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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Fields: Economic History, Comparative Economics, Political Economy, Gender Economics

Methods: Causal Analysis and Identification, Spatial Analysis, Micro-Level Data, Machine Learning

EDUCATION

Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin - Germany Oct 2020 - today

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Thesis title: "Essays in Development and Comparative Economics"

First Supervisor: Prof. Theodor Grigoriadis, Ph.D. C.Sc.

Second Supervisor: Prof. Nikolaus Wolf, Ph.D.

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin - Germany Oct 2017 - May 2020

M.Sc. in Economics

Specialization in Econometrics and Labor Economics

Thesis title: "Political Extremism and its Historical Determinants in East Germany" (grade 1.3)

Supervision: Prof. Alexandra Spitz-Oener, Ph.D.

Higher School of Economics, Moscow - Russia Sep 2018 - Dec 2018

Semester abroad

International Exchange of the HU Berlin

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich - Germany Apr 2014 - Mar 2017

B.Sc. in Economics

Specialization in Economic History and Political Economy

Thesis title: "Genetic Variation and Economic Development" (grade 1.7)

Supervision: Prof. Davide Cantoni, Ph.D.

Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Herzliya - Israel Aug 2016 - Mar 2017

Semester abroad

International Exchange of the LMU Munich

WORKING PAPERS

The Enduring Effects of State Repression: Evidence from the Polish People's Republic Draft available upon request
Single author

Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland Draft available upon request
Single author

East European Big Bangs: East European Migration and the Political Economy of the United States Draft available soon
With Theodor Grigoriadis

RESEARCH STAYS

Scheduled: Warwick University, Coventry - United Kingdom

Oct 2024

Visiting Research Student in Economics

Invited by Professor Sascha Becker

Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Madrid - Spain

Feb 2024 - May 2024

Visiting Ph.D. Candidate in Economics at the "Figuerola" Institute

of Economic History and the Social Science Department

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Institute for East European Studies, Chair of Economics

Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin - Germany

Oct 2020 - today

Research Associate

- Chairman of the Decentralised Election Commission of Institute for East European Studies (OEI)
- Design and teaching of several cutting-edge courses to enhance the Institute's teaching portfolio
- Preparation of grant proposals for external funding as part of a team of international scholars
- Module coordination for the Department of Economics at the OEI
- Support in the coordination and conception of new study programmes (in particular the double master programmes of the OEI)
- Organisation, implementation and marketing of workshops, seminars, round tables and conferences
- Design and curatorial support for the exhibition "70 Years of the East European Institute"
- Support for the recruitment and induction of new staff members
- Supporting the Institute's internationalisation projects and hosting international guests
- Maintaining and updating the social media channels of the Economics Department of the Institute
- Visiting archives in Eastern Europe and working with historical documents and materials

Institute for Applied Microeconomics

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin - Germany

Sep 2017 - Jun 2020

Student Research Assistant, Prof. Alexandra Spitz-Oener, Ph.D.

- Preparation and support of research projects in the field of Empirical Labor Economics, Economic Policy and Economic History
- Generation and analysis of data sets with Excel, STATA and R
- Literature and data research on the economic transformation of the GDR and migration movements in Germany after WWII
- Revision of academic economic articles and presentations

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

Munich - Germany

Oct 2015 - Aug 2016

Student Research Assistant, Dr. Frank Mueller-Langer

- Generation and analysis of datasets with Python, Excel and STATA
- Revision of academic economic articles and presentations
- Preparation of a competition policy lecture
- Provision of assistance in econometric analysis, in particular with Python-Codes

Embassy of the Republic Poland, Vienna - Austria

Feb 2016 - Apr 2016

Intern at the Consulate and the Economic-Political Department

- Preparation of outgoing correspondence from the embassy
- Revision of press in order to analyze Austrian policies and economics
- Preparation of translations (German and Polish language)

- Assistance in the coordination of issues concerning the diplomatic protocol

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gender and Development

Institute for East European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

ST 2021, ST 2023

- Seminar for students in the M.Sc Economics and Public Economics, M.A. East European Studies, M.A. Gender Intersectionality and Politics, and the M.A. International Relationships covering 14 sessions á 2 hours/week
- Seminar topic: The role of gender in economic history and development economics with a focus on recent econometric literature

Economic Development of Poland and Ukraine

Institute for East European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

WT 2020, WT 2022

- Seminar for students in the M.Sc Economics and Public Economics, M.A. East European Studies covering 15 sessions á 2 hours/week
- Seminar topic: Historical and contemporary economic development and political economy of Poland and Ukraine with a focus on recent econometric literature

Project Course

Institute for East European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

WT 2021/2024, ST 2022/2025

- Project course for all students in the M.A. East European studies covering 16 sessions á 2 hours/week
- Seminar topic: In the mandatory course, students build groups and develop and implement a project over the course of a year, being supported by lectures on related topics and methodological workshops
- Course organization and design of the syllabus

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software & Tools

Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Python, QGIS, MS Office, Adobe Photoshop and Indesign

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German	Native speaker
Polish	Native speaker
English	Proficient
Russian	Advanced Knowledge
Spanish	Basic knowledge - Learning
Ivrit	Basic knowledge
French	Basic knowledge

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

ESTER Research Design Course in Lund

2022

Participation in the ESTER, the European School for Training in Economic and Social Historical Research, Research Design Course 2022 hosted by Lund University.

Certificate: “Support for Teaching”, Core Module

2021

Module for basic quality essentials in academic teaching (role of lecturers, motivation, lecture planning). Included 15 workshop sessions with 60 working units.

Certificate: “Support for Teaching”, Advanced Module

2021-2023

Practical modules on innovative and effective methods for developing and improving teaching portfolio. Will include 8 full-time workshop days with 96 working units.

REFEREE

Academic Journals

- European Review of Economic History

GRANTS

- Santander Open Academy Scholarship for Erasmus+ 2024: 500€
- Erasmus+ Grant for Academic Mobility (2024): 1.926€
- Joachim Herz Stiftung Add-on Fellowships for Interdisciplinary Economics and Interdisciplinary Business Administration (2023): 12.500€

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Presentations

2024: Freie Universität Berlin: Seminar Applied Microeconomics, Berlin; UC3M Economic History Causal Seminar, Madrid; YSI Economic History Workshop of Developing Region, Madrid; Scheduled: Workshop in Economic History in Uppsala, Uppsala; Applied Young Economist Webinar 2024, Online; Scheduled: Applied Economic Seminar PSE, Paris.

2023: 15th Swedish Economic History Meeting, Lund; 15th EHES Conference 2023, Vienna; XXV Applied Economics Meeting (AEM), Toledo; Young Economists' Meeting (YEM), Brno; 43rd EBES Conference, Madrid; Werkstattgespräch des BMBF-Forschungsverbundes 'Landschaften der Verfolgung' 2023, Berlin

2022: CEECON: DGO-Congress of Central and East European Studies 2022, Berlin; ESTER Research Design Course 2022, Lund

Non-Academic Presentations

Fachschäftstagung Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften 2022 der Bischöflichen Studienförderung Cusanuswerk

THESIS SUPERVISION

Master Theses East European Studies, Second Supervisor

- The Political Effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Central Europe (2024)
- Dimensionen polnischer Außenpolitik seit 2015 – zwischen Realismus, Konstruktivismus und Populismus (2024)
- Grand Strategy and Security in German-Russian Relations in the 1920s (2024)
- The political economy of Slovak energy transition The impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Slovakia's energy policy (2024)
- Forced Resettlement and Comparative Development in Azerbaijan: Evidence from the First Karabakh War (1988-1994) (2024)
- The Long Shadow of the Gulag: Evidence from Russian Elections (2023)
- Imperial Legacies, Political Development & Social Capital: Evidence from Romania (2023)
- Transparent Cities, non-corrupt Cities? What Transparency Ratings by Local NGOs can tell us about Municipal Corruption (2022)

- The Global Financial Crisis of 2009, its causes and consequences (2022)
- Gender and the Great Terror: The Origins and Socio-Economic Effects of the Stalinist Repression on the Soviet Female Population (2022)
- Russlands Syrienfeldzug 2015-2021: Strategische Intervention also außenpolitisches Mittel aus Sicht der Spieltheorie und mathematischer Konfliktmodelle (2022)
- Resources, Institutions and Growth: Evidence from post-Soviet Eurasia (2021)

REFERENCES

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