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Professional Experience

Research Associate and Teaching Assistant

April 2024 – Present

Universität Passau, Chair of Development Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm)

Passau, Germany

- Empirical research on development economics with a focus on conflict, foreign interventions and crime.

Student Research Assistant

Oct 2023 – Mar 2024

Universität Göttingen, Chair of Farm Management (Prof. Dr. Oliver Mußhoff)

Göttingen, Germany

- Geospatial data analysis, survey coding, and literature reviewing for projects on conflict, insurance and credit in Mali.

Student Research Assistant

Nov 2021 – Sep 2023

Universität Göttingen, Chair of Development Economics (Prof. Dr. Andreas Fuchs)

Göttingen, Germany

- Database construction and literature reviewing for research projects on trade and development aid.
- Panel data regression analysis with Stata for the project *Coming to America: Immigration, Political Campaigning, and Polarization*.

Senior Researcher and Team Leader

Dec 2017 – Aug 2021

Acuity Knowledge Partners (former Moody's Analytics Knowledge Services)

Heredia, Costa Rica

- Market research on macroeconomics, commodities, consumer goods, retail and digital marketing.
- Co-leadership of the Consumer Research department and quality assurance for a team of 15 researchers.

Junior Project Manager

Jul 2016 – Dec 2017

ALIARSE for Development

San José, Costa Rica

- Tabulation and analysis of results from surveys and interviews, and preparation of technical reports and executive presentations on environmental projects for private and public stakeholders.
- Support the development of toolkits for public-private partnerships for sustainable development.

Student Research Assistant

Mar 2016 – Jul 2016

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, CINPE

Heredia, Costa Rica

- Data cleaning and cost-benefit analysis for a consultancy on marine resources in Central and South America for MarViva Foundation at the *Natural Resources and Environmental Management Policy* hub.

Intern

Jul 2015 – Dec 2015

Costa Rican Congress and Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

San José, Costa Rica

- Estimation of concentration and inequality indexes and literature reviewing on fiscal policy and tax reform for the Fiscal Affairs Commission on behalf of the School of Economics.

Teaching Experience

Tutor

Universität Passau

Passau, Germany

- Mikroökonomik (bachelor, DE) – WiSe 2025/26
- Evaluation of Development Policies (master, EN) – SoSe 2024, SoSe 2025
- Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development (master, EN) – WiSe 2024/25, WiSe 2025/26
- Micro Development Economics (master, EN) – WiSe 2024/25

Tutor

Universität Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

- Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Business Economics (master, EN) – WiSe 2023/24
- Introductory Statistics with R (pre-master course, EN) – SoSe 2023

Education

Universität Passau

Ph.D. in Economics

April 2024 – Present

Passau, Germany

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

M.Sc. in Development Economics, specialization in Economics

Oct 2021 – Mar 2024

Göttingen, Germany

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

Licentiate (Graduate Diploma) in Economics

Feb 2016 – Dec 2017

Heredia, Costa Rica

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

Bachelor in Economics

Feb 2012 – Dec 2015

Heredia, Costa Rica

Work in progress

Foreign interventions and women's agency in Afghanistan (with Sarah Langlotz and Juliane Zenker)

The effect of Chinese ICT transfers on attitudes towards democracy: micro-level evidence from Africa (co-authored)

Conferences and Workshops

Passau ECON Workshop (Passau, 2025) (*scheduled*)

Fragile Lives Conference (Berlin, 2025)

Passau ECON Workshop (Passau, 2024)

RWI Essen – Passau Workshop (Essen, 2024)

Additional Training

Behavioral Economics

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE)

2025

Predictive and Causal Machine Learning in R

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE)

2024

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Georgetown University (online)

2020

Awards and Honors

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) Scholarship

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Oct 2021 – Sep 2023

Most Valuable Team

Acuity Knowledge Partners Costa Rica

Nov 2020

High Academic Achievement Scholarship

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

Feb 2016 – Dec 2017

Skills

Programming: Stata, R (advanced), Python (beginner)

Geographic Information Systems (GIS): QGIS (intermediate), Google Earth Pro (beginner)

Word processing software: LaTeX/Overleaf (advanced), R Markdown, Quarto (intermediate)

MS Office: Word, PowerPoint, Publisher (advanced), Excel (intermediate)

Languages

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

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