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Curriculum Vitae

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**Education & Experience**

**Education**

- 09/2002 – 02/2006 Doctorate in Economics, University of Zurich (summa cum laude). Main advisor: Prof. Dr. Josef Zweimüller
- 01/2003 – 02/2004 Graduate Studies in Macroeconomics and Econometrics, Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland
- 10/1997 – 07/2002 University education in Economics, University of Zurich and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (summa cum laude)

**Professional appointments**

- 12/2014 – present Professor of International Economics, Department of Economics, University of Lucerne
- 01/2012 – 11/2014 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Tilburg University; CentER Fellow; EBC Fellow
- 06/2010 – 12/2011 Assistant Professor, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- 08/2008 – 05/2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Tilburg University; CentER Fellow; EBC Fellow
- 08/2007 – 07/2008 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 07/2006 – 07/2007 Senior Research Associate, Institute for Empirical Research in Economics (IEW), University of Zurich
- 08/2002 – 06/2006 Assistant at the IEW, Chair of Macroeconomics
- 07/2000 – 07/2002 Research and Teaching Assistant at the IEW

**Short visits**

- 09/2023 – 10/2023 Visiting Professor, Tilburg University, Tilburg
- 11/2018 – 12/2018 Visiting Professor, UC Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve
- 10/2018 Visiting Researcher, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington
- 08/2018 Visiting Academic Researcher, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá

## Research

### Research interests

Uncertainty and the origins of economic fluctuations and crises • Uncertainty and policy experimentation • International economic sanctions • Government finances and economic development

### Publications

#### *A. Peer-reviewed journals:*

Investor Beliefs about Transformative Innovations under Uncertainty (2023), *ECONOMICA*. In press, 1-26 (with Johannes Binswanger and Anja Garbely).

Statistical Capacity and Corrupt Bureaucracies (2022). *REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS*, 17, 143-174 (with Elias Steiner).

Fiscal Weakness, the (Under-)Provision of Public Services, and Institutional Reform (2021). *CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE SCIENCE*, 38(1) 20-44 (with Mauricio Rodriguez).

Better Statistics, Better Economic Policies? (2020), *EUROPEAN ECONOMIC REVIEW*, 130, Article 103588 (with Johannes Binswanger).

Harmful Pro-Competitive Effects of Trade in Presence of Credit Market Frictions (2020). *JOURNAL OF MONEY, CREDIT AND BANKING*, 52(6), 1493-1525 (with Reto Foellmi).

Water Scarcity and Rioting: Disaggregated Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (2017). *JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT*, 86, 193-209 (with Christian Almer and Jérémy Laurent-Lucchetti).

Disagreement and Learning about Reforms (2015). *ECONOMIC JOURNAL*, 125(May), 853-886 (with Johannes Binswanger).

Targeting Autocrats: Economic Sanctions and Regime Change (2014). *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*, 36, 24-40.

Inequality and Growth: The Neglected Time Dimension (2014). *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH*, 19(1), 81-104 (with Daniel Halter and Josef Zweimüller).

Government Revenues and Economic Growth in Weakly Institutionalized States (2010). *ECONOMIC JOURNAL*, 120(June), 631–650.

Market Imperfections, Wealth Inequality, and the Distribution of Trade Gains (2010). *JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS*, 81(1), 15-25 (with Reto Foellmi).

Creditor Protection and the Dynamics of the Distribution in Oligarchic Societies (2009). *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH*, 14(4), 313-344.

Why Progressive Redistribution Can Hurt the Poor (2008). *JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS*, 92(3-4), 738-747 (with Reto Foellmi).

Who Gains from Non-Collusive Corruption? (2007). *JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS*, 82(1), 95-119 (with Reto Foellmi).

#### *B. Working papers:*

Open-Source Information and Repression (2023).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wAXur5JwhyPGbrmtv5IGWIZm4udZIY2S/view?usp=sharing>

The Economics of Beliefs under Fundamental Uncertainty (2023, with Johannes Binswanger).  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wYZq\\_PBITE3gmJFyfg5KFXnGESjllsX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wYZq_PBITE3gmJFyfg5KFXnGESjllsX/view?usp=sharing)

On Curbing Informality and Poverty (2022, with Elias Steiner).  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JvOCf3my-i35enWB3N6vjIO5BeuSzFpl/view?usp=sharing>

Foreign Aid, Political Instability, and Economic Growth (2006). IEW WP No. 310.  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=949149](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=949149)

*C. Work in progress:*

Uncertainty, Openness to Novelty, and Economic Growth (with Maren Bartels and Johannes Binswanger).  
 Working paper coming soon

Choice under Fundamental Uncertainty: The Case of Aggregate Consumption (with Johannes Binswanger and Albert Flak).  
 Working paper coming soon

*D. Articles/appearances in the media:*

Tunesien: Geld gegen Reformen (expert opinion). *Echo der Zeit*, 2023.

Ukraine: IT-Firmen zeigen sich kriegsresistent (expert opinion). *SRF 10 vor 10*, 2023.

China beliefert Lateinamerika (interview/expert opinion). *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2023.

Zinserhöhungen setzen armen Länder zu (expert opinion). *SRF Tagesschau*, 2023.

Kampf gegen Verschuldung von Entwicklungsländern (expert opinion). *Echo der Zeit*, 2023.

China an der Weggabelung. *Finanz und Wirtschaft*, 2022 (with Johannes Binswanger).

IWF tagt in schwierigen Zeiten (interview). *Echo der Zeit*, 2022.

Wir leben in sehr volatilen Zeiten (interview). *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2022.

Globale Knappheit der Güter – alles andere als obsolet. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2022.

Die «Festung», die keine ist. *Finanz und Wirtschaft*, 2022.

Russland auf sowjetischen Pfaden. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2022.

Echtzeitdaten in der Wirtschaft. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2021 (with Johannes Binswanger).

In der Schweiz bleibt die Inflation tief (expert opinion). *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2021.

IWF will armen Ländern finanziell helfen (expert opinion). *Echo der Zeit*, 2021.

Ohne Mythen entsteht kaum Neues. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2020 (with Johannes Binswanger)

Kratzer am Gal der Geldpolitik (expert opinion). *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2020.

Für die EU wäre es auch schmerzhaft (interview). *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2020.

Morgengast—Interview zum Brexit (interview). *Radio Central*, 2020.

Trump-Administration will kurzfristig punkten (interview). *Luzerner Zeitung*, 2018.

Zinsanstieg bedroht Schuldenstaaten (expert opinion). *Luzerner Zeitung*, 2018.

Weiter Weg zum Liberalisierungserfolg. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 2017 (with Reto Foellmi)

Euro-Gezänk mit hohem Risiko. *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, 2011.

G20 weiss, was auf dem Spiel steht. *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, 2010 (with Thomas Cottier).

Arm trotz Finanzhilfe. *UniPress—Forschung und Wissenschaft*, 2010.

Es wird nur ein kleines Strohfeuer entfachen. *Schaffhauser Nachrichten*, 2009.

Destabilisierende Entwicklungshilfe. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2006.

Mehr Hilfe hilft nicht. *Die Weltwoche*, 2005 (with Reto Foellmi).

### Awards

- 04/2011 Austin Robinson Memorial Prize 2010 (awarded by the Editors of the Economic Journal)
- 04/2006 Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Economics (“Jahrespreis 2005”), University of Zurich
- 04/2006 Selected for the final round of the “CESifo Prize in Public Sector Economics”, Munich
- 10/2005 Selected for the “European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society”, Istanbul
- 04/2003 Spring Meeting of Young Economists Best Paper Prize of 2003

### Research projects with external funding

- 04/2020 – 03/2024 Swiss National Science Foundation: Uncertainty, Beliefs, and Crises in Macroeconomics (with Johannes Binswanger)
- 08/2009 – 08/2016 Swiss National Science Foundation: NCCR Trade Regulation (WP6): Trade Openness, Efficiency, and Productivity
- 08/2007 – 07/2008 Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship: The Persistence of Dysfunctional Institutions: A Political-Economy Approach
- 01/2004 – 12/2005 Research Grant, University of Zurich

### Presentations

#### A. Invited seminars:

- 2024: Tilburg University, Development and Economic History Research Group (scheduled)
- 2021: Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik standing field committee “International Economics”, Bielefeld University
- 2020: Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik standing field committee “International Economics”, Bielefeld University (cancelled)
- 2018: University of Gothenburg, Universidad del Rosario/Bogotá; Fed Board of Governors; UC Louvain
- 2016: University of Geneva, Goethe University Frankfurt, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- 2014: University of Lucerne
- 2013: ETH Zurich
- 2012: Erasmus University Rotterdam “International Economics”
- 2011: University of Zurich, University of Cambridge, University of Lausanne, Tilburg University, LMU Munich (Chair of International Economics)

- 2010: University of Innsbruck  
2009: University of Linz  
2008: Brown University, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Oxford University, Tilburg University, University of Copenhagen, University of Göttingen  
2007: Boston University, MIT (Macro Faculty Seminar), MIT (Development Seminar)  
2006: University of Leicester

*B. International conferences and workshops:*

- 2023: EU Annual Research Conference (Brussels, scheduled); Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (Frankfurt); 15th Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (San Diego); European Public Choice Society Conference 2023 (Hannover)  
2022: Workshop on Survey Data and Probabilistic Expectations, Heidelberg University  
2020: 13th Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (Vancouver); Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society (Lucerne, cancelled); Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (Cambridge, MA, cancelled)  
2018: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Brighton); Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (Montréal)  
2017: Development Economics Workshop (Wageningen); Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (New York)  
2016: Development Economics Workshop (Tilburg); Tax Justice in a Global World (Zurich)  
2015: Development Economics Workshop (Wageningen)  
2014: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Manchester); Development Economics Workshop (Tilburg)  
2012: Workshop International Trade and Development (Rotterdam); Development Economics Workshop (Tilburg)  
2011: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Royal Holloway); Development Economics Workshop (Tilburg); Meeting of the German Economic Association (Frankfurt)  
2010: Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (Boston), Meeting of the German Economic Association (Kiel); Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad (Gerzensee)  
2009: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Surrey); Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad (Basel)  
2008: Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference (Boston)  
2007: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Warwick)  
2006: Meeting of the German Economic Association (Bayreuth), European Meeting of the Econometric Society (Vienna), DEGIT XI (Jerusalem), CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics (Munich)  
2005: Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Istanbul); German Macro Workshop (Würzburg); Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Nottingham)

- 2004: Meeting of the German Economic Association (Dresden); Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Madrid); Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Swansea)
- 2003: Meeting of the German Economic Association (Zurich); Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Stockholm); Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Leuven); Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Warwick)
- 2002: Conference on “Institutional Structure of Policy Making” (Rome); European Science Days (Steyr)

### **Services for the profession**

#### *A. Refereeing:*

American Economic Review • Canadian Journal of Economics • Econometrica • Economic Inquiry • Economic Journal • Economic Policy • European Economic Review • European Journal of Political Economy • International Economic Review • Journal of Comparative Economics • Journal of Development Economics • Journal of Economic Growth • Journal of Economic Inequality • Journal of Economic Theory • Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics • Journal of the European Economic Association • Kyklos • Quarterly Journal of Political Science • Resource and Energy Economics • Review of Economic Studies • Review of International Organizations • Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics • World Development

#### *B. Workshop co-organization:*

- 2017: 8<sup>th</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Wageningen (University of Lucerne, Tilburg University, Wageningen University, UK-DFID)
- 2016: 7<sup>th</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Tilburg (University of Lucerne, Tilburg University, Wageningen University, UK-DFID)
- 2015: 6<sup>th</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Wageningen (Tilburg University, Wageningen University, UK-DFID)
- 2014: 5<sup>th</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Tilburg (CentER, Tilburg University, Wageningen University)
- 2013: 4<sup>th</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Tilburg (CentER, Tilburg University, Wageningen University)
- Causal Analysis in International Trade, Villars-sur-Ollon (CEPR, Swiss National Science Foundation)
- 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Tilburg (CentER, Tilburg University, Wageningen University)
- 2010: 1<sup>st</sup> Development Economics Workshop, Tilburg (CentER, Tilburg University)

## Teaching & Supervision

### Lectures

#### *A. Bachelor level:*

Introduction to Macroeconomics: University of Lucerne (Spring terms 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017); Tilburg University (Fall terms 2009, 2008); University of Zurich (Summer term 2007)

Growth and Development: University of Lucerne (Spring terms 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015)

International Trade: University of Lucerne (Spring terms 2016, 2015)

International Finance: Tilburg University (Spring terms 2014, 2013, 2012)

#### *B. Master level:*

Growth Theory: University of Lucerne (Fall terms 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015)

International Macroeconomics: University of Lucerne (Fall terms 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2016, 2015)

Economic Development and Growth: University of Bern (Spring term 2011); Tilburg University (Fall terms 2009 and 2008)

Macroeconomics: University of Bern, Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) program (Fall terms 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)

#### *C. Research master/PhD level:*

Macroeconomics, covering OLG and RBC models, taxation, fiscal policy and social security: Tilburg University (Spring terms 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012)

Development and Growth: Tilburg University (Fall terms 2014, 2013, 2012); University of St. Gallen (Spring terms 2014, 2013, 2012)

### Seminars and tutorials

Recent Topics in International Economic Development: University of Lucerne (Fall term 2022, 2021)

Historical and Deep-Rooted Factors of Economic Development: University of Lucerne (Fall terms 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015)

Globalization and Inequality: University of Zurich (Winter terms 2006, 2005)

Economic Development in Historical Perspective: University of Zurich (Winter term 2004)

Income Distribution in Macroeconomic Models: University of Zurich (Summer terms 2007, 2006, 2005)

Advanced Macroeconomics (Growth theory): University of Zurich (Winter terms 2004, 2003, 2002)

Macroeconomics: University of Zurich (Summer terms 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001)

### PhD thesis supervision

10/2022 – present Alejandra Rodriguez Morales

09/2022 – present Julia Fischer (Lucerne)  
09/2020 – present Maren Bartels (Lucerne)  
10/2019 – present Paula Sánchez Gil (Lucerne)  
09/2017 – 12/2022 Anja Garbely (Lucerne)  
03/2016 – 01/2021 Elias Steiner (Lucerne)  
09/2013 – 12/2016 Mahsa Jahan Dideh (Tilburg, jointly with Sjak Smulders)  
09/2012 – 06/2016 Mauricio Rodriguez Acosta (Tilburg, jointly with Sjak Smulders)

**Other activities**

11/2021 – present Standing field committee “Int. Economics”, Verein für Socialpolitik  
08/2019 – 07/2023 Senate, University of Lucerne  
08/2018 – present Research Committee, University of Lucerne  
12/2014 – 07/2018 Research Seminar Coordinator, University of Lucerne  
12/2012 – 11/2014 Education Coordinator Macroeconomics, CentER Graduate School  
(Economics), Tilburg University

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