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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, International Trade and Tariffs, 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-).
- 2009 - 2013 **BA Economics and Philosophy, Universität Potsdam**,
(Grade 1.7/B+), Thesis: *Income Distribution in Germany*.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH and EXCHANGE

- 2024 **Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien**,
Department for Socioeconomics, Institute for Economic and Social History, research stay.
- 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.

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 [here](#).
- “When you visualize does it materialize? On the effects of visualizations in research”**,
joined work with Joachim Gassen and Tobias Witter, working paper available [here](#).
- “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 [here](#) (in German),
related project: [Insolvency Dashboard](#).
- Tariff Dashboard **“German Historic Tariffs 1880-1913”**, *A glimpse into the database of historic tariffs constructed for my PhD*, [Interactive Tariff Dashboard](#).

POSITIONS and EXPERIENCE in RESEARCH

- 2025-2026 **Research Associate**,
BIGS INSTITUTE,
Common European Data Spaces and Robust AI for Transparent Public Governance, Research Project under Horizon Europe. [Wepage](#).
using R, Python, Linux, Docker

- 2025 **Research Associate**,
UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG,
Building AI training dataset for historical tables; assessing state of the art LLM capabilities.
using Linux, Docker, Python, R, Label Studio
- 2019-2024 **Research Associate, DevOps, Site Reliability Engineering**,
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTER *TRR266*, DFG funded CRC, Open Science Data Center.
[Webpage](#).
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

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

CONFERENCES and SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Cologne**, *Verein für Socialpolitik, Annual Conference*.
- 2025 **University of Hohenheim**, *European Historical Economics Society Conference*.
- 2025 **Lund University**, *World Economic History Congress*, in Session with Douglas Irwin and Kevin O'Rourke.
- 2025 **University of Strathclyde, Glasgow**, *Economic History Society, Annual Conference*.
- 2025 **Humboldt Universität zu Berlin**, *GSWG Conference*.
- 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages and Software:

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

Familiar 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

LANGUAGES

German **native speaker**

English **fluent**

French **upper intermediate**

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.

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)

REFERENCES

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