

Curriculum Vitae

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Research and teaching interests

Primary Fields	Long-run Development, (Quantitative) Economic History
Secondary Fields	Economic Geography, Applied Economics, Political Economy

Academic positions

09/2018 –	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), CERGE-EI, Prague
04/2024 –	CESifo Research Network Affiliate
01/2021 –	Researcher at the Czech Academy of Science–EI, Prague
09/2020 –	Research Associate, SIAW at the University of St. Gallen
09/2020 –	External Lecturer, University of Lucerne & University of St. Gallen
07/2018 – 12/2019	Research Fellow/Postdoc, University of Zurich (part-time)
08/2012 – 06/2018	Junior Economist and PhD Candidate, ifo Institute for Economic Research–Dresden Branch
10/2013– 03/2018	Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter), University of Technology Dresden

Publications (incl. forthcoming)

“Activated history: The case of the Turkish sieges of Vienna”, with Felix Roesel, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming in July 2024 [[Read final version](#)] [[Access via AEA website](#)]

“Migrating extremists”, with Felix Roesel, *The Economic Journal*, 2020, 130(628), 1135–1172. [[Read article](#)] [[Access via EJ site](#)]

Working papers

“Hostility, population sorting, and backwardness: Quasi-experimental evidence from the Red Army after WWII”, CERGE-EI Working Paper Series 768, 2023.

Work in progress (selected)

“Fast car to boom and bust: Transportation technology and its causal effects on rural economic development”, with [Flavio Malnati](#) (PhD Cand.)

“Dying for mistrust? 1918-flu mortality, vaccination skepticism and vaccination behavior”, with [Lukas Schmid](#)

“Big push and sector development – US induced regional growth and its spillovers in post-WWII Europe”, with Riga Qi (PhD Cand.)

“Gender after war: Casualties, nation building and extremism after the collapse of Habsburg”, with [Sinara Gharibyan](#) (PhD Cand.) and [Monika Koepl-Turyna](#)

“Opposition and gradual acceptance of new technologies: The case of a break-through technology in the early 20th century”, with Benedikt Marxer (PhD Cand.)

“The evolution of the gender aspiration gap”, with Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan (PhD Cand.) and Gregor Pfeifer

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PhD studies (incl. visits)

- 10/2012 – 06/2018 Dr. rer. pol. (equiv. PhD in Economics), TU Dresden
Thesis title: Socio-economic persistence of historical shocks
summa cum laude, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. M. Thum
- 01/2017 – 03/2017 Visiting Research Student in Economics, University of Warwick (UK)
- 05/2016 – 06/2016 Visiting Researcher, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna (AUT)
- 10/2012 – 10/2014 PhD courses, Central-German Doctoral Program in Economics

Pre-PhD education

- 10/2009 – 03/2012 Master of Science in Economics, Humboldt-University Berlin
- 10/2006 – 08/2009 Bachelor of Arts in Business and Economics, University of Basel
- 10/2004 – 09/2005 Swiss University Entrance Diploma (Passarelle), Interstate Grammar School for Adults, ISME St. Gallen/Sargans
- 08/2000 – 08/2004 Swiss Certificate of Competence (Carpenter) and technical baccalaureate, Vocational school Wil-Uzwil/St. Gallen

Professional experiences

- 04/2012 – 06/2012 Intern, German Institute for Economic Research, DIWecon Berlin
- 04/2009 – 08/2009 Intern, Baloise Insurance Group, Basel
- 09/2004 – 08/2008 Carpenter (part-time after 08/2006), Küchen Moser (Appenzell), Elbau (Bühler), Lehman Arnegg AG (Arnegg)
- 08/2000 – 08/2004 Carpenter, Vocational Training, Lehmann Arnegg AG (Arnegg)

Awards and grants

Swiss National Sciences Foundation (SNF) and Czech Science Foundation (GACR); GACR-PI for the project “*Modern Times Without Us! Determinants and Effects of Technology Skepticism, Grisons 1900-1940*”, 2023-2026 (≈CHF 203,000 via GACR; ≈CHF 510,000 in total)

PRIMUS research grant by Charles University; Principal investigator for the project “*Gender differences: Causes and consequences of gender specific behavior in nation-building and peer-group aspiration*”, 2022-2024

Czech Science Foundation (GACR); Principal investigator for the project “*Shocked by wars: Quasi-natural experiments on regional economic growth and nation building*”, 2021-2023 (≈US\$ 170,000)

Jan Svejnar and Katherine Terrell Teaching Prize at CERGE-EI for 2018/2019 [[Link](#)]

Heinz König Young Scholar Award 2019 by the ZEW Mannheim [[Link](#)]

Young Economist Award 2016 of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) [[Link](#)]

Hans Raupach Best Paper Award of the 8th IOS/APB/EACE Summer Academy

Travel Grant for a short-term research stay abroad (KFA), Graduate Academy of TU Dresden

Verein für Socialpolitik, Award for presentation at EPCS 2016 and EEA 2017

Teaching experience

PhD:	“Quantitative Concepts in Economic History”, Lecture, CERGE-EI (6x 2019–)
Graduate:	“From correlation to causation–Understanding the 2021 Nobel Prize”, Lecture, DLP CERGE-EI (Spring Term 2022, Fall Term 2023) “Economic History of the 20th Century”, Lecture, TU Dresden (5x 2013–18)
Undergrads:	“Economic History of Central and Eastern Europe” Lecture in the inter- national UPCES/IEF program, CERGE-EI (5x since 2020) “Economic History”, Block Lecture, University of Lucerne (4x since 2020) “Economic History”, Lecture, University of St. Gallen (3x since 2021) “History of Economic Thoughts”, Seminar, TU Dresden (2014 & 2015) “Academic Writing (WPA)”, Seminar, TU Dresden (2015)
Other:	“Convergence of East Germany since reunification”, Seminars at the EHU (Vilnius, 2014), for DAAD (Bonn, Dresden, 2016) and KAS (Dresden, 2017)

Skills

Language:	German (Swiss German), English (fluent), French (intermediate)
Software:	MS Office, Stata, LATEX, SPSS, R (intermediate)

Invited seminars and conference presentations (incl. scheduled)

2024	7 th PEDD Conference at University of Münster; SYRI Workshop Prague; KRTK Institute Budapest (scheduled)
2023	EHES Vienna; WEast Conference Prague; ECONtribute Workshop at the University of Bonn; 5th Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics at USI; SEA End of the Year Workshop at the University of Zurich; Grisons Historical Society Chur; UNCE Workshop Prague; University of St. Gallen; LISER–Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research at Esch-sur-Alzette
2022	IAST at Toulouse School of Economics; ETH/KOF Zurich; University of Bayreuth; University of Mannheim; University of Bristol; UNCE Workshop Prague; SEA End of the Year Conference at the University of Basel
2021	Masaryk University Brno, Swiss Economist Abroad (SEA) Meeting, SEA Meeting Basel; Uni Hohenheim; HSG-SIAW Bollenwees Workshop; UNCE Workshop at Charles University Prague
2020	3 rd UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development (Weggis); UNCE Workshop at Charles University Prague; MLU Halle-Wittenberg; Talking Economics at CERGE-EI
2019	SITE/Stockholm School of Economics, Uni Fribourg; Uni Luzern; Uni St. Gallen; ZEW Public Finance Conference; ZEW, 2 nd UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development; CERGE-EI; Uni Zurich
2018	Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; CREA WS Uni Luxembourg; Hertie School of Governance (Berlin); Humboldt-University Berlin; NOeG (Vienna); VfS (Freiburg i.Br., Invited session); DGO (Berlin); LMU Munich; Uni Bern; Uni Bonn; Uni Konstanz; Uni Sussex; University of Southern Denmark
2017	ASREC–Europe (Bologna); CAGE–AMES (Warwick); CAGE/EHES/IAS Summer School (Warwick); CGDE (Jena); EEA (Lisbon); EHES (Tübingen); Humboldt University (Berlin); 7th ifo WS Regional Economics (Dresden); IRES Graduate Workshop at Chapman University (Orange, CA); JKU (Linz); NOeG (Linz); RES PhD Meeting (London); SAEe (Barcelona); SESS (Lausanne); SMYE (Halle); VfS (Vienna); Uni Basel

- 2016 CESifo WS on Pol. Economy (Dresden); CGDE (Magdeburg); EEA (Geneva); EPCS (Freiburg/Br); Humboldt University (Berlin); IOS/APB/EACE (Tutzing); NOeG–SEA (Bratislava); VfS (Augsburg); WEast (Prague)
- 2015 CESifo WS on Political Economy (Dresden); CGDE (Halle); EHES (Pisa); ifo/CES Christmas Conference (Munich); Humboldt University (Berlin)
- 2014 ifo/CES Christmas Conference (Munich)

Academic service and membership

- Organizer: Applied Micro Research Seminar Series at CERGE-EI, since 2019
WEast Conference of EHES 2023, host and local organizer
UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development, 2019 & 2020
ifo Dresden Workshop on “Regional Economics”, 7x from 2012–2018
- Referee: *Academic journals*: Quarterly Journal of Economics (1x), Review of Economic Studies (3x), Economic Journal (6x), Journal of the European Economic Association (1x), European Economic Review (1x), Comparative Political Studies (1x), European Journal of Political Economy (1x)
Research institutions/grants: FWF–Austrian Science Foundation (1x); Charles University Grant Agency–GAUK (5x)
- Membership: AEA, EHES, VfS

Policy consultation (selected)

“Growth strategies of firms in East German states”, Client: German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), Period: Nov. 2016 – Aug. 2017.

„Die Wirtschaftsdynamik beiderseits der ehemaligen innerdeutschen Grenze“ (with M. Weber), *ifo Dresden berichtet* 23(05), 2016: 15–23. [[Read](#)]

„Die Kleinteiligkeit der ostdeutschen Wirtschaft – dynamisch betrachtet“ (with M. Weber) *ifo Dresden berichtet* 21(05), 2014: 22–33. [[Read](#)]

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