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Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Monetary Policy, Inequality, Natural Language Processing

Working Papers

04/2026: Identifying Monetary Policy Shocks in Newspapers using GPT

CEPR Discussion Paper No. 21390 (with P. Bofinger, J. Dix, L. Streit).

Education

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

PhD Candidate

since 09/2025

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg

Master of Science: International Economic Policy, **GPA: 1.0 (Highest Honors)**

10/2022–09/2025

Thesis: "A European Perspective on Monetary Policy Identification Strategies" (Grade: 1.0).

Topic: Literature review on identification strategies for monetary policy shocks and development of an independent methodology.

Relevant Modules: *Econometrics*, *DSGE Modelling*, *Policy Evaluation Methods* (all 1.0).

Member of the Dean's List 2023/2024

FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

State Examination for Secondary Education (Math & Economics)

09/2017–09/2022

Bachelor (2.4) | 1st State Examination *Mathematics & Economics* (2.2).

Thesis: "Effects of Automation on the Labor Market" (Grade: 1.3).

Professional Experience

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Research Associate

Nuremberg

since 04/2026

Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Research Associate

Bamberg

since 04/2026

Chair for Economics, Money and International Economic Relations, JMU

Research Associate (Student Assistant until 09/2024)

Würzburg

since 02/2023

○ Presentations at IMK Doctoral Workshop (2025) and FMM Conference (2025).

○ Collaboration in research projects on monetary policy and macroeconomics; literature reviews and empirical analyses.

○ Data processing and analysis using Python and R; visualization and documentation in \LaTeX and MS Office.

○ Teaching assistance and development/maintenance of the chair's website.

ZEIT ONLINE

Intern & Working Student (Product Management & Customer Care)

Hamburg

09/2021–03/2022

○ Conducted benchmark analyses and competitor research for product development.

○ Contributed to a project focused on increasing digital subscriber retention; derived recommendations for the ZEIT Online games series based on quantitative and qualitative data.

○ Handled customer inquiries and GDPR requests in Customer Care.

Tourism & Mathematics Tutoring

Freelance Work

Nuremberg

07/2016–02/2022

○ Conducted historical guided tours of Nuremberg's Old Town and the Nazi Party Rally Grounds.

○ Mathematics tutoring for students at secondary school and university levels.

Conferences & Workshops

Presentations.....	
University of Augsburg <i>5th Bavarian Macro Day</i>	Augsburg 03/2026
Banque centrale du Luxembourg <i>Research Seminar: Large Language Models (LLMs) in Monetary Policy Research</i>	Luxembourg 01/2026
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) <i>FMM Conference: Gendering Macroeconomics</i>	Berlin 10/2025
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) <i>IMK Doctoral Workshop</i>	Düsseldorf 09/2025
Advanced Courses & Summer Schools.....	
Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (Prof. Daniel Waldenström) <i>PhD Course: Empirical Public Finance – Inequality and Taxation</i>	Pfaffenhofen 03/2026
Attendance.....	
Keynes Society <i>20th Annual Conference: A Keynesian Perspective on Economic Policy</i>	Bamberg 02/2024
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) <i>FMM Conference: Inflation, Distributional Conflict and Just Transition</i>	Berlin 10/2023

Teaching Experience

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität <i>Microeconomics, Bachelor (German)</i>	Nuremberg Summer 2026
Otto-Friedrich-Universität <i>Advanced Macroeconomics, Master (English)</i>	Bamberg Summer 2026
Julius-Maximilians-Universität <i>Public Policy, Bachelor (German)</i>	Würzburg Winter 2025/26
Julius-Maximilians-Universität <i>International Money and Finance, Bachelor (German)</i>	Würzburg Summer 2024

Volunteering & Extracurricular Activities

Julius-Maximilians-Universität <i>International Buddy (Volunteer)</i> Mentoring international students; onboarding and organization of university events.	Würzburg since 03/2024
St. Martha Church <i>Refugee Aid (Volunteer)</i> Integration support, tutoring, and organizational assistance.	Nuremberg 2015–2016
Johannes-Scharrer-Gymnasium <i>Student Council</i> Class representative, tutor, and student body president.	Nuremberg 2010–2016

Skills

Languages: German (Native), English (C1), Spanish (B2), French (B1)
Programming: Python (Advanced), R (Intermediate), Stata (Basic), MATLAB (Basic)
Productivity: MS Office (Advanced), L^AT_EX (Advanced), TYP03 (Advanced)