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Research Interests

Health Economics

Applied Econometrics

Labor Economics

Academic Positions

11/2021 – present **Associate Professor (with tenure)** of Public Health Economics at the *Department of Economics, Econometrics & Finance* at the University of Groningen

9/2022 – present **Executive Board Member** of the Cross-Border Institute of Healthcare Systems and Prevention (CBI) - Cooperation of University of Groningen and University of Oldenburg

9/2023 – present **Executive Board Member** of Center for Public Health in Economics and Business (CPHEB) at the University of Groningen

10/2013 – 10/2021 **Senior Researcher** at the *Chair of Applied Macroeconomics* at the ETH Zurich, KOF Swiss Economic Institute

10/2011 – 09/2013 **Research Associate** at the *Chair of Public Economics and Economic Policy* at the Technical University of Darmstadt

10/2010 – 04/2011 **Teaching Assistant** (part-time) at the *Chair of Public Finance* at the Goethe University of Frankfurt

03/2009 – 09/2011 **Research Associate** at the *Chair of Applied Microeconomics* and Institutional Economics at the Technical University of Darmstadt

01/2008 – 12/2008 **Student Assistant** (part-time) at Center for Financial Studies in Frankfurt

Academic background

09/2007 – 03/2013 Ph.D. Student at Graduate School of Economics, Finance, and Management (GSEFM); Structured Program and cooperation between universities of Darmstadt, Frankfurt and Mainz; Dissertation topic: Infectious Diseases and the Economy; Grade: with distinction (summa cum laude); Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Neugart and Prof. Dr. Carsten Helm;

09/2007 – 01/2010 Master of Science in Quantitative Economics at the Goethe University of Frankfurt; International Graduate Program; Specialization in Finance and Microeconomics; Final Grade 1.7; Thesis Title: Instrumental Variables versus Matching Estimators: An Application to the Indian Balsakhi Program.

10/2004 – 06/2007 Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management at the Free University of Bolzano (Italy); taught in German, Italian and English; Specialization in Finance; Final grade 110/110; Thesis topic: Credit Risk – Correlation in the evolution through credit classes.

07/2004 Matura (Italian High School Leaving Certificate) at Handelsoberschule Heinrich Kunter in Bolzano (Italy)

Academic Affilitations

2023 – present Health Economics Standing Field Committee of the German Economists (Ausschuss des Vereins for Socialpolitik)

2021 – present Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Research Fellow

2021 – present FEB Research Institute at the University of Groningen, Research Fellow

2021 – present Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health, Research Fellow

2021 – present KOF Swiss Economic Institute, Research Fellow

Publications in refereed journals

Applied Economics

17. Individual and environmental stressors in life course cognitive health disparities: Evidence from the Dutch Lifelines Cohort Study (with Mariana Soares, Jochen Mierau, and Laura Viluma), in *Social Science Medicine*, 118884, 2025.

16. Mandated Sick Pay: Coverage, Utilization, and Crowding-In (with Nicolas Ziebarth and Catherine Maclean), in *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 23(5), 1868-1907, 2025.

15. Mental health effects of social distancing in Switzerland (with Marc Anderes), in *Economics & Human Biology*, 51: 101302, 2023.

14. Measuring inequality using geospatial data (with Jaqueson Galimberti and Regina Pleninger), in *World Bank Economic Review*, 37(4), 549-569, 2023.

13. Awareness and use of (emergency) sick leave: US employees' unaddressed sick leave needs in a global pandemic (with Emma Jelliffe, Paul Pangburn, and Nicolas R. Ziebarth), in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)*, 118(29), 2021.

12. Positive Health Externalities of Mandating Paid Sick Leave (with Katherine Wen and Nicolas R. Ziebarth), in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 40(3), 715-743, 2021.

11. COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave Has Helped to Flatten the Curve (with Katherine Wen and Nicolas R. Ziebarth), in *Health Affairs* 39(12), 2197-2204, 2020.

10. Labor Market Effects of US Sick Pay Mandates (with Nicolas R. Ziebarth), in *Journal of Human Resources* 55(2), 611-659, 2020.

9. The Pros and Cons of Sick Pay Schemes: Testing for Contagious Presenteeism and Shirking Behavior (with Nicolas R. Ziebarth) - in *Journal of Public Economics*, 156, 14-33, 2017.

8. A tradable employment quota (with Metin Akyol and Michael Neugart), in *Labour Economics*, 36, 48-63, 2015.

7. Demographic Consequences of HIV (with Martin Karlsson), in *Journal of Population Economics*, 28(4), 1097-1135, 2015.

6. Sickness Absence and the Business Cycle: Moral Hazard, Labor Force Composition or Neither?, in *Health Economics* 24(6), 692-710, 2015.

5. Climate Policy with Technology Transfers and Permit Trading (with Carsten Helm), in *Environmental and Resource Economics* 60(1), 37-54, 2015.

4. The Impact of the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic on Economic Performance in Sweden (with Martin Karlsson and Therese Nilsson), in *Journal of Health Economics* 36 (0), 1-19, 2014.

3. Were the Hartz Reforms Responsible for the Improved Performance of the German Labour Market? (with Metin Akyol and Michael Neugart), in *Economic Affairs* 33 (1), 34-47, 2013.

Public Health and Health Services Research

2. The effect of the implementation of the international code of marketing of breast-milk substitutes on child mortality in Ghana and Tanzania (with Juliana Lima Constantino, Lybrich Kramer, and Regien Biesma), in *Public Health Nutrition* 27(1):e173, 2024.

1. Differences in healthcare structures, processes and outcomes of neighbouring European countries: the example of Germany and the Netherlands (with Lars Schwettmann, Axel Hamprecht, Gesine H. Seeber, Andreas Voss, Lena Ansmann, and Falk Hoffmann), in *Research in Health Services Regions* 2, 17, 2023.

Publications in books and non-refereed journals

Einordnung des deutlichen Anstiegs der krankheitsbedingten Fehlzeiten seit 2022 (Classification of the significant increase in sickness-related absences since 2022) (with Nicolas Ziebarth), ZEW policy brief No. 24-18, October 2024

Corona und Ungleichheit in der Schweiz - Eine erste Analyse der Verteilungswirkungen der Covid-19-Pandemie (Covid-19 and inequality in Switzerland - A first analysis of the relationship between the pandemic and the income distribution) (with Isabel Martinez, Daniel Kopp, Raphael Lalive and Michael Siegenthaler), KOF Studies, Nr. 161, February 2021

Sick leave and medical leave in the United States: a categorization and recent trends. (mit Nicolas R. Ziebarth) In: Rachidi A, Ruhm JC, editors. Paid Leave for Illness, Medical Needs, and Disabilities - Issues and Answers. Washington (DC): American Enterprise Institute and Brookings Institution. November 2020

Effekten av spanska sjukan pa ekonomiska utfall i Sverige (Economic Effects of the Spanish Flu in Sweden) (with Martin Karlsson und Therese Nilsson), in *Ekonomisk Debatt* (The Journal of the Swedish Economic Association) 41 (1), 22-27, 2013

The Young Prisoner's Dilemma: Juvenile Recidivism in Germany (with Daniel Römer), in *Lessons from the Economics of Crime: What Reduces Offending?*, MIT press, 111-130, 2013

PhD Students

Javier Vasquez Cubillos (in progress)

Ugne Sliciute (in progress)

Mariana Soares (in progress)

Marc Anderes (defended in April 2023)

PhD Committee

- Elena Agachi
- Slavek Roller
- Willem I. J. De Boer
- Gianmaria Niccodemi

Awards and Grants

2025
- Health4DE-NL Cross-border cooperation in healthcare for more healthy years in the DE-NL Northern region, funded by INTERREG VI A Deutschland-Nederland, with 644,000 as principal investigator
- Ranked in Top 8% of Authors (Last 10 Years Publications) on Ideas

2024
- ECOTIP: Identifying tipping points of the effects of living environments on ecosyndemics of lifestyle-related illnesses, funded by the Dutch research council NWO, Grant number NWA.1518.22.151 with 441,000 EUR as joint principal investigator
- DESTRESS: Timely detection and early intervention on stress signals to promote organizational and individual resilience, funded by the Dutch research council NWO, Grant number NWA.1518.22.156, with 40,000 research leave

2020
- Co-PI for *Employers and Paid Leave: Assessing the Interdependencies between State-level Mandates, Medical Leave, and Voluntary Provisions of Paid Leave* ($ 80,000), granted by the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, with Johanna Catherine Maclean and Nicolas Robert Ziebarth

Invited Presentations and Conferences (last 5 years)

2025
- CPHEB Groningen and ZEW Mannheim Workshop Groningen
- Health Economics Standing Field Committee of the German Economists Werningerode (Ausschuss des Vereins for Socialpolitik)

2024
- Health Economics Standing Field Committee of the German Economists Lausanne (Ausschuss des Vereins for Socialpolitik)
- Nuremberg Research Seminar in Economics
- International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference Xiamen
- Beyond Basic Questions Conference, Groningen

2023
- Research Seminar at KDI School of Public Management / Sejong Applied Micro
- KVS New Paper Sessions, Campus The Hague of Leiden University
- Research Seminar at Seoul National University
- Research Seminar at University of Utrecht

2022	• dggö German Health Econometricians study group workshop, Hannover • Research Seminar ifo, Munich
2021	• Second World Inequality Conference, Paris (online participation) • Beyond Basic Questions Conference, Nuremberg • 10th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Virtual
2020	• EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference 2020, Virtual • Third IESR-GLO Joint Conference, Virtual • SKILS 2020 - Engelberg

Teaching

University of Groningen

- Data Science and Machine Learning, Undergraduate level, Fall 2024 & Fall 2025
- Introduction to Data Analytics, Undergraduate level, Fall 2023 & Fall 2024+Fall 2025
- Estimation and Testing, Undergraduate level, Spring 2023
- Empirical Research Paper, Undergraduate level, Spring 2022 & Spring 2023
- Econometrics for Economics and Business Economics, Undergraduate level, Spring 2022 & Spring 2023 & Spring 2024 & Spring 2025 & Spring 2026
- Health Economics, Undergraduate level, Fall 2022
- Statistical Modeling, Undergraduate level, Spring 2022
- Linear Algebra for Econometrics and Operations Research, Undergraduate level, Spring 2022 & Spring 2023

ETH Zurich

- Identification and Causal Inference, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Ph.D. program, Spring 2015 & Spring 2017 & Spring 2019 & Spring 2021
- Political Economics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Graduate level, Spring 2016
- Principles of Econometrics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Graduate level, Spring 2014-2016

Goethe University and Technical Universtiy of Darmstadt

- Economic Policy, Technical University of Darmstadt, Undergraduate level, Fall 2013
- Introductory Economics, Technical University of Darmstadt, TA, Tutorial, Undergraduate level, Fall 2011-2012
- Empirical Public Economics, Goethe University Frankfurt, TA, Tutorial, Graduate level, Fall 2011
- Microeconomics, Goethe University Frankfurt, TA, Tutorial, Ph.D. program, Fall 2009
- Microeconomics, Technical University of Darmstadt, TA, Tutorial, Undergraduate level, Spring 2009-2011

Research Stays

10/2017 - 12/2017 Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Media Coverage and Interviews (Selection)

Dagblad van het Noorden, RTV Noord, The Hill, Economist, VoxEU, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, The New York Times, Conversable Economist, NZZ, Ökonomenstimme, Börsenzeitung, Radio Suisse, 20 Minuten,

Services to the Profession

Associate Editor	Economics and Human Biology
Refereeing	Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Social Science and Medicine, PNAS, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Population Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Applied Economics, International Journal of Production Economics, Health Affairs , American Journal of Health Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, B.E. Journal of Analysis and Policy, International Journal of Public Health, European Journal of Public Health, European Journal of Political Economics, German Economic Review, Empirical Economics, Economica, Scottish Journal of Political Economy
More refereeing (non-journal)	Diligentia, Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association), Czech National Bank Working Paper Series
Seminar series	Organization of the *CPHEB Groningen Brown Bag* from 2025; Organization of the *KOF research seminar* and the *KOF-ETH-UZH International Economic Policy Seminar* from 2015-2021
Organization of conferences	Dutch Health Econometrics 2023, 2024, 2025; CPHEB Groningen and ZEW Mannheim Workshop 2025; Young Swiss Economists Meeting 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Personal details

Languages:	German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Italian (fluent)
Date of Birth:	December 07, 1985 in Bolzano/Italy
Martial Status:	Single
Nationality:	Italian