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Education

- 7/2009 - 10/2012 **European University Institute Florence [Florence, Italy]**
(exp) Ph.D. candidate in Economics
supervisors: Prof. Jérôme Adda and Prof. Russell Cooper
- 4/2011 **University of Mannheim [Mannheim, Germany]**
Visiting Ph.D. student in Economics
- 9/2008 - 6/2009 **European University Institute Florence [Florence, Italy]**
Master of Research in Economics
- 10/2003 - 8/2008 **University of Mannheim [Mannheim, Germany]**
Diploma studies at the Department of Economics
- 9/2006 - 6/2007 **Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona [Barcelona, Spain]**
Visiting student at the Department of Economics
- 9/1993 - 6/2002 **Carl- Benz Gymnasium Ladenburg [Ladenburg, Germany]**
German Higher Leaving Certificate (Abitur)

Papers in Progress

- “The Impact of Health Shocks on Consumption Behavior”**
consumption behavior, panel estimation, state dependent utility functions
- “Search in Labor Markets and Social Networks”**
labor market behavior, duration analysis, social network theory
- “A Network based Analysis of Globalization and Economic Growth”**
economic globalization, dynamic panel estimation, social network theory
- “Female Labor Market Participation in Pakistan”**
labor market behavior, gender gap, Pakistan (International Labor Organization)
- “Labor Market Regulation and Firm Behavior”**
labor market regulation, developing countries (Asian Development Bank)

Research Interests

applied econometrics, labor markets, health, education,
economic growth, development studies, social networks

Job Preferences

Institutions
available from 10/2012

Professional Experience

- 6/2011 - 8/2011 **Asian Development Bank [Manila, Philippines]**
research opportunity, Economics and Research Department, EREA, full-time
- labor markets in developing countries (policy research and analysis)
- 2/2010 - 9/2010 **European University Institute [Florence, Italy]**
research project, Chair of Economic Theory (Prof. Vega- Redondo), part-time
- research report on theoretical and empirical design of research project
- 6/2010 - 10/2010 **International Labor Organization [Geneva, Switzerland]**
research opportunity, Employment Sector, EMP/ ELM Trends, full-time
- design of policy response to flood in Pakistan and global employment trends
- 1/2008 - 7/2008 **Center of European Economic Research [Mannheim, Germany]**
research assistance, Labor Markets and Social Policy, part-time
- analysis and search in the area of labor markets and social policy
- 9/2007 - 7/2008 **University of Mannheim [Mannheim, Germany]**
research project, Chair of Economic Policy (Prof Grüner), part-time
- project on individual decision making in stock markets
- 7/2007 - 9/2007 **Deutsche Bank AG [Frankfurt am Main, Germany]**
internship, Deutsche Bank Research, full-time
- market research on payment systems, venture capital and telecommunications
- 10/2005 - 8/2006 **University of Mannheim [Mannheim, Germany]**
research assistance, Chair of Economic Policy (Prof Grüner), part-time
- assistance for research in behavioral economics and development studies
- 5/2005 - 9/2005 **University of Mannheim [Mannheim, Germany]**
research project, Chair of Social Science (Prof Müller), part-time
- data analysis and search for a research project „European Legislation“
- 9/2005 **Association on Business History [Frankfurt am Main, Germany]**
internship, full-time
- research paper in the area of business and economic history

Selected Conference Presentations

- 7/2011 Research Seminar at the Asian Development Bank [Manila, Philippines]
- 4/2011 Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days [Strasbourg, France]
- 1/2011 Fourth Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics [Pisa, Italy]
- 9/2010 Irish Society of New Economists at the Trinity College [Dublin, Ireland]

Awards and Honors

- 2011 2nd prize for young researcher at the 4th ICEEE in Pisa
- 2008 - 2011 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Ph.D. research grant
- 2007 German Students Research Award: 3rd Prize
- 2003 - 2006 German National Academic Foundation, scholarship

Volunteer Experience: Projects

- 1/2010 - 12/2010 **Elected Researcher Representative at the European University Institute**
• representation at the departmental and institutional level
- since 10/2006 **Membership of the Studentenforum, Tönissteiner Kreis [Berlin, Germany]**
• concept and implementation of the project “Schülerkolleg International”
- 5/2003 - 12/2007 **International Youth meeting at the Memorial Site Dachau [Munich, Germany]**
• multiplier in non- formal education including seminars and guided tours
- 11/2003 - 9/2005 **The Green Party [Ladenburg and Mannheim, Germany]**
• working committee for economic and social issues including electoral campaign
- 9/2002 - 6/2003 **Youth hostel Trier [Trier, Germany]**
• community service in the field of administration and support services
- 9/1999 - 7/2002 **Volleyball Club LSV Ladenburg [Ladenburg, Germany]**
• trainer and manager for multiple youth teams

Volunteer Experience: Seminars

- 8/2011 **The Nobel Laureate Meetings at Lindau [Lindau, Germany]**
4th Meeting in Economic Sciences
- 11/2007 **Global Center for Global Ethics [Halle- Wittenberg, Germany]**
Young Leader Seminar „Zukunft Soziale Marktwirtschaft“
- 10/2005 **German National Academic Foundation [Berlin, Germany]**
Summer School „Economic Challenges: Globalization and Demographic Change“
- 10/2005 **BASF AG and German National Academic Foundation [Tarragona, Spain]**
Summer School „Corporate Citizenship“
- 5/2005 **European Union and Council of Europe [Warsaw, Poland]**
Conference on „European Citizenship“
- 1/2002 **The Hague Model United Nations [The Hague, Netherlands]**
Conference on „The Ethics behind Globalization“

Skills

Language	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish & French (intermediate), Italian (basic)
IT	STATA, SPSS, Mathematica, LaTeX (Tutorials for students at the EUI)
Social	flexibility, working under pressure, leadership & teamwork, communication

Personal Information

Date of Birth	March 25, 1983 [Heidelberg, Germany]
Citizenship	Germany

References

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Papers in Abstracts

“A Network based Analysis of Globalization and Economic Growth” [Ph.D. Thesis, Chapter 1]

with Georg Duernecker (University of Mannheim) and Fernando Vega- Redondo (EUI, Florence)

Standard results from the empirical growth literature suggest that participation in worldwide trade is an important determinant of economic growth. In contrast to previous findings, this paper argues that not only the level of openness matters (trade intensity), but the degree of integration of an economy into the global network is even more important for the growth performance of an economy. The new measure of integration captures the network position of an economy and takes into consideration higher order links between economies in the global network.

First, the theoretical framework of this paper makes use of social network theory to characterize a measure of economic integration. We employ the well established concept of centrality and construct alternative measures to describe patterns of economic globalization. Second, we make use of a unique data set constructed from the Comtrade database and exploit a wide set of bilateral import and export flows to characterize the country's participation in worldwide trade. Third, the identification strategy takes into account the dynamic panel structure of our data to disentangle the impact of economic integration on economic growth.

Our results build on the difference and system generalized method of moments and the limited information maximum likelihood method. We take into consideration possible problems of endogeneity and lagged variables in the dynamic panel framework. Controlling for the standard set of independent variables in the empirical growth literature and using different robustness checks (including bayesian model averaging), we find a significantly positive effect of integration on economic growth. The empirical analysis highlights the importance of openness and especially economic integration to fully understand the growth performance in a within country perspective.

“The Impact of Health Shocks on Consumption Behavior” [Ph.D. Thesis, Chapter 2]

This research paper uses empirical data, provided by the Health and Retirement Study and the related Consumption and Activities Mail Survey, to understand how changes in the individual health status influence consumption behavior. In the light of demographic transition, this topic deserves additional attention since the number of individuals who reach a critical age when the probability of functional limitations increases dramatically, rises over time.

While the theoretical framework is well established and is based on the literature of state dependent utility functions, previous empirical studies focused on experimental design or did not distinguish between the effects from aging and those effects from changes in the individual health status. First, I specify a system of seemingly unrelated regressions to estimate the impact of the health status on consumption behavior. Second, I employ a fixed effects model to focus on changes which occur within individuals and might contribute to explanations how individual consumption behavior changes over time. I make use of information on problems in activities of daily living (ADLs) for individuals above the age of 65 and divide overall consumption of non-durable and semi-durable goods into nine global consumption categories.

Regression results show expected signs and significant coefficients for the impact of changes in the individual health on consumption behavior. Controlling for powerful set of variables, I separate out a change in consumption that can be solely associated to the changes in the health status. The results are robust to alternative proxies of the health status and allow for additional insights on how health insurance schemes impact individual well being.

“Search in Labor Markets and Social Networks” [Ph.D. Thesis, Chapter 3]

Social networks have a profound impact on individual labor market behavior. The theoretical literature on job search models describes labor market outcomes where both firms and workers benefit from reduced information asymmetries, lower recruitment costs and higher match quality which can be contributed to social networks. This paper focuses on the empirical dimension of job search in labor markets with social networks and reconsiders some of these stylized facts from the worker and firm perspective.

The theoretical model and further empirical analysis establish a relationship between the use of social networks and labor market outcomes. First, empirical findings identify determinants which influence the decision to choose a specific recruitment channel when searching for a vacancy. Second, long term measures such as the wage profile and the individual career path are used to learn more about the match quality between workers and firms. Third, results from a duration analysis highlight differences in the duration of employment depending on the channel workers and firms used to fill the vacancy. The empirical analysis builds on panel data taken from the German Socio Economic Panel and exploits the unique information at the individual level to contribute to the understanding on how individuals behave in labor markets.

Controlling for a powerful set of independent variables, my results illustrate the importance of social networks for search in the labor market. Contrary to common wisdom but in line with the theoretical model, I find a negative wage premium and shorter duration of employment for social networks. Results can be explained though a trade off between recruitment costs for the firm and uncertainty about the worker's productivity.