding, M. (2013), Öffentlich geförderte Kinderbetreuung in Deutschland: Evaluierung der Auswirkungen auf die Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung von Müttern, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 66 (7), 31-40.
- (32) Bauernschuster, S., Fichtl, A. (2013), Brauchen wir eine gesetzliche Frauenquote?, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 66 (2), 39-48.
- (33) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Wößmann, L. (2011), Kein Grund für Innovationsfeindlichkeit und Kulturpessimismus: Das Internet erodiert nicht die Grundlagen unserer Gesellschaft, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 64 (12), 10-12.
- (34) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Wößmann, L. (2010), Schadet Internet dem Sozialkapital?, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 63 (21), 11-17.
- (35) Bauernschuster, S., Geis, W., Holzner, C., Rainer, H. (2010), Das Bundesverfassungsgerichtsurteil zu den Hartz-IV-Regelsätzen: Hintergrund und Bedeutung, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 63 (5), 21-29.
- (36) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H. (2010), Politik und Kultur: Unterschiedliche Einstellungen bezüglich der Rolle der Frau in Ost und West, *Ökonomenstimme*.
- (37) Bauernschuster, S., Kleinhenz, G. (2008), Staatlicher Mindestlohn - Musterfall eines Mangels an Aufklärung über die Ökonomik sozialer Politik, *ifo Schnelldienst*, 61 (6), 45-48.
- (38) Bauernschuster, S. (2008), Arbeitsmarkt - Ein Themenheft zur ökonomisch-politischen Bildung, Frankfurt: Wochenschau.

MONOGRAPHS

- (39) Albrecht, C., Bauernschuster, S., Fichtl, A., Hener, T., Ragnitz, J., Rainer, H. (2018), Deutschland 2017 – Studie zu den Einstellungen und Verhaltensweisen der Bürgerinnen und Bürger im wiedervereinigten Deutschland, *ifo Forschungsberichte*, 96.
- (40) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H., Danzer, N., Hener, T., Holzner, C., Reinkowski, J. (2013), Kindergeld, *ifo Forschungsberichte*, 60.
- (41) Bauernschuster, S., Rainer, H., Auer, W., Danzer, N., Hancioglu, M., Hartmann, B., Hener, T., Holzner, C., Ott, N., Reinkowski, J., Werding, M. (2013), Kinderbetreuung, *ifo Forschungsberichte*, 59.

- (42) Bauernschuster, S. (2010), *Empirical Strategies in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research*, Inaugural-Dissertation, Jena.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLECTIVE VOLUMES

- (43) Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Gold, R., Heblich, S. (2013), *Explicitly Implicit: How Institutional Differences Influence Entrepreneurship*, in: Crescenzi, R., and Percoco, M. (ed.): *Geography, Institutions and Regional Economic Performance*, Heidelberg: Springer, 165-186.
- (44) Bauernschuster, S., (2011), *Altenquotient und Alterspyramide – Warum wird Deutschland immer älter?*, in: Milbrat, G., Nerb, G., Ochel, W., Sinn, H.-W. (ed.), *Der ifo Wirtschaftskompass*, Munich: Hanser.
- (45) Bauernschuster, S., (2011), *Geburtenziffer – Land ohne Kinder*, in: Milbrat, G., Nerb, G., Ochel, W., Sinn, H.-W. (ed.), *Der ifo Wirtschaftskompass*, Munich: Hanser.
- (46) Bauernschuster, S., Holzner, C. (2011), *Atypische Beschäftigung – Leiharbeit, befristete Beschäftigungsverhältnisse, Minijobs*, in: Milbrat, G., Nerb, G., Ochel, W., Sinn, H.-W. (ed.), *Der ifo Wirtschaftskompass*, Munich: Hanser.
- (47) Bauernschuster, S., Holzner, C. (2011), *Kündigungsschutz – Schutz der Kernbelegschaft oder Chance für Neueinstellungen*, in: Milbrat, G., Nerb, G., Ochel, W., Sinn, H.-W. (ed.), *Der ifo Wirtschaftskompass*, Munich: Hanser.
- (48) Bauernschuster, S., Holzner, C. (2011), *Explizite und implizite Mindestlöhne – Zwischen Einkommenssicherung und Vernichtung von Arbeitsplätzen*, in: Milbrat, G., Nerb, G., Ochel, W., Sinn, H.-W. (ed.), *Der ifo Wirtschaftskompass*, Munich: Hanser.
- (49) Bauernschuster, S., Kleinhenz, G. (2011), *Bundesagentur für Arbeit*, in: Hasse, R., Schneider, H., Weigelt, K. (ed.), *Lexikon Soziale Marktwirtschaft – Wirtschaftspolitik von A-Z*, updated online version.
- (50) Bauernschuster, S., Kleinhenz, G. (2011), *Arbeitsmarktordnung*, in: Hasse, R., Schneider, H., Weigelt, K. (ed.), *Lexikon Soziale Marktwirtschaft – Wirtschaftspolitik von A-Z*, updated online version.
- (51) Bauernschuster, S. (2008), *Notwendigkeit, Probleme und Chancen betrieblicher Weiterbildung in peripheren Regionen*, in: Falck, O., Heblich, S. (ed.), *Wirtschaftspolitik in ländlichen Regionen*, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot.

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, CESifo Economic Studies, China Economic Review, Demography, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Finanzarchiv, German Economic Review, Health Economics, Journal for Labor Market Research, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Business Venturing, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic

History, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Economics and Statistics, **Journal of Health Economics**, **Journal of Human Resources**, **Journal of Labor Economics**, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, **Journal of Public Economics**, Journal of Regional Science, **Journal of the European Economic Association**, **Journal of Urban Economics**, Labour Economics, Manchester School, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Regional Science and Urban Economics, **Review of Economics and Statistics**, Review of Economics of the Household, **Review of Economic Studies**, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Small Business Economics, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics

CONFERENCE TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

2024: 3rd Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics, Berlin; European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Bergen; 2023: Urban Economics Association (UEA), Toronto; Regulation Research Conference, Regensburg; CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics, Munich; European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), Belgrade; 2022: Committee for Social Policy, Berlin; Regulation Research Conference, Regensburg; 2020: CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics; 2019: Risky Health Behaviors Workshop, Hamburg; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Leipzig; BGPE Mini Workshop, Nuremberg; German Prevention Congress, Berlin; 2017: Committee for Social Policy, Paderborn; CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich; Workshop on Health Economics and Health Policy, Heidelberg; 2016: IFS Workshop on Childcare Policy, London; 2015: CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich; Royal Economic Society (RES), Manchester; Bavarian Micro Day, University of Bamberg; 2014: Committee for Social Policy, Dresden; E.ON Stipendienfonds & Research Council of Norway Workshop, Dresden; 2013: Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Duesseldorf; European Economic Association (EEA), Gothenburg; European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Turin; Royal Economic Society (RES), London; 2012: European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Bonn; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Goettingen; Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), Chicago; CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich; 2011: CESifo Area Conference on Behavioral Economics, Munich; European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Paphos; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Frankfurt; European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA), Barcelona; Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM) Conference, London; 2010: ICT and Economic Growth Conference, Munich; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Kiel; Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics (DRUID), London; European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), London; Royal Economic Society (RES), Guildford; 2009: European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Tallinn; European Economic Association (EEA), Barcelona; Max Planck Institute of Economics, Ringberg Conference, Rottach-Egern; European Meeting of Applied Evolutionary Economics (EMAEE), Jena; 2008: North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), New York City; Swiss Leading House Conference, Zurich; Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics (DRUID), Copenhagen

SEMINAR TALKS

2025: Monash University; University of Sydney; Technical University Dresden; University of Duisburg-Essen; 2024: Erasmus University Rotterdam; 2023: KU Eichstaett-Ingolstadt; 2022: University of Bayreuth; Paris Lodron University Salzburg; Berlin Applied Micro Seminar; DJI Munich; 2021: WU Vienna; 2020: Harvard University; RWI Essen; University of Bamberg; 2019: University of Hamburg; Goethe University Frankfurt; Aarhus University; Leibniz University of Hannover; 2018: University of Bristol; Renmin University of China, Beijing; University of Tuebingen; DIW Berlin; IZA Bonn; Free University of Bozen-Bolzano; 2017: ZEW Mannheim; University of Regensburg; Maastricht University; University of Trier; University of Potsdam; 2016: ISER, University of Essex; University of Lausanne; University of Hohenheim; University of Innsbruck; Aarhus University; University of Lucerne; Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg; University of Heidelberg; 2015: University of Augsburg; University of Mannheim; Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena; DIW Berlin; Johannes Kepler University Linz; Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich; 2014: University of Constance; 2013: Albert-Ludwig-University Freiburg; Johannes Kepler University Linz; Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich; 2012: University of Stockholm; Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich; University of Passau; 2011: University of Oslo; Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich; University of Stirling; University of Essex; 2010: University of Passau; 2009: University of Aberdeen; Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTION)

National newspapers: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, Handelsblatt, Kronen Zeitung, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Smithsonian Magazine, Spektrum der Wissenschaft, der Standard, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, The Guardian, The Observer, Welt am Sonntag, Wirtschaftswoche; **Radio/Podcasts:** Antenne Bayern, Bayern 1, BR Podcast radioWissen, Deutschlandfunk, SWR 3, WDR 5; **TV:** ARD, ZDF, SAT1, Niederbayern TV, WDR; **Regional newspapers:** Augsburger Allgemeine, Berliner Morgenpost, Frankfurter Rundschau, Hamburger Abendblatt, Nürnberger Zeitung, Passauer Neue Presse, Straubinger Tagblatt, Thüringer Allgemeine, Westfälische Rundschau; **Online:** BR24 online, BILD online, Focus online, N-TV online, ORF online, Spiegel online, Stern online, Welt online, Zeit online

TEACHING

University of Passau

Introduction to Public Economics (Bachelor)
Public Finance (Bachelor)
Seminar: Topics in Public Economics (Bachelor)
Seminar: Environmental Economics (Bachelor)
Natural and Field Experiments (Master/PhD)
Behavioral Public Economics (Master)
Population Economics (Master)

Economics of Education (Master)

Seminar: Topics in Public Economics (Master)

Seminar: Replicating Empirical Research (Master)

Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich

Field Experiments and Public Policy (Bachelor)

Empirical Labor Economics (Bachelor)

University of Bayreuth

Empirical Labor Economics (Master)

Beijing Foreign Studies University

Topics in German Labor Market and Social Policy (Bachelor)

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