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Date of Birth: 2 September 1979
Place of Birth: Hamburg (Germany)
Citizenship: German

Employment

Since 11/2011, Assistant Professor, University of Leipzig, Institut für Wirtschaftspolitik, Germany

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

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, May 2011, *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States

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

Fields of Interest

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

Dissertation Title

Three Essays in Political Economy with Applications to the Hanseatic League

Journal Articles

“The Hanseatic League and the Concept of Functional Overlapping Competing Jurisdictions.” *Kyklos*, forthcoming.

“Political Entrepreneurship and the Formation of Special Districts” (with Richard E. Wagner). *European Journal of Law and Economics*, forthcoming.

“Bandit Heroes: Mythical, Social, or Rational?” (with Nicholas A. Currott). *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, forthcoming.

“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.

Comments and Shorter Papers

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

Book Chapters

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

Working Papers

“The Effects of Party Campaign Spending under Proportional Representation: Evidence from Germany.” Second revision submitted to the *European Journal of Political Economy*.

“Free Banking as an Evolving System: the Case of Switzerland Revisited.” First revision submitted to *The Review of Austrian Economics*.

“The Impact of Nobel Prize Winners in Economics: Mainline vs. Mainstream.” (with Peter J. Boettke and Daniel J. Smith)

“When Do Rulers Delegate Powers? The Independence of Medieval European Cities.” *Under review.*

Work in Progress

“The Hanseatic League in the History of Economic Thought.”

“The Polycentric Organization of the Hanseatic League.”

“Germany's Parliamentary Council: a Constitutional Moment.”

“The Development of Property Rights of Frozen Water: The Beginnings of the U.S. Natural Ice Industry” (with Dave Hebert).

“The Economics of Kidnap Insurance” (with Mark Pingle).

“Public Offices for Sale.”

Awards and Fellowships

Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow 2010-2011

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2010

Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellow 2009-2010

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2009

Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellow 2008-2009

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2008

Ciocca Fellow 2007-2008

Mercatus Center Ph.D. 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

Invited Talks

2012: University of Bremen

2011: University of Leipzig

Paper Presentations at Conferences

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

“Autonomy and City Institutions - the Rise of the Hanseatic Cities.” Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College, Grove City, PA, November

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

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

Seminars and Conferences attended 2008 - 2011

2011

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| September | The Group for Research into Organisational Evolution (GROE) Workshop: “Evolutionary Thinking and Its Policy Implications for Modern Capitalism,” Hertfordshire |
| April | IHS/Liberty Fund conference: “Hayek and Keynes on Human Nature and Liberty,” Arlington, VA |
| April | Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting, Nassau, Bahamas |
| March | Public Choice Society Meetings, San Antonio, TX |
| February | Eastern Economics Association Meetings, New York, NY |

2010

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| November | Southern Economics Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA |
| June | University of Chicago Price Theory Summer Camp at the Becker Center |
| April | Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV |
| March | Public Choice Society Meetings, Monterey, CA |
| February | Eastern Economics Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA |

2009

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| November | Southern Economics Association Meetings, San Antonio, TX |
| May | European School on New Institutional Economics, Cargèse, France |
| March | Public Choice Society Meetings, Las Vegas, NV |

2008

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| November | Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College, Grove City, PA |
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September	From Vienna to Virginia Conference, Foundation of Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY
June	Social Change Workshop, Institute of Humane Studies, Providence, RI
April	Association for Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

Teaching Experience at George Mason University

Summer 2010	Economies in Transition (undergraduate)
Spring 2010	Economics of Developing Areas (undergraduate)

Refereeing

Public Choice, The Journal of Developing Areas, The Review of Austrian Economics, Economic Development Quarterly

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association

Languages

German:	Native speaker
English:	Near-native speaker, reader, and writer
French:	Fluent speaker, reader, and writer

Other Positions Held

01.2011 – 05.2011	Teaching assistant with Dr. Thomas Stratmann, “Econometrics I” (graduate), <i>George Mason University</i> , Fairfax, VA, United States
01.2010 – 05.2010	Teaching assistant with Dr. Thomas Stratmann, “Econometrics I” (graduate), <i>George Mason University</i> , Fairfax, VA, United States
08.2009 – 05.2010	Research assistant with Dr. Richard Wagner, <i>George Mason University</i> , Fairfax, VA, United States
01.2009 – 05.2009	Teaching assistant with Dr. Thomas Stratmann, “Econometrics I” (graduate), <i>George Mason University</i> , Fairfax, VA, United States

- 08.2008 – 05.2009 Research assistant with Dr. Peter Boettke, *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States
- 05.2008 – 06.2008 Teaching assistant with Dr. Thomas Stratmann, “Intermediate Microeconomics” (undergraduate), *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States
- 08.2007 – 05.2008 Research assistant with Dr. Thomas Stratmann, *George Mason University*, Fairfax, VA, United States
- 03.2007 – 08.2007 Project collaborator with CatCap GmbH, Hamburg, Germany: Corporate Finance Consulting
- 03.2007 – 07.2007 Teaching assistant with Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Allgoewer, “Economic History and History of Economic Thought” (undergraduate), *University of Hamburg*, Germany
- 01.2007 – 03.2007 Research assistant with Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Allgoewer, *University of Hamburg*, Germany
- 04.2006 – 06.2006 Project collaborator with CatCap GmbH, Hamburg, Germany: Corporate Finance Consulting
- 07.2005 – 09.2005 Intern with CatCap GmbH, Hamburg, Germany: Corporate Finance Consulting
- 02.2005 – 07.2005 Research assistant with Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Allgoewer, *University of Hamburg*, Germany
- 09.2004 – 11.2004 Student trainee with ifas AG – independent financial advisory services, Hamburg, Germany: Corporate Finance Consulting
- 01.2003 – 06.2003 Vice President Finance of AIESEC St.Gallen, Switzerland
- 08.2001 – 10.2001 Intern with the marketing department of CASIO Computer GmbH Deutschland, Norderstedt, Germany
- 08.1999 – 06.2000 Civil Service, Hospital Wandsbek, Hamburg, Germany
- 1997 – 2002 Tennis coach, Tennis Club Barsbüttel, Germany

Academic References

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