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Academic Positions

since 2012	Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Hamburg (tenured)
2011 – 2012	Replacement Chair for Public Finance at the University of Mannheim, Department of Economics
2009 – 2011	Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Department “Markets and Politics/Market Behavior”
2005 – 2009	Researcher / Postdoctoral Researcher at the Technical University of Berlin, Department of Microeconomics
2005	Fall and spring term, filling in for Professor Dr. Kuebler at the Technical University of Berlin, Department of Microeconomics
2003 – 2005	Researcher at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Department “Markets and Politics”
2001 – 2005	Researcher at the Johannes-Gutenberg University Mainz, Department of Philosophy

Academic Education

2006	PhD in Economics, Technical University of Berlin (Degree: summa cum laude/ with distinction. Supervisors: Dorothea Kuebler, Paul Heidhues)
2004	PhD in Philosophy, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (Degree: summa cum laude/ with distinction)
2002	Diplom (equivalent to Master) in Economics, Free University of Berlin (best degree of the cohort)
2000	Master in Philosophy, Free University of Berlin

Research Visits (at least 1 month)

02/2019	Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica, Barcelona, Spain, invited by Jordi Brandts
04-06/2018	Caltech, USA, invited by Thomas Palfrey
01/2014	University of Vienna, invited by Jean-Robert Tyran
10/2013 – 12/2013	Institute of Advanced Studies in Toulouse (IAST), invited by Paul Seabright
03/2013	Tel Aviv University, invited by Chaim Fershtman

- 01/2011 – 03/2011 Fellowship at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, funded by the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
- 10/2009 – 03/2010 Visiting Scholar at the Department of Economics of Princeton University, invited by Roland Bénabou

Publications in Economics

The Swing Voter's Curse in Social Networks (with B. Buechel). Forthcoming in *Games and Economic Behavior*.

Motivated to Vote. Forthcoming in *Games and Economic Behavior*, 2019 (with Jean-Robert Tyran).

If I can do it, so can you! Peer Effects on Perseverance. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2018.09.004>, 2019 (with Berno Buechel and Julia Petersen).

When do conflicting parties share political power? An experimental study. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2, 139-15, 2015 (with M. Battaglini).

On the failure of hindsight-biased principals to delegate optimally. *Management Science* 61(8), 1938–1959, 2015 (with D. Danz, D. Kuebler and J. Schmid).

Why Votes Have Value: Instrumental Voting with Overconfidence and Overestimation of Others' Errors. *Games and Economic Behavior*, 84, 17-38, 2014 (with I. Dittmann, D. Kuebler and E. Maug).

A strategic mediator who is biased into the same direction as the expert can improve information transmission. *Economics Letters*, 117, 490-492, 2012 (with J. Münster).

Migration of the Highly Talented: Can Europe Catch Up with the U.S.? *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 14, 945-969, 2012 (with R. Strausz).

Cheap Talk in the Classroom: How biased grading at school explains gender differences in achievements, career choices, and wages. *Review of Economic Studies*, 76, 1431-1459, 2009.

The Bologna Process: How student mobility affects multi-cultural skills and educational quality. *International Tax and Public Finance*, 15 (2), 109-130, 2008 (with R. Strausz).

Working papers in Economics

Competition over Context-Sensitive Consumers (with A. Apffelstaedt), revision requested by *Management Science*.

Whistle-Blower Protection: Theory and Experimental Evidence (with G. Muehlheusser and A. Roider), revision requested by the *European Economic Review*.

Deliberative structures and their impact on voting behavior under social conflict (with J. Brandts and L. Gerhards).

Preferences over Taxation of High Income Individuals: Evidence from Online and Laboratory Experiments (with D. Engelmann, E. Janeba and N. Wehrhöfer).

The Paradox of Integration: A Model of Relative Group Standings.

Grants

Principal Investigator, leader of Work package - EU Consortium DEMOS (Horizon 2020, H2020-SC6-GOVERNANCE-2018, RIA), lead by Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Zsolt Boda). Share: approx. 380.000 EUR.

Teaching Experience

New Developments in Public Economics (Lecture)
Political Economics (Lecture + Seminar)
Experimental Economics (Lecture)
Rationality in Experimental Economics (Lecture)
Behavioral Economics (Lecture)
Advanced Networks and Economics (Seminar)
Educational Economics (Seminar)
Advanced Microeconomics I + II (Lectures)
Game Theory (Lecture)
Industrial Economics (Lecture)

Presentations in Economics

Invited talks

Caltech, May 1 and 18, 2018
Helmut-Schmidt-University of Hamburg, February 1, 2018
Economics Department of the University of Konstanz May 31, 2016
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, May 2, 2016
Economics Department of the University of Regensburg, January 11, 2016
Economics Department of the University of Dortmund, October 17, 2015
Economics Department of the University of Potsdam, November 17, 2015
Economics Department of the University of Vienna, June 5, 2014
IAST, Toulouse, October 2013
Economics Department of the University of Marburg May 2013
INSEAD, October 2012
Economics Department of the University of Tübingen, July 13, 2011
Collective Research Center 884 "The Political Economy of Reforms", University of Mannheim, April 4, 2011
Economics Department of the University of Magdeburg, December 16, 2009
Economics Department of Princeton University, 8 December 2009
Munich Graduate School of Economics, University of Munich, May 4, 2009
Economics Department of the University of Dresden, November 27, 2006
Economics Department of the University of Paderborn, October 31, 2006
Max-Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn, January 25, 2006

Other presentations (conferences and workshops)

Behavioral Public Economics Workshop in Vienna, September 10-12, 2018
ESEM, Cologne, August 27-31, 2018
Yearly Meeting of the VfS 2017, September 3 – 6, Vienna
Groningen University 2017, June 6

Yearly Meeting of the VfS 2014, September 7 - 10, Hamburg
 2014 Political Economy Workshop, May 12 – 13, Milano
 NYU CESS 7th Annual Experimental Political Science Conference 2014, March 7 – 8, New York
 ESA-ESEM 2013 (Annual Conference of the European Economic Association and the Econometric Society), Gothenburg, August 26 – 30
 2013 ESA World Meetings, July 12 - 14, Zurich
 13th Annual Public Economic Theory Conference 2013 (PET13), July 5 - 7, Lisbon
 GAMES 2012, July 22 - 26, Istanbul
 CEPR-Conference on the Economics of Interaction and Culture, April 27 – 28, 2012, Rome
 Yearly Meeting of the VfS 2010, September 7 - 10, Kiel
 Yearly Conference of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2010, August 23 - 26, Glasgow
 Econometric Society World Congress (ESWC) 2010, August 17 - 21, Shanghai
 Workshop on Political Economy, July 25-27, 2010, Stony Brook, U.S.A.
 Yearly Meeting of the VfS 2009, September 8 - 11, Magdeburg
 Yearly Conference of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2008, August 27 - 31, Milano
 Yearly Conference of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2007, August 27 - 31, Budapest
 Yearly Conference of the Econometric Society (ESEM) 2006, August 24 - 28, Vienna
 Econometric Society World Congress (ESWC) 2005, 19 - 24 August, London
 Conference on Higher Education, Globalization and Multijurisdictionality, 2005, December, Mons
 Public Economic Theory (PET) 2005, June 16 - 18, Marseille

Publications in Philosophy

Monograph

Kants Neutralismus, 374 Seiten, mentis, 2006.

Contributions in Journals

Das logische Ich: Kant über den Gehalt des Begriffes von sich selbst von Tobias Rosefeldt. *European Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 11, 2, 242-247, 2003.

The Stability Theory of Knowledge and Belief Revision. A Commentary on Rott's Paper Stability, Strength and Sensitivity: Converting Belief into Knowledge. *Erkenntnis* 61, 495-507, 2004.

Realismus oder Antirealismus? – Ein modales Kriterium. Roland Bluhm & Christian Nitz (Ed.): *Ausgewählte Beiträge zu den Sektionen der GAP.5, 5. Internationaler Kongress der Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie*, Bielefeld, 22.–26. September 2003 / *Selected Papers Contributed to the Sections of GAP.5, 5th International Congress of the Society for Analytical Philosophy*, Bielefeld, 22–26 September 2003. (CD-ROM), mentis, 2004.

Probleme der Aspektlehre zu Kants Unterscheidung zwischen Erscheinungen und Dingen an sich. V. Gerhardt, R.P. Horstmann, R. Schumacher (Ed.): *Kant und die Berliner Aufklärung. Akten des IX. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*. 2nd Vol., 631-637, 2001.

Raum und Substanz bei Leibniz und Kant. Wie weit geht Kants Kritik an der Monadenlehre? H. Poser (Ed.): *Nihil sine ratione*. Akten des VII. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongresses. 2. Vol., 793-799, 2001.

How to Get Rid of the Mind Body Problem. Ontological Relativism and the Pragmatic Notion of Metaphysical Truth. *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, 1998.

Selected Non-scientific Publications

Heil und Unheil des Selbstbilds: Reflexionen zu *Manuel Vicents* Roman «Die Bildersammlerin». *Orientierung* 8, 2006.

Geschichtsdenken im Judentum nach Auschwitz. *Orientierung* 4, 44-48, 1996.

Die Ritter vom heiligen Kontakt. Tagungsbericht. *Deutschland Archiv* 9, 978-980, 1995.

Juden, Polen, Deutsche – vom Dialog zum Gespräch. *Orientierung* 15, 172-174, 1995.

Trialog. Auf der Suche nach einem kulturellen Europa. *Aktuelle Ostinformationen* 3 / 4, 67-72, 1994.

Foreign Languages

English (fluent), French (baccalaureat level)

Awards and Scholarships

2011 Fellowship from the Social Science Research Center Berlin, funding the research visit at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (January – March 2011)

2009 Fellowship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), funding the research visit at the Department of Economics at Princeton University

1996-2004 Fellowship of the German Academic National Foundation

Training of Early Career Researchers

Jan Biermann Since 2018, current employment: Research Associate, Department of Economics, University of Hamburg

Arno Apffelstaedt Former Research Associate, since 2018: Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cologne