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Expertise and research fields: Research-policy partnerships in education, evidence-based public policy, behavioral economics, development economics

Methods: Experimental- (online, lab, field) and quasi-experimental methods; qualitative methods (case studies, interviews, focus groups)

Country experience: Germany, Switzerland, USA, Central America (Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala), South Asia (India, Pakistan), Ghana

Academic Positions and Affiliations

Assistant Professor in International Economics Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University	Nijmegen, The Netherlands since August 2022
Research Affiliate ETH Zurich, Development Economics Group	Zurich, Switzerland since July 2020
Research Affiliate Harvard Kennedy School, EPoD (Evidence for Policy Design)	Cambridge MA, USA since December 2020
Postdoctoral Fellow (Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship). Harvard Kennedy School, EPoD (Evidence for Policy Design)	Cambridge MA, USA 2019–2020
Postdoctoral Researcher ETH Zurich, Development Economics Group	Zurich, Switzerland 2016–2018

Non-Academic Positions

Co-Lead Learning Minds Portfolio Jacobs Foundation	Zurich, Switzerland 2020–2022
Researcher and consultant German Development Bank KfW, Independent Evaluation Department	Frankfurt a. M., Germany 2011–2012
Junior Project Manager GFA Consulting Group, Latin America & Caribbean Department	Hamburg, Germany 2008–2010

Education

PhD Development Economics (KfW Doctoral Fellowship) ETH Zurich, Development Economics Group	Zurich, Switzerland 2011–2015
Advanced Studies in International Economic Policy Research Kiel Institute for the World Economy IfW	Kiel, Germany 2007–2008
BA & MSc in Economics, Major: International Economics and Policy University of Trier	Trier, Germany 2000–2006

Research

Peer-reviewed publications

- "[Chinese official finance and political participation in Africa](#)", joint with F. Iacoella, B. Martorano B. and M. Sanfilippo, *European Economic Review*, Volume 136, July 2021.
- "[Chinese development assistance and household welfare in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)", joint with B. Martorano

and M. Sanfilippo, *World Development*, Volume 129, Pages 1-21, May 2020.

- "Is it what you say or how you say it? Framing information on aid effectiveness and its effect on donation behavior", joint with I. Günther, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, Volume 83, Pages 18-33, December 2019
- "Making an Impact? The relevance of information on aid effectiveness for charitable giving. A laboratory experiment.", joint with I. Günther. *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol.136, Pages 18-33, January 2019.
- "How To Assess the Effectiveness of Development Aid Projects: Evaluation Ratings versus Project Indicators.", joint with I. Günther. *Journal of International Development*, 27(8): 1469-1520, Special Issue: Aid, Social Policy, and Development, November 2015.
- "Is Corporate Aid Targeted to Poor and Deserving Countries? A Case Study on Nestlé's Aid Allocation.", joint with P. Nunnenkamp and T.O. Mahmoud. *World Development*, 38(3): 228-243, March 2010.

Working papers

- "Welfare losses, preferences for redistribution, and political participation: Evidence from the United Kingdom's age of austerity", joint with P. Justino and B. Martorano. WIDER Working Paper 2023/61, May 2023.
- "Policy Decisions and Evidence Use among Civil Servants: A Group Decision Experiment in Pakistan.", joint with T. Svoronos T. and A. Q. Khan. 2020. CID Faculty Working Paper No. 377, April 2020

Work in progress

- "Access to power as a career incentive for civil servants. Experimental evidence from Pakistan", joint with S. Naseer. (Writing stage)
- "Social movements, preferences for redistribution and ideological polarization in post-austerity UK.", joint with F. Iacolla, B. Martorano B. and P. Justino. (Writing stage)
- "Politics and public opinion about refugees in Germany", joint with T. Hillebrand, B. Martorano, and M. Siegel. (Writing stage)
- "Chinese official finance and land-use change", joint with B. Martorano and M. Sanfilippo (Analysis stage)

Policy projects and outreach

Design and set-up of research-policy initiatives at Jacobs

- **LEAP (Leveraging Evidence for Action to Promote Change)**, executing partner: MIT Solve
 - Launch 2022, ongoing
 - **Global initiative that brings together education researchers and social entrepreneurs** in education to foster the evidence-base of their learning solutions.
 - Goal: Advance effective, proven education solutions that positively impact learners and have the potential to transform the education system at large.
- **Partnering for Impact: Accelerating and Sustaining Entrepreneurial Innovation and Impact in Education**, executing partner: Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania
 - Launch 2022, ongoing
 - Outstanding GSE Education Entrepreneurship students receive **practical and financial support to develop and launch their social impact ventures in education** (Jacobs Foundation Impact Prize).
 - Ventures need to have a research-based and proposed metrics for impact measurement.

- o [2021 Jacobs Foundation Solveathon: Equitable Education Solutions for a Post-Covid World](#), executing partner: [MIT Solve](#)
 - **Enabling learning systems globally to provide children** between the ages of 2-12 **with equitable opportunities.**
 - Co-creation of effective, cross-sectoral, and scalable solutions to the challenge of learning in a post-COVID-19 world

Policy outreach

- o [Impact in education through research practice partnerships](#), Emerald & Jacobs Foundation podcast mini-series, June 2022
- o [Advancing Learning with LEAP](#), Jacobs Foundation YouTube, May 2022
- o [A conference turned ‘Solveathon’ to tackle post-COVID-19 Education Challenges](#), GPE (Global Partnership for Education) Blog, May 31, 2021
- o [Jacobs Foundation Conference Solveathon 2021](#), Jacobs Foundation YouTube, March 2021
- o [Areas in Africa with more Chinese-backed projects were more likely to experience protests](#), The Conversation Global Perspectives, June 2021
- o [Does group collaboration lead to better decision making for South Asian civil servants?](#), Policy Insights, Harvard Kennedy School, Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD), April 2020
- o [Research and Practice in Development Cooperation](#), ETH Zurich, June 2018, Workshop with Swiss NGOs to discuss and strengthen the use of evidence in Swiss Development Cooperation
- o [How does Chinese foreign assistance affect peoples’ lives in sub-Saharan Africa?](#), UNU-Merit Blog, Maastricht University, March 2018
- o ["Research Evidence and impact evaluations at Swiss Development Cooperation"](#) ETH Zurich, Policy Brief, 2018
- o ["A new deal for development assistance? The US Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act"](#), foraus, Swiss Think Tank on Foreign Policy, August 2016

Grants, awards, and fellowships

- o Grant Development Scheme, grant writing support fund for researchers, Radboud University, 8,000 EUR, 2023
- o Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, 150,000 USD, 2021
- o Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Postdoctoral mobility fellowship, 81,000 CHF, 2019
- o Prix SEVAL 2016, Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL), Award for policy relevant research, 3000 CHF, 2015
- o German Development Bank KfW, Independent Evaluation Department, Doctoral Fellowship, 2011

Professional activities

Recent talks and presentations

- 2023, invited paper presentation: Network of Development Economists in the Netherlands, 12th Workshop 2023, Groningen University
- 2023, invited talk: Rethinking Economics NL, ‘On post-financial crisis austerity in Europe’, Radboud University
- 2023, invited paper presentation: Development Economics Research Seminar, Wageningen University & Research (WUR)
- 2022, invited talk: De Economische Studenten Vereniging – Nijmegen – ESV, ‘On evidence-based policymaking’, Radboud University

- 2022, invited panelist and speaker: Impact Evaluation and Effective Philanthropy, University of Mannheim

Academic memberships: European Economic Association (EEA), Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE), Development Economics Network Switzerland (DENS), The International Behavioural Public Policy Association (IBPPA)

Reviewing: *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Development Economics; The Economic Journal; Journal of International Development; Review of International Organizations; World Development*

PhD Students, Co-Supervision

- o **Radboud University**, Emily Häntschel, start date: August 2022; Project: ‘Migration and health.’
- o **Maastricht University**, Tobias Hillenbrand, start date: June 2022; Project: ‘The Relationship between immigration and trust in the German context.’
- o **ETH Zurich & EPFL Lausanne**, Gishlaine Megha-Bongkar, start date: September 2022; Project: ‘Developing tools for evidence-informed policymaking.’

Teaching

Courses

- o Academic Skills (BA), Radboud University, Fall 2022
- o Methods of Empirical Analysis (MA), Radboud University, Fall 2022
- o Inequality and Development (MA), Radboud University, Fall/Winter 2022/2023
- o Economic Development (BA), Radboud University, Spring 2023
- o Current Issues (MA), Radboud University, Spring 2023
- o Applied Empirical Research (MA), ETH Zurich, Spring 2016 – Spring 2019
- o Applied Statistics (BA), ETH Zurich, Fall/Winter 2015/2016

Guest Lecturing

- o International Public Policy Analysis (MA), Maastricht University, annually since Fall/Winter 2018
- o Ethical leadership in public sector organizations, Civil Services Academy (postgraduate career training for junior civil servants), Lahore, Pakistan, Fall 2021

BA & MA theses supervision

- o BA theses in experimental economics (5 students); MA theses in experimental economics and public policy (6 students), Radboud University, Spring/Summer 2023
- o MAS theses in Development and Cooperation, ETH Zurich, Spring/Summer 2016–2019

Own data collection

- 2023: Germany, online survey experiment, large sample of German citizens
- 2022: UK, Prolific, online survey experiment, large sample of UK citizens
- 2019 & 2020: Pakistan, Civil Services Academy, lab-in-field experiments, sample of elite bureaucrats
- 2016 & 2018: US, online donation experiments on Amazon Mechanical Turk, sample of US citizens
- 2014 & 2017: Zurich, laboratory donation experiments at ETH Zurich, Swiss student sample
- 2012: Ghana, focus groups and small household questionnaire on health conditions of rural households
- 2011 & 2012: Cross-sectional study, German Development Bank KfW, dataset built from administrative records
- 2010: Nicaragua, focus groups to study the socioeconomic living conditions of the Mayanga Sauni Bas in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve

Languages and software skill

Languages: German (Native Speaker), English (Fluent), Spanish (Advanced), French (Intermediate)

Software: Stata, R, LaTeX, Survey Software Tools (Qualtrics, Unipark, Survey Monkey)

Nijmegen, 7 August 2023