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Date and place of birth: 7 September 1992, Stuttgart, Germany

EDUCATION

- 10/2017 – 03/2022 **Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.) Economics, University of Passau, Germany**
Dissertation title: “Challenges to economic and social development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Empirical essays on the role of inequality, instability, and structural change”
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm (Chair of Development Economics)
Grade: Summa cum laude
- 10/2015 – 09/2017 **M.A. Development Studies, University of Passau, Germany**
Thesis title: “Does inequality cause crime? – an empirical analysis of the relationship between local inequality and crime in South Africa”
Specialization: Economics
Grade: 1.1
- 10/2011 – 09/2015 **B.Sc. Business Administration and Economics, University of Passau, Germany**
Thesis title: “The Bolsa Família program - a sustainable instrument for the reduction of intergenerational poverty?”
Specialization: Economics
Grade: 1.7
- 09/2013 – 03/2014 **Exchange semester, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil**

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Since 04/2022 **Postdoctoral Researcher, ETH Zürich, Switzerland**
Development Economics Group
- 10/2017 – 03/2022 **Research Associate, University of Passau, Germany**
Chair of Development Economics
- 10/2015 – 09/2017 **Student Assistant, University of Passau, Germany**
Chair of Development Economics
- 03/2017 – 06/2017 **Visiting Researcher, University of Cape Town, South Africa**
Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit

- 10/2015 – 03/2017 **Student Tutor, University of Passau, Germany**
Chair of Development Economics
- 04/2012 – 06/2012 **Student Assistant, University of Passau, Germany**
Chair of Economic Theory

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (University of Passau)

- Since 2021 **Micro Development Economics**, Tutorial, Master level
- 2018 – 2020 **Evaluation of Development Policies**, Tutorial, Master level
- Since 2017 **Microeconomics**, Tutorial, Bachelor level
- 2015 – 2017 **Microeconomics**, Tutorial, Bachelor level (as Student Tutor)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 09/2018 **Guest Lecturer, Akademie für Lehrerfortbildung und Personalführung (ALP), Dillingen, Germany**
Expert talk on “Applied Development Policy” for vocational school teachers
- 08/2015 – 09/2017 **Sales Assistant, Eurotrade Asia GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany**
Market analysis, cold calling, sales pitches in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- 11/2011 – 09/2015 **INSTEAD e.V. – Student Consultancy, Passau, Germany**
Chairman (10/2012 – 04/2013), Consultant, Supervisor, Mentor
- 01/2015 – 04/2015 **Intern, German Embassy Pretoria, South Africa**
Department for Economic and Global Issues – Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Section: Drafting of agricultural country reports, involvement in preparing delegation visit of Federal Minister Christian Schmidt and in drafting diplomatic telegram on South African land reform
- 07/2011 – 08/2011, **Intern, Eurotrade Asia GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany**
03/2013 – 04/2013 Procurement, quality management, sales, supplier visits in China

PUBLICATIONS

Büttner, N., M. Grimm and S. Soubeiga (2021), **Political instability and households’ investment behavior: Evidence from Burkina Faso**, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, In Press, Corrected Proof, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2021.11.003>.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The fertility transition in Sub-Saharan Africa: The role of structural change (with M. Grimm, I. Günther, K. Harttgen and S. Klasen), under review.

Local inequality and crime: New evidence from South Africa (single-author).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 07/2021 **3rd International Conference on Globalization and Development**
University of Göttingen and Leibniz University Hannover (online)
- 06/2021 **34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics**
UB School of Economics, Barcelona GSE and Pompeu Fabra University (online)
- 06/2021 **Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics**
Helmut Schmidt University, GIGA, KfW and VfS (online)
- 06/2021 **International Conference in Development Economics**
DIAL, GREThA and LAREFI (online)
- 11/2020 **UNU-WIDER Annual Conference: Evidence to enhance inclusive growth**
University of Copenhagen, University of Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique Ministry of Economy and Finance, UNU-WIDER (online)
- 06/2019 **Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics**
DIW, KfW and VfS (Berlin, Germany)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: Mother tongue, **English:** Fluent, **Portuguese:** Intermediate, **French:** Basic

SOFTWARE SKILLS

MS Office: Advanced, **Stata:** Advanced, **QGIS:** Proficient, **R:** Intermediate