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#### **EDUCATION**

2011	<b>Ph.D. in Economics</b> , Department of Economics, <i>Freie Universität</i> <i>Berlin</i> , Germany. Title: Maternal Employment, Life Satisfaction, and Child Developmental Outcomes – Econometric Analyses Based on the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)
2006–2007	Ph.D. Course Program at the Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Germany
2006	Diplom in Economics (equiv. MSc), University of Passau, Germany
2003–2004	Studies of Economics at Université de Toulouse 1, France, funded by Socrates/Erasmus

#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011-present	Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, Department of Economics: Postdoctoral Researcher
2007–2011	<b>German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)</b> , Germany, Department of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP): Research Associate

#### **RESEARCH VISITS ABROAD**

2013–2014	<b>University of Chicago</b> , USA, Department of Economics: Visiting Scholar, invited by Prof. James J. Heckman, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
2008	<b>University of Essex</b> , UK, Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER): Visiting PhD student
2007	<b>World Bank</b> , Washington, DC, USA, Human Development Network: Consultant
2007	DIW DC, Washington, DC, USA: Visiting PhD student

# RESEARCH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2017	Best Paper Award for Young Economists, WIEM – Warsaw International Economic Meeting: 4000 zlotys gross (€950). Paper titel: Does Behavioral Bias Affect Housing Rental Prices? Evidence from a Natural Experiment
2014–2017	Jacobs-Foundation, research grant for the project "A Self-Regulation and Working Memory Intervention Study with Primary School Students in Germany and Switzerland" (joint with Ernst Fehr, Henning Müller, Daniel Schunk, and Kirsten Winkel), volume €490000
10/2013-02/2014	<b>DFG – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft</b> (German Research Foundation), individual research grant for a four-months research visit at the University of Chicago
2012–2014	<b>Fritz Thyssen Research Foundation</b> , research grant for the project "Reactivating the Long-Term Unemployed More Effectively: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Field Study" (joint with Günther König, Henning Müller, Felix Schmidt, and Daniel Schunk), volume € 200000
01/2012	<b>Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft</b> and <b>Handelsblatt</b> , Fellowship for participating at the conference "Ökonomie Neu Denken", 23-24 January 2012, Frankfurt, Germany, €1000
2010–2011	<b>Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend</b> (Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth), policy consultancy project to evaluate the German parental benefit reform, "Elterngeld Monitor" (joint with Johannes Geyer, Peter Haan, C. Katharina Spiess, and Katharina Wrohlich)
2010, 2017	Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association), Award for Presentations at International Conferences, twice €500
01-12/2010	<b>DIW Berlin</b> (German Institute for Economic Research), Department of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), research scholarship
01/2008-12/2009	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, PhD Scholarship
09/2006-08/2007	<b>DIW Berlin</b> (German Institute for Economic Research), Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research, PhD Scholarship
2002-2006	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies
2003–2004	<b>European Union,</b> Scholarship Socrates/Erasmus for undergraduate studies at the University of Toulouse, France

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS**

#### Working Papers & Work in Progress

Self-Regulation Training and Job Search Effort: A Natural Field Experiment Within an Active Labor Market Program (joint with Günther König, Henning Müller, Felix Schmidt, and Daniel Schunk). Discussion paper number 1712, 2017, GSME Discussion Paper Series.

Unburden Renters by Making Landlords Pay the Commission? Evaluating a Policy Reform in Germany (old title: Does Behavioral Bias Affect Housing Rental Prices? Evidence from a Natural Experiment) (joint with Felix Schmidt). Discussion paper number 1716, 2017, GSME Discussion Paper Series.

Working Memory Training Improves Performance of Primary School Children: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment (joint with Ernst Fehr, Henning Müller, Daniel Schunk, and Kirsten Winkel), 2017, mimeo.

Estimating Self-Productivity and Dynamic Complementarity in the Formation of Skills in Early Childhood (joint with Kirsten Winkel), work in progress.

The Causal Effect of Family Size on Non-Cognitive Skills – Evidence Based on Swedish Register Data (joint with Martin Nybom), work in progress.

The Effect of Teaching Primary School Students a Self-Regulation Strategy: A Randomized Field Experiment (joint with Ernst Fehr, Henning Müller, Daniel Schunk, and Kirsten Winkel), work in progress.

Subjective Probabilities and Educational Choices: The Role of Incomplete Information for Expectation Formation and Educational Outcomes Among Heterogeneous Individuals (joint with Tanika Chacraborty), work in progress.

#### Articles in Refereed Journals

Locus of Control and Mothers Return to Employment (joint with Luke Haywood). *Journal of Human Capital* 10(4), 2016, 442–481.

Happy Working Mothers? Investigating the Effect of Maternal Employment on Life Satisfaction. *Economica* 80(317), 2013, 23–43.

Maternal Life Satisfaction and Child Outcomes: Are They Related? (joint with C. Katharina Spiess). *Journal of Economic Psychology* 32(1), 2011, 142–158.

Wie hängen familiale Veränderungen und das mütterliche Wohlbefinden mit der frühkindlichen Entwicklung zusammen? (joint with Frauke Peter and C. Katharina Spiess). *Quarterly Journal of Economic Research* (*Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung*) 79(3), 2010, 27–44.

The Chernobyl Disaster, Concern About the Environment, and Life Satisfaction. <u>*Kyklos*</u> 63 (1), 2010, 1–8.

## **Policy Papers**

Elterngeld Monitor (joint with Katharina Wrohlich, Johannes Geyer, Peter Haan, Denise Sengül, C. Katharina Spiess, and Andreas Thiemann). Politikberatung kompakt no. 61, 2012,

DIW Berlin. (Research project for the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth—Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend)

Overcoming Disparities and Expanding Access to Early Childhood Services in Germany: Policy Considerations and Funding Options (joint with C. Katharina Spiess and Olaf Groh-Samberg). UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre Working Paper IWP-2008-03, Florence.

Die öffentlich geförderte Bildungs- und Betreuungsinfrastruktur in Deutschland: Eine ökonomische Analyse regionaler und nutzergruppenspezifischer Unterschiede (joint with C. Katharina Spiess and Olaf Groh-Samberg). UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre Working Paper IWP-2008-03, Florence.

#### PRESENTATIONS

#### Invited Talks

Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Brown Bag Seminar, November 16, 2017, title of talk: "Do Primary School Students Benefit from Working Memory Training in Class? A Randomized Field Experiment"

Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, Department of Economics, Research Workshop at the Chair of Applied Statistics and Econometrics, February 16, 2017, title of talk: "Self-Regulation Training, Labor Market Reintegration of Unemployed Individuals, and Locus of Control"

University of Chicago, USA, Department of Economics, Life Cycle Working Group, January 15, 2014, title of talk: "KIDS-WIN: The Kids Self-Regulation and Working Memory Intervention Study"

University of Zurich, Switzerland, Department of Economics, March 14, 2011, title of talk: "Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)"

Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany, Research Seminar of the Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences, May 12, 2010, title of talk: "Women's Noncognitive Skills and Transition to Employment after Childbirth"

University of Essex, U.K., Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), Joint Empirical Social Science Seminar, November 5, 2008, title of talk: "Part-Time Employment, Non-Participation, and Life Satisfaction of Mothers in Germany"

#### Presentations at Conferences, Workshops, and Summer Schools

European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) conference, St. Gallen, Switzerland, September 21–23, 2017

German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) annual congress, Vienna, Austria, September 3–6, 2017

European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Lisbon, Portugal, Aug 21-25, 2017

Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium – Theory and Experiments & Maastricht Behavioral Economic Policy Symposium, Maastricht, Netherlands, June 6–7, 2017

Workshop on Microeconomics, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany, February 23–24, 2017

Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference (discussant), Behavior and Inequality Research Institute (briq), University of Bonn, Germany, June 24–25, 2016

Field Days 2016: Experiments Outside the Lab, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Germany, June 9–10, 2016

International Workshop on Economics of Education and Self-Regulation, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, September 22–24, 2015

European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) conference, Pafos, Cyprus, September 22–24, 2011

Robert Bosch Stiftung and German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Symposium "Frühkindliche Bildung und Betreuung heute – eine multidisziplinäre Herausforderung", Berlin, Germany, December 9–10, 2010

German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik) annual congress, Kiel, Germany, September 7–10, 2010

European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Glasgow, U.K., August 23-26, 2010

German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany, June 30–July 1, 2010

International Workshop of Applied Economics of Education (IWAEE), Catanzaro, Italy, June 14–15, 2010

IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch, Lake of Ammersee, Germany, May 15–21, 2010

European Workshop on Labour Markets and Demographic Change, Berlin, Germany, April 22–23, 2010

Workshop on Public Economics (Finanzwissenschaftlicher Workshop) of Freie Universität Berlin, University of Technology Dresden, and Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Berlin, Germany, November 13, 2009

European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) conference, Tallinn, Estonia, September 10–12, 2009

European Economic Association (EEA) annual congress, Barcelona, Spain, August 23–27, 2009

International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) conference, Florence, Italy, July 19–23, 2009

Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Istanbul, Turkey, April 23-25, 2009

International Young Scholar SOEP Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany, March 27-28, 2009

Leibniz Network "Non-Cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences" conference, Constance, Germany, March 19–21, 2009

Conference of the Council of Economics of Education, Verein für Socialpolitik, Landau, Germany, March 12–13, 2009

German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany, July 9-11, 2008

Leibniz Network "Non-Cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences" conference, Mannheim, Germany, May 15–17, 2008

# TEACHING

Lecture "Taxation", master's level, University of Mainz (summer term 2017)

Lecture "Behavioral Economics", master's level, University of Mainz (summer terms 2014, 2012)

Tutorial "Behavioral Economics", master's level, University of Mainz (summer terms 2016, 2014, 2012)

Tutorial "Principles of Public Economics", master's level, University of Mainz (winter terms 2017/2018, 2016/2017, 2015/2016, 2012/2013, 2011/2012)

Seminar "Topics in Behavioral Economics", Ph.D. level, Graduate School of Economics, Finance, and Management (winter term 2012/13)

Seminar "Ökonomisches Verhalten im Kindes- und Jugendalter" and "Arbeitslosigkeit und Arbeitsplatzsuche", bachelor's level, University of Mainz (summer term 2012)

Seminar "Economics of Child Development", master's level, University of Mainz (winter term 2011/12)

Seminar "Economics of Education", master's level, University of Mainz (summer term 2011)

#### Refereeing

Demography, Economica, Empirical Economics, German Economic Review, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Applied Social Science Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Population Economics, Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung

## **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

*Vertrauensdozentin* (liaison professor) of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES): referee for candidates applying for a full-time scholarship at the FES and trust lecturer for scholarship holders, since 2017.

Co-Organization of the Mainz International Behavioral Economics Workshop and the Mainz Behavioral Economics Summer School (in cooperation with the GSEFM—Graduate School of Economics, Finance, and Management), 2012.

Organization of the bi-weekly SOEP Brown Bag Seminar, DIW Berlin, 2010–2011.

Co-Organization of the Lecture Series "Economics of Education" held by Prof. Stephen Machin within the Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BeNA), 2008.