Curriculum Vitae
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Research and teaching interests

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

Academic positions

02/2026 –	Associate Professor with Tenure, CERGE-EI, Prague (Research sabbatical in 2026/2027)
09/2018 – 01/2026	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), CERGE-EI, Prague (part-time until 04/2020)
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, University of Zurich (Department of Political Science)
07/2026 – 12/2026	Research Fellow/Postdoc, University of Lucerne (part-time)
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

"Hostility, population sorting, and backwardness: Quasi-experimental evidence from the Red Army after WWII" (single-authored), ***The Review of Economics and Statistics*** (forthcoming) [Read final version] [Access via REStat]

"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]

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]

"Gendered voting after war: Casualties and victimization during nation-building", mimeo, with Sinara Gharibyan, and Monika Koeppl-Turyna [Read Working Paper]

"Fast car to boom and bust: Transportation technology and its causal effects on rural economic development", mimeo, with Flavio Malnati [Read current draft]

"When rivals break through: Peer effects in professional competitive settings", with Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan (PhD Cand.), Sinara Gharibyan, and Gregor Pfeifer [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.)

"System competition and the welfare state", with Blend Berisha (PhD Cand.)

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

"The evolution of the gender aspiration gap", with Sinara Gharibyan, and Gregor Pfeifer

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PhD studies (incl. visits)

10/2012 – 06/2018	Dr. rer. pol. (equiv. PhD in Economics), TU Dresden Thesis title: Socio-economic persistence of historical shocks *summa cum laude*, 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

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

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 (8x 2019–)
Graduate:	"Applied Microeconomics: From correlation to causation", Lecture, DLP CERGE-EI (ST 2022, FT 2023, ST 2025, ST 2026)
	"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 (7x since 2020)
	"Economic History", Block Lecture, University of Lucerne (7x since 2020)
	"Economic History", Lecture, University of St. Gallen (6x since 2021)
	"The Political Economy of Culture", University of Zurich (IPZ), (4x 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)

PhD students' main supervision (incl. placement)

Flavio Malnati [Profile]:	Graduation in 07/2026, placement: EUBA (Assistant Professor)
Yervand Martirosyan:	Graduated in 04/2026, placement: KBC (private sector)
Sinara Gharibyan [Profile]:	Graduated in 10/2025, placement: IOS Regensburg (Postdoc)
Philipp Kerler [Profile]:	Graduation in 01/2024 (co-chair), placement: IPZ UZH (Postdoc)
Riga Qi [Profile]:	Expected graduation in 2027
Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan:	Expected graduation in Winter 2026/27
Le Thy Ha Van:	Expected graduation in Winter 2026/27
Georgios Karakannas:	Expected graduation in 2028/29
Zhandos Tursumbekov:	Expected graduation in 2028/29

Skills

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

Invited seminars and conference presentations (incl. scheduled)

2027	Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) (scheduled), KU Leuven (scheduled)
2026	IOS Summer Academy (keynote speaker), University of St. Gallen, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg, University of Halle-Wittenberg, UniDistance Suisse Brig, SNSF-GACR Project Workshop, Bollenwees Workshop
2025	3rd Bolzano Workshop on Economic History; EUBA Bratislava, TU Braunschweig, SSES Conference at ETH Zurich; Public Health Conference

	Prague; EHES Hohenheim; CESifo Workshop on Political Economy, Corvinus University Budapest, SITE–Stockholm School of Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (PolSci)
2024	7th 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	3rd 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, 2nd 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

Organizer:	SNSF-GACR Project Workshop "Modern Times without us!" (scheduled)
	Applied Micro Research Seminar Series at CERGE-EI, 2019–2025
	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:	*Academic journals:* Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied

	Economics, Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, European Economic Review, The Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Economy, …
Referee	*Research* institutions/grants: FWF–Austrian Science Foundation; Leverhulme Trust, Charles University Grant Agency–GAUK
Membership:	AEA, EHES, VfS, SEA

Policy consultation (selected)

"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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