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EDUCATION

University of Mannheim, Ph.D. in Economics (2005)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (October 2003-February 2004)

University of Mannheim and Université Aix-Marseille, “Diplom” in Economics and “Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française” (2000)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

Full Professor of Economics (2010-present)

Junior Professor of Economics (2006-2010)

Department of Economics

ROOKWOOL Foundation Berlin Institute for the Economy and the Future of Work, Deputy Director (2021-present)

Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg, Germany

Research Fellow (2008-present)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

CREST, Paris, France

EU Marie-Curie Fellowship (2005)

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany

Researcher/Senior Researcher (2000-2005)

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Professor, Columbia University

Department of Economics, 2023-2024

AFFILIATIONS, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS, MEMBERSHIP IN ADVISORY BOARDS

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany

Research Fellow (2007-present)

Elected Member of the Executive Committee of the Verein für Socialpolitik

(2019-present)

Elected Member of the Committee for Population Economics of the Verein für Socialpolitik (Bevölkerungsökonomischer Ausschuss , 2008-present)

Research Data Centers of the German Statistical Offices of the Federation and the Federal States –Member of the Scientific Advisory Board (2023-)

Leibniz Association – Member of the Senate Evaluation Committee (2021-)

Member of Scientific Advisory Board for the EU-Horizon 2020 project “PILLARS—Pathways to Inclusive Labour Markets” (2021-)

Alfried Krupp Foundation – Member of the Scientific Advisory Council Greifswald (2020-)

Elected Member of the Executive Committee, European Associations of Labor Economists (EALE)

(2010-2016; 2021-2024)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conferences/Workshops

Member of Organizing Team

- 3rd Berlin Workshop on Gender Economics, September 26-27, 2024
- 2nd Berlin Workshop on Gender Economics, October 4-5, 2022
- 1st Berlin Workshop on Gender Economics, October 18-19, 2018

Lead organizer of “VirtualBERLIN,” online EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference of Labor Economists, June 25-27, 2020 (<https://eale.nl/conference-2020/eale-sole-aasle-world-conference-2020>; it replaced the in-person conference scheduled to take place in Berlin; ~ 800 registered participants).

Member of Organizing Team Member of Conference Program Committee:

- European Association of Labour Economists (EALE, 2010-present)
- European Economic Association (EEA, 2017-present)
- Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (2017-present)
- Verein für Socialpolitik (2010-present)
- T.A.S.K.S. conference (2010-present).

Berlin School of Economics (BSoE)

Berlin Economic Research Associates (BERA), Committee Member (2016-present).

Director “Berlin Doctoral Program in Economics and Management Science” (2013-2019).

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, Journal of Labour Market Research (2019-present).

Associate Editor, Empirical Economics (2014-2019).

GRANTS

GERMAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION (DFG)

DFG-Collaborative Research Center (190) “Rationality and Competition: The Economic Performance of Individuals and Firms“ (2017-2024), Principal Investigator and Member of the Board (<https://rationality-and-competition.de/>).

DFG-Grant for “VirtualBERLIN,” online EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference of Labor Economists, June 25-27, 2020.

DFG-Priority Programme (1764) “The German Labour Market in a Globalized World: Challenges through Trade, Technology, and Demographics“ (2014-2020), Principal Investigator and Member of the Board (<https://kooperationen.zew.de/dfg1764/about.html>).

DFG-Collaborative Research Center (649) „Economic Risk“ (2009-2016), Principal Investigator.

DFG-Priority Programme (1169) “Flexibility in Heterogeneous Labour Markets“ (2008-2010), Principal Investigator.

OTHER SOURCES

The ROCKWOOL Foundation Research Grant “What is the Role of Firms in Immigrants’ Labor Market Integration?” (2024-2027), Principal Investigator. (<https://www.rfberlin.com/>)

The ROCKWOOL Foundation Research Grant “Digitalisation and the Skill Requirements in the Labor Market—Evidence from the Past 4 Decades” (2021-2024), Principal Investigator. (<https://www.rfberlin.com/>)

National Sciences Foundation “STEM Education Effects on a Diverse Workforce's Development over the Life Cycle” (2013-2018), International Expert, Principal Investigator (PI): Chandra Muller, Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin, Co-PI: Sandra E. Black, Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs at Columbia University (https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1348527&HistoricalAwards=false)

NORFACE Grant: “Migration in Europe: Integration, Impact and Interaction” (2010-2013), Co-Applicant, Scientific Director: Christian Dustmann, University College London (<http://www.norface-migration.org/currentprojectdetail.php?proj=6>)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Regime Change and Occupational Mobility: Former GDR Workers During the “Wende,”
Revue Économique, forthcoming.

Refugee-Specific Government Aid and Child Refugees’ Economic Success Later in Life,
Labour Economics, Vol. 75, 2022. (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Hannah Liepmann, and Camille Remigereau). Prize awarded for best paper in Labour Economics in 2022. Download at [10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102099](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102099)

The Importance of STEM: High School Knowledge, Skills and Occupations in an Era of Growing Inequality, *Research Policy*, Vol. 50(7), 2021 (Joint with Sandra E. Black, Ziwei He, Koit Hung, and Chandra Muller). Download at [10.1016/j.respol.2021.104249](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.respol.2021.104249)

The Impact of Immigration on Competing Natives' Wages: Evidence from German Reunification, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 102(1), 2020 (Joint with Susanne Prantl). Download at [10.1162/rest_a_00853](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_00853)

From the 'Sick Man of Europe' to the 'Economic Superstar': Germany's Resurgent Economy, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 28(1), 2014 (Joint with Christian Dustmann, Bernd Fitzenberger and Uta Schönberg). Download at [10.1257/jep.28.1.167](https://doi.org/10.1257/jep.28.1.167)

Technological Change and the Skill Content of Women's Work, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 92(1), 2010 (Joint with Sandra E. Black). Download at [10.1162/rest.2009.11761](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest.2009.11761)

How does entry regulation influence entry into self-employment and occupational mobility?, *Economics of Transition*, Vol. 17(4), 2009 (Joint with Susanne Prantl). Download at [10.1111/j.1468-0351.2009.00374.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0351.2009.00374.x)

The Returns to Pencil Use Revisited, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 61(4), 2008. Download at [10.1177/001979390806100404](https://doi.org/10.1177/001979390806100404)

Technical Change, Job Tasks, and Rising Educational Demands: Looking Outside the Wage Structure, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 24(2), 2006. Download at [10.1086/499972](https://doi.org/10.1086/499972)

Managerial Ownership and Firm Performance in German Small and Medium-Sized Private Enterprises, *German Economic Review*, 7(2), 2006 (Joint with Elisabeth Müller). Download at [10.1111/j.1468-0475.2006.00154.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0475.2006.00154.x)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Does the Gender Composition of an Occupation Affect its Compensation? (Joint with Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln)

Workplace Connections and Labor Migration: The Role of Information in Shaping Expectations (Joint with Jan Nimczik and Michelle Hansch)

The Race Between Technology and Education (Joint with Sabrina Genz and Alexander Patt).

PUBLICATIONS IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES/PUBLIC OUTREACH (IN ENGLISH)

From Sick Man of Europe to Economic Superstar: Germany's Resurgence and the Lessons for Europe, in: Explaining Germany's Exceptional Recovery, Editor: Dalia Marin, A VoxEU.org Book, CEPR Press, 2018 (Joint with Christian Dustmann, Bernd Fitzenberger, Uta Schönberg).

Rising Wage Inequality in Germany, IAB-OECD Seminar, December 16-17, 2018.

Fiscal Sustainability and Social Systems: Challenges and Policy Options for the Next Decades, German Federal Ministry of Finance, June 22, 2018.

The Real Reasons the German Labor Market is Booming, Harvard Business Review, 2017.

Human Capital, Job Tasks and Technology in East Germany after Reunification, National Institute Economic Review, No. 201 July 2007, 97-106.

Evolving Tasks and the Narrowing of the Gender Wage Gap, CEPR VoxEU.org, 2007 (Joint with Sandra E. Black).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SHORT TERM ACADEMIC VISITS

2023-2024 Academic Year: MIT, Princeton, Columbia University, Michigan State University

2022-2023 Academic Year: GI-NI Conference · The Impact of the Global Transformations on Inequality (keynote, scheduled), 39th Journées de Microéconomie Appliquées - Applied Microeconomics Days (keynote, scheduled), CESifo Venice Summer Institute: Technological Change and the Future of Work (keynote, scheduled), Ski & Labor, Rutgers University **2021-2022 Academic Year:** NBER Summer Institute 2022, Annual Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economics (keynote), University of Bern, University of Warschau, Copenhagen Education Network Workshop (keynote). **2020-2021 Academic Year (online presentations):** Cornell University, European University Institute (EUI), IAB Colloquium, IZA Labor Seminar, Universität Passau, Uppsala University, Maastricht University. **2019-2020 Academic Year:** University of Bristol, Conference of the Asian Australasian Society of Labor Economists, Singapore 2019, Richard C. Holbrooke Workshop “The Effects of Automation on Employment, Wages, and Inequality in Germany” by the American Academy in Berlin, Brucchi Luchino Workshop Turin 2019 (keynote), Ski & Labor, Applied Machine Learning Days 2020 (<https://appliedmldays.org/speakers/alexandra-spitz-oener>). **2018-2019 Academic Year:** LSE/CVER conference (keynote), University of Mannheim, Norwegian School of Business and Economics (NHH), Rotterdam University, Congress on Research in Vocational Education and Training, Bern (keynote). **Before 2018-2019 Academic Year:** AEA Meetings (various years), EEA Meetings (various years), SOLE meetings (various years), EALE Meetings (various years), Verein für Socialpolitik Meetings (various years), ESPE Meetings, MIT Labor Lunch Seminar, NBER and NBER labor studies program meeting, Princeton University, LSE, University of Texas, Austin, University of California, Irvine and Los Angeles, Paris School of Economics, Norwegian School of Business and Economics, Tinbergen Institute, CREST, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Goethe-University Frankfurt, Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), Conference on Education, Training and the Evolving Workplace, Vancouver, MERIT Lunch Seminar, European Low-Wage Employment Research Network (LoWER) Conference.

REFEREEING

ACADEMIC JOURNALS: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Human Resources*,

Empirical Economics, Industrial and Labor Relation Review, Labour Economics, German Economic Review, Economics of Education Review.

SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS: *European Research Council (ERC), German Science Foundation (DFG), Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB), Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Swiss Federal Council, Joachim Herz Foundation.*

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