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DIW Berlin (SOEP) and University of Essex
Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

2008 – date Senior Researcher, German Socio-Economic Panel Study, DIW Berlin

2007 – 2009 Chief Research Officer, Institute for Social and Economic Research,
University of Essex

2003 – 2007 Senior Research Officer, Institute for Social and Economic Research,
University of Essex

Educational Qualifications

2007 PhD in Economics, University of Essex. Title: “Essays in Family
Economics and Political Behaviour”. Supervisors: Stephen Jenkins and
John Ermisch. Examiners: Christian Dustmann and Steve Pudney

2002 Diplom-Volkswirt, Humboldt-University in Berlin

2001 MSc in Applied Economics and Data Analysis, University of Essex

Selected Publications

“Schooling and Citizenship in a Young Democracy: Evidence from Post-War Germany”,
Scandinavian Journal of Economics, forthcoming.

“Childhood Family Structure and Schooling Outcomes: Evidence for Germany” (with Marco
Francesconi and Stephen Jenkins), *Journal of Population Economics*, forthcoming.

“The Effect of Lone Motherhood on the Smoking Behaviour of Young Adults” (with Marco
Francesconi and Stephen Jenkins), *Health Economics*, forthcoming.

“Measuring People’s Trust” (2009), *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*,
172(4), 749-769 (with John Ermisch, Diego Gambetta, Heather Laurie and Noah
Uhrig).

“Does Democracy foster Trust?” (2009), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 37(2), 251-269 (with Helmut Rainer).

“O Brother, Where Art Thou? The Effect of Having a Sibling on Geographic Mobility and Labour Market Outcomes” (2009), *Economica*, 76(303), 528-556 (with Helmut Rainer).

“The Role of Social Networks in Determining Migration and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the German Reunification” (2009), *Economics of Transition*, 17(1), 739-767 (with Helmut Rainer).

“Subjective Income and Employment Expectations and Preferences for Redistribution” (2008), *Economics Letters*, 99(3), 449-453 (with Helmut Rainer).

“Intergenerational Mobility and Marital Sorting” (2006), *Economic Journal*, 116(July), 659-679 (with John Ermisch and Marco Francesconi).

Working Papers

“Parental Unemployment and Young People’s Right-Wing Extremism and Xenophobia”, revised and resubmitted, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*.

“Geography of the Family: Comment” (joint with Helena Holmlund and Helmut Rainer)

“Meet the Parents? The Causal Effect of Family Size on the Geographic Distance between Adult Children and Older Parents” (joint with Helena Holmlund and Helmut Rainer)

Prizes

Best paper by a young economist at the 2007 conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) in Oslo

Best paper presented at the 6th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (2004) in Berlin

Research Grants

“Family structure and adult children’s location decisions”, Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), 12 months from 1 February 2008, £81,092, Principal Investigator (with Helena Holmlund und Helmut Rainer)

“People's trust: A survey-based experiment”, Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), 13 months from 1 March 2007, £101,000 (with John Ermisch, Diego Gambetta, Heather Laurie, Noah Uhrig)

“The intergenerational transmission of poverty in OECD countries”, Overseas Development Institute, 4 months from 1 April 2007, £20,000, Principal Investigator (with Stephen P. Jenkins)

“From parents to children? Socioeconomic attainment and the role of family background”, Anglo-German Foundation, 18 months from 1 October 2003, £69,614 (with Marco Francesconi, Stephen P. Jenkins, Gert G. Wagner)

Affiliations

Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex, Research Associate
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Research Fellow

Current Research Interests

Labor economics, family economics, political economy, intergenerational mobility, applied microeconomics, econometrics

Teaching

Survival Analysis course taught at the Essex Summer School (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

Behavioural Experiments and Representative Surveys taught at the International Research Workshop at Europäische Akademie Schleswig-Holstein (2008)

Short course taught at the workshop on “Longitudinal Analysis with the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)” at the University of Mannheim (2009)

Research Presentations

- 2009** IZA Research Seminar, Bonn, Germany
European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Sevilla, Spain
Research Seminar in Economics, Free University Berlin, Germany
American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, US
- 2008** Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar, University of Essex, UK
Verein für Socialpolitik, Graz, Austria
European Economic Association (EEA), Milano, Italy
European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), London, UK
Georg-August-University Göttingen, cege-Forschungskolloquium, Germany
- 2007** European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Oslo, Norway
PSI, London, UK
Intergenerational Dimensions of Inequality, University of Essex, UK
UCL Student Lunch Seminar, London, UK
- 2006** Verein für Socialpolitik, Bayreuth, Germany
European Economic Association (EEA), Vienna, Austria
Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany
Department of Economics, University of Essex, UK
European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Verona, Italy
Department of Economics, University of Essex, UK
Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (RES), Nottingham, UK

Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar, University of Essex, UK
Workshop of the RTN 'Economics of Education and Education Policy in Europe', Uppsala, Sweden

2005 European Economic Association (EEA), Amsterdam, Netherlands
World Congress of the Econometric Society, London, UK
Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar, University of Essex, UK

2004 Socio-Economic Panel Young Scholars Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany
Berlin Network of Labour Market Research (BeNA), Berlin, Germany
Verein für Socialpolitik, Dresden, Germany
European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Lisbon, Portugal
European Economic Association (EEA), Madrid, Spain
German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany
RWI Essen, Germany
Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar, University of Essex, UK

Workshop and Summer School Participations

2005 IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch, Germany
2004 SOEP Young Scholars Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany
2003 EEA Summer School, IFS London, United Kingdom

Media Coverage

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Die Zeit, Financial Times
Deutschland, Tagesspiegel, Die Welt, die tageszeitung, Stuttgarter Zeitung, Märkische
Allgemeine, Berliner Morgenpost, Frankfurter Rundschau, Frankfurter Neue Presse, Die
Neue Epoche, Schwarzwälder Bote.

Other Academic Activities

2008 Organiser of the Lecture Series “Economics of Education” by Prof. Stephen
Machin (University College London and London School of Economics) within
the framework of the Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BENA)
2008-date Co-organiser of the Leibniz Seminar on Labor Research (Berlin Network of
Labor Market Research, BENA)
2006-2007 Organiser of the External Empirical Monday Seminar at the Institute for
Social & Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex
2005-2007 Organiser of the Internal Sandwich Seminar at the Institute for Social &
Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex

Refereeing

Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A, Oxford
Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Small Business Economics, Labour, Contemporary
Economic Policy, Schmollers Jahrbuch.