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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Passau 2024-

Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) 2024-

Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Bern 2020-2024

## EDUCATION

PhD Economics, University of Bern 2020-2024

MSc Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Vienna) 2017-2019
Tsinghua University, Visiting Student 2018

BSc Economics and Business Administration, University of Würzburg 2013-2016

## ACADEMIC VISITS

University of Tokyo, 1 month (host: Hitoshi Shigeoka) 2026

Columbia University, 3 months (host: Matthew Neidell) 2023

## WORKING PAPERS

Hazy Dreams: The Impact of Air Pollution on Sleep (with Bigler, P.)

Alcohol, Crime, and Health: Evidence from German Folk Festivals (with Drescher K. and Schwarzbauer, S.)

## PUBLICATIONS

Bigler, P., & Janzen, B. (2026), Green Spills: Peer Effects in Pro-Environmental Behaviors, **Journal of Public Economics**, 262, 105722.

Janzen, B. (2025). Temperature and Mental Health: Evidence from Helpline Calls, **Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists**, 12 (6), 1431-1457.

Drescher, K., & Janzen, B. (2025). When Weather Wounds Workers: The Impact of Temperatures on Workplace Accidents, **Journal of Public Economics**, 241, 105258.

Bigler, P., & Janzen, B. (2024), Too Hot to Sleep, **Journal of Environmental Economics and Management**, 128, 103063.

Janzen, B., & Radulescu, D. (2022), Effects of COVID-19 Related Government Response Stringency and Support Policies: Evidence from European firms, **Economic Analysis and Policy**, 76, 129-145.

Drescher, K., & Janzen, B. (2021). Determinants, Persistence, and Dynamics of Energy Poverty: An Empirical Assessment Using German Household Survey Data. **Energy Economics**, 102(10), 105433.

Janzen, B., & Radulescu, D. (2020). Electricity Use as a Real-time Indicator of the Economic Burden of the COVID-19-related Lockdown: Evidence from Switzerland. **CESifo Economic Studies**, 66(4), 303-321.

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS (INCL. SCHEDULED)

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| Nordic Annual Environmental and Resource Economics (NAERE) Workshop, Stockholm; 2nd Workshop on Health, Human Capital, and the Environment, Milan; New Developments in the Economics of Air Pollution (discussant), Mannheim. | 2026 |
| European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) Annual Conference, Bergen; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) Annual Conference, Naples; Next Gen Science Sessions, Lindau Nobel Meeting in Economic Sciences; Florence School of Regulation (FSR) Climate Annual Conference. | 2025 |
| KPM Brown Bag Seminar, University of Bern; Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) Annual Conference, Vienna; Economics Research Seminar, University of Passau. | 2024 |
| Workshop on Environmental Policy Evaluation, St. Gallen; HPM Brown Bag Seminar, Columbia University, New York City; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference, Portland; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES) Annual Congress, Neuchâtel; German Economic Association (VfS) Annual Conference, Regensburg; Swiss Association for Energy Economics (SAEE) Junior Workshop, Zürich; Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund BI&A Seminar, online. | 2023 |
| Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference, Miami; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) Annual Conference, Cosenza; European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE) Annual Conference, Rimini; Environmental and Resource Economics (AURÖ) Junior Workshop, Graz; Economics Brown Bag Seminar, University of Bern; Italian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (IAERE) Annual Conference, Cagliari. | 2022 |
| International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) Conference, online. | 2021 |
| Italian Association for Energy Economics (AIEE) Energy Symposium, online; Swiss Association for Energy Economics (SAEE) Junior Workshop, online. | 2020 |

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

### AWARDS AND HONORS

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| Selected Participant, Lindau Nobel Meeting in Economic Sciences | 2025 |
| Young Economist Award, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES) | 2024 |
| Student Award, Swiss Association for Energy Economics (SAEE) | 2023 |
| Best Presentation Award, Swiss Association for Energy Economics (SAEE) Junior Workshop | 2023 |
| Student Paper 2nd Prize, International Health Economics Association (IHEA) | 2023 |
| Merit-based Scholarship, Vienna University of Economics and Business | 2019 |

### GRANTS

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| Add-on Fellowship, Joachim Herz Foundation (15,000 EUR) | 2026 |
| Research and Transfer Pool, University of Passau (9,000 EUR) | 2025 |
| UniBE Short Travel Grant for (Post-)Docs, University of Bern (6,000 CHF) | 2023 |

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Wenn Klimaschutz Kreise zieht: Was Solaranlagen in der Nachbarschaft bewirken. (2026, October). Zukunftsstandort Deutschland, Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Solaranlagen: Wie Nachbarschaft den Klimaschutz fördern kann. (2025, October). Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

SELECTED COVERAGE

Berner Zeitung, Deutschlandfunk, Financial Times, Focus, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurter Rundschau, Kurier, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Münchner Merkur, Passauer Neue Presse, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesanzeiger, Zeit.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REFEREEING (*indicates multiple occasions)

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economics & Human Biology, Empirical Economics, Energy Economics*, Environment and Development Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics*, Nature Climate Change, The Energy Journal, The Lancet Planetary Health, Utilities Policy, World Development

OTHER

Board of Examiners for Doctoral Awards, Department of Economics, University of Passau 2024-

## TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF PASSAU

Environmental and Health Economics (Master)
Advanced Microeconomics (Master)
Public Economics (Bachelor)
Seminar: Environmental Economics (Bachelor)
Seminar: Public Economics (Master)
Thesis Supervision (Bachelor and Master)

UNIVERSITY OF BERN

Public Economics (Master), TA
Seminar: Public Economics (Master), TA

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