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### Employment

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Since 11/2011, *Lecturer*, University of Leipzig, Institut für Wirtschaftspolitik, Germany

06/2011–10/2011, *Postdoc*, Max-Planck-Institute of Economics, Evolutionary Economics Group, Jena, Germany

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### Other Affiliations

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Since 09/2012, *Senior Fellow*, Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal Issues (IREF)

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### Education

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Ph.D. in Economics, May 2011, *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States  
(Dissertation title: “Three Essays in Political Economy with Applications to the Hanseatic League”)

M.A. in Economics, March 2007, *University of Hamburg*, Germany

Visiting Fellow, Fall 2006, *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States

Visiting Student, Fall 2005, *University Sorbonne-Panthéon Paris I*, France

M.A. in Business Administration, October 2004, *University of St. Gallen*, Switzerland

Visiting Student, Spring 2004, *Claremont Graduate University*, CA, United States

Visiting Student, Fall 2003, *University of Lausanne*, Switzerland

B.A. in Business Administration, March 2001, *University of Lüneburg*, Germany

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## Research Fields

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- Political Economy
- Institutional Economics
- Law and Economics
- Economic History

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## Journal Articles

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“Donations to political parties: Investing corporations and consuming individuals?” *Kyklos*, 70(2) 2017: 220-255.

“U.S. Housing Prices and the Fukushima Nuclear Accident” (with Thomas Stratmann). *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 117 2015: 309-326.

“Kidnap Insurance and its Impact on Kidnapping Outcomes” (with Mark Pingle). *Public Choice*, 160(3-4) 2014: 481-499.

“Free Banking as an Evolving System: the Case of Switzerland Revisited.” *The Review of Austrian Economics* 27(1) 2014: 57-69.

“Political Entrepreneurship and the Formation of Special Districts” (with Richard E. Wagner). *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 35(3) 2013: 427-439.

“The Impact of Nobel Prize Winners in Economics: Mainline vs. Mainstream” (with Peter J. Boettke and Daniel J. Smith). *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 71(5) 2012: 1219-1249.

“The Effects of Party Campaign Spending under Proportional Representation: Evidence from Germany.” *European Journal of Political Economy*, 28(4) 2012: 574-592.

“The Hanseatic League and the Concept of Functional Overlapping Competing Jurisdictions.” *Kyklos* 65(2) 2012: 194-217.

“Bandit Heroes: Mythical, Social, or Rational?” (with Nicholas A. Currott). *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 72(2) 2012: 470-497.

“Norms in Sports Contests: The Tour de France” (with Daniel J. Smith). *Journal of Sport Management* 26(1) 2012: 43-52.

“Institutionalized Bailouts and Fiscal Policy: Consequences of Soft Budget Constraints” (with Thomas Stratmann). *Kyklos* 64(3) 2011: 366-395.

“Under What Conditions May Social Contracts Arise? Evidence from the Hanseatic League.” *Constitutional Political Economy* 22(2) 2011: 173-190.

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## Comments, Shorter Papers, Book Reviews

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“Governance without a State? Policies and Politics in areas of Limited Statehood meets Positive Political Economy of Anarchy: A Review Essay.” *The Review of Austrian Economics*, forthcoming.

“Institutions First.” (with Peter J. Boettke). *Journal of Institutional Economics* 7(4) 2011: 499-504.

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## Book Chapters

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“Agent Type, Social Contract, and Constitutional Mythologies.” (with Peter J. Boettke). In: Alain Marciano (ed.) *Constitutional Mythologies*. New York: Springer, 2011: 25-37.

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## Awards and Fellowships

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ORDO-Preis für ordnungspolitische Innovationen 2014

International Centre for Economic Research (ICER) Fellow 2012

Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow 2010-2011

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2007 - 2010

Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellow 2007-2010

Ciocca Fellow 2007-2008

ERASMUS-Stipend for the Graduate Studies at the *University Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris I*, Fall 2005

Stipend given by the *University of St. Gallen* for Graduate Studies at the *Claremont Graduate University*, Spring 2004

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## Invited Academic Talks

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**2013:** The Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm

**2012:** University of Bremen; University of Economics, Prague; University of Freiburg

**2011:** University of Leipzig

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## Presentations at Conferences

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**2016**

“Income taxation and the timing of marriage.” **Annual Conference of the German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik)**, Augsburg, September.

**2015**

“Taxes, timing of marriage, and the probability of divorce.” **Meeting of the European Public Choice Society**, Groningen, April.

**2014**

“Meanings of Rationality in Economics.” **Money, Crisis & Banking - An Austrian Economics Perspective**, Witten/Herdecke University and Friedrich A. von Hayek-Gesellschaft, December

“Does marrying for love and money increase the probability of divorce?” **Interdisciplinary Workshop Institutional Economics**, Walter Eucken Institut, Freiburg, November.

“When Do Rulers Delegate Powers? The Independence of Medieval European Cities.” **Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics**, Aix-en-Provence, September.

**2012**

“Enterprise-based Public Management and Property Rights in the Public Sphere.” **Conference ‘Converging and Conflicting Trends in the Public Administration of the US, Europe, and Germany’ organized by the German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs of Indiana University** (invited), Speyer, Germany, July.

**2011**

“When Do Rulers Delegate Powers? The Independence of Medieval European Cities.” **Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting**, Nassau, Bahamas, April

“The Hanseatic League and Functional Overlapping Competing Jurisdictions.” **Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting**, Nassau, Bahamas, April

“When Do Rulers Delegate Powers? The Independence of Medieval European Cities.” **Public Choice Society Meetings**, San Antonio, TX, March.

“When Do Rulers Delegate Powers? The Independence of Medieval European Cities.” **Eastern Economics Association Meetings**, New York, NY, February.

**2010**

“The Political Coase Theorem and Autonomous Jurisdictions: Evidence from Medieval Hanseatic Cities.” **Southern Economics Association Meetings**, Atlanta, GA, November

“The Political Coase Theorem and Autonomous Jurisdictions: Evidence from Medieval Hanseatic Cities.” **The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference**, Las Vegas, NV, April

“Special Districts and the Theory of Political Enterprise.” (with Dr. Richard E. Wagner), **Public Choice Society Meetings**, Monterey, CA, March

“The Political Coase Theorem and Autonomous Jurisdictions: Evidence from Medieval Hanseatic Cities.” **Eastern Economics Association Meetings**, Philadelphia, PA, February

## 2009

“Under What Conditions May a Social Contract Arise?” **Southern Economics Association Meetings**, San Antonio, TX, November

“Autonomy and City Institutions - the Rise of the Hanseatic Cities.” **European School on New Institutional Economics**, Cargèse, France, May

“Autonomy and City Institutions - the Rise of the Hanseatic Cities.” **Public Choice Society Meetings**, Las Vegas, NV, March

## 2008

“Transfers by Formula or Voting Power? The Case of Intergovernmental Transfers in Germany.” (with Thomas Stratmann). **Student paper workshop at Clemson University** (invited), Clemson, NC, October

“Autonomy and City Institutions - the Rise of the Hanseatic Cities.” **The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference**, Las Vegas, NV, April

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## Teaching Experience

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### At the University of Leipzig

Summer 2012-2015      Lecture: Financial Markets and Financial Crises (3 sections)

Winter 2011 - 2015      Lecture: Introduction to Economics (3 sections)

Winter 2014/15 - 2015/16      Seminar: Simulation MACRO

### At George Mason University

Summer 2010      Economies in Transition (undergraduate)

Spring 2010      Economics of Developing Areas (undergraduate)

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## Refereeing

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Constitutional Political Economy, European Journal of Political Economy (8), Public Choice (6), The Review of Austrian Economics (2), Ecological Economics, Economic Development Quarterly, European Journal of Political Research, Forum for Social Economics, Journal of Financial Services Research, Journal of Private Enterprise, Law and Contemporary Problems, The Independent Review, Southern Economic Journal, The Journal of Developing Areas, West European Politics

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## Languages

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German: Native speaker

English: Near-native speaker, reader, and writer

French: Fluent speaker, reader, and writer

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## Academic References

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