

# Sebastian Geschonke

## Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade and Tariffs, Economic History, Meta and Open Science.

### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- since 07/2019 **PhD Candidate in Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**,  
*Essays in International Trade*, Supervisor Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Wolf.
- 2017 - 2019 **Berlin School of Economics, PhD Course Program**, 90/90 ECTS accomplished.
- 2013 - 2016 **MA in Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**,  
(Grade: 1.9/B+), Thesis: *Heterogeneity of Tariffs in the German Empire. Disaggregated trade and tariffs 1895-1913* (Grade: 1.5/A-).
- 2015 **Stockholm University**,  
*Department of Economics*, Econometric focus (Micro- and Panel Data, Time Series), semester abroad.
- 2014 **Toulouse School of Economics**,  
Focus on Macroeconomics (New-Keynesian Models, Matlab-Simulations), semester abroad.
- 2009 - 2013 **BA Economics and Philosophy, Universität Potsdam**,  
(Grade 1.7/B+), Thesis: *Income Distribution in Germany*.

### PUBLICATIONS and WORK in PROGRESS

- PhD Thesis **"How to solve the tariff-growth paradox. Do higher tariffs relate to higher growth in first globalization?"**,  
single-authored job market paper, working paper available.
- "When you visualize does it materialize? On the effects of visualizations in research"**,  
joined work with Joachim Gassen and Tobias Witter, working paper available.
- "Effects of Tariffs on Trade: Exogenous trade elasticities from MFN clauses."**,  
joined work with Nikolaus Wolf and Wolf-Fabian Hungerland, mid-stage.
- Other work **"Neue Mikrodaten zu Unternehmensinsolvenzen in Deutschland: Die insol Datenbank"**(translation: *New Micro-data on insolvencies in Germany: The insol database*),  
joined work with Bianca Beyer and Joachim Gassen, working paper available (in German),  
related project: [Insolvency Dashboard](#).

### POSITIONS and EXPERIENCE in RESEARCH

- since 2019 **Research Associate, DevOps, Site Reliability Engineering**,  
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTER *TRR266*, DFG funded CRC, Open Science Data Center.  
[www.accounting-for-transparency.de](http://www.accounting-for-transparency.de).  
research in meta science, Open Science, insolvencies  
operations and development for IT infrastructure, data and backup management, Open Science tools  
using R, R Shiny, Docker, Linux Server, SQL, Python
- 2015 - 2019 **Research Assistant**,  
GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH (DIW) BERLIN,  
Socio-Economic Panel Study, Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS).  
survey processing, generating user-friendly variables including documentation, automatizing processes  
using R, Stata, Git
- 2014 **Research Assistant**,  
BRANDENBURG INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY AND SECURITY, (*BIGS*).  
Data-Analyst using R, Stata, VBA

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## TEACHING

- 2022 - 2023 **Lecturer**  
*Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*  
"Advanced International Trade", Tutorial on Master's/PhD level  
The tutorial was partly a lecture and partly a seminar with student presentations and discussions.
- 2013 - 2018 **Seminar Organisator and Instructor**  
*Friedrich-Ebert Foundation, stipendiary course program*,  
about 10 seminars on Economics, Economic Policy, History of Economic Thought,  
and Political Economy

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## CONFERENCES and SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Cambridge (UK)**, *Economic and Social History Workshop*.  
2024 **WU Vienna**, *Economic and Social History Seminar*.  
2024 **Humboldt Universität zu Berlin**, *Research Seminar at the Institute of Accounting and Auditing*.  
2024 **University of Groningen**, *Financial, Economic and Business History Summer School*.  
2024 **University of Newcastle**, *Economic History Society, Annual Conference*.  
2021 **University of Warwick**, *CAGE, EHES & IAS SUMMER SCHOOL*, Economic Growth and Development in History.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 - 2022 **Doctoral Scholarship**,  
*Hans-Böckler-Foundation*.
- 2011 - 2017 **Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarship**,  
*Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation*.

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## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- 2020 - 2022 **D\carb - future economy forum**, *Organizing an evaluating high-profile events on Economics and Climate featuring distinguished guest speakers*, D\carb Website: [www.decARB.world](http://www.decARB.world).
- 2017 - 2020 **Student Speaker for PhD program (BDPEMS, then Berlin School of Economics)**, .
- 2013 - 2019 **Organisation and guidance of seminars, working groups and work meetings**,  
FRIEDRICH-EBERT-FOUNDATION, Program for students with scholarship.
  - Speaker for the economic working group (07/2014 – 06/2016)
  - Organization and guidance of about 10 seminars and working groups for Economics, Economic Policy, Political Economy and Political Theory
- 2013 - 2015 **Working Group of Young Economists**, HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN.
  - Collaboration at 'What is Economics? Theory and Criticism of Economic Thinking'
  - Workshop at the conference of the Institute for Macroeconomics and Economic Research (IMK) "Pluralism in Economics" (08/2014)
  - Elected member of the student parliament (01/2014 – 08/2014)
- 2010 - 2013 **Academic Committees**, UNIVERSITÄT POTSDAM.
  - Elected student member of the Senate (2012 – 2013)
  - Senate committee for research and young academics (2012 – 2013)
  - Senate committee for teachings and studies (2010 – 2013)
  - Elected member of the student parliament (2013)
  - Students' union executive committee (AStA), AStA Speaker for Campus Policy (2011 – 2012)
- 2008 - 2013 **Elected City Councillor in Luckenwalde** .
  - Financial Committee (2008-2013)
  - Committee for Education, Culture and Sports (2008–2012)

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## LANGUAGES

- German **native speaker**  
English **fluent**  
French **upper intermediate**

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### **Programming Languages and Software:**

Proficient R, Rmarkdown, Git(hub), Latex  
Experienced Docker (Compose), HTML, Linux Server, SQL, Stata, Nextcloud (self-hosted cloud infrastructure)  
Familiar Python, MATLAB

### **Tools and Technologies:**

Data analysis and visualization  
Data archeology and harmonization: from physical source to dataset  
DevOps and server management  
Open Source/Science tools and practices

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## REFERENCES

**Professor Dr. Nikolaus Wolf** **Chair of Economic History,**  
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*Humboldt University Berlin,*  
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*Department for Socio-Economics,*  
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*Second Supervisor, Research Mentor*