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## Research Interests

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Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Finance

## Education

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2022 - 28 (exp.)	PH.D. IN ECONOMICS, University of Bonn Advisors: Prof. Florian Zimmermann, Prof. Botond Kőszegi
2026 (planned)	VISITING STUDENT RESEARCHER, California Institute of Technology
2022 - 24	M.SC. IN ECONOMIC RESEARCH (1.2, <i>with distinction</i> ), University of Bonn
2022 - 23	VISITING PH.D. STUDENT, University of California, Berkeley
2019 - 22	B.SC. IN ECONOMICS (1.0, <i>with distinction</i> ), University of Bonn
2021 - 22	VISITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, University of Toronto
2018 - 19	B.SC. IN PSYCHOLOGY ( <i>not completed</i> ), University of Hamburg

## Affiliations

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2025 -	CONTRACT HOLDER, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy
2024 -	CO-OPTED MEMBER, CRC TR 224 Economic Perspectives on Societal Challenges
2022 -	DOCTORAL STUDENT, Bonn Graduate School of Economics
2024 - 25	ASSOCIATED MEMBER, IZA Institute of Labor Economics

## Selected Research in Progress

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Hierarchical Representations (draft available upon request)

## Teaching

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Summer 2026	INSTRUCTOR, Academic Research Seminar on Behavioral Economics (Undergraduate, University of Bonn)
Fall 2025/26	TEACHING ASSISTANT, Applied Data Analytics (Undergraduate, University of Bonn)
February 2025	INSTRUCTOR, Short Course on Complexity (Studienstiftung Winter School in Klosters, Switzerland)

## Research Positions

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2025 -	YEP STUDENT, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy
2024 -	RESEARCH ASSISTANT to Prof. Christopher Roth
2021 - 22	RESEARCH ASSISTANT to Prof. Suanna Oh
2019 - 22	STUDENT HELPER, briq Institute on Behavior and Inequality
2020	INTERN, Price and Service Management Group, Fraunhofer Center for International Management and Knowledge Economy
2020	INTERN, International Finance Group, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
2019	UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Max Planck Institute on Collective Goods
2019	INTERN, Cognitive Psychology Group, University of Hamburg

## Grants

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2026	CRC TR 224 (6220€)
2025	CRC TR 224 (3600€)
2025	Behavioral Finance e.V. Research Grant for Junior Researchers (5000€)
2024	Behavioral Finance e.V. Research Grant for Junior Researchers (5000€, with Paul Grass)
2024	CRC TR 224 (in total 3500€ without VAT, with Paul Grass)
2024	IZA Institute of Labor Economics (1000€ without VAT, with Paul Grass)

## Awards and Scholarships

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2022 - 25	Full PhD scholarship, Bonn Graduate School of Economics (BGSE)
2024	Forum Humanum Fellowship
2020 - 24	Merit scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung)
2021 - 22	Tuition waiver for Toronto stay, Global Exchange Program, University of Bonn

## Summer Schools and Workshops

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2026	Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics (Dedham)
2026	Yale Summer School in Behavioral Finance (New Haven)
2026	Spring School in Behavioral Economics (San Diego)
2025	Summer School and Workshop on Beliefs, Narratives, and Memory (Riederau)
2025	Caltech CTESS Theory-Based Experiments (Pasadena)
2024	The Limits of Intelligence: Meaning and Value (New School, New York)
2024	Survey Data in Economics and Finance (with Michael Weber, Gerzensee)
2023	CRC TR 224 21st Century Applied Micro (with Chris Walters and Magne Mogstad, Annweiler am Trifels)
2020	Topics in Macroeconomics and International Finance (with Matteo Maggiori, Kiel Institute)

## Presentations and Conference Participation

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**2026 (incl. scheduled):** BGSE Applied Microeconomics Workshop (Bonn), Spring School in Behavioral Economics (poster, San Diego), CRC TR 224 Young Researchers Workshop (Mannheim), Bonn-Cologne-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (Cologne), Applied Micro Coffee (Bonn), 2nd Berlin PhD Conference (Berlin), SITE Experimental Economics (Stanford), Workshop on Cognitive Economics (Herrsching), ESA European Meeting (Barcelona), VfS Annual Conference 2026 (Innsbruck)

**2025:** IZA Beliefs Workshop (attendance as guest, Bonn), Summer School and Workshop on Beliefs, Narratives, and Memory (poster, Riederau)

**2024:** Early Career Behavioral Economics Conference (attendance as guest, Bonn), IZA Coffee (Bonn), BGSE Brown Bag (Bonn)

**2022:** SITE Psychology and Economics (attendance as guest, Stanford)

## Professional Service

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<b>Refereeing</b>	Journal of the European Economic Association
<b>2025 -</b>	CRC TR 224 Young Researchers Representative
<b>2025 -</b>	Organizer of CRC TR 224 Young Researchers Workshops
<b>2025 -</b>	Coordinator of PhD Lab Meeting
<b>2023 - 24</b>	Co-organizer of first-gen academics initiative, BGSE
<b>2022 - 23</b>	Member of working group on discrimination, Studienstiftung

## Miscellaneous

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<b>Memberships</b>	Verein für Socialpolitik, griffelkunst-Vereinigung Hamburg e.V.
<b>Programming</b>	Stata, R, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Qualtrics (HTML and JavaScript)
<b>Languages</b>	German (native), English (fluent), French (good command), Spanish (basic)