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EDUCATION

2021–2026 (expected) Ph.D. Economics LMU Munich

2017–2021 M.Sc. Quantitative Economics LMU Munich

10/2015–04/2016 Erasmus Exchange University of Warwick

2014–2017 B.Sc. Economics LMU Munich

PRE-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

2018–2020 Predoctoral Research Assistant, Stanford University (Prof. [David Chan](#))

JOB MARKET PAPER

The Cost of Complexity: How Communication Frictions Affect Patient Mortality [\[latest version\]](#)

This paper examines how the complexity of medical discharge instructions influences patient mortality. Using data on 239,878 hospital admissions from a large U.S. academic medical center, I measure textual complexity using standard readability metrics. A one-standard-deviation increase in complexity is associated with a 0.14 percentage point rise in 28-day mortality, representing an 8.7% increase relative to the baseline rate. Associations are highly heterogeneous and concentrated among patients requiring intensive self-management: for heart failure patients, the association is nearly ten times larger. The pattern persists within subsamples of notes containing identical self-care instructions, demonstrating that linguistic framing matters beyond task assignment. By leveraging unstructured clinical text, I measure communication quality, an input in the health production function that has remained largely unobservable in administrative data. The magnitude of the mortality association is comparable to estimates from Medicare eligibility or increased hospital spending, suggesting that interventions to simplify discharge instructions could yield substantial health benefits at low cost.

WORKING PAPERS

Testing Full Mediation of Treatment Effects and the Identifiability of Causal Mechanisms

(with [Martin Huber](#) and [Lukáš Lafférs](#)) — [arXiv Preprint](#)

Testing Identification in Mediation and Dynamic Treatment Models

(with [Martin Huber](#) and [Lukáš Lafférs](#)) — [arXiv Preprint](#)

Who Scores from Hosting Sports Events? Local Spending Effects of the EURO 2024

(with [Florian Dorn](#), Marie-Theres Gasser, [Simon Krause](#), and Carla Krolage) — [CESifo Working Paper](#)

Policy report: ifo Schnelldienst (03/2025), 78(3), 47–50.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Long-term Effects of Growing Up with a Disabled Sibling

(with [Maria Hofbauer Pérez](#) and [Felicia Stokke](#) — Draft Available Upon Request)

Household Labor Supply Elasticities: Evidence from Cross-Border Workers

(with [Sarah Lein](#), [Andreas Peichl](#), [Kurt Schmidheiny](#), and [Peter Zorn](#) — Draft Available Upon Request)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 17th Annual Conference of the German Society for Health Economics (Paderborn), HPI-ZEW-DIW Workshop on Applied Economics in Digital Health (Mannheim), 14th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (Nashville), EDGE Jamboree 2025 (Cambridge)
- 2024 11th Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (Thessaloniki), 26th International Conference on Computational Statistics (Giessen), 5th Causal Data Science Meeting 2024 (online), 15th Workshop of the dggö Committee “Allocation and Distribution” (Cologne)
- 2023 14th Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop: Perspectives on (Un-)Employment (IAB), Venet Winter Workshop (Innsbruck), Workshop on Cross-Border Labour Mobility & Data Linkage (LISER), Economics of Firms & Labor (Munich), 1st Academy in Health Economics (CINCH-dggö), 8th PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics (Potsdam)
- 2022 1st Workshop on Empirical Analysis of Tax Policy (Oslo), ifo Research Days – MB-Workshop (ifo), CESifo/ifo Junior Workshop on Big Data (CESifo)

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

2025 **DAAD Scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service)**

Scholarship for conferences (ASHEcon 2025)

2021–24 **Egon Sohmen Scholarship**

3-year fully funded Ph.D. position at the Egon Sohmen Graduate Center

POLICY BRIEFS

Lokale Konsumeffekte der Fußball-EM 2024.

(with Florian Dorn, Marie-Theres Gasser, Leonard Harms, Simon Krause, and Carla Krolage) ifo Schnelldienst, 2025, 78(03), 47–50.

Schnitzelpanik als Impfturbo? Die Auswirkungen von 2G-Regeln und Lockdowns auf die Impfquote in Österreich.

(with [Andreas Peichl](#) and [Hannes Winner](#)) ifo Schnelldienst digital, 2021, 18(02), 01–05.

Städte sind stärker von den wirtschaftlichen Folgen der Coronakrise betroffen.

(with Manuel Menkhoff, [Sascha Möhrle](#), and [Andreas Peichl](#)) ifo Schnelldienst, 2021, 74(05), 53–58.

TEACHING

2025	Health Economics (Master)	Teaching Assistant
2023–25	Econometrics (Master)	Teaching Assistant
2025	Seminar: AI and the Labor Market (Bachelor)	TA & Supervisor
2024	Seminar: AI in Health Care (Bachelor)	TA & Supervisor
2024	Fundamentals of Econ: Macroeconomics (Bachelor)	Teaching Assistant
2024–25	Bachelor and Master theses	Supervisor

REFEREEING

Empirical Economics; European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting 2025, 2026

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

2024–26 Empirical PhD Student Brown Bag LMU Munich

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024– Research Assistant, LMU Munich, Seminar for Empirical Economic Research

2021– Guest Researcher, ifo Institute, Macroeconomics and Surveys

2020–21 Research Assistant, ifo Institute, Macroeconomics and Surveys

2014–18 Research Assistant, LMU Munich, Seminar for Empirical Economic Research

2016 Internship Investment Research, Bayerische Landesbank

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, R, Python, SQL, Git, \LaTeX , Cloud Computing (AWS, Google Cloud)

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

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