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EMPLOYMENT

Toulouse School of Economics	
Assistant Professor	2023 -
briq – Institute on Behavior & Inequality	
Postdoctoral Fellow	2022 – 2023

AFFILIATIONS
CESifo Research Network Affiliate
IZA Associated Member

EDUCATION	**DEGREE**	**DATE**	**FIELD**
University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D.	2022	Economics
University of Oxford	M.Phil.	2015	Economics
LMU München	B.Sc.	2013	Economics

RESEARCH FIELDS: Behavioral Economics, Economics of Education, Economics of the Family, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS:
- Under Parents' Watch: The effect of parental observability on educational choices
- Selective Memory of Past Aspirations
- The Price of Identity: Overoptimism and Congruence Concerns (w/ Kwabena Donkor, Lorenz Götte, Eugen Dimant, and Michael Kurschilgen)

PUBLICATIONS:
- The Illusion of Stable Fertility Preferences (w/ Joan Hamory, Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, & Edward Miguel), *Population Studies (2022)*

WORK IN PROGRESS
- Under Pressure? Experimental Evidence of Parental and Peer Observability on Students' Occupational Aspirations (w/ Lea Cassar, Denise Feigl, & Christina Felfe)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

RESEARCH:
Mentor to Undergraduate Research Assistants, U.C. Berkeley (2017-2021)
Organizer of the TSE BID-Seminar, (2024 -)

TEACHING:
PhD-Courses, Toulouse School of Economics (2023 –)
Experimental Methods (3x)
Behavioral Economics (2x)
Behavioral Development Economics (1x)
Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2016-2021)
Intermediate Microeconomics (7x), Psychology and Economics (1x)

ADVISING:
Behavioral and Experimental Workshop, Toulouse School of Economics (2023 – 2024)
BID Workshop, Toulouse School of Economics (2023 –)
Lony Bessagnet, Co-Advisor

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

RESEARCH GRANTS:

2024	UniCredit Foundation, 2nd Education Research Grant (€200,000, with Lea Cassar and Christina Felfe)
2023	CRC & briq Institute co-funding (€7,500)
2022	Xlab at U.C. Berkeley Research Grant ($6,000), briq Institute (€4,000)
2021	ECONtribute Funding ($68,000, w/ Eugen Dimant, Kwabena Donkor, Lorenz Götte, Michael Kurschilgen)
2021	Xlab at U.C. Berkeley Research Grant ($850)
2021	U.C. Berkeley Economics Department Summer Grant ($3,000)
2020	U.C. Berkeley Economics Department Summer Grant ($3,000)
2019	Joachim Herz Foundation Research Grant ($19,000); Xlab at U.C. Berkeley Research Grant ($3,000)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2022	Nominated CESifo Affiliate Award (Behavioral Economics)
2021-22	Dissertation Completion Fellowship (U.C. Berkeley)
2018	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
2015-21	Economics Department Partial Fellowship
2014-16	German National Merit Foundation (Studienstiftung)
2013-15	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2013	Best Performance B.Sc. in Economics, "Preis für junge Volkswirte"

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, SUMMER SCHOOLS:

2026	*GATE-LAB* at University of Lyon, Universidade do Porto, Field Days: Experiments outside the lab, NBER Summer Institute: Children and Families (scheduled), Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik (scheduled), Workshop on Social Identity and Policy Design at UC Louvain (scheduled)
2025	University of Pittsburgh (scheduled), ENTER Jamboree 2025 Stockholm
2024	URPP (Zurich) Conference on Boys and Men; RSF Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics; Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics; Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Social Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity at WU Vienna
2023	NBER Economics of Mobility (invited, no presentation), Tilburg University, CESifo Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education, Economic Research on Identity Norms and Narratives (ERINN), 11th conference of the CRC TR 224 "Economic Perspectives on Societal Challenges"
2022	Advances with Field Experiments (AFE), SITE Experimental Economics, Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business, National University of Singapore, Field Days: Experiments Outside the Laboratory, CESifo Area Conference on Behavioral Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, ECONnect/IZA human capital workshop, 2nd Christmas Conference on "Diversity, Identity, Conflict and Trust" at Goethe University
2021	Psychology & Economics Seminar (UCB), BEHL Lunch (UCB), IZA Workshop: The Economics of Education, European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Virtual Conference Padua, Zeuthen Workshop on "Inequality & Public Policy" in Copenhagen, Young Economist Symposium (YES), ifo Institute Conference on "Genes, Social Mobility, and Inequalities across the Life-Course", 25th Annual Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE), Society for Population Economics in Barcelona (ESPE), Graduate Students in Economics of Education Zoom Seminars (GEEZ), Psychology & Economics of Poverty (PEP) Convening, Development Lunch (UCB), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev)
Prior to 2021	briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics (Bonn), 7th NHH Spring School in Behavioural Economics (San Diego), Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), Joachim Herz Stiftung, PacDev, Oxford Center for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE), Development Lunch (UCB)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Refereeing: *American Economic Review, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Population Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics*

Conferences: *Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik 2026, TSE 1st Human Capital Conference 2026, TSE Economics of Education Workshop 2024 & 2025*

OTHER INFORMATION:

Languages: English (Fluent), German (Native), French (Intermediate & Improving…), Spanish (Basic)
Citizenship: Germany