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CURRENT POSITION:

Since 2015	Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Bern
Since 2020	Director of the Center for Regional Economic Development (CRED)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

2013 – 2015	Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Bern
2010 – 2013	Postdoctoral Researcher, ETH Zurich, Department of Management, Technology, and Economics
2014 – present	Verein für Socialpolitik: Committee for Urban and Regional Economics
2012 – present	CESifo Affiliate
2012 – present	CAGE Research Associate, University of Warwick
2007 – 2010	Research Analyst for the European Economic Advisory Group (CESifo)
2006 – 2010	Research and Teaching Assistant, Chair of Economics and Public Finance, University of Munich

EDUCATION:

2010	Ph.D., Munich Graduate School of Economics, University of Munich
2001 – 2006	Studies of Economics, University of Munich, Diplom-Volkswirt
2004 – 2005	Visiting Student, Columbia University, New York City

RESEARCH VISITS:

08/2019-01/2020	Visiting Fellow University of California, Berkeley
01/2018-02/2018	Visiting Fellow CEMFI, Madrid
04/2013-07/2013	Visiting Fellow at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Department of Economics
03/2012-04/2012	Visiting Fellow at University of Warwick, Department of Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Regional and Urban Economics, Public Economics, International Economics

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

1. Calling from the outside: The role of networks in residential mobility, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2020 (with Konstantin Büchel, Elisabet Viladecans Marsal and Diego Puga).
2. Geographical Disparities and Place-Based Policies in Europe, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2020 (with Henry G. Overman).
3. On the Optimal Design of Place-Based policies: A Structural Evaluation of Regional Transfers, *Journal of International Economics*, 2020 (with Yashar Blouri).
4. Cities and the Structure of Social Interactions: Evidence from Mobile Phone Data, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2020 (with Konstantin Büchel).
5. The Trade Effects of Skilled versus Unskilled Migration, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2020 (with Peter Egger and Douglas Nelson).
6. Productivity Growth, Human Capital, and Technology Spillovers: Nonparametric Evidence for EU Regions, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2019 (with Harald Badinger and Peter H. Egger).
7. Financial Development and Inequality in the Global Economy, *Scandinavian Economic Journal*, 2018, (with Tobias Seidel).
8. The Persistent Effects of Place-Based Policy: Evidence from the West-German Zonenrandgebiet, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2018 (with Tobias Seidel).
9. Effects of EU Regional Policy: 1989-2013, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2018 (with Sascha O. Becker and Peter H. Egger).
10. Institutional Settings and Urban Sprawl: Evidence for Europe, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 2018 (with Christian Hilber and Olivier Schöni).
11. Income Taxes, Sorting, and the Costs of Housing: Evidence from Municipal Boundaries in Switzerland, *Economic Journal*, 2017 (with Christoph Basten and Andrea Lassmann).
12. The Taxation of Bonuses and its Effect on Executive Compensation and Risk-Taking - Evidence from the UK Experience, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, 2017 (with Doina Radulescu).
13. Regional Implications of Financial Market Development: Credit Rationing, Trade, and Location, *European Economic Review*, 2015 (with Tobias Seidel).
14. The Role of Online Platforms for Media Markets – Two-Dimensional Spatial Competition in a Two-Sided Market, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2013 (with Tanja Greiner).
15. Absorptive Capacity and the Growth and Investment Effects of Regional Transfers: A Regression Discontinuity Design with Heterogeneous Treatment Effects, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 5, 2013 (with Peter H. Egger and Sascha O. Becker).
16. Generalized Propensity Scores for Multivalued Multivariate Treatments, *Economics Letters* 119, 2013 (with Peter H. Egger).
17. More Similar Firms More Similar Regions? On the Role of Firm Heterogeneity for Agglomeration, *Regional*

Science and Urban Economics 43, 2013 (with Tobias Seidel).

18. Too Much of a Good Thing? On the Growth Effects of the EU's Regional Policy, *European Economic Review* 56, 2012 (with Peter H. Egger and Sascha O. Becker).
19. Migration and Trade, *The World Economy* 35, 2012 (with Peter H. Egger and Douglas R. Nelson).
20. How Much it Pays to Work in the Financial Sector, *CESifo Economic Studies* 58, 2012 (with Peter H. Egger and Doina M. Radulescu).
21. Going NUTS – The Effect of EU Structural Funds on Regional Performance, *Journal of Public Economics* 94, 2010 (with Sascha O. Becker and Peter H. Egger).
22. Public Input Competition and Agglomeration, *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 39, 2009 (with Robert Fenge and Matthias Wrede).

SUBMITTED PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS:

- The Amplifying Effect of Capitalization Rates on Housing Supply, CRED Working Paper 24, 2019 (with Simon Büchler and Olivier Schöni), invited for revise and resubmission at *Journal of Urban Economics*.
- The Role of Geography and Political Fragmentation for Residential Development: Evidence from 1919 to 2015, 2018 (with Christian Hilber and Olivier Schöni).
- Location Choice, Consumption and Competition in Space (with Tobias Seidel and Frederic Kluser)
- Matching and Clustering in Urban Social Networks (with Konstantin Büchel)

MONOGRAPHS AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

- EU Regional Policy and the UK (with Sascha O. Becker and Peter H. Egger), in N. Campos and F. Coricelli (Ed.), *The Economics of the UK-EU Relationship: From the Treaty of Rome to the Vote for Brexit*, 2017, Palgrave Macmillan.
- Regional Policy (with Sascha O. Becker and Peter H. Egger), in H. Badinger and V. Nitsch (Ed.), *Handbook of the Economics of European Integration*, 2016, Routledge.
- Agglomeration and the Effects of Regional Transfer Schemes, *Munich Dissertations in Economics* 11163, 2010, University of Munich, Department of Economics.

POLICY ARTICLES & MEDIA COVERAGE:

- Wie reagiert das Wohnraumangebot auf Preisänderungen?, *Volkswirtschaft*, 2018 (with Simon Büchler and Olivier Schöni)
- Land Use, Land Use Policy and Local Taxation, *OECD Consultant Report*, 2016 (with Christian Hilber and Olivier Schöni).
- Langfristige Effekte der Regionalpolitik, ifo Dresden berichtet, 2016 (with Tobias Seidel)
- EU Regionalförderung: Ziele, Diagnose ihrer Wirkung und Empfehlungen für die Zukunft, *Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftspolitik/Journal for Economic Policy*, 2013 (with Peter H. Egger).
- Wachstums- und Konvergenzeffekte der Europäischen Regionalpolitik in Deutschland, *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik* 8, 2007 (with Robert Fenge, Wolfgang Eggert and Günther König).

- Papers on EU regional policy cited and summarized in: *Franfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Handelsblatt*, *SRF1 ECO*, *WirtschaftsWoche Online*, *Die Mitbestimmung*, *Ökonomenstimme*, *voxeu.org*.

CITATIONS:

Google Scholar: 1,700 (October 2020)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Peggy and Richard Musgrave Award (IIPF 2014)
- Invitation to Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates 2008 (nominee of Leibniz Association)
- DFG (German Research Foundation), Ph.D. Scholarship from 2006 to 2010
- VAC Munich (University of Munich's Alumni Club), Young Economist Award 2006

RESEARCH GRANTS & POLICY PROJECTS:

- SNF (Swiss National Science Foundation) Grant for project on *The Hidden Consequences of Digital Transformation for the Spatial Economy* as part of National Research Programme "Digital Transformation".
- OECD Grant for Survey on *Local Taxes and Land Use Regulation* (with Christian Hilber and Olivier Schöni).
- SECO (Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs) Grant for project on *Estimating Housing Supply Elasticities*.
- ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) Grant for project on *UK in a Changing Europe: The changing nature of EU Regional Policy in the UK* (with Sascha Becker and Peter H. Egger).
- SNF (Swiss National Science Foundation) Grant for project on *Urban Sprawl: The Role of Land-Use Regulation and Fiscal Competition* (with Christian Hilber).
- SNF (Swiss National Science Foundation) Grant for project on *Structural Estimation of Economic Geography*.
- European Commission Grant for *Comparison of Different Compensation Components and Levels Among Different Sectors of the Economy*, Commission Staff Working Paper SEC (2011) 1102, accompanying the "Proposal for a Council Directive on a Common System of Financial Transaction Tax" (with Peter H. Egger and Doina Radulescu).

TEACHING:

Public Economics (Undergraduate & Master's program), Economics of Taxation (Undergraduate), Regional and Urban Economics (Master's program & MAS, CAS), Economic Geography (Master's program), Fiscal Federalism (Master's program), Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

REFEREEING:

American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Growth, European Journal of Political Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Australian Economic Papers, Bulletin of Economic Research, CESifo Economic Studies, Economics Bulletin, Empirical Economics, Economica, German Economic Review, Journal of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Regional Science, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik,

Review of International Economics, Regional Studies, Review of World Economics, Singapore Economic Review, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft (DFG), Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

CESifo Venice Summer Institute 2017; IIPF 2015 Dublin, 2017 Tokyo; Swiss Real Estate Research Congress, 2017, 2018, 2019 Zurich; CRED Workshop, 2015, Bern, Co-organizer Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics, 2019 Lugano, 2020 Bern.

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

- 2020** Vienna University of Economics and Business, University Autonoma de Barcelona
- 2019:** University of St. Gallen (Finance Department), University of Zurich, UC Berkeley
- 2018:** Christmas Meetings of the German Economists Abroad, University of Milan, University of St. Gallen, Paris School of Economics, Urban Economic Association, Düsseldorf; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics
- 2017:** Applecross Workshop; NBER Summer Institute; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, Singapore.
- 2016:** Royal Economic Society; Faculty Seminar IEB Barcelona; Faculty Seminar, University of Lucerne; EU Commission Evaluation Conference, Sofia; Ausschuss für Regionalpolitik (VFS) Tellow; Swisscom Seminar; Urban Economic Association, Minnesota.
- 2015:** Seminar CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis; Faculty Seminar University of Freiburg (Germany), Faculty Seminar ETH & UZH, Zurich; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); Urban Economic Association, Portland.
- 2014:** Faculty Seminar University of Basel; Faculty Seminar LSE; NBER Tapes Conference, Vienna; Swiss Economic Society; CESifo Public Economics Meeting; Workshop on Urban Economics organized by Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), Barcelona; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); Urban Economic Association, Washington DC.
- 2013:** Faculty Seminar Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore; University of Lugano; Singapore Economic Review Conference; Econometric Society Asia Meeting.
- 2012:** Urban Economics Association, Ottawa; CEPR Conference on the Design and Impact of Tax Reform, Vienna; Workshop on Federalism and Regional Policy, University of Siegen; European Economic Association (EEA); Econometric Society; German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik); European Science Foundation, Exploratory Workshop on Fiscal Policy at the Regional Level and Intergovernmental Relations, Barcelona; CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics.
- 2011:** Faculty Seminar University of Lugano, December 12; CEPR Conference on International Migration, Vienna; Urban Economics Association; European Economic Association (EEA); International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF); Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES); Royal Economic Society; Faculty Seminar Vienna University of Economics and Business; Economic Geography and International Trade Research Meeting (EGIT).

2006-10: CESifo Seminar, 2010, Munich; Association for Public Economic Theory (PET), 2010, Istanbul; Scottish Economic Society, 2009, European Economic Association (EEA), 2008; International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF), 2008; Workshop on Spatial Econometrics and Statistics, 2008, Paris; Faculty Seminar TU Dresden, 2008; German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik), 2007; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), 2007; Association for Public Economic Theory (PET), 2007; DFG Workshop Fiscal Federalism, 2006.