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CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS	Assistant Professor in Applied Economics Department of Economics, University of Cologne ECONtribute, Cluster Associate Member Collaborative research center (SFB) TR 224, Associate Member Rangnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, External Member University of Oslo, Institute of Economics, External Member	9/2024- 2024 - 2024 - 2024 - 2017 -
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Primary Applied Microeconomics: Economics of Education and Public Policy Secondary Behavioral Economics	
EDUCATION	PhD in Economics , University of Oslo Visiting: Humboldt University and WZB Master of Research , Political Economy, University of Essex Bachelor , University of Bremen Visiting: Sciences Po Bordeaux	2017-2024 2019 2014-2016 2011-2014 2013
WORKING PAPERS	<i>It's All About What You Learn. Isolating the Human Capital Component in the Returns to Higher Education.</i> Best Paper Award at the 28th Meeting of Young Economists (EAYE), 2024 <i>Excessive Pay is Not About the Numbers. How Power Abuse Erodes Inequality Acceptance.</i> With Tora Knutsen <i>Catalysts of Change. How Local Political Autonomy Fostered Innovation and Informed National Policy in Early 20th Century Norway.</i> Working paper. Draft available upon request.	<i>Job Market Paper</i>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<i>Paternal Leave Quotas, Work Sharing in the Family and the Child Penalty.</i> With Martin Andresen <i>The right peers are not always the bright peers: The causal effect of academic and social background composition in the classroom on academic performance.</i> With Karl Ingar Kittelsen Røberg, Øyvind Wiborg and Håvard Helland <i>How school starting age shapes the educational trajectory</i> With Karl Ingar Kittelsen Røberg <i>Entitlement effects in production and workplace fairness perception.</i> With Tora Knutsen	
TEACHING	Econometrics for behavioral and applied economists (Master and PhD), University of Cologne Population Health and Health Inequalities (Master), University of Cologne Incentives and Motivation, Behavioral economics (Bachelor and Master), ECON3810, University of Oslo	Spring 2025- Fall 2024- Spring 2020, 2021 and 2023
	Poverty and Distribution in Developing Countries (Bachelor), ECON1910	

University of Cologne, Spring 2020 and 2021
Statistics 1 (ECON2310), University of Oslo,

Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, University of Essex

Fall 2015, Spring 2016

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher
Oslo

The Frisch Centre
05/2024-09/2024

Task: Research on Child Welfare Services in Norway

Junior Technical Officer
Geneva

International Labor Organization (ILO)
2016-2017

Role: Advisor on conducting RCT-based impact evaluations of youth-focused active labour market programs.

Research assistant
University of Bremen

Centre for Social Policy Research
2012-2014

AWARDS AND GRANTS

European Association of Young Economists

2024

Best Paper Award. Unicredit Foundation. 500 Euro

NoWeDe Research Grant

2023

150000 NOK

Arne Skaugs Fund

2020

Statistics Norway. 50 000 NOK

Norwegian Research Council project 10152

2019

Institute for Social Research. 50 000 NOK

Research grants for experiment. Results in paper with Tora Knutsen

ReNEW Mobility Grant

2019

Visit to HU Berlin

Carlo Schmid Fellowship

2016-2017

German National Exchange Service

Student Fellowship

2010-2016

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

PRE-DOC PUBLICATIONS

Bauch, Jonas, Paul Dyer, Drew Gardiner, Jochen Kluge and Sonja Kovacevic. “The Impact of Skills Training on the Financial Behaviour, Employability, and Educational Choices of Young People: Findings from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Morocco”, 2017, *International Labour Organization*.

Obinger, Herbert and Sonja Kovacevic. “Soziale Kriegsrüstung: Militär und die Anfänge des Wohlfahrtsstaates in der k.u.k. Monarchie”, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 57.1 (2016): 116-146.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2025 CRC TR 224 Retreat Wiesbaden **2024** EAYE Spring Meeting Paris, Berlin Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Lugano Department Seminar, SSB Lunch Seminar Oslo, Frisch Klekken Seminar, ECONtribute Seminar Cologne, IZA Economics of Education workshop **2023** EEA-ESEM Barcelona, Handelshøyskolen BI Seminar, UiO Seminar, OsloMet Development Economics Group, UiO Applied Lunch, UiO and BI PhD Initiative, ISF Centre for Social Research Seminar; **2022** Berlin Experimental Economics Joint Seminar Series, Frisch Centre Seminar, UiO and BI PhD Initiative; **2021** NHH and FAIR Centre Pizza and Presentations, BI Internal Seminar, UiO and BI PhD Initiative; **2018-2020** Copenhagen Business School Emerging Scholars Day, Humboldt University Historical Economics Seminar, NHH and FAIR Centre, WZB Behavioural

Economics Seminar, NTNU Nordic Welfare Development Symposium, Bergen Trygde-forskningsseminaret, Norges Forskermøte.

PERSONAL

Languages: *English, German, Norwegian, French*
Citizenship: German