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Research Fields: Development Economics, Regional Economics, Political Economy
Research Topics: Local Economic Growth, Digital Infrastructure, Electoral Turnout

POSITIONS

since 2022	Assistant Professor (<i>Juniorprofessor W1</i>)	TU Dresden
2017 – 2022	Junior Economist	ifo Institute Munich

EDUCATION

2017 – 2022	Ph.D. Economics	LMU Munich
2014 – 2016	M.Sc. Mathematical Finance & Actuarial Science	TU Munich
2014	Exchange studies: Mathematics and Statistics	USP São Paulo
2012 – 2015	B.A. Political Science	LMU Munich
2011 – 2014	B.Sc. Mathematics	TU Munich

AFFILIATIONS

ifo Institute Munich (guest researcher), CESifo Research Network (affiliate member)

RESEARCH VISITS

Jan – Jul 2024	Brown University	Host: Stelios Michalopoulos
Mar – Apr 2023	University of Southampton	Host: Nicolas Apfel
Sep – Oct 2021	ParisTech	Host: Lukasz Grzybowski

WORKING PAPERS

Digital Infrastructure and Local Economic Growth: Early Internet in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Moritz Goldbeck) *Job Market Paper* [[latest version](#)]

Nominated for the Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award at the CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Digitization 2022

No Surprises, Please: Voting Costs and Electoral Turnout (with Jean-Victor Alipour)

Accepted at Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics [[latest version](#)] [[CESifo WP](#)] [[press briefing](#)]

Nominated for the Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize at the Public Choice Society Meeting 2022

The Effect of China's "Stadium Diplomacy" on Local Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Gustav Pirich) *under review* [[latest version](#)] [[CESifo WP](#)]

PUBLICATIONS

Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi) *Information Economics and Policy* (2023), Vol. 65. [[publication](#)] [[FIT IN Initiative WP](#)]

Interoperability between Mobile Money Agents and Choice of Network Operators: The Case of Tanzania (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi) *Review of Network Economics* (2023), Vol. 22:1, 27-52. [[publication](#)] [[FIT IN Initiative WP](#)]

New Region, New Chances: Does Moving Regionally for University Shape Later Job Mobility? (with Thomas A. Fackler and Felix Ehrenfried) *Regional Studies* (2023), Vol. 57:7, 1239-1253. [[publication](#)] [[policy report \(in German\)](#)] [[media coverage](#)]

Is High-Speed Internet an Infrastructure of General Interest? *Information Economics and Policy* (2021), Vol. 56. [[publication](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Leapfrogging Telecommunication: Unraveling the Impact of Mobile Coverage on Labor Market Structures (with Marta Bernardi)

Should I Mail or Should I Go: Insights From a One-Time All-Postal Election (with Marius Kröper)

Training, Automation, and Wages: Individual-Level Evidence from PIAAC (with Oliver Falck, Yuchen Guo, Christina Langer, and Simon Wiederhold)

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHED WORK (selected and partly in German)

How Can Phones Improve Financial Inclusion? (with Lukasz Grzybowski and Onkokame Mothobi), *FIT IN Initiative Policy Papers*, February, 2024 [[publication](#)]

Mit der Nacht den Tag erklären (with Astrid Probst), *Science Notes* (10), 20-33 [[publication](#)]

Elderly Left Behind? How Older Workers Can Participate in the Modern Labor Market (with Oliver Falck and Simon Wiederhold), *EconPol Forum* 23 (5), 16-19 [[publication](#)]

Konnte mobile Internetinfrastruktur die regionale Konnektivitätslücke in Deutschland abmildern? (with Moritz Goldbeck, Anika Lange, and Svenja Schwarz), *bidt blog, Digitaler Wettbewerb* (June 14, 2022) [[blog post](#)]

Funkloch Deutschland? Der Ausbau der mobilen Datennetze in den letzten zehn Jahren (with Moritz Goldbeck and Svenja Schwarz), *ifo Schnelldienst*, 2021, 74, No. 11 [[publication](#)]

TEACHING

2024	Lecture: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
2024	Seminar: Empirical Political Economy
2023/24	Lecture: Microeconomic Perspectives on Development Economics
2023/24	Seminar: Digital Infrastructure in Developing Countries
2023	Lecture & Exercises: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
2023	Seminar: Spatial Data in Development Economics
2022/23	Seminar: Evaluation of Infrastructure Investments and their Economic Impact
2017 – 2019	Exercises: Introduction to Microeconomics

THIRD-PARTY PROJECTS

2020–2021	Evaluation of the Next Generation Access Programme, Policy evaluation of national state aid for broadband rollout in Germany
2017–2020	Economics of Innovation in Telecommunications, Thesis promotion

HONOURS AND GRANTS

2023	Deutsche Bundesbank Award: Support of international research cooperations
2021–2022	Member of PILLARS – Pathways to Inclusive Labour Markets by European Commission (European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme)
2021–2023	Granted research proposal for the FIT IN Initiative (Toulouse)
2021	CESifo Young Ambassador Program for short-term stays
2021	Seed grant by the Bavarian Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Referee:	Small Business Economics, Information Economics and Policy, Review of Network Economics
Conference Organization:	ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics
Conference Referee:	Meeting of Young Economists

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Marmara University, Radboud University, University of Southampton, University of Barcelona (AQR), Economic Research South Africa (ERSA)

REFERENCES

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