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PERSONAL DETAILS

German nationality. Settlement permit for Switzerland ('Niederlassungsbewilligung C').

Married, 3 children (2010, 2012, 2019).

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Dr. rer. oec, University of Zurich, 2009.

Master of Science in Economics, University of Konstanz, 2005.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Macroeconomics, University of Basel, 2015–.

CEPR Research Fellow, Monetary Economics & Fluctuations Programme, 2019–.

Associated Research Professor, KOF ETH Zurich, 2014–.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Monetary Macroeconomics, non-tenure track, University of Basel, 2014–2015.

Senior Economist, Economic Analysis Unit, Swiss National Bank, 2008–2014.

Research and Teaching Assistant, Chair of Applied Macroeconomics, Department of Management, Technology and Economics, ETH Zurich, 005– 2008.

Trainee, DG Economics, European Central Bank, Jun 2005–Sep 2005.

Student Research Assistant, Chair of Monetary Economics J.-E. Sturm, Department of Economics, University of Konstanz, Nov 2004–May 2005.

Summer Analyst, Fixed Income Research, European Economics, Barclays Capital London, Aug 2004–Oct 2004.

Research Assistant (Part-Time), Industry Risk Analysis, Deutsche Bank Research, May 2004–Aug 2004.

Student Research Assistant, Chair of Macroeconomic Theory H.-J. Ramser, Department of Economics, University of Konstanz, Oct 2003–May 2004.

Summer Intern, Macro Trends, Deutsche Bank Research, Frankfurt, Jul 2003–Oct 2003.

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WORKING PAPERS

Inflation and Preferences at the Household Level (2019), with Rahel Braun.

Exchange Rates and Prices: Evidence from the 2015 Swiss Franc Appreciation (2018), with R. Auer and A. Burstein, WWZ Discussion Paper No 2018/23, Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*.

PUBLICATIONS

Price elasticities and demand-side real rigidities in micro data and in macro models (2019), with G. Beck, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, forthcoming.

Sources of Bias in Inflation Rates and Implications for Inflation Dynamics (2019), with R. Braun, *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, forthcoming.

Exports and Invoicing: Evidence from the 2015 Swiss Franc Appreciation (2019), with R. Auer, A. Burstein, and K. Erhardt *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 109, 533–38.

Media Reporting and Business Cycles: Empirical Evidence based on Sectoral News Data (2017), with M. Lamla and J.-E. Sturm, KOF Working Paper No 183, *Empirical Economics*, forthcoming.

Exchange Rate and Foreign GDP Elasticities of Swiss Exports across Sectors and Destination Countries (2016), with S. Hanslin Grossmann and C. Schmidt, *Applied Economics*, 48(57), 5546–5562.

The Euro Cash Changeover, Inflation Perceptions and the Media (2015), with M. Lamla, *Economic Inquiry*, 53(1), 9–22.

The Role of Media for Consumers' Inflation Expectation Formation (2014), with M. Lamla, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 106, 62–77.

Sticky prices or rational inattention: What can we learn from sectoral price data? (2013), with D. Kaufmann, *European Economic Review*, 64, 384–394.

Asymmetries in Price Setting Behaviour: New Microeconomic Evidence from Switzerland (2012), with B. E. Honoré and D. Kaufmann, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, 44(4), 211–236.

Is There a Swiss Price Puzzle? (2012), with D. Kaufmann, *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, 2012–I–3.

The NIRCU and the Phillips Curve. An Approach Based on Micro Data (2011), with E. Köberl, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 44(2), 673–694.

The Impact of ECB Communication on Financial Market Expectations (2011), with M. Lamla, *Applied Economics*, 43(28), 4289–4309.

When do Firms Adjust Prices? Evidence from Micro Panel Data (2010), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 57(6), 696–715.

The Formation of Inflation Perceptions: Some Empirical Facts for European Countries (2010), with T. Maag, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 58(2), 155–188.

The Impact of Politicians' Profession and Education on Reforms (2009), with A. Dreher, M. Lamla and F. Somogyi, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 37(1), 169–193.

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How is Real Convergence Driving Nominal Convergence in the New EU Member States? (2008), with M.A. Leon-Ledesma and C. Nerlich, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 27(2), 227-248.

IMF Programs and Reform - Inhibition or Encouragement? (2007), with A. Dreher, *Economics Letters*, 95(3), 320-326.

WORK IN PROGRESS

How large is the Financial Accelerator? Estimates from Firm-level Data (2020), with G. Bäurle and E. Steiner, draft available upon request.

Exchange Rate Pass-through and Quality Adjustment (2019), with A. Freitag , work in progress.

Micro and Macro Real Exchange Rates (2018), with S. Alvarez , work in progress.

Granularities in Inflation Rates (2020), with S. Alvarez, R. Auer and A. Levchenko , work in progress.

BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

The link between real and nominal convergence: the case of the new EU member states (2009), with M.A. Leon-Ledesma and C. Nerlich. In *Real convergence in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe* (ed. R. Martin and A. Winkler). Macmillan, Basingstoke.

POLICY-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

The Euro and Prices: Changeover-related Inflation and Price Convergence in the Euro Area (2009) European Economy - Economic Papers 381, Directorate General Economic and Monetary Affairs (DG ECFIN), European Commission.

RESEARCH VISITS

Princeton University, short research visit, Sep 2011.

CESifo Munich, short research visit, Aug 2007.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Isaac Kerstenetzky Award, biannual CIRET Conference, New York, USA, 2010.

Best Paper Award for Young Authors, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Annual Meeting, Geneva, 2009.

Conference Grant, Verein für Socialpolitik, 2007.

Conference Grant, Royal Economic Society, 2007.

MEMBERSHIPS AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer, Big data in macroeconomics, jointly with Swiss National Bank, Mar 2021 (planned).

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Session organizer, CEBRA Annual Meeting, Session on Big Data in Macroeconomics, London, Aug 2020.

Member of program committee, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Annual Meeting, Zurich 2020.

Chief Operating Officer, Central Bank Research Association (CEBRA), 2019–.

Co-organizer, New economics of exchange rates, jointly with BIS, UCambridge & BoE, University of Cambridge, Mar 2019.

Co-organizer, Swiss Macro Meeting, jointly with ETH Zurich and U Neuchatel, Aug 2019.

Session co-organizer, CEBRA Annual Meeting International Trade and Macroeconomics Programme Session, Frankfurt 2018.

Member of program committee, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Annual Meeting, Lausanne 2017.

Member of reviewing committee, European Financial Management Association, 2016 Annual Meetings.

Member Ausschuss für Geldtheorie und -politik, Verein für Socialpolitik, 2016–.

Officer, CEBRA European Chapter, 2016–.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2018 Geldpolitischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, EEA , ESEM

2017 SED Edinburgh, CEPR Annual International Macroeconomics and Finance (IMF) Programme Meeting, Verein für Socialpolitik.

2016 Verein für Socialpolitik, Augsburg. European Economic Association, Geneva.

2015 Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Basel, Switzerland, European Economic Association, Mannheim, Germany. Verein für Socialpolitik, Munster, Germany.

2012 European Economic Association, Malaga, Spain. Verein für Socialpolitik, Göttingen, Germany.

2011 SNB-OENB-BuBa Workshop, Brunnen, Switzerland.

2009 3rd CESifo Conference on Survey Data in Economics, Munich, Germany. Meeting of the European Economic Association, Barcelona, Spain. Meeting of the Swiss Economic Society, Geneva, Switzerland.

2008 KOF/Ifo/Wifo Workshop on Micro Data Analysis. EEA Milano. Swiss Young Economist Meeting. Western Economic Association, USA. Meeting of the Swiss Economic Society, Lausanne. Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Lille, France. Macroeconomics Seminar, University of Zurich, Switzerland. Conference Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance. Macroeconomic Research Meeting, University of Bonn.

2007 KOF/Ifo/Wifo Workshop on Micro Panel Data Analysis, Munich, Germany. Royal Economic Society, Warwick, United Kingdom. Verein für Socialpolitik, Munich, Germany. Conference on Survey Data and Applications, Munich, Germany.

2006 European Public Choice Society, Turku, Finland. Macroeconomic Research Meeting, Berlin, Germany.

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INVITED SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS

2020 (incl. planned) University of Erlangen-Nürnberg Research Seminar, Makroökonomischer Ausschuss des Verein für Socialpolitik

2019 University of Konstanz, NBP-SNB Conference on Current Account and Exchange Rate Adjustment (discussion)

2018 SNB Research Seminar, Konstanz Seminar on Monetary Theory and Policy (discussion), CEBRA Annual Meeting (discussion), University of Geneva, ECB-Bundesbank-Uni Frankfurt Joint Lunchtime Seminar.

2017 SNB Research Conference (discussion).

2016 Geldpolitischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik. Money-Macro Research Seminar, Goethe University Frankfurt. Conference with the Journal of Monetary Economics, Gerzensee (discussion). University of Neuchatel Research Seminar.

2015 Price Setting and Inflation Conference, Banque de France (discussion).

2014 KOF ETH Zurich, Brown Bag Seminar. University of Tübingen.

2013 FU Berlin.

2012 Ghent University Research Seminar. KLU Hamburg.

2011 University of Heidelberg Research Seminar. Bundesbank Research Seminar.

2009 3rd CESifo Conference on Survey Data in Economics(discussion).

2008 University of Hamburg. Swiss Young Economist Meeting, Berne, Switzerland (discussion). Western Economic Association, Hawaii, USA (discussion). Spring Meeting of Young Economists (discussion). Conference Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (discussion). 2nd CESifo Conference on Survey Data in Economics (discussion).

2007 Workshop on Optimal Monetary Policy and Central Bank Communication, Ascona, Switzerland (discussion).

2006 European Public Choice Society, Turku, Finland (discussion). Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Inflation Research Centre Conference on Firms' Price Choices, Chicago, USA. European Central Bank Internal Seminar.

REFEREE SERVICES

Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Monetary Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Economic Journal, Journal of Applied Econometrics, European Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Review of International Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, Applied Economics, Applied Financial Economics, Economics E-Journal, Economic Inquiry, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, International Economics, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis.

RESEARCH GRANTS

WWZ Förderverein Research grant for the project "Der Effekt des Wechselkurses auf Konsum und Konsumentenpreise in der Schweiz".

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EU Tender Research grant for the project “The Euro and Prices-Cash Changeover related Inflation Developments” (with researchers from University of Hamburg and KOF ETH Zurich). Completed 2009.

Swiss National Science Foundation Research grant for the project “Inflation Expectations” (with researchers from KOF ETH Zurich). Completed 2010.

Swiss National Science Foundation Research grant for the project “Micro Data: Methods and Applications” (with researchers from ZAHW Zurich and KOF ETH Zurich). Completed 2009.

TEACHING

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Lecture (core course Bachelor), University of Basel, Spring Terms 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020.

Current Issues in Monetary Policy, Lecture (Master), University of Basel, Fall Terms 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019. Jointly with A. Zanetti, SNB.

Microeconomic Rigidities in Macroeconomics, Colloquium (Master), University of Basel, Fall Terms 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Applied Macroeconomics, Thesis Seminar (Bachelor), University of Basel, Fall Terms 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Time Series Econometrics in Monetary Economics, Lecture Central Bankers Course (1 day), Gerzensee, 2016, 2018.

Monetary Policy, Lecture (elective course Master), MTEC ETH Zurich, Winter Term 2012, 2013, 2014.

Econometrics, Tutorial (core course Master), MTEC ETH Zurich, Spring Term 2008, 2007.

European Economic Integration, Seminar (elective course Master), MTEC ETH Zurich, Fall Term 2007, Spring Term 2006.

The Economics of Globalisation, Seminar (elective course Master), MTEC ETH Zurich, Fall Term 2006.

PHD STUDENTS

PhD Committee member: Benjamin Verhelst, Thesis title: *Price Rigidity in Europe and the US: Measurement and Explanation using Scanner Data*, Ghent University, Belgium.

PhD Supervisor: Rahel Braun and Andreas Freitag, both University of Basel, expected graduation 2020 (main supervisor).

Caner Ates, Cyrill Buehler, Andrea Schnell, all University of Basel (second supervisor).

LANGUAGES

German native, **English** fluent, **Norwegian** fluent, **French** not good.