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Education

University of Bamberg (Habilitation in economics 1998, Ph.D. 1993), University of Heidelberg (Diploma in economics 1989)

Employment

Full Professor of Social Policy at University of Erlangen-Nuremberg since 2010, Full Professor of Public Economics at University of Marburg 2007 – 2010, Professor of Public Economics at RWTH Aachen University 2002 – 2007, Visiting Professor at RWTH Aachen University 1999 – 2002, Visiting Professor at University of Essen 1998 – 1999, Assistant Professor at University of Bamberg 1993 – 1998, Research and Teaching Assistant 1989 – 1993

Research Visits

University of Tokyo, University of Exeter, Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), University of Alberta, Oklahoma State University, ifo Institute Munich

Fields of Research

Social Policy, Public Economics, Urban Economics, Regional Economics

Affiliations and Association Memberships

CESifo Research Fellow; American Economic Association, Association of Public Economic Theory, European Economic Association, International Institute of Public Finance, Verein für Socialpolitik (Finanzwissenschaftlicher Ausschuss, Regionalökonomischer Ausschuss)

Conference Presentations

Association of Public Economic Theory (2010, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2002), Canadian Economics Association (1997), European Advanced Studies Institute in Regional Science (1998), European Economic Association (2009, 2004, 2000, 1998), European Public Choice Society (2008, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000), International Institute of Public Finance (2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997, 1996, 1995), Regional Science Association International (NARSC) (2009, 2007), Verein für Socialpolitik (2010, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003, 1999, 1997, 1996), CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics (2010, 2008, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001), CESifo Summer Institute (2000), IAREP-SABE Conference (2006) and several workshops and research seminars

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Annals of Regional Science, Bulletin of Economic Research, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economics of Governance, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, FinanzArchiv, German Economic Review, IFO studien, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Public Choice, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Zeitschrift für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften

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Social capital and federal systems (2007 – 2010)

Small states, large states, and federations (2003 – 2007)