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Curriculum Vitae (December 2024)

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg** Oldenburg, Germany
Assistant Professor of Quantitative Methods in Economics July 2017 - present
 - **Applied Econometrics Using GIS Techniques** (MA Level)
 - **Spatial Econometrics** (MA Level)
 - **Development Economics** (MA Level)
- **Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg** Oldenburg, Germany
Postdoc at the Chair of Applied Macroeconomics May 2015 - June 2017
 - **Intensive Course in Economics: Foundations of Economic Policy** (MA Level)
 - **Statistical Methods for Forecasting using Stata** (MA Level)
 - **Econometric Exercises using Stata** (MA Level)
 - **Seminar Applied Economics** (MA Level)
- **Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg** Oldenburg, Germany
PhD student at the Chair of Applied Macroeconomics October 2010 - April 2015
 - **Advanced Macroeconomics** (MA Level)
 - **Econometric Exercises using Stata** (MA Level)
 - **Statistical Methods for Forecasting using Stata** (MA Level)
 - **Intensive Course in Economics: Foundations of Economic Policy** (MA Level)
 - **Econometrics** (MA Level, Substitution for Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bitzer)
 - **Seminar Applied Economics** (MA Level)
- **University of Aarhus** Aarhus, Denmark
Department of Economics and Business Economics, Academic Affiliation September 2013 - Present

EDUCATION

- **Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg** Oldenburg, Germany
PhD in Economics (summa cum laude) October 2010 - April 2015
Doctoral Thesis: Essays on the Impact of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity on Economic Growth and Development
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bitzer
- **University of Osnabrück** Osnabrück, Germany
Master's Degree in Economics (Diplom-Volkswirt) with distinction October 2005 - March 2010
Diploma Thesis: Bivariate VAR Models for Measuring Energy Price Shocks on the Economy - A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis for the Federal Republic of Germany

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Economic Growth and Development
- International Migration
- Development Economics
- Knowledge Diffusion
- Regional Economics
- Applied Econometrics

SKILLS SUMMARY

- **Programming** Python, R, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, L^AT_EX
- **Frameworks** Scikit, TensorFlow, Keras
- **Econometrics** Panel Data Analysis, Spatial Econometrics, Time Series Econometrics, Production Function Analysis
- **Data Processing** Deep Learning Techniques for Image Data Processing, Spatial Analysis of GIS Data
- **Languages** German (native), Kurdish (native), English (fluent), Turkish (basic)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Article [13]: The Impact of Foreign Aid on Local Development: A Grid Cell Analysis** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer), *The Journal of Development Studies*, Impact Factor: 2.900, (Vol. 60, pp. 1557-1591, 2024)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2024.2377294>
- **Article [12]: How the Wellbeing Function Varies with Age: The Importance of Income, Health, and Social Relations over the Life Cycle** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer and Heinz Welsch), *Economica*, Impact Factor: 1.400, (Vol. 91, pp. 809-836, 2024)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecca.12528>
- **Article [11]: Statistical Capacity Matters: The Long-Term Effects of Africa's Slave Trade on Development Reflected by Nighttime Light Intensity** (joint with Adalbert Winkler), *Journal of African Economies*, Impact Factor: 2.000, (Vol. 32, pp. 383-414, 2023)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejac020>
- **Article [10]: The Impact of ADHD Genetic Risk on Educational Achievement: A Comparative Cross-National Study** (joint with Bernhard C. Dannemann), *Oxford Economic Papers*, Impact Factor: 1.479, (Vol. 75, pp. 1-34, 2023)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1093/oep/gpac019>
- **Article [9]: The Relationship Between Age and Subjective Well-Being: Estimating Within and Between Effects Simultaneously** (joint with Philipp Biermann and Jürgen Bitzer), *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*, Impact Factor: 1.911, (Vol. 21, Article 100366, 2022)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeoa.2021.100366>
- **Article [8]: Genetic, Cultural, and Historical Determinants of Knowledge Creation**, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, Impact Factor: 1.148, (Vol. 26, pp. 1833-1890, 2022)
Link to Article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1365100521000092>
- **Article [7]: Wired In: Genetic Traits and Entrepreneurship Around the World** (joint with Sorin M. S. Krammer), *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, Impact Factor: 8.593, (Vol. 168, Article 120788, 2021)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2021.120788>
- **Article [6]: Absorption of Foreign Knowledge: The Impact of Immigrants on Firm Productivity** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer and Sanne Kruse-Becher), *Industrial And Corporate Change*, Impact Factor: 3.085, (Vol. 30, pp. 706-739, 2021)
Link to Article: <https://doi.org/10.1093/icc/dtaa047>
- **Article [5]: Consequences of Linguistic Distance for Economic Growth**, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, Impact Factor: 1.791, (Vol. 80, pp. 625-658, 2018)
Link to Article: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/obes.12205>
- **Article [4]: The Persistent Effects of Novelty-Seeking Traits on Comparative Economic Development**, *Journal of Development Economics*, Impact Factor: 3.875, (Vol. 126, pp. 112-126, 2017)
Link to Article: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304387816301171>
- **Article [3]: The Biogeographic Origins of Novelty-Seeking Traits**, *Evolution and Human Behavior*, Impact Factor: 4.178, (Vol. 37, pp. 456-469, 2016)
Link to Article: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1090513816300496>
- **Article [2]: Measuring Capital Services by Energy Use: An Empirical Comparative Study** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer), *Applied Economics*, Impact Factor: 1.835, (Vol. 48, pp. 5152-5167, 2016)
Link to Article: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00036846.2016.1173178>
- **Article [1]: How Ethnic Diversity Affects Economic Growth**, *World Development*, Impact Factor: 5.278, (Vol. 59, pp. 275-297, 2014)
Link to Article: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0305750X14000138>

WORKING PAPERS

- **Paper [2]: Heterogeneous Effects of Foreign Aid on Local Economic Development** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer and Bernhard C. Dannemann), Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Department of Economics, *Working Paper No. V-448-24*, (2024)
Link to Paper: <https://uol.de/f/2/dept/wire/fachgebiete/vwl/V-448-24.pdf?v=1733835520>
- **Paper [1]: Locust Infestations and Individual School Dropout: Evidence from Africa** (joint with Abigail O. Asare and Bernhard C. Dannemann), Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Department of Economics, *Working Paper No. V-440-23*, (2023)
Link to Paper: <https://uol.de/f/2/dept/wire/fachgebiete/vwl/V-440-23.pdf?v=1675778834>

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS (MIMEOS)

- **Mimeo [2]: Where Does the Money Go? Spatial Patterns in the Distribution of World Bank Foreign Aid Projects** (joint with Bernhard C. Dannemann), *First draft coming soon*, (2024)
- **Mimeo [1]: The Impact of Foreign Aid on Local Conflicts in Africa** (joint with Jürgen Bitzer and Bernhard C. Dannemann), *First draft coming soon*, (2024)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation)** Oldenburg, Germany
• *The Localized Geography of Development Assistance: A Disaggregated Grid Cell Analysis* April 2020 - September 2024
Principal Investigator - research funding: 211,262 Euro

SUPERVISION OF PHD STUDENTS

- **Bernhard C. Dannemann** Oldenburg, Germany
• *PhD in Economics* October 2015 - April 2022
Thesis Title: Interaction of Economic Agents: An Application to Cognitive Skills and Competition

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Participant as Young Economists at the 5th Lindau Meeting of the Winners of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel - Lindau, Germany, August 2014
- Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation - Germany, October 2008 - March 2010

CONFERENCES

- **Political Economy of International Organization Annual Conference** Vancouver, Canada
University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University February 2020
- **European Economic Association Annual Congress** Manchester, England
University of Manchester August 2019
- **Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Congress** Freiburg, Germany
University of Freiburg im Breisgau September 2018
- **Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Congress** Vienna, Austria
University of Vienna September 2017
- **European Economic Association Annual Congress** Lisbon, Portugal
University of Lisbon August 2017
- **Royal Economic Society Annual Conference** Manchester, England
University of Manchester April 2015
- **European Trade Study Group Annual Conference** Munich, Germany
LMU Munich and Ifo Institute September 2014
- **European Economic Association Annual Congress** Toulouse, France
Toulouse School of Economics August 2014
- **Royal Economic Society Annual Conference** Manchester, England
University of Manchester April 2014
- **European Trade Study Group Annual Conference** Birmingham, England
University of Birmingham September 2013
- **European Economic Association Annual Congress** Gothenburg, Sweden
University of Gothenburg August 2013

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- **Research Seminar** Bremen, Germany
University of Bremen November 2024
- **Research Seminar** Osnabrueck, Germany
University of Osnabrueck November 2019
- **Brown Bag Seminar** Bremen, Germany
University of Bremen May 2018
- **Brown Bag Seminar** Groningen, The Netherlands
University of Groningen March 2018
- **Brown Bag Seminar** Groningen, The Netherlands
University of Groningen September 2015
- **Brown Bag Seminar** Groningen, The Netherlands
University of Groningen April 2015
- **Tuborg Research Centre Seminar** Aarhus, Denmark
Aarhus University September 2013
- **NIW Workshop in Applied Economics** Hannover, Germany
University of Hannover May 2012

RESEARCH VISITS

- **UCLA Anderson School of Management** Los Angeles, United States of America
Faculty of Global Economics and Management October 2022
Invited as visiting scholar, host faculty member: Romain Wacziarg
- **Aarhus University** Aarhus, Denmark
Department of Economics and Business Economics October 2021
Invited as visiting scholar, Research Center for Firms and Industry Dynamics, host faculty member: Philipp J. H. Schröder
- **University of Groningen** Groningen, The Netherlands
Faculty of Economics and Business September 2015
Invited, financed by the University of Groningen
- **Aarhus University** Aarhus, Denmark
Department of Economics and Business Economics September 2013 - October 2013
Invited as visiting scholar, financed by the Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms, host faculty member: Philipp J. H. Schröder

CO-ORGANIZER OF WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- **Workshop for Young Scientists on Applied Economics** Hannover, Germany
Leibniz University Hannover May 2025 (Scheduled)
- **Workshop for Young Scientists on Applied Economics** Hannover, Germany
Leibniz University Hannover May 2024
- **Workshop for Young Scientists on Applied Economics** Hannover, Germany
Leibniz University Hannover May 2023

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