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Personal Data

Date of Birth: May, 25, 1977
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Current and Past Positions

since 04/2011	Full Professor (W3), Chair for Public Economics and Center for Macroeconomic Research, <i>University of Cologne</i> , Germany
09/2010 – 03/2011	Visiting Professor (Lehrstuhlvertretung), Public Economics, <i>University of Mannheim</i> , Germany
06/2006 – 03/2011	Senior Research Fellow, <i>Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods</i> , Bonn, Germany
09/2006 – 03/2007	Visiting Scholar, <i>Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> , Cambridge, USA
2004 – 2006	Research assistant, <i>Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods</i> , Bonn, Germany
2002 – 2004	Research and teaching assistant for Professor Martin Hellwig, <i>University of Mannheim</i> , Germany

Education

05/2006	Dissertation, <i>University of Mannheim</i> . Advisors: Prof. Martin Hellwig, Ph.D. and Prof. Dr. Eckhard Janeba
10/2002 – 05/2006	Doctoral student, <i>Center for Doctoral Studies in Economics, University of Mannheim</i>
09/2002	Diploma in Economics, <i>University of Mannheim</i>
09/2000 – 06/2001	Erasmus exchange student at the university of Tilburg, The Netherlands
10/1997 – 08/2002	Studies in economics at the universities of Saarbrücken, Germany, and Mannheim, Germany

Further Professional Activities

since 12/2019	CEPR Research Fellow
12/2018 – 02/2020	Spokesperson, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets and Public Policy
07/2016 – 12/2018	Designated Spokesperson, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets and Public Policy
since 09/2018	Board of Academic Advisors, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
2018	Head of local organizing committee, EEA-ESEM 2018 at the University of Cologne
since 2017	Member of Executive Board, Reinhard Selten Institute
since 2017	Associate Editor, Journal of Economics
since 2017	Member of the Committee on Economic Theory (theoretischer Ausschuss), Verein für Socialpolitik
08/2014 – 04/2019	Spokesperson Competence Area “Social and Economic Behavior” at the University of Cologne
since 06/2012	Member of the Committee on Public Finance (finanzwissenschaftlicher Ausschuss), Verein für Socialpolitik
since 04/2011	Research Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods
since 10/2010	Editorial Board, European Journal of Political Economy
since 04/2009	CESifo Research Network Fellow

Awards

- Prix Edmond Malinvaud awarded by the French Economic Association for joint work with Pierre Boyer on “*Efficiency, Welfare and Political Competition*”, 2017
- IIPF Young Economists Awards 2012 for the paper on “*Political Competition and Mirrleesian Income Taxation: a First Pass*”, joint with Pierre Boyer, 2012
- Dissertation awarded with Otto Hahn Medaille of the *Max Planck Society*, 2007

Working Papers

- *Pareto-improving tax reforms and the Earned Income Tax Credit*, with Pierre Boyer and Emanuel Hansen, June 2020
- *Politically Feasible Reforms of Nonlinear Tax Systems*, with Pierre Boyer and Andreas Peichl, revised April 2020 (Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Review)
- *Taxes and Turnout*, with Aleh Tsyvinski and Nicolas Werquin, revised July 2019 (Revise and Resubmit, American Economic Review)
- *Public-Good Provision in Large Economies 1: Linear Payment and Provision Cost Functions*, with Martin Hellwig, March 2016
- *Boring Banks and Taxes*, with Rafael Aigner, April 2015
- *On the legitimacy of coercion for the financing of public goods*, revised December 2011, Supplementary Material (download)
- *Political Blockades and Election Timing*, with Lydia Mechtenberg, revised September 2010

Publications

- *Harry Potter and the welfare of the willfully blinded*, In: Deliberate Ignorance: Choosing not to know, edited by R. Hertwig and C. Engel. Strüngmann Forum Reports, vol 29, J.R. Lupp, series editor. Cambridge, MA: MIT press, in press.
- *All or nothing: State capacity and optimal public goods provision*, with Justus Winkelmann, Journal of Economic Theory, forthcoming.
- *Robust Mechanism Design and Social Preferences*, with Axel Ockenfels, Andreas Pollak and Desiree Rueckert, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 149, pp. 59-80, 2017.
- *Mechanism Design and Intentions*, with Nick Netzer, Journal of Economic Theory, vol. 163, pp. 557-603, 2016.
- *Robustly Coalition-Proof Incentive Mechanisms for Public Good Provision are Voting Mechanisms and Vice Versa*, with Martin Hellwig, Review of Economic Studies, vol. 83, pp. 1440-1464, 2016.
- *Efficiency, Welfare and Political Competition*, with Pierre Boyer, Quarterly Journal of Economics, vol. 131, pp. 461-518, 2016.
- *Tax incidence for fragile financial markets*, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 120, pp. 107-125, 2014.
- *The Pareto-frontier in a simple Mirrleesian model of income taxation*, with Pierre Boyer, Annals of Economics and Statistics, vol. 113/114, pp. 185-206, 2014.

- *Optimal tax and expenditure policy with aggregate uncertainty*, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, vol. 6, pp. 205-257, 2014.
- *Strategic Nonlinear Income Tax Competition with Perfect Labor Mobility*, with Craig Brett and John A. Weymark, Games and Economic Behavior, vol. 82, pp. 292-311, 2013.
- *Political competition and Mirrleesian income taxation: A first pass*, with Pierre Boyer, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 103, pp 1-14 (lead article), 2013.
- *Distortionary Taxation and the Free-Rider Problem*, International Tax and Public Finance, vol. 19, pp. 732-752, 2012.
- *On the optimality of optimal income taxation*, Journal of Economic Theory, vol. 146, pp. 2105-2116, 2011.
- *Incomplete contracts and excludable public goods*, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 95, pp. 553-569, 2011.
- *Optimal democratic mechanisms for taxation and public-good provision*, with Marco Sahm, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 94, pp. 453-466, 2010.
- *A Note on Optimal Income Taxation, Public Goods Provision and Robust Mechanism Design*, Journal of Public Economics, vol. 93, pp. 667-670, 2009.
- *Optimal Income Taxation and Public Good Provision with Endogenous Interest Groups*, Journal of Public Economic Theory, vol. 11, no. 2, pp. 311-342, 2009.

Publications in German:

- *Ungleiche Einkommen, ungleiche Vermögen und optimale Steuern*, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, Ausgabe 17(1), S. 2-24, 2016.
- *Steuervermeidung vermeiden. Sollen wir das wollen?* Ifo Schnelldienst, Ausgabe 11/2013.
- *Die Wirkung einer Finanztransaktionssteuer auf ein instabiles Finanzsystem*, Ökonomenstimme, September 2012.