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## CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher  
(until 2022: Research & Teaching Assistant)  
**University of Freiburg, Department of Economics**  
📅 2018 – present    📍 Freiburg, DE

Research Evaluation Manager  
**The Unjournal**  
📅 2024 – present    📍 Remote from Basel, CH

Freelance Data Scientist  
**Expert Network GmbH by Roland Berger**  
📅 Aug 2022 – Sep 2022    📍 Remote from Basel, CH

Trainee Research Assistant  
**European Central Bank, Financial Research Division**  
📅 2015 – 2016    📍 Frankfurt am Main, DE

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Young people's mental and social distress in times of international crisis: evidence from helpline calls, 2019–2022, with M. Brühlhart & R. Lalive. **Scientific Reports** 13, 11858    2023

Mental health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic as revealed by helpline calls, with M. Brühlhart, R. Lalive & S. Reich. **Nature** 600: 121–126    2021

Class warfare: Political exclusion of the poor and the roots of social-revolutionary terrorism, 1860–1950, with T. Krieger & D. Meierrieks. **Defence and Peace Economics** 32: 681–697    2021

## OTHER RESEARCH & WORK IN PROGRESS

Comparison of Human, AI-Assisted, and Quasi-Automated Approaches to Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science, with Abel Brodeur, et al.

Evaluation Summary and Metrics: “Selecting the Most Effective Nudge: Evidence from a Large-Scale Experiment on Immunization”, with David Reinstein.

The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics, with Nick Huntington-Klein, Claus Pörtner, et al.

## EDUCATION

PhD Economics (Dr. rer. pol.)  
**University of Freiburg**  
📅 2022    📍 Freiburg, DE

MPhil Economics and Finance  
**Bocconi University**  
📅 2017    📍 Milan, IT

MSc Economics  
**University of Freiburg**  
📅 2016    📍 Freiburg, DE

BSc Economics  
**University of Freiburg**  
📅 2012    📍 Freiburg, DE

## TEACHING

### Bachelor-level, in German

- Microeconomics    2019–2024
- Law and Economics    2019–2023
- Macroeconomics    2011–2013

### Master-level, in English

- Reproducible research pipelines with R and Quarto    2024
- Migration Economics    2024
- Econometric Analysis of Conflict Data with R    2023
- Selected Topics in Institutional Economics    2020–2023
- Global Economic Governance    2019
- Economics of Conflict    2018
- Game Theory    2018
- Intermediate Econometrics    2014

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Coordinated the “Meet a Boss” lecture series, inviting CEOs to share business and career insights with students 2018–present

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Co-organized a FRIAS junior researcher conference on “Understanding the Rise of Autocrats in the 21st Century: Digital Propaganda, Populism, and (Hybrid) Warfare” 2024

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Association of Freiburg Economists board member, organized the FWW research seminar 2019–2021

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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Economics of Mental Health Workshop

📅 2023 📍 London, UK

Meeting of the Young Political Economists in Europe

📅 2023 📍 Wengen, CH

Columbia University COVID-19 Virtual Symposium

📅 2022 📍 Remote

Economics Department Brown Bag Seminar

📅 2021 📍 Würzburg, DE

Workshop on Insights into Political Economy

📅 2019 📍 Bayreuth, DE

Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference

📅 2019 📍 The Hague, NL

Workshop on Insights into Political Economy

📅 2018 📍 Berlin, DE

Beyond Basic Questions Workshop

📅 2018 📍 Gengenbach, DE

European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting

📅 2017 📍 Budapest, HN

## REFEREEING

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- *Journal of International Development*
- *International Economics*
- *Economics & Human Biology*
- *Scientific Reports*
- *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health*
- *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*
- *Journal of Personality*
- *PeerJ*

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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Friedrich-August-von-Hayek-Preis

University of Freiburg award for outstanding theses in economics, donated by Deutsche Bank AG

📅 2023 (Doctor)

📅 2017 (Master)

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Seed-funding for “COVID-19, stay-at-home orders, and revealed vulnerability: Evidence from crisis helplines”

Swiss National Science Foundation; with M. Brühlhart, R. Lalive, and S. Reich

📅 2020

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Bocconi University fellowship

📅 2016–2017

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