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Citizenship: Costa Rican

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Economics of Conflict, Economics of Crime, Political Economy, Causal Identification

EDUCATION

2024 ·	University of Passau PhD in Economics
2021 · 2024	University of Göttingen MSc in Development Economics
2016 · 2017	Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica Lic in Economics
2012 · 2015	Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica BA in Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Armed conflict and land use in Sub-Saharan Africa: evidence from remote sensing and event data

(with Erwin Bulte, Michael Grimm and Gerald Lesseri)

Chinese ICT transfers and attitudes toward democracy: micro-level evidence from Africa

(with Maakwe Cumanzala)

Foreign interventions and women's political participation during conflict in Afghanistan

(with Sarah Langlotz and Juliane Zenker)

The nexus among climate change, informal employment and crime in Latin America

(with Nicolás Corona-Juárez)

Child soldiers: the role of social stigma on social capital and economic integration

(single authored, in pipeline)

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

PYREC (Passau Young Researchers Excellence Centre) Excellence Programm · University of Passau · Research fellowship and individual financial support

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) · German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) · Full scholarship for master studies

High Academic Achievement Scholarship · Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica · Fee waiver for licentiate studies

Most Valuable Team Award · Acuity Knowledge Partners Costa Rica · Company award

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2026: European Political Science Society Conference (Belfast)

2025: Fragile Lives Conference (Berlin), Passau ECON Workshop (Passau)

2024: Passau ECON Workshop (Passau), RWI Essen Workshop (Essen)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 · University of Passau
Research Associate
Chair of Development Economics
Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm

2023 · 2024 University of Göttingen
Research Assistant
Chair of Farm Management
Prof. Dr. Oliver Mußhoff

2021 · 2023 University of Göttingen
Research Assistant
Chair of Development Economics and Global Political Economy
Prof. Dr. Andreas Fuchs

2017 · 2021 Acuity Knowledge Partners Costa Rica
Senior Research Associate
Corporates and Consulting

2016 · 2017 ALIARSE Foundation
Junior Project Manager
Public-Private Partnerships

2016 Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica
Research Assistant
International Center for Economic Policy and Sustainable Development
Prof. Dr. Olman Segura-Bonilla

2015 Costa Rican National Assembly
Intern
Fiscal Affairs Commission
MSc. David Cardoza-Rodríguez

TEACHING

WiSe 2026: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English
Mikroökonomik
Teaching Assistant, Bachelor, in German

SoSe 2026: Evaluation of Development Policies
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English
Growth and Development
Teaching Assistant, Bachelor, in English

WiSe 2025: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English
Mikroökonomik
Teaching Assistant, Bachelor, in German
Pre-Semester Refresher Course Economics for Development Studies – Helmut-Schmidt-Programme
Lecturer, Master, in English

SoSe 2025: Evaluation of Development Policies
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English

WiSe 2024: **Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development**
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English
Micro-Development Economics
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English

SoSe 2024: **Evaluation of Development Policies**
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English

WiSe 2023: **Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Business Economics**
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English

SoSe 2023: **Pre-Semester Refresher Course Introductory Statistics with R –**
Master Program Molecular Biology
Teaching Assistant, Master, in English

Theses co-supervision:

Master João Pedro De Farias Borges, Salma Ahmed Rizk Diab, Grace Kamau

AFFILIATIONS

2026 · 2028 Passau Young Researchers Excellence Centre (PYREC)
2021 · 2024 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Referee Activity:

Yulök Revista de Innovación Académica UTN

SKILLS

Statistical Programming and Applications:

Stata, RStudio, L^AT_EX, Quarto, QGIS, Claude Code, Python

Languages:

Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), German (Proficient)

REFERENCES

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