

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Research and teaching interests

Primary Fields	Long-run Development, (Quantitative) Economic History
Secondary Fields	Economic Geography, Applied Economics, Political Economy

### Academic positions

09/2018 –	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), CERGE-EI, Prague, part-time until 05/2020
04/2024 –	CESifo Research Network Affiliate
01/2021 –	Researcher at the Czech Academy of Science–EI, Prague
09/2020 –	Research Associate, SIAW at the University of St. Gallen
09/2020 –	External Lecturer, University of Lucerne & University of St. Gallen
07/2018 – 12/2019	Research Fellow/Postdoc, University of Zurich (part-time)
08/2012 – 06/2018	Junior Economist and PhD Candidate, ifo Institute for Economic Research–Dresden Branch
10/2013– 03/2018	Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter), University of Technology Dresden

### Publications

“Activated history: The case of the Turkish sieges of Vienna”, with Felix Roesel, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2024, 16(3), 76–112. [[Read final version](#)] [[Access via AEA website](#)]

“Migrating extremists”, with Felix Roesel, *The Economic Journal*, 2020, 130(628), 1135–1172. [[Read article](#)] [[Access via EJ site](#)]

### Conditionally accepted for publication

“Hostility, population sorting, and backwardness: Quasi-experimental evidence from the Red Army after WWII”, CERGE-EI Working Paper Series 768, 2023. **Conditionally accepted** at *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. [[Read current version](#)]

### Working papers

“Pandemics' backlash: The effects of the 1918 influenza on health attitudes and behavior”, CESifo Working Paper Series No. 11903, 2025, with [Lukas Schmid](#) [[Read CESifo WP](#)].

“Gender after war: Casualties, nation building and victimization after the collapse of the Habsburg Empire”, mimeo, with [Sinara Gharibyan](#) (PhD Cand.) and [Monika Koepl-Turyna](#) [[Read Working Paper](#)]

“Fast car to boom and bust: Transportation technology and its causal effects on rural economic development”, with [Flavio Malnati](#) (PhD Cand.). [Draft available upon request]

**Work in progress (selected)**

“Big push and sector development – US induced regional growth and its spillovers in post-WWII Europe”, with Riga Qi (PhD Cand.)

“Opposition and gradual acceptance of new technologies: The case of a breakthrough technology in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century”, with Benedikt Marxer (PhD Cand.)

“The evolution of the gender aspiration gap”, with Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan (PhD Cand.), [Sinara Gharibyan](#) (PhD Cand.), and [Gregor Pfeifer](#)

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**PhD studies (incl. visits)**


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10/2012 – 06/2018	Dr. rer. pol. (equiv. PhD in Economics), TU Dresden Thesis title: Socio-economic persistence of historical shocks <i>summa cum laude</i> , Supervisor: Prof. Dr. M. Thum
01/2017 – 03/2017	Visiting Research Student in Economics, University of Warwick (UK)
05/2016 – 06/2016	Visiting Researcher, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna (AUT)
10/2012 – 10/2014	PhD courses, Central-German Doctoral Program in Economics

**Pre-PhD education**


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10/2009 – 03/2012	Master of Science in Economics, Humboldt-University Berlin
10/2006 – 08/2009	Bachelor of Arts in Business and Economics, University of Basel
10/2004 – 09/2005	Swiss University Entrance Diploma (Passarelle), Interstate Grammar School for Adults, ISME St. Gallen/Sargans
08/2000 – 08/2004	Swiss Certificate of Competence (Carpenter) and technical baccalaureate, Vocational school Wil-Uzwil/St. Gallen

**Professional experiences**


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04/2012 – 06/2012	Intern, German Institute for Economic Research, DIWecon Berlin
04/2009 – 08/2009	Intern, Baloise Insurance Group, Basel
09/2004 – 08/2008	Carpenter (part-time after 08/2006), Küchen Moser (Appenzell), Elbau (Bühler), Lehman Arnegg AG (Arnegg)
08/2000 – 08/2004	Carpenter, Vocational Training, Lehmann Arnegg AG (Arnegg)

**Awards and grants**

Swiss National Sciences Foundation (SNF) and Czech Science Foundation (GACR); GACR-PI for the project “*Modern Times Without Us! Determinants and Effects of Technology Skepticism, Grisons 1900-1940*”, 2023-2026 (≈CHF 203k via GACR; ≈CHF 510k in total)

PRIMUS research grant by Charles University; Principal investigator for the project “*Gender differences: Causes and consequences of gender specific behavior in nation-building and peer-group aspiration*”, 2022-2024

Czech Science Foundation (GACR); PI for the project “*Shocked by wars: Quasi-natural experiments on regional economic growth and nation building*”, 2021-2023 (≈US\$ 170k)

Jan Svejnar and Katherine Terrell Teaching Prize at CERGE-EI for 2023/2024 [[Link](#)]

Jan Svejnar and Katherine Terrell Teaching Prize at CERGE-EI for 2018/2019 [[Link](#)]

Heinz König Young Scholar Award 2019 by the ZEW Mannheim [[Link](#)]

Young Economist Award 2016 of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) [[Link](#)]

Hans Raupach Best Paper Award of the 8th IOS/APB/EACE Summer Academy

Travel Grant for a short-term research stay abroad (KFA), Graduate Academy of TU Dresden  
 Verein für Socialpolitik, Award for presentation at EPCS 2016 and EEA 2017

### Teaching experience

PhD/MER: “Quantitative Concepts in Economic History”, Lecture, CERGE-EI (7x 2019–)

Graduate: “Applied Microeconomics: From correlation to causation”, Lecture, DLP CERGE-EI (Spring Term 2022, Fall Term 2023, Spring Term 2025)  
 “Economic History of the 20th Century”, Lecture, TU Dresden (5x 2013–18)

Undergrads: “Economic History of Central and Eastern Europe” Lecture in the international AEP program, CERGE-EI (6x since 2020)  
 “Economic History”, Block Lecture, University of Lucerne (5x since 2020)  
 “Economic History”, Lecture, University of St. Gallen (4x since 2021)  
 “The Political Economy of culture”, University of Zurich (IPS), (3x since 2022)  
 “History of Economic Thoughts”, Seminar, TU Dresden (2014 & 2015)  
 “Academic Writing (WPA)”, Seminar, TU Dresden (2015)

Other: “Convergence of East Germany since reunification”, Seminars at the EHU (Vilnius, 2014), for DAAD (Bonn, Dresden, 2016) and KAS (Dresden, 2017)

### Skills

Language: German (Swiss German), English (fluent), French (intermediate)  
 Software: MS Office, Stata, LATEX, SPSS, R (intermediate)

### Invited seminars and conference presentations (incl. scheduled)

2026 Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) (scheduled)

2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Bolzano Workshop on Economic History; EUBA Bratislava, TU Braunschweig, SSES Conference at ETH Zurich; Public Health Conference Prague; EHES Hohenheim; Toulouse Business School (scheduled); Corvinus University Budapest (scheduled), SITE–Stockholm School of Economics (scheduled)

2024 7<sup>th</sup> PEDD Conference at University of Münster; SYRI Workshop Prague; KRTK Institute Budapest; CUNEF Universidad Madrid; TU Dresden, SEA End of the Year Conference at the University of Lucerne

2023 EHES Vienna; WEast Conference Prague; ECONtribute Workshop at the University of Bonn; 5th Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics at USI; SEA End of the Year Workshop at the University of Zurich; Grisons Historical Society Chur; UNCE Workshop Prague; University of St. Gallen; LISER–Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research at Esch-sur-Alzette

2022 IAST at Toulouse School of Economics; ETH/KOF Zurich; University of Bayreuth; University of Mannheim; University of Bristol; UNCE Workshop Prague; SEA End of the Year Conference at the University of Basel

2021 Masaryk University Brno, Swiss Economist Abroad (SEA) Meeting, SEA Meeting Basel; Uni Hohenheim; HSG-SIAW Bollenwees Workshop; UNCE Workshop at Charles University Prague

2020 3<sup>rd</sup> UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development (Weggis); UNCE Workshop at Charles University Prague; MLU Halle-Wittenberg; Talking Economics at CERGE-EI

2019	SITE/Stockholm School of Economics, Uni Fribourg; Uni Luzern; Uni St. Gallen; ZEW Public Finance Conference; ZEW, 2 <sup>nd</sup> UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development; CERGE-EI; Uni Zurich
2018	Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; CREA WS Uni Luxembourg; Hertie School of Governance (Berlin); Humboldt-University Berlin; NOeG (Vienna); VfS (Freiburg i.Br., Invited session); DGO (Berlin); LMU Munich; Uni Bern; Uni Bonn; Uni Konstanz; Uni Sussex; University of Southern Denmark
2017	ASREC–Europe (Bologna); CAGE–AMES (Warwick); CAGE/EHES/IAS Summer School (Warwick); CGDE (Jena); EEA (Lisbon); EHES (Tübingen); Humboldt University (Berlin); 7th ifo WS Regional Economics (Dresden); IRES Graduate Workshop at Chapman University (Orange, CA); JKU (Linz); NOeG (Linz); RES PhD Meeting (London); SAEe (Barcelona); SESS (Lausanne); SMYE (Halle); VfS (Vienna); Uni Basel
2016	CESifo WS on Pol. Economy (Dresden); CGDE (Magdeburg); EEA (Geneva); EPCS (Freiburg/Br); Humboldt University (Berlin); IOS/APB/EACE (Tutzing); NOeG–SEA (Bratislava); VfS (Augsburg); WEast (Prague)
2015	CESifo WS on Political Economy (Dresden); CGDE (Halle); EHES (Pisa); ifo/CES Christmas Conference (Munich); Humboldt University (Berlin)
2014	ifo/CES Christmas Conference (Munich)

### Academic service and membership

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Organizer:	Applied Micro Research Seminar Series at CERGE-EI, since 2019 WEast Conference of EHES 2023, host and local organizer UZH Conference on Political Economy and Development, 2019 & 2020 ifo Dresden Workshop on “Regional Economics”, 7x from 2012–2018
Referee:	<i>Academic journals:</i> Quarterly Journal of Economics (2x), Review of Economic Studies (3x), Economic Journal (6x), Review of Economics and Statistics (1x), Journal of the European Economic Association (1x), European Economic Review (1x), Explorations in Economic History (1x), Comparative Political Studies (1x), European Journal of Political Economy (1x) <i>Research institutions/grants:</i> FWF–Austrian Science Foundation (1x); Charles University Grant Agency–GAUK (5x)
Membership:	AEA, EHES, VfS, SSES

### Policy consultation (selected)

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“Growth strategies of firms in East German states”, Client: German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), Period: Nov. 2016 – Aug. 2017.

„Die Wirtschaftsdynamik beiderseits der ehemaligen innerdeutschen Grenze“ (with M. Weber), *ifo Dresden berichtet* 23(05), 2016: 15–23. [[Read](#)]

„Die Kleinteiligkeit der ostdeutschen Wirtschaft – dynamisch betrachtet“ (with M. Weber) *ifo Dresden berichtet* 21(05), 2014: 22–33. [[Read](#)]

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