

Interests Health economics, labor economics, social security, applied econometrics.

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## Current positions and affiliations

Since 2019 Harvard University, Harvard Medical School  
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Health Care Policy.

Affiliations CESifo Munich

## Past positions and research visits

2019 University of Basel, Department of Economics  
Postdoctoral fellow, Labour Economics Research Group.

2018 Sanitas Health Insurance, Zürich  
Data Scientist, Advanced Analytics Division.

2018 University of St. Gallen, Department of Economics  
Doctoral/postdoctoral fellow, Center for Disability and Integration.

2015 University of Uppsala, Department of Statistics/IFAU  
Research stay, Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy (IFAU).

2011 University of Freiburg, Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences  
Research and teaching assistant, Institute for Economic Research.

## Education

2017 University of St. Gallen, School of Economics and Political Science  
PhD in Economics, specialization track: Econometrics, grade: 6.0/6.0.  
Thesis committee: Michael Lechner, Rafael Lalive, Reto Föllmi.

2011 University of Freiburg, Faculty of Economics and Behavioral Sciences  
Diploma in Economics.

## Research

Publications Peers with special needs: Effects and policies. 2020. *Review of Economics and Statistics*. *Forthcoming*. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).

Summer-born struggle: The effect of school starting age on health, education, and work. 2020. *Health Economics* 29(5), 591–607. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).

Does external medical review reduce disability insurance inflow? 2019. *Journal of Health Economics* 64, 108–128.

Disability discrimination in higher education: analyzing the quality of counseling services. 2017. *Education Economics* 25(6), 543–553. (With E. Deuchert, L. Kauer, and C. Wuppermann).

Aging faster in office? the effect of extended service in political office on longevity. 2016. *Applied Economics Letters* 23(7), 510–515. (With E. Deuchert).

On the heterogeneity of terror. 2014. *European Economic Review* 68, 116–136. (With K. Kis-Katos and G. Schulze).

- On the origin of domestic and international terrorism. 2011. *European Journal of Political Economy* 27, 17–36. (With K. Kis-Katos and G. Schulze).
- Working papers  
 Prescription opioids and the heroin epidemic: Unintended consequences of drug monitoring programs. 2020. Harvard University. (With S. Balestra, N. Maestas, and T. Sherri).
- Predicting disability enrollment using machine learning. 2019. *NBER Disability Research Center Paper NB 18-Q4*. Harvard University/NBER. (With T. Layton, N. Maestas, D. Prinz, and B. Vabson).
- Physicians and the production of health: Returns to health care during the mortality transition. 2019. Harvard University. *Under review*. (With B. Mäder).
- Work in progress  
 Efficient treatment regimes for health insurance expansions. 2020. Harvard University. (With A. Denteh).
- Disability insurance, labor supply and latent work capacity in the US population. 2020. Harvard University. (With N. Maestas, K. Mullen, and S. Rose).
- The long-term cost of segregated special needs education. 2019. Harvard University/University of St. Gallen. (With S. Balestra and B. Eugster).
- Dealing with uncertainty: Seller reputation in the online market for illegal drugs. 2019. University of St. Gallen. (With N. Eschenbaum).
- Other publications  
 Arbeitsanreize in der Schweizerischen Invalidenversicherung. 2016. *Education Permanente* 1, 40–44. (With B. Eugster).
- Gezeigt dass es geht? Wirksamkeit unterschiedlicher Politikansätze zur Integration von Menschen mit Behinderung aus volkswirtschaftlicher Perspektive. In: *Berufliche Inklusion von Menschen mit Behinderung: Best Practices aus dem ersten Arbeitsmarkt*. Ed. by S. Böhm, D. Dvertmann, and M. Baumgärtner. Berlin-Heidelberg: Springer, 23–43. 2013 (with E. Deuchert).
- Referee services  
 Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Health Economics, Education Economics, Parliamentary Affairs.

## Presentations

- 2019 Society of Labor Economists, Arlington; American Society for Health Economists, Washington D.C.; Health Economics seminar, Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard University.
- 2018 CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, Munich; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, St. Gallen; European Workshop On Econometrics and Health Economics, Groningen; Brown Bag seminar, University of Lugano (invited); Development Economics Research Seminar, University of Göttingen (invited).
- 2017 American Economic Association, Chicago; Research seminar, University of Freiburg (invited); Workshop on Economics of Education, Catanzaro; European Economic Association, Lisbon; Verein für Socialpolitik, Vienna; Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Lausanne.
- 2016 Research seminar, University of Luzern (invited); European Workshop On Econometrics and Health Economics, Odense.
- 2015 Society of Labor Economists, Montreal; Young Swiss Economists Meeting, Zürich; 5. Workshop Arbeitsmarkt und Sozialpolitik, ifo Institut Dresden; Brown Bag Seminar, University of Uppsala/IFAU (invited).
- 2014 23. Meeting of the Economics of Education Association, Valencia; Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro; International Health Economics Association 10th World Congress, Dublin; Centre for Research in Active Labour Market Policy Effects Workshop, Billund.

## Grants and awards

- 2018 SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation, (74,400 CHF).  
Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Young Economist Award, (1,000 CHF).  
Incentive payment for receiving a Swiss National Science Foundation Grant, Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen, (with B. Eugster (PI) and S. Balestra, 40,000 CHF).
- 2017 Best dissertation in economics and finance, University of St. Gallen, (1,500 CHF).  
SNSF Project Grant No. 176381 (2017–2020), Children with special needs: Long-term effects of early therapy and peer composition in schools, Swiss National Science Foundation, (with B. Eugster (PI) and S. Balestra, 180,005 CHF).  
Richard-Büchner Foundation funding grant, The opioid crisis: Pain medication, prescriber regulation and illicit drug substitution, (with S. Balestra, 17,000 CHF).
- 2012 SNSF Project Grant No. 143317 (2012–2014), Moral Hazard and Disability Insurance: Evidence from the fourth and fifth revision of the Swiss Disability Insurance Act, Swiss National Science Foundation, (with E. Deuchert (PI) and L. Kauer, 110,039 CHF).

## Teaching experience

- Lectures Methods for Unstructured Data (PhD course, scheduled for FS 2020).  
Computational Data Analytics for Economists (PhD course, FS 2018, with A. Strittmatter).
- Teaching assistant Introductory Econometrics (SS 2016, SS 2015, SS 2014), Macroeconomics (SS 2014, SS 2013, SS 2010, FS 2009), Microeconomics (FS 2014, FS 2013), Environmental Economics (FS 2010), International Trade (FS 2010, FS 2009).

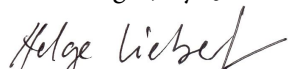
## Skills

- Tools Vim, Emacs, Git, GIS, Linux.
- Programming Python, R, Stata, Oracle SQL, Bash, Latex.
- Languages German (native), English (fluent, written and spoken), French (basics).

## References

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