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Curriculum Vitae

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Chair for Public Economics  
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**Personal Data**

Date of Birth: May, 25, 1977  
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Two children, born 2006 and 2017.

**Current and Past Positions**

since 04/2011	Full Professor, Chair for Public Economics and Center for Macroeconomic Research, <i>University of Cologne</i> , Germany
09/2010 – 03/2011	Visiting Professor, 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, <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>
10/1997 – 08/2002	Studies in economics at the universities of Saarbrücken and Mannheim, Germany, and Tilburg, Netherlands

## Further Professional Activities

since 07/2021	Associate Editor, Journal of Public Economic Theory
since 12/2019	Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) 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, Annual meeting European Economic Associations and Econometric Society (EEA-ESEM) 2018 at the University of Cologne
01/2017 – 02/2020	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
- Young Economists Award by the International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF) for the paper on “*Political Competition and Mirrleesian Income Taxation: a First Pass*”, joint with Pierre Boyer, 2012
- Otto Hahn Medaille of the *Max Planck Society* awarded for dissertation *Essays on Public Goods Provision and Income Taxation*, 2007

## Working Papers

- *Pareto-improving tax reforms and the Earned Income Tax Credit*, with Pierre Boyer and Emanuel Hansen, August 2021 (Revise and Resubmit, *Econometrica*)
- *Competitive Gerrymandering and the Popular Vote*, with Mattias Polborn, October 2021

## Publications

- *Taxes and Turnout*, with Aleh Tsyvinski and Nicolas Werquin, *American Economic Review*, vol. 112, pp. 689-719, 2022.
- *Politically Feasible Reforms of Nonlinear Tax Systems*, with Pierre Boyer and Andreas Peichl, *American Economic Review*, vol. 111, pp. 153-91, 2021.
- *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. Cambridge, MA: MIT press, 2021.
- *All or nothing: State capacity and optimal public goods provision*, with Justus Winkelmann, *Journal of Economic Theory*, vol. 185, pp. 1049-55, 2020.
- *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 Sahn, 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**

- *Nachhaltigkeitsziele und das Lieferkettengesetz*, Wirtschaftsdienst, vol. 102, no. 5, pp. 344-346, 2022.
- *Mehrheitsfähige und wohlfahrtssteigernde Reformen des deutschen Steuer- und Transfersystems: Von Entzugsraten, Mittelstands- und Wohlstandsbäuchchen*, with Andreas Peichl, Dominik Sachs und Daniel Weisshaar, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, vol. 22, no. 3, pp. 191-202, 2021.
- *Ungleiche Einkommen, ungleiche Vermögen und optimale Steuern*, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, Ausgabe 17(1), pp. 2-24, 2016.

### **Contributions to Policy Blogs**

- *Tax reforms and political feasibility*, with Pierre C. Boyer, Andrew Lonsdale and Andreas Peichl, IPP Policy Brief n°74, September 2021
- *Towards politically feasible and welfare-improving tax reforms*, with Pierre Boyer and Andreas Peichl, VoxEU column, October 2020
- *Steuervermeidung vermeiden. Sollen wir das wollen?* Ifo Schnelldienst, Ausgabe 11/2013.
- *Die Wirkung einer Finanztransaktionssteuer auf ein instabiles Finanzsystem*, Ökonomenstimme, September 2012.

### **Miscellaneous**

- *An interview of John Weymark* with Claude d'Aspremont in Marc Fleurbaey and Maurice Salles, Eds., Conversations on Social Choice and Welfare Theory – Vol. 1, 2021
- *Essays on Public Goods Provision and Income Taxation*, Dissertation, University of Mannheim, 2006

### **Unpublished manuscripts**

- *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*, December 2011
- *Political Blockades and Election Timing*, with Lydia Mechtenberg, September 2010