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Professional Experience

- Research Associate and Teaching Assistant** Apr 2024 · Present
University of Passau, Chair of Development Economics Passau, Germany
- Empirical research on the impact of conflict, terrorism and crime on various development indicators in the Global South.
 - Teaching assistance for graduate and undergraduate courses and co-supervision of master theses.
- Student Research Assistant** Oct 2023 · Mar 2024
University of Göttingen, Chair of Farm Management Göttingen, Germany
- Geospatial data analysis, survey coding, and literature reviewing for research projects on the impact of conflict on credit and insurance markets in Mali.
 - Teaching assistance for graduate courses.
- Student Research Assistant** Nov 2021 · Sep 2023
University of Göttingen, Chair of Development Economics Göttingen, Germany
- Database construction and literature reviewing for research projects on the effectiveness of development aid.
 - Panel data regression analysis for the project *Coming to America: Immigration, Political Campaigning, and Polarization*.
- Senior Researcher and Team Leader** Dec 2017 · Aug 2021
Acuity Knowledge Partners Heredia, Costa Rica
- Market research on macroeconomics, commodities, consumer goods, retail and digital marketing.
 - Co-leadership of the Consumer Goods department and quality assurance for a team of 15 researchers.
- Junior Project Manager** Jul 2016 · Dec 2017
ALIARSE for Development San José, Costa Rica
- Data cleaning and analysis of primary quantitative and qualitative data.
 - Preparation of technical reports and executive presentations on environmental projects for private and public stakeholders.
- Student Research Assistant** Mar 2016 · Jul 2016
Centro Internacional de Política Económica (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

Teaching Assistant

University of Passau

Passau, Germany

- **Summer Term 2026:** Evaluation of Development Policies (graduate, in English); Growth & Development (undergraduate, in English).
- **Winter Term 2025/2026:** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development (graduate, in English); Mikroökonomik (undergraduate, in German); Pre-Semester Course Economics for Development Studies (graduate, in English).
- **Summer Term 2025:** Evaluation of Development Policies (graduate, in English).
- **Winter Term 2024/2025:** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development (graduate, in English); Micro Development Economics (graduate, in English).
- **Summer Term 2024:** Evaluation of Development Policies (graduate, in English).

Teaching Assistant

University of Göttingen

Göttingen, Germany

- **Winter Term 2023/2024:** Quantitative Methods in Agricultural Business Economics (graduate, in English).
- **Summer Term 2023:** Pre-Semester Course Introductory Statistics with R (graduate, in English).

Education

University of Passau

Apr 2024 · Present

Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.) in Economics

Passau, Germany

University of Göttingen

Oct 2021 · Mar 2024

M.Sc. in Development Economics

Göttingen, Germany

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

Feb 2016 · Dec 2017

Licentiate (Graduate Diploma) in Economics

Heredia, Costa Rica

Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica

Feb 2012 · Dec 2015

Bachelor in Economics

Heredia, Costa Rica

Work in Progress

Armed Conflict and Land Use Change in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Remote Sensing and Event Data (*with Erwin Bulte, Michael Grimm and Gerald Lesseri*)

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 (*with Maakwe Cumanzala*)

Proposals in Development

Child Soldiers: The Effect of Social Stigma on Social Capital and Economic Integration (*single authored*)

The Social Fabric of Crime: Community Norms and Criminal Organizations in Latin America (*with Nicolás Corona-Juárez*)

Conferences and Workshops

2026: European Political Science Society (EPSS) Conference (Belfast) (*scheduled*)
2025: Fragile Lives Conference (Berlin); Passau ECON Workshop (Passau)
2024: Passau ECON Workshop (Passau); RWI Essen – Passau Workshop (Essen)

Awards and Honors

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)	Oct 2021 · Sep 2023
<i>Full scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</i>	<i>Germany</i>
Most Valuable Team Award	Nov 2020
<i>Acuity Knowledge Partners</i>	<i>Costa Rica</i>
High Academic Achievement Scholarship	Feb 2016 · Dec 2017
<i>Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica</i>	<i>Costa Rica</i>

Skills

Programming and Geographic Information Systems: R, Stata (proficient); Google Earth, QGIS (intermediate); Python (beginner)
Word Processing: LaTeX/Overleaf, Quarto/R Markdown (proficient)
MS Office: PowerPoint, Publisher, Word (proficient); Excel, VBA-Code (intermediate)

Languages

Spanish (native), English (proficient), German (proficient)

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