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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English, Swedish, German (B1)

Citizenships: Sweden, United States

Marital Status: Married.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research Fellow, Markets and Choice Research Unit, WZB Berlin, Fall 2012-Ongoing.

Visting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Winter 2015.

Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Fall 2011-Fall 2012.

## EDUCATION

Duke University, Department of Economics, Durham, NC.

Ph.D. in Economics, September 2011.

*Committee:* Rachel Kranton (Chair), John Aldrich, Bahar Leventoglu, Michael Munger, Curtis Taylor.

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, *Minor:* Political Science, June 2004.

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Political Economy, Public Choice, Development and Behavioral Economics.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Voting in Large Committees with Disesteem Payoffs: A ‘state of the art’ model” (2017) with Rune Midjord (Copenhagen Business School) and Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer (UAB) *Games and Economic Behavior*, 104, 430-443.

“Centralized Fiscal Spending by Supranational Unions” (2017) with Jenny Simon (SITE) *Economica*, 84, pp. 78-103.

“A Note on Empathy in Games” (2014) with Steffen Huck (WZB Berlin) and Jan Grohn (University of Bayreuth), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 108, pp. 383-388.

“Get Out The Vote: How Encouraging Voting Changes Political Outcomes,” (2012), *Economics and Politics*, 24, pp. 346-373.

## PAPERS UNDER REVISION

“Dynamic Reform of Public Institutions: A Model of Collective Reputation and Motivated Agents” (2017), *revise and resubmit*, *Journal of Public Economics*.

“The Political Economy of Multilateral Aid Funds” (2017) with Jenny Simon (SITE), *reject and resubmit*, *Journal of Development Economics*.

## WORKING PAPERS (copies can be found on my homepage)

“The Value of Consensus” [JOB MARKET PAPER] (2017) with Yves Breitmoser (Humboldt).

“Social Identity and Political Polarization” (2017) with Dominik Duell (Essex).

“Why do Committees Work?” with Yves Breitmoser (Humboldt), *manuscript in preparation*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Robust Information Aggregation Through Voting” with Rune Midjord (Copenhagen Business School) and Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer (UAB).

“Peer Effects in Charitable Giving: Identifying In-Group Conformity” with Silvia Saccardo (Carnegie Mellon) and Roel van Veldhuizen (WZB Berlin).

“Empathy for Disappointment and Elation in a Simple Experimental Game” with Steffen Huck (WZB) and Burkhard Schipper (UC Davis).

“The Interaction of Laws and Social Norms: An Experimental Study” with Kai Barron (UCL) and Tuomas Nurminen (Hanken).

“The Effect of Forced Migration on Social Capital Formation: Evidence from Lebanon” with Anselm Rink (Columbia University and WZB Berlin).

“Competing for Motivated Workers”

## TEACHING

Hertie School of Governance, Masters in Public Policy.

*Development Economics*. (Fall 2016)

*Efficiency in the Public Sector* (Fall 2015)

Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences, Lecturer (2014).

James Madison University, European Union Policy Studies MA Program.

*The Economics of European Integration*. (Winter 2012)

Duke University, Department of Economics.

*Economic Principles*. (Summer 2008)

Max Weber Programme Teacher Training Certificate, EUI.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2009:** Midwest Political Science Association National Conference.  
**2012:** Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, “End of Federalism?” (organized by WZB and MPI).  
**2013:** European Public Choice Society, Max Weber Fellows (EUI), European Economic Association, ECB workshop on Public Finance.  
**2014:** American Economic Association, Milan Political Economy Workshop, CESifo Conference: Public Sector Economics, European Economic Association.  
**2015:** European Political Science Association, NGO Network Conference, European Economic Association, SITE Conference on Corruption in Developing Nations.  
**2016:** German Development Economics, Nordic Development Economics, SEIO, European Political Science Association, ESA Europe.  
**2017:** Political Economics of International Organizations.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2010:** University of Georgia (Georgia Political Economy Group), University of Gothenburg (Department of Economics), California Institute of Technology (Department of Humanities and Social Science), University of North Carolina (Triangle Political Methodology Group).  
**2011:** Max Planck Institute on Collective Goods.  
**2012:** University of Oslo (Department of Economics), WZB (Market and Politics).  
**2013:** Stockholm School of Economics (SITE), Aachen University.  
**2014:** Lund University, MPI for Public Finance, Humboldt University (Berlin).  
**2015:** Queen’s University Belfast, Development Economics Network Berlin.

## REFEREEING

*American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Public Economics, European Economic Review, Public Choice, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, The Journal of Economic Inequality, The Journal of Economics, The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics.*

## ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-founder: Berlin Economics Junior Faculty Network (Precursor to the Berlin Economics Research Associates Program).

Search committee member for the Berlin Economics Research Associates Program (2014, 2015).

Workshops Organized: Political Economy, Economic History, and Religion (2013), Behavioral Foundations of Corruption and Unethical Behavior (2015), Enacting Change in Long-Run Behavior and Attitudes (2016).

## *Awards, Grants and Affiliations*

- Affiliate member, CESifo research network.  
 WZB Seed Grant, 2017 (39,000 euro).  
 DFG Conference Funding, 2016 (6,000 euro, DFG Grant HU 787/3-1).  
 DFG Conference Funding, 2015 (12,960 euro, DFG Grant KU 1971/4-1)  
 CESifo Distinguished Research Affiliate Prize, 2014.  
 Klaus Liebscher Award, 2013.  
 Department Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2010.  
 Fellowship, Program for Advanced Research in Social Sciences, Duke University, 2009-2010.  
 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University, 2009.

## References

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