

CURRICULUM VITAE - CHRISTINA PETRIK

CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Generalizability, Microfinance, Technology Adoption, Mobile Money, Digital Platforms, Agriculture, Climate Change

EDUCATION

05/2022 - Present	PhD in Economics, Chair of Development Economics University of Passau First Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm Second Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stefan Bauernschuster
10/2019 - 05/2022	International Economics and Business (M. Sc.) University of Passau Final Grade: 1.2 (Very good)
10/2016 - 09/2019	Business Administration and Economics (B.Sc.) University of Passau Final Grade: 1.6 (Good)
07/2016	High School Graduation (Abitur) Gymnasium am Wirteltor, Düren Final Grade: 1.2 (Very good)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

12/2021 - Present	Research Associate, Chair of Development Economics, University of Passau
05/2021 - 11/2021	Research Assistant, RWI - Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research

11/2020 - 11/2021	Tutor, Chair of Development Economics, University of Passau
04/2021 - 07/2021	Seminar Assistant, Chair of Economic Theory, University of Passau
04/2020 - 02/2021	Tutor, Computational Statistics and Mathematics Teaching Unit, University of Passau

RESEARCH STAYS

09/2024 - 11/2024	Tufts University, USA Research stay with Prof. Jenny Aker at the Fletcher School
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WORKING PAPERS

Masselus, L., Petrik, C., & Ankel-Peters, J. (2024). Lost in the design space? Construct validity in the microfinance literature. *I4R Discussion Paper Series* (No. 184) [Link to paper]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Aker, J., Awonon, J., Grimm, M., Petrik, C., & Wirth, O. If you build it, will they come? Incentivizing the Adoption of Digital Financial Services in Niger. [Trial registry]

Asiedu, E., Grimm, M., Lay, J., Petrik, C., & Wirth, O. Unlocking agricultural potential through bundled services? Experimental evidence from a digital platform in Ghana. [Trial registry]

Wirth, O., Petrik, C., Asiedu, E., & Lay, J., Parched Prospects: Assessing Farmers' Climate Adaptation Strategies in the Wake of a Drought in Northern Ghana.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2025: Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society;
EUDN PhD Workshop;
Bavarian Micro Day Summer 2025
Chicago School of Experimental Economics in Bonn;
Leibniz Open Science Day (accepted)

2024: BGPE Workshop Munich;
RWI-Leibniz Institute for Economic Research Essen (Workshop);
German Development Economics Conference;
International Conference on Development Economics

2023: RWI-Leibniz Institute for Economic Research Essen (Workshop);
University of Passau (Research Seminar)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PASSAU

- Undergraduate level: Microeconomics, Statistics
- Graduate level: Advanced Macroeconomics (Seminar), Evaluation of Development Policies, Micro Development Economics, Pre-Semester Refresher Course Economics for Development Studies, Replicating Empirical Research in Public and Development Economics: Topics on Digitalization and Platforms (Seminar)

SERVICES FOR THE PROFESSION

04/2024 - Present Women's representative for the faculty & faculty board member
University of Passau

IT SKILLS

Stata (advanced), R (advanced), LaTeX (advanced), SurveyCTO (advanced), Microsoft Office (comprehensive), QGIS (basic skills), Python (basic skills), InDesign (basic skills)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), French (intermediate)

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