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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research Associate, University of Heidelberg
Alfred-Weber-Institute of Economics
Chair of International and Development Politics

September 2015 to present

Research Associate, University of Göttingen
Chair of Development Economics

April 2021 to present

PERSONAL INFORMATION

married, one child (maternity leave: January – October 2020)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Political Economy,
Applied Econometrics**

EDUCATION

University of Heidelberg, Germany

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, since January 2016

- Thesis: *Financing for Sustainable Development - Emerging Issues and Actors*
- Adviser: Professor Axel Dreher
- Prospective date of defense: February 2022

University of California Berkeley, United States

Visiting Student Researcher, March - May 2019

- Invited by Professor Edward Miguel

University of Mannheim, Germany

Ph.D. courses in Economics, 2015-2016

London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

M. Sc., Environment and Development, 2011-2012

University of Bayreuth, Germany

B.A., Philosophy and Economics, 2007-2011

Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi, India

Visiting Student, August 2009-March 2010

RESEARCH PAPERS [1] **Move on up - Electrification and Internal Migration** (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: This study uses the large scale roll-out of electric transmission infrastructure in Nigeria from 2009 to 2015 to quantify the effect of electrification on internal migration. I address endogenous location of electricity infrastructure by estimating effects on peripheral households not directly targeted by the policy in combination with instrumenting for the actual grid path by a hypothetical least cost grid. Results show an increase in individual migration propensity by 6 percent and a reduction of household size by 0.8 individuals, mainly driven by young adults and older teenagers. This result can be explained by an increased access to credit due with a coinciding lack of employment generation for the younger sub-population. Results from a gravity model of migration show a reduction in the elasticity of migration with respect to movement costs and a rise in migration to rural, electrified destinations following the electricity supply shock.

[2] **Democracy and Aid Donorship** (with Andreas Fuchs), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 13(4): 217-238, November 2021

Abstract: Almost half of the world's states provide bilateral development assistance. While previous research takes the set of donor countries as exogenous, this article introduces a new dataset on aid giving covering all countries in the world, both rich and poor, and explores the determinants of aid donorship. It argues and shows empirically that democratic institutions support the setup of an aid program in richer countries but undermine its establishment in poorer countries. The findings hold in instrumental-variable regressions and the pattern is similar for the amount of aid.

[3] **Broken Promises - Evaluating an Incomplete Cash Transfer Program** (with Utz Pape and Laura Ralston) *R&R at the Journal of Public Economics*

Abstract: This study uses an unconditional cash grant program in South Sudan that had to be terminated due to conflict to assess the socio-economic, behavioral and psychological consequences of operational problems in development programs. We combine survey data from face-to-face interviews and data from lab experiments to study the unintended impacts of the program cancellation. Results from LATE estimations show that those participants that failed to receive the grant display a reduction in their consumption level and their trust level. Women of this subgroup also display an increase in their risk aversion. We learn about the original program design that participants that received the grants as intended increased their consumption and savings, while business skills improved only for men.

COLLECTED
WORKS

[4] **BRICS and Foreign Aid** (with Gerda Asmus and Andreas Fuchs) in *The World Scientific Reference on the Economies of the BRICS Countries* (edited by Soo Yoon Kim), World Scientific, Singapore.

WORK IN
PROGRESS

[5] **Perceived Relative Wealth and Contributions to an Environmental Public Good** (with Anca Balietti, and Tillman Eymess)

[6] **Perceived Control and Beliefs about Health Impacts of Pollution – Evidence from an Online Experiment in India** (with Anca Balietti, Tillman Eymess, and Alice Solda)

[7] **The Political Economy of Emerging Donor Aid** (with Axel Dreher)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Heidelberg, Germany

- Macroeconomics (undergraduate) **Winter 2021/22**
Winter 2020/21
Winter 2019/20
Winter 2018/19
Winter 2016/17
Winter 2015/16
- Applied Statistical Methods (undergraduate) **Winter 2017/18**
Winter 2016/17

University of Bayreuth, Germany

- Academic Writing and Presenting (undergraduate) **Summer 2011**

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2021: EPCS at University of Lille, GDE at GIGA and Helmut-Schmidt University Hamburg, Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, EEA-ESEM Virtual Conference in Copenhagen

2019: EAERE at University of Manchester, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference in The Hague, AEL at DIW and KfW Berlin, Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop on Sustainable Development at Columbia University, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference at UC Davis

2018: AUROE Workshop for Young Researchers at Osnabrück University, FHM Development Economics Workshop at University of Mannheim, Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, International Political Economy Society Conference at MIT, Sustainability and Development Conference at University of Michigan

2017: Conference on BRICS and the Global Economy at National University of Singapore, European Public Choice Society at CEU Budapest, ZEW Public Finance Conference, AEL at University of Goettingen, Beyond Basic Questions Workshop, DIAL Development Conference, Aid and Investment Workshop at Heidelberg University

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS AND
POLICY REPORTS

- [8] **Are Democracies More Likely to Give Development Aid? The Answer Is Surprising.** (with Andreas Fuchs) in *The First Tranche* (AidData's Blog), October 8, 2019.
- [9] **Impact of Program Cancellation due to Conflict** (Utz Pape and Laura Ralston) in *Impact of Conflict and Shocks on Poverty - South Sudan Poverty Assessment 2017* (Report No: AUS0000204), Poverty & Equity Global Practice - Africa, June 2018.
- [10] **Russia's Foreign Aid Re-emerges** (with Gerda Asmus and Andreas Fuchs) in *The First Tranche* (AidData's Blog), April 9, 2018.
- [11] **Think Pinc Chiribiquete - Financing Solutions for the Territorial Sustainable Land Use Plan** (with Alexandra Pinzon, Gleice Lima, Helen Bellfield, Jaqueline Wagnon, Nick Oakes and Rachel Pasternack) Global Canopy Programme, June 22, 2015.
- [12] **Arguments for Biodiversity Conservation in Natura 2000 Sites: An Analysis Based on LIFE Projects** (with Joachim Maes) Deliverable of the FP7 project BESAFE (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Arguments for our Future Environment), August, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>The World Bank, Washington, United States <i>Short Term Consultant at the Poverty Global Practice</i> December 2017 - June 2018</p> <p>Global Canopy Programme, Oxford, United Kingdom <i>Junior Analyst at the Unlocking Forest Finance Project</i> January - June 2015</p> <p>European Commission Joint Research Centre, Ispra, Italy <i>Trainee at the Institute for Environment and Sustainability</i> June 2013 - June 2014</p> <p>International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, Switzerland <i>Intern at Community Preparedness and Risk Reduction</i> September 2012 - March 2013</p> <p>The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi, India <i>DAAD Research Intern</i> November 2010 - March 2011</p>
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>Travel Grant, heiDOCS Grant, University of Heidelberg Funding for 3 month research stay at University of California Berkeley, United States</p> <p>Research Grant, heiDOCS Grant, University of Heidelberg Grant for data collection for the project <i>On the Willingness to Pay for Clean Air</i></p> <p>Workshop Funding, Field of Focus 4: Self-Regulation and Regulation, University of Heidelberg Co-funding for the workshop “<i>Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies</i>”, September 22-23, 2017, Heidelberg.</p> <p>Fellow at HCE Zukunftskolleg, Heidelberg Center for the Environment April 2018 - March 2019</p> <p>Research Scholarship Holder, German Academic Exchange Service Field research at The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi, September 2010-February 2011.</p>
REFEREEING	PLOS ONE, Review of Development Economics, Review of International Organizations, Habitat International
VOLUNTEERING	<p>Asylarbeitskreis Heidelberg e.V., Heidelberg, Germany <i>Volunteer</i> 2016 - 2019 Support to refugees including language training and assistance in labor market integration</p> <p>Nitya Seva e.V., Bhopal, India <i>Volunteer</i> February - March 2008, December 2009 Social work at an orphanage of a grassroot NGO in rural India near Bhopal</p>
SOFTWARE SKILLS	<p>Statistical and GIS software STATA, R, QGIS, ArcGIS (including ArcPy)</p> <p>Desktop editing Microsoft Office, L^AT_EX</p>
LANGUAGE SKILLS	<p>English (Fluent), German (Native), Spanish (Advanced)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Heidelberg, October 2021</p>