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CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Statistician

University Hospital Basel, Department of Clinical Research

📅 2025 – present

📍 Basel, CH

Research Evaluation Manager

The Unjournal

📅 2024 – present

📍 Remote from Basel, CH

Postdoctoral Researcher

(until 2022: Research & Teaching Assistant)

University of Freiburg, Department of Economics

📅 2018 – 2025

📍 Freiburg, DE

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

- Comparison of Human, AI-Assisted, and Quasi-Automated Approaches to Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science, with A. Brodeur, et al. **I4R Discussion Paper 195** 2025
- The Sources of Researcher Variation in Economics, with N. Huntington-Klein, C. Pörtner, I. McCarthy and The Many Economists Collaborative **NBER Working Paper 33729** 2025

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

Master-level, in English

- Migration Economics 2024–2025
- Reproducible research pipelines with R and Quarto 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

Thesis Supervision

- Bachelor's and Master's theses in economics 2018–present

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Coordinated the “Meet a Boss” lecture series, inviting CEOs to share business and career insights with students 2018–2025

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

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

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

BlueDot course on Economics of Transformative AI

📅 2025 📍 Remote

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

Reviewed submission for:

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

GRANTS & AWARDS

Fachschaftspreis

"Best Master's Seminar" for "Reproducible Research Pipelines with R and Quarto", awarded by the department's student association

📅 2025

Friedrich

August-von-Hayek-Preis

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

📅 2023 (Doctor)

📅 2017 (Master)

Seed-

funding: “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

Boc-

coni University fellowship

📅 2016–2017
