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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**

- 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:*

Statistical Capacity and Corrupt Bureaucracies (2021). REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, online first (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:*

The Economics of Beliefs under Fundamental Uncertainty (2021, with Johannes Binswanger). <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Z8nAB5HcSaN20vV6g52FUNSdMUazXeW/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:*

Economic Forces Shape Beliefs: A Model of Investment under Radical Uncertainty (with Johannes Binswanger and Anja Garbely)

Working paper coming soon

The Poverty Impact of Curbing Informality (with Elias Steiner).

Working paper coming soon

*D. Articles/appearances in the media:*

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 Gral 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:*

- 2020: Annual Meeting «Verein für Socialpolitik, Ausschusses für Aussenwirtschaftstheorie», 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
- 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:*

- 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 • 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 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017); Tilburg University (Fall terms 2009, 2008); University of Zurich (Summer term 2007)

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

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

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

#### *B. Master level:*

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

International Macroeconomics: University of Lucerne (Fall terms 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

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**

09/2020 – present Maren Bartels (Lucerne)

10/2019 – present Paula Sánchez Gil (Lucerne)

09/2017 – present 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)

### **Departmental services**

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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