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Curriculum vitae

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Personal Data

Year and place of birth	1975 in Zurich, Switzerland
Nationality	Swiss
Children	Two daughters born 2007 and 2011

Positions

Since February 2014	Full professor Department of Economics, University of Lucerne
2010 - 2014	Assistant professor Department of Economics, University of Lucerne
2009 - 2010	Post-doctoral researcher Professor Jan-Egbert Sturm, KOF Swiss Economic Institute, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)
2008 - 2009	Visiting researcher STICERD, London School of Economics
2006 - 2008	Research assistant Professor Gerard Hertig, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)
2002 - 2006	Research assistant Professor Bruno S. Frey, Institute for Empirical Research in Economics, University of Zurich
1999 - 2002	Lecturer for business economics at college of commerce Abteilung Handels- und Verkehrsschule der Juventus Schulen Zürich

Education

December 2007	Ph.D. in economics, <i>summa cum laude</i> University of Zurich, Switzerland Supervisor: Professor Bruno S. Frey
2003 - 2007	Ph.D. student in economics University of Zurich, Switzerland
June 2003	Licentiate (M.A. equiv.) University of Zurich, Switzerland
1996 - 2003	Studies in general history, economics and political science University of Zurich, Switzerland
1991 - 1996	Gymnasium (High school of economics and business) Freies Gymnasium Zürich, Switzerland

Continuing Education

January 2010	Course in econometrics (James H. Stock, Mark A. Watson) AEA Continuing Education Program, Atlanta
January 2009	Course in econometrics (Guido W. Imbens, Jeffrey M. Wooldridge) AEA Continuing Education Program, San Francisco
March 2007	Course in antitrust law and economics (Daniel L. Rubinfeld) Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland
July/August 2004	Course in advanced microeconomics London School of Economics, Summer School

Languages

German	Native
English	Fluent
French	Good

Awards

Austin Robinson Memorial Prize for the best paper published in the *Economic Journal* by a young economist, Royal Economic Society, 2009.

Institute for Empirical Research in Economics-Award for the best paper by a young economist, 2009.

Prize of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin for the best paper presented on the 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, 2008.

Invited participant at the 1st Lindau Meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economics in Memory of Alfred Nobel, 2004.

Prize awarded by the history department of the philosophical faculty of the University of Zurich for the best term paper, 2001.

Research Interest

Political economy, public economics, environmental economics, energy economics

Publications

Papers in refereed journals

- Krebs, Benjamin and Simon Luechinger (2024). Air pollution, cognitive performance, and the role of task proficiency. *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* 11(4): 921-958.
- Luechinger Simon, Mark Schelker and Lukas Schmid (2024). Measuring closeness in proportional representation systems. *Political Analysis* 32(1): 101-114.
- Leisibach, Patrick Leisibach, Simon Luechinger, Jonas Roellin und Christoph A. Schaltegger (2023). The effects of natural resource revenues on municipal finance. *Economic Policy* 38(115): 567-600.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2020). The European Commission and the revolving door. *European Economic Review* 127: article 103461.
- Krebs, Benjamin and Simon Luechinger (2020). The effect of an electricity tax on aggregate electricity consumption: evidence from Basel. *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics* 156: article 21.
- Lalive, Rafael, Simon Luechinger and Armin Schmutzler (2018). Does expanding regional train service reduce air pollution? *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 92: 744-764.
- Luechinger, Simon and Florian Roth (2016). Effects of a mileage tax for trucks. *Journal of Urban Economics* 92: 1-15.
- Hodler, Roland, Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2015). The effects of voting costs on the democratic process and public finances. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 7(1): 141-171.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2014). The value of the revolving door: Political appointees and the stock market. *Journal of Public Economics* 119: 93-107.
- Luechinger, Simon (2014). Air pollution and infant mortality: A natural experiment from power plant desulfurization. *Journal of Health Economics* 37: 219-231.
- Luechinger, Simon, Mark Schelker and Alois Stutzer (2014). Governance, bureaucratic rents, and well-being differentials across U.S. states. *Oxford Economic Papers* 66(2): 443-464.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Schaltegger (2013). Fiscal rules, budget deficits and budget projections. *International Tax and Public Finance* 20(5): 785-807.
- Gassebner, Martin and Simon Luechinger (2011). Lock, stock, and barrel: A comprehensive assessment of the determinants of terror. *Public Choice* 149(3-4): 235-261.
- Luechinger, Simon, Stephan Meier and Alois Stutzer (2010). Why does unemployment hurt the employed? Evidence from the life satisfaction gap between the public and the private sector. *Journal of Human Resources* 45(4): 998-1045.
- Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Rainer Winkelmann (2010). Self-selection models for public and private sector job satisfaction. *Research in Labor Economics* 30: 233-251.
- Luechinger, Simon (2010). Life satisfaction and transboundary air pollution. *Economics Letters* 107(1): 4-6.
- Luechinger, Simon (2009). Valuing air quality using the life satisfaction approach. *Economic Journal* 119(536): 482-515.
- Luechinger, Simon and Paul A. Raschky (2009). Valuing flood disasters using the life satisfaction approach. *Journal of Public Economics* 93(3-4): 620-633.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2009). The life satisfaction approach to valuing public goods: The case of terrorism. *Public Choice* 138(3-4): 317-345.
- Luechinger, Simon, Stephan Meier and Alois Stutzer (2008). Bureaucratic rents and life satisfaction. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 24(2): 476-488.

- Luechinger, Simon, Myra Rosinger and Alois Stutzer (2007). The impact of postal voting on participation. Evidence for Switzerland. *Swiss Political Science Review* 13(2): 167-202.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2007). Calculating tragedy: Assessing the costs of terrorism. *Journal of Economic Surveys* 21(1): 1-24.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2004). Decentralization as a disincentive to terror. *European Journal of Political Economy* 20(2): 509-515.
Reprinted in: Brueck, Tilman (2007) (ed.). *The economic analysis of terrorism*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge: 224-230.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2003). How to fight terrorism: Alternatives to deterrence. *Defence and Peace Economics* 14(4): 237-249.
- Lüchinger, Simon and Alois Stutzer (2002). Skalenerträge in der öffentlichen Kernverwaltung. Eine empirische Analyse anhand von Gemeindefusionen. *Swiss Political Science Review* 8(1): 27-50.
(Economies of Scale in Municipal Administration. Empirical Analyses of Municipal Mergers; with English summary)

Working papers

- Koch, Benjamin, Simon Luechinger, and Christoph Moser (2024). Prediction markets, the true value of the revolving door, and the US Cabinet. CESifo Working Paper Series No. 11557.
- Luechinger, Simon and Mark Schelker (2016). Regulation in Swiss cantons: Data for one century. CESifo Working Paper No. 5663.
- Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Rainer Winkelmann (2006). The happiness gains from sorting and matching in the labor market. IZA Discussion Paper No. 2019.

Papers in non-refereed journals and in books

- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2023). The revolving door phenomenon. In: Andreas Polk und Karsten Mause (eds.). *The Political Economy of Lobbying*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 167-182.
- Lüchinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2023). Das Revolving-Door-Phänomen: Die Drehtür zwischen Politik und Wirtschaft. In: Andreas Polk and Karsten Mause (eds.). *Handbuch Lobbyismus*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 351-368.
- Luechinger, Simon and Mark Schelker (2015). Tous les cantons ne légifèrent pas au même rythme. *La vie économique* 10(2015): 28-30.
- Luechinger, Simon and Mark Schelker (2015). Kantone regulieren unterschiedlich. *Die Volkswirtschaft* 10(2015): 28-30.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2010). The life satisfaction approach to environmental valuation. *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 2: 139-160.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2009). Countering terrorism: Beyond deterrence. In: Matthew J. Morgan (ed.). *The impact of 9/11 on politics and war. The day that changed everything?* London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan: 131-139.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Lüchinger (2009). Tourismus und Terrorismus aus ökonomischer Sicht. *Zeitschrift für Tourismuswissenschaft* 1(1): 63-73.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2008). Three strategies to deal with terrorism. *Economic Papers* 27(2): 107-114.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2007). Concepts of happiness and their measurement. In: Jürgen Meyerhoff and Reimund Schwarze (eds.). *Jahrbuch Ökologische Ökonomik, Vol. 5: Soziale Nachhaltigkeit*. Marburg, DE: Metropolis Verlag: 219-237.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2007). Terrorism: Considering new policies. In: Harry W. Richardson, Peter Gordon and James E. Moore (eds.). *The economic costs and consequences of terrorism*. Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing: 17-37.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2006). Costs and benefits of anti-terrorism policies. In: Daniel S. Hamilton (ed.). *Terrorism and international relations*. Washington, DC, USA: Center for Transatlantic Relations: 169-180.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2005). L'impact économique du terrorisme. *La vie économique* 11(2005): 4-7.

- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Lüchinger and Alois Stutzer (2005). Wirtschaftliche Auswirkungen des Terrorismus. *Die Volkswirtschaft* 11(2005): 4-7.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2005). Measuring terrorism. In: Alain Marciano and Jean-Michel Josselin (eds.). *Law and the state: A political economy approach*. New horizons in law and economics. Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing: 142-181.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2003). Anti-Terrorismus-Politik. Eine ökonomische Analyse. *WiSt* 32(5): 264-269.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2002). Ist Abschreckung wirksam? Eine ökonomische Analyse des Terrorismus. *List Forum für Wirtschafts- und Finanzpolitik* 28(3): 209-221.

Newspaper and popular media articles

- Koch, Benjamin, Simon Luechinger, and Christoph Moser (2024). Der wahre Wert politischer Verbindungen: Neue Erkenntnisse aus den USA. *DiePresse.com*, February 3, 2025.
- Leisibach, Patrick, Simon Luechinger and Christoph Schaltegger (2023). Wenn Wasserzinse sprudeln. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 282, December 4, 2023: 18.
- Luechinger, Simon, Mark Schelker and Lukas Schmid (2023). Glanzvoll gewählt oder knapp verfehlt? *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 254, November 1, 2023: 19.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2022). Wie Unternehmen von der Drehtür zwischen Politik und Wirtschaft profitieren. *Ökonomieblog – DerStandard.at*, September 6, 2022.
- Krebs, Benjamin and Simon Luechinger (2021). Bescheidene Effekte einer sinnvollen Politik – das Beispiel einer Elektrizitätsabgabe. *Ökonomenstimme.org*, April 15, 2021.
- Luechinger, Simon, Mark Schelker and Lukas Schmid (2019). Der Bisherigenbonus verzerrt den Wettbewerb an der Urne. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 228, October 2, 2019: 14.
- Luechinger, Simon (2014). Umweltökonomie – am Beispiel des Bahnausbaus. Jahresbericht 2013 [Annual report 2013 of the University of Lucerne], 26-28.
- Lalive, Rafael, Simon Luechinger and Armin Schmutzler (2013). Can passenger railways curb road-traffic externalities? Empirical evidence. *Voxeu.org*, March 15, 2013.
- Schaltegger, Christoph and Simon Luechinger (2012). Weniger Schätzfehler dank Schuldenbremsen. Fiskalregeln verringern Verzerrungsanreiz. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 257, November 3, 2012: 31.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2012). The value of the revolving door: Political appointees and the stock market. *Voxeu.org*, September 27, 2012.
- Luechinger, Simon and Christoph Moser (2012). Drehtüre zwischen Politik und Wirtschaft: Eine Quelle für Interessenskonflikte? *Ökonomenstimme.org*, September 27, 2012.
- Gassebner, Martin and Simon Luechinger (2011). Der 11. September und seine Kinder. *Ökonomenstimme.org*, September 6, 2011.
- Luechinger, Simon (2008). Caving in to fuel protesters would sour the atmosphere. *European Voice*, Vol. 14, No. 27, July 10-16, 2008: 9.
- Hertig, Gérard and Simon Luechinger (2007). Wenn Ökonometrie im Gerichtsaal zur Alltäglichkeit wird. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 274, November 24/25, 2007: 31.
- Stutzer, Alois, Myra Rosinger and Simon Luechinger (2007). Le vote par correspondance a peu augmenté la participation. *Le Temps*, No. 2899, September 21, 2007: 19.
- Stutzer, Alois, Simon Luechinger and Myra Rosinger (2007). Die briefliche Stimmabgabe wirkt mobilisierend. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 178, August 4/5, 2007: 16.
- Luechinger, Simon (2007). Law and Economics II. *Oecnews*, No. 109, May 21, 2007: 28.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2004). Die Bahamas weit vor den USA und China. Wie ist der Medaillenspiegel sinnvoll zu berechnen? *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 203, September 1, 2004: 63.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2004). Wirtschaftliche Schäden des Terrorismus. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 134, June 12/13, 2004: 29.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2002). Über den Sinn von Medaillenspiegeln. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 49, February 28, 2002: 49.

Interviews

- 'Klimawandel: Kompetenzen bündeln' Interview with Dave Schläpfer. *cogito* No. 13, June 2024, 20-24.
- 'Mobility Pricing macht die Verkehrskosten transparent' Interview with Pieter Poldervaart. *Forum Raumentwicklung* No. 02/2018, fall 2018, 20-25.
- 'Lenkungsabgabe funktioniert nicht' Interview with Benjamin Rosch. *Basellandschaftliche Zeitung*, October 11, 2018: 17.
- 'Basler Lenkungsabgabe weitgehend wirkungslos' Interview with Hansruedi Schär, SRF 1, Regionaljournal Basel, October 10, 2018 [Interview in regional morning news of the first Swiss national radio].
- 'Ein Mittel wäre eine Lenkungsabgabe' Interview mit Thomas Stillhart. *Surseer Woche*, Spezialbeilage, 20.09.2018: 3.
- 'Euro-Krise trifft die Jungen hart.' Interview with Rainer Rickenbach. *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 107, May 8, 2012: 11.
- 'Die Konjunktur gewinnt weiter an Fahrt. Die Löhne stagnierten. Der Luzerner Uni-Professor Simon Lüchinger zu der zeitverzögerten Entwicklung.' Interview with Rainer Rickenbach. *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 83, April 8, 2011: 11.
- 'Terror beeinflusst Wirtschaft.' Interview by Pascal Schumacher, SF1, '10VOR10', August 11, 2006 [Interview on the economic consequences of terrorism in the late news of the first Swiss national television].

Book reviews

- van Praag, Bernard M. and Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell (2007). Happiness quantified. A satisfaction calculus approach, revised edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In: *Economica* 77(305)(2010): 200-201.
- Sunstein, Cass R. (2005). Laws of fear. Beyond the precautionary principle. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. In: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 295, December 17/18, 2005: 77.

Conferences and Seminars

- 2025 CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference, June 19, Copenhagen, Denmark.
Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 5, Riga, Latvia.
- 2024 Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, 21 August, Prague, Czech Republic.
16th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, July 13, Groningen, The Netherlands.
Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 2, Vienna, Austria.
- 2023 Research seminar Università Svizzera italiana, October 2, Lugano, Switzerland.
Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 30, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
Workshop „Kirchberger Rencontre“, June 22, Meilen, Switzerland.
15th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, June 8, Stuttgart, Germany.
Research seminar Freie Universität Bozen, April 13, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy.
- 2022 Meeting of law and economics high school teachers, October 26, Lucerne, Switzerland.
76th Economic Policy Panel Meeting, October 21, Berlin, Germany.
14th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, June 25, Ipsach, Switzerland.
Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 23, Fribourg, Switzerland.
Monte Verità Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics, June 6, Ascona, Switzerland.
Senior Management Training Luzerner Kantonalbank AG, May 20, Emmetten, Switzerland.
Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 13, Braga, Portugal.

- 2021 Annual meeting of the Chapter of Environmental and Resource Economists (AURÖ) of the Association of German-speaking Economists, September 16, online.
13th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, August 28, Nuremberg, Germany.
- 2020 Annual Congress International Institute of Public Finance, August 18, Reykjavík, Iceland.
(accepted, participation cancelled)
13th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, June 5, Nuremberg, Germany. (accepted, meeting cancelled)
Annual meeting of the Chapter of Environmental and Resource Economists (AURÖ) of the Association of German-speaking Economists, April 25, Freiberg, Germany. (accepted, meeting cancelled)
Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 18, Lucerne, Switzerland.
(accepted, meeting cancelled)
- 2019 1st Workshop of the Swiss Network on Public Economics, December 13, Zurich, Switzerland.
Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics, May 20, Lugano, Switzerland.
- 2018 Workshop 'Kirchberger Rencontre 2018', July 5, Weggis, Switzerland.
- 2017 Research seminar, May 19, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
6th Law and Economics Conference in Lucerne: Energy Law and Economics, April 7, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- 2016 Workshops of NRP 70 and NRP 71 on mobility and energy supply and markets, October 27 and 28, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
Conference on energy efficiency for social scientists and practitioners, September 2, Winterthur, Switzerland
- 2015 Kick-off meeting of NRP 70 and NRP 71, April 24, Lucerne, Switzerland.
- 2014 Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, August 22, Lugano, Switzerland.
Research seminar, March 3, University of Basel, Switzerland.
- 2013 Annual meeting of the Centre de l'information juridique, June 6, Berne, Switzerland.
Annual meeting of the Chapter of Environmental and Resource Economists (AURÖ) of the Association of German-speaking Economists, May 4, Zurich, Switzerland.
Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 4, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2012 Research seminar, September 11, IZA, Bonn, Germany.
5th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, July 14, Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands.
Brown bag-Seminar, June 6, KOF Swiss Economic Institute, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
Annual meeting of the Chapter of Environmental and Resource Economists (AURÖ) of the Association of German-speaking Economists, April 27, Wageningen, Netherlands.
Annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, April 12, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2011 Workshop 'Kirchberger Rencontre 2011', November 2, Lucerne, Switzerland.
Research seminar, June 30, Free University Berlin, Germany.
Annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 9, Lucerne, Switzerland.
Research seminar, May 5, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
Research seminar, March 31, Department Health Sciences & Health Policy, University of Lucerne, Switzerland.
- 2010 Research seminar, November 10, University of Mannheim, Germany.
Research seminar, October 27, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.
Annual meeting of the Association of German-speaking Economists, September 10, Kiel, Germany.
Annual meeting of the American Economic Association, January 5, Atlanta, USA.
- 2009 Research seminar, December 7, Tinbergen Institute, University of Rotterdam, Netherlands.

- Annual meeting of the European Economic Association, August 27, Barcelona, Spain.
- Annual meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 27, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Summer School on Spatial Simulation for the Social Sciences. June 15, Urban Institute Ireland, University College Dublin, Ireland.
- Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, May 22, Zurich, Switzerland.
- Annual meeting of the American Economic Association, January 5, San Francisco, USA.
- 2008 End-Of-Year Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad, December 22, Zurich, Switzerland.
- XVII International Tor Vergata Conference on Banking and Finance (Invited Session on Happiness Economics), December 3, Rome, Italy.
- Research seminar, November 19, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK.
- Research seminar, September 15, University St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- Annual meeting of the European Economic Association, August 31, Milan, Italy.
- 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, July 9, Berlin, Germany.
- Brown bag seminar, June 24, STICERD/EOPP, London School of Economics, UK.
- Research seminar, June 6, KOF Swiss Economic Institute, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
- Annual meeting of the Royal Economic Society, March 18, University of Warwick, UK.
- 2007 Conference on 'New Developments in Political Economy', November 17, Boldern, Switzerland.
- Seminar on Environmental Economics, October 30, Fribourg, Switzerland.
- Conference on 'Policies for Happiness,' June 15, Siena, Italy.
- Joint research seminar of professors Frey, Frost, Kieser, Osterloh and Scherer, February 16, Ittingen, Switzerland.
- Brown bag seminar, February 1, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- Seminar on 'Organizational Theory and Political Economy', January 18, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2006 Workshop 'Law, Economics and Psychology', November 24, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany.
- Annual meeting of the Association of German-speaking Economists, September 29, Bayreuth, Germany.
- Workshop for higher staff officers at the Swiss Military Academy (MILAK), September 5, Au, Switzerland.
- Annual meeting of the European Economic Association, August 24, Vienna, Austria.
- Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 20, Turku, Finland.
- Seminar on 'Organizational Theory and Political Economy,' January 27, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2005 12th Munich Lectures in Economics; lecture no. 3, November 17, CESifo, Munich, Germany.
- Conference on 'Terrorism and International Relations,' October 25, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Annual meeting of the Association of German-speaking Economists, September 9, Bonn, Germany.
- Symposium on 'Economic Costs and Consequences of a Terrorist Attack,' August 19, CREATE – Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA.
- Brown bag seminar, June 3, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- Assistententreffen, June 23, Marburg, Germany.
- 2004 Seminar on 'Rational Choice and Beyond,' June 3, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- HUI Seminar, May 14th, Vitznau, Switzerland.
- 2003 Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 16, Berlin, Germany.
- 4th Corsica Workshop on Law and Economics, May 23, Université de Reims, France.

Assistententreffen, May 16, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

2002 3rd Corsica Workshop on Law and Economics, October 5, Université d'Aix et Marseille, France.

Workshop on 'The Economic Consequences of Global Terrorism,' June 15, DIW Berlin, Germany.

Annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 6, Belgirate, Italy.

Shorter Research Visits

2019 European University Institute, Italy, three weeks in May

2019 Columbia University, USA, four weeks in March and April

2019 Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, one week in March

2011 Free University Berlin, Germany, two weeks in June

Teaching

University of Lucerne

Microeconomics, part I	Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Microeconomics, part II	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Master seminar/ Workshop in public economics	Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, spring 2021
Intermediate microeconomics	Fall 2015, 2016
Energy economics	Spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
Political economics	Fall 2014, 2015, spring 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
Seminar philosophy, politics and economics	Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
Introductory microeconomics	Fall 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Introductory microeconomics for law students	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Introductory macroeconomics	Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Economics as a social science	Spring 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
Environmental economics	Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
PhD and research seminar	Spring 2013, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; fall 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Games and Strategies	Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Decision making and game theory (CAS course)	Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Asymmetric Information (CAS course)	Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

ETH Zurich

Lecture and workshop series in 'law and economics' (with Anne van Aaken, Stefan Bechtold, Daniel Chen, Bruno Frey, Gerard Hertig, Klaus Mathis and Alois Stutzer)

Spring 2007, fall 2007, spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

University of Basel

Political economics (with Ulrich Matter)	Spring 2016
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University of Zurich

Economic policy, part 2 (with Bruno S. Frey)	Summer 2005, 2006
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Economic policy, part 1 (with Bruno S. Frey)	Winter 2004/2005
Mediaeconomics (with Bruno S. Frey)	Summer 2005
Public choice (with Bruno S. Frey)	Summer 2004
Environmental economics (with Bruno S. Frey)	Winter 2003/2004

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Analyse & Kritik, Applied Economics Quarterly, Atmospheric Environment, British Journal of Political Science, CESifo Economic Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Contemporary Economic Policy, Defence and Peace Economics, Ecological Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economica, Economics Letters, Economics of Governance, Economics of Transition, Energy Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Experimental Economics, German Economic Review, Health Economics, Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, International Economic Review, International Interactions, International Journal of Wellbeing, International Review of Environmental and Resource Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics Surveys, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Socio-Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Kyklos, Land Economics, Nature Energy, Oxford Economic Papers, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, Public Choice, Resource and Energy Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of International Organizations, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Choice and Welfare, Southern Economic Journal and Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics

Annual congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Swiss Workshop on Environmental, Resource and Energy Economics (2024), Young Swiss Economists Meeting (2024, 2025)

Consulting Experience

2018-2021	Project-specific advisory board of the Federal Roads Office.
2015	Empirical evaluation of legislative and regulatory activity for the canton Graubünden (with Marius Roth, Mark Schelker and Felix Uhlmann).

Other Activities

Since 2024	Board of the Center for Climate Politics, Economics, and Law, University of Lucerne
2024	Local organizer of the Annual Congress 2024 of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 6-7, 2024
Since 2022	Dean, Faculty of economics and management, University of Lucerne
2022 - 2023	President, Rector search committee, University of Lucerne
2021 - 2022	Acting dean, Faculty of economics and management, University of Lucerne
2021 - 2022	Jury German Prize for Economics of the Joachim Herz Stiftung
2019 - 2025	Board of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics
2016 - 2022	Research committee, University of Lucerne

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