

Chair of Development Economics**DFG Research Training Group 2720: "Digital Platform Ecosystems"****School of Business, Economics and Information Systems, University of Passau**

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Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Climate Change, Agriculture, Gender, Technology Adoption, Microfinance, Digital Financial Services, Metascience

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

12/2021 - Present	Research Associate, Chair of Development Economics University of Passau
09/2024 - 11/2024	Visiting Researcher Tufts University, USA invited by Prof. Jenny Aker
05/2021 - 11/2021	Student Research Assistant RWI - Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research Essen
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

EDUCATION

05/2022 - Present	PhD in Economics, Chair of Development Economics University of Passau First Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm
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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)

WORKING PAPERS

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

Resubmitted to *The World Bank Research Observer* after second Revise and Resubmit

Aker, J., Awonon, J., Grimm, M., **Petrik, C.**, & Wirth, O. If you build it, will they come? Incentivizing Learning and Networks in Digital Financial Services. [RCT trial registry]

Submitted to *The Economic Journal*, received DPE Best Paper Award 2025

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

Asiedu, E., Grimm, M., Lay, J., **Petrik, C.**, Sowah, D., & Wirth, O. Adopting technology under climate stress: Evidence from randomized soil tests and fertilizer recommendations [RCT trial registry]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Petrik, C., & Lindlacher, V. From Disconnected to Compatible Payment Platforms: Financial Inclusion and Welfare in Tanzania.

Stock, L. & **Petrik, C.** Digital Platforms and Illicit Markets: The Case of Human Trafficking.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2026: CSAE Conference;

German Development Economics Conference / First EDEG Conference;

BGPE PhD Workshop;

Dr. Hans Riegel PhD Symposium for Economic Research (accepted)

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

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 Lecture (Winter term 2026/27)
 - Microeconomics Tutorial (Winter term 2020/21 – Winter term 2025/26)
 - Statistics Tutorial (Summer term 2020 – Winter term 2020/21)
- Graduate level:
 - Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods Lecture (Winter term 2026/27)
 - Health, Development, and Public Policy Tutorial (Summer term 2026)
 - Evaluation of Development Policies Tutorial (Summer terms 2024, 2026)
 - Micro Development Economics Tutorial (Winter terms 2022/23, 2025/26)
 - Replicating Empirical Research in Public and Development Economics: Topics on Digitalization and Platforms Seminar (Summer term 2025)
 - Economics for Development Studies Pre-Semester Refresher Course (Winter terms 2022/23, 2023/24, 2025/26)
 - Advanced Macroeconomics Seminar (Summer term 2021)
- Supervisions: Bachelor theses, Master theses, and seminar papers

SERVICES FOR THE PROFESSION

04/2024 - 01/2026	Women's representative for the faculty & faculty board member University of Passau
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SKILLS

IT:	Stata, R (incl. JAGS/STAN integration), LaTeX, SurveyCTO, QGIS, Microsoft 365, Python, Adobe InDesign
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Languages:	German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), Twi (beginner)
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