

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Personal Information

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### Academic Appointments

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| since March 2009   | Technische Universität Darmstadt<br>Department of Law and Economics<br>Chair of International Economics<br>Full Professor of Economics  |
| since April 2009   | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich<br>KOF Swiss Economic Institute<br>Research Professor   |
| since January 2010 | Graduate School of Economics, Management and<br>Finance<br>Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Johannes Gutenberg<br>Universität Mainz, and Technische Universität Darmstadt<br>Deputy Dean |

### Other Appointments

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| since 2005 | CESifo Research Fellow  |
| since 2011 | Academic Advisor, Urbancontext  |
| since 2012 | Fellow, West Africa Institute   |
| since 2014 | Senior Fellow, Center for European Integration Studies,<br>University of Bonn |

## **Previous Appointments**

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| 2007-2009 | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich<br>KOF Swiss Economic Institute<br>Head of International Economics Division |
| 2003-2007 | Freie Universität Berlin<br>Department of Economics<br>Assistant Professor of Economics                                 |
| 1995-2003 | Bankgesellschaft Berlin<br>Economics Department<br>Senior Economist 1997-2003<br>Economist 1995-1997                    |

## **Academic Qualifications**

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| Dr. rer. pol.<br>(equiv. Ph.D. in Economics) | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin<br>Department of Economics<br>Thesis: City Growth in Europe (summa cum laude)<br>24 November 2000<br>Supervisors: Professor Dalia Marin<br>Professor Michael C. Burda |
| Diplom-Volkswirt<br>(equiv. MA)              | Freie Universität Berlin<br>Department of Economics<br>28 November 1994  |

## **Education**

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| University     | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin 1997-2000<br>Economics<br>(Ph.D. level)<br>Freie Universität Berlin 1991-1995<br>Economics<br>Hochschule für Ökonomie, Berlin 1989-1991<br>International Economics |
| Grammar School | Immanuel-Kant-EOS, Berlin 1984-1986   |

## Visiting Positions

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Bank of Canada, International Department  
Bank of Namibia, Research Department  
Deutsche Bundesbank, Research Center  
Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW Berlin)  
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano  
Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Institute for Monetary Research  
International Monetary Fund, Research Department  
Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Economics Department  
Trinity College Dublin, Institute for International Integration Studies  
Universität Bonn, Center for European Integration Studies  
Universität München, Center for Economic Studies  
Université d'Orléans, Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans

## Grants

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|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 2004-2006 | Fritz Thyssen Foundation  |
| 2005-2007 | Fritz Thyssen Foundation (joint with Helge Berger)  |
| 2006-2007 | Fritz Thyssen Foundation (joint with Nikolaus Wolf)   |
| 2006      | German Research Foundation (Travel grant)   |
| 2007-2008 | European Commission (Project grant, joint with various partners)                                    |
| 2008      | Stiftung zur Förderung der Forschung und Ausbildung in Unternehmenswissenschaften an der ETH Zürich |
| 2009      | Investitionsbank Berlin   |
| 2009-2010 | World Bank, Short-Term Consultant   |
| 2010      | World Bank, Short-Term Consultant   |
| 2010-2012 | Fritz Thyssen Foundation (joint with Gabriel Ahlfeldt and Nicolai Wendland)                         |
| 2010-2013 | German Research Foundation (joint with Gabriel Ahlfeldt and Nicolai Wendland)                       |
| 2010-2014 | European Parliament, External Expert  |
| 2013      | World Bank, Short-Term Consultant   |
| 2015      | Center for Global Development, Consultant   |
| 2015-2016 | Center for Global Development, Consultant   |
| 2016-2017 | Deutsche Bundesbank   |

## Other Activities

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| 2007-2009, 2012 | Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie<br>Joint Forecasting Group                                   |
| since 2005      | Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie<br>Roundtable "World Economy"                                |
| since 2013      | Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung<br>Working group "Development and Trade" |

## Research Interests

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Regional/European integration  
International trade: firm-level trade  
International finance: currency unions, exchange rate regimes  
Economic geography: new economic geography, urban economics  
Central bank design: decision-making bodies

## Teaching

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| TU Darmstadt           | Introductory Microeconomics<br>International Economics<br>Urban Economics<br>Economic Geography<br>Entrepreneurship  |
| FU Bozen               | Management and Organization of International Institutions  |
| U Bonn                 | Economics of European Integration  |
| ETH Zürich             | International Trade  |
| Universität St. Gallen | Executive MBA “Logistics”  |
| FU Berlin              | The Economics of European Integration<br>International Macroeconomic Policy<br>Basic Tools of Macroeconomic Policy Analysis<br>(with Helge Berger)<br>The Economics of International Financial Policy<br>Macro Brown Bag (with Helge Berger)<br>Introductory Microeconomics<br>On the Size of Nations (with Nikolaus Wolf)<br>Topics in International Trade Theory and Policy<br>Political Institutions and Economic Development |
| FU/HU/TU Berlin        | Economics of European Integration<br>(with Horst Tomann)   |
| HU Berlin              | Regional Economic Transformation Processes<br>(with Lise Lyck, Copenhagen Business School)   |

## Memberships and Assignments

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| since 2015 | Verein für Socialpolitik<br>Standing field committee in international economics  |
| since 2008 | Verein für Socialpolitik<br>Standing field committee in regional science<br><br>American Economic Association<br>European Economic Association<br>Verein für Socialpolitik |

## Referee

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American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, Asian Development Review, Australian Economic Papers, BE Journal of Macroeconomics, British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade, Business & Society, Business History, Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, Canadian Journal of Economics, CESifo Economic Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Contemporary Economic Policy, Defence and Peace Economics, ECB Working Paper Series, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economic Policy, Economics, Economics Bulletin, Economic Systems, Économie Internationale, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Finanzarchiv/ Public Finance Analysis, Geography Compass, German Economic Review, Hague Journal of Diplomacy, International Economics and Economic Policy, International Finance, International Regional Science Review, Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Regional Science, Nature Human Behaviour, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice, Region, Regional Studies, Reinvention, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Review of International Organizations, Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies, Review of World Economics/ Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv, Small Business Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Spatial Economic Analysis, Urban Studies, The World Economy

CEPR, Edward Elgar, Elsevier, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press

Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, Czech Science Foundation, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, National Science Foundation of the United States, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation

Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Jahrestagung der Nationalökonomischen Gesellschaft

## External Ph.D. Committees

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Mark Vancauteran, Institut de Recherches Économiques et Sociales (IRES), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) (2004)

Sara Johansson, International Business School, Jönköping University (2010)

Catherine Müller, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and DIW Berlin (2010)

Cui Yaqiong, Graduate School of Economics, Finance, and Management (2016)

Laura Lebastard, Université Paris-Sud (2017)

## **Conference Organization**

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Economic Geography and International Trade, 2018, Düsseldorf (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2017, München (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Disrupted Economic Relationships: Disaster, Sanctions, Dissolutions, 2016, Venice (with Tibor Besedeš)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2016, Frankfurt am Main (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2015, Düsseldorf (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2014, München (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2013, Berlin (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2012, Duisburg (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2011, München (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

Measuring Economic Integration, 2011, München (with Nikolaus Wolf)

Economic Geography and International Trade, 2010, Darmstadt (with Gabriel Felbermayr and Jens Südekum)

## **Other**

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2014-2018  
1986-1989

Juror, Berlin Land Court  
Army Service

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

“You’re Banned! The Effect of Sanctions on German Cross-Border Financial Flows,” (with Tibor Besedeš and Stefan Goldbach) Economic Policy. 32 (April 2017): 263-318.

“The IOC’s Midas Touch: Summer Olympics and City Growth,” (with Nicolai Wendland) Urban Studies. 54 (March 2017): 971-983.

“Same Same But Different: Dialects and Trade,” (with Alfred Lameli, Jens Südekum and Nikolaus Wolf) German Economic Review. 16 (August 2015): 290-306.

“On the Design of Public Institutions: Evidence from Financial Supervision,” Ensayos sobre Política Económica. 33 (April 2015): 53-60.

“Extra Credit: Bank Finance and Firm Export Status in Germany,” (with Stefan Goldbach) The World Economy. 37 (July 2014): 883-891.

“National Representation in Supranational Institutions: The Case of the European Central Bank,” (with Harald Badinger) Journal of Comparative Economics. 42 (February 2014): 19-33.

“Wearing Corset, Losing Shape: The Euro’s Effect on Trade Imbalances,” (with Helge Berger) Journal of Policy Modeling. 36 (January/February 2014): 136-155.

“Bilateral Imbalances in Europe,” (with Helge Berger) CESifo Economic Studies. 59 (September 2013): 559-575.

“Tear Down this Wall: On the Persistence of Borders in Trade,” (with Nikolaus Wolf) Canadian Journal of Economics. 46 (February 2013): 154-179.

“Too Many Cooks? Committees in Monetary Policy,” (with Helge Berger) Southern Economic Journal. 78 (October 2011): 452-475.

“Die Another Day: Duration in German Import Trade,” Review of World Economics. 145 (April 2009): 133-154.

“Central Bank Boards around the World: Why Does Membership Size Differ?” (with Helge Berger and Tonny Lybek) European Journal of Political Economy. 24 (December 2008): 817-832.

“Zooming Out: The Trade Effect of the Euro in Historical Perspective,” (with Helge Berger) Journal of International Money and Finance. 27 (December 2008): 1244-1260. [reprinted in Mark P. Taylor and Meher Manzur (eds.) Recent Developments in Exchange Rate Economics. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2013.]

“State Visits and International Trade,” The World Economy. 30 (December 2007): 1797-1816.

“Does the G7/G8 Promote Trade?” Economics Letters. 94 (January 2007): 136-140.

“Trade Openness and Urban Concentration: New Evidence,” Journal of Economic Integration. 21 (June 2006): 340-362.

“Zipf Zipped,” Journal of Urban Economics. 57 (January 2005): 86-100.

“Terrorism and International Trade: An Empirical Investigation,” (with Dieter Schumacher) European Journal of Political Economy. 20 (June 2004): 423-433. [reprinted in Tilman Brück (Editor) The Economic Analysis of Terrorism. London: Routledge, 2007, 173-184.]

“Border Effects and Border Regions: Lessons from the German Unification,” Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft. 24 (1/2004): 23-38.

“Does History Matter for Urban Primacy? The Case of Vienna,” Regional Science and Urban Economics. 33 (July 2003): 401-418.

“Honey, I Shrunk the Currency Union Effect on Trade,” The World Economy. 25 (April 2002): 457-474.

“National Borders and International Trade: Evidence from the European Union,” Canadian Journal of Economics. 33 (November 2000): 1091-1105.

“Natural’ Trading Blocs: A Closer Look,” Journal of Economic Integration. 12 (December 1997): 433-455.

“Do Three Trade Blocs Minimize World Welfare?” Review of International Economics. 4 (October 1996): 355-363.

## **Books**

Handbook of the Economics of European Integration. (with Harald Badinger) London: Routledge, 2016.

City Growth in Europe. (Dissertation thesis) Volkswirtschaftliche Schriften #518. Berlin: Verlag Duncker & Humblot, 2001.

## **Academic Papers in Collected Volumes**

“Trips and Trade,” in Peter A. G. van Bergeijk and Selwyn Moons (eds.) Research Handbook on Economic Diplomacy. London: Edward Elgar, forthcoming.

“Trade Misinvoicing,” in Yulia Epifantseva and Nigar Hashimzade (eds.) Routledge Companion to Tax Avoidance Research. London: Routledge, 2018, 242-251.

“Measuring European Economic and Institutional Integration,” (with Helge Berger) in Harald Badinger and Volker Nitsch (eds.) Handbook of the Economics of European Integration. London: Routledge, 2016, 467-477.

“On the Persistence of Trade Imbalances: Evidence from Europe,” (with Helge Berger) in Yin-Wong Cheung und Frank Westermann (eds.) Global Interdependence, Decoupling and Recoupling. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2013, 213-232.



“Trade Mispricing and Illicit Flows,” in Peter Reuter (ed.) Draining Development? Controlling Flows of Illicit Funds from Developing Countries. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2012, 309-334.

“Gotcha! A Profile of Smuggling in International Trade,” (with Helge Berger) in Cláudia Costa Storti und Paul de Grauwe (eds.) Illicit Trade and the Global Economy. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2012, 49-72.

“Monetary Integration and Trade: What Do We Know?” in Ulrich Volz (ed.) Regional Integration, Economic Development and Global Governance. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011, 257-273.

“Inflexibilities and Trade Imbalances: Evidence from Europe,” (with Helge Berger) in Wim Meeusen (ed.) The Economic Crisis and European Integration. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011, 141-153.

“Black Tie Required? How to Enter a Currency Union,” in Helge Berger and Thomas Moutos (eds.) Designing the New European Union. Amsterdam: Elsevier, 2007, 263-283.

“Have A Break, Have A ... National Currency: When Do Monetary Unions Fall Apart?” in Paul de Grauwe and Jacques Mélitz (eds.) Prospects for Monetary Unions after the Euro. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2005, 319-345.

“Currency Union Entries and Trade,” in Jens Hölscher and Horst Tomann (eds.) Globalization of Capital Markets and Monetary Policy. Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, 191-205.

“Comparing Apples and Oranges: The Trade Effect of Multilateral Currency Unions,” in Volbert Alexander, Jacques Mélitz and George M. von Furstenberg (eds.) Monetary Unions and Hard Pegs: Effects on Trade, Financial Development, and Stability. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004, 89-100.

“EMU as a Catalyst for Change: A German Perspective,” in Economic and Monetary Union: A Catalyst for Change. London: Euromoney Publications, 1998, 93-98.

### **Introductions, Comments, Reviews**

“Introduction to Issue on “Measuring Economic Integration”,” (with Nikolaus Wolf) CESifo Economic Studies. (June 2013): 195-198.

Book review of Richard E. Baldwin, Daniel Cohen, André Sapir and Anthony Venables (eds.) “Market Integration, Regionalism and the Global Economy,” CEPR and Cambridge University Press, 1999 in Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv. 137 (March 2001): 178-180.