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EMPLOYMENT

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Junior Economist, since September 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Brown University, 2023
M.A. in Economics, Brown University, 2018
M.A. in Economics, University of Zurich, 2016
B.A. in Political Science and Economics, University of Zurich, 2013

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary fields: Inequality, Demographic Economics, Economic Growth
Secondary fields: Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Population Aging, Cohort Replacement, and the Evolution of Income Inequality in the United States” (with Vesa-Matti Heikkuri). [[most recent version](#)]
“Subgroup Decomposition of the Gini Coefficient: A New Solution to an Old Problem” (with Vesa-Matti Heikkuri). [[most recent version](#)]

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Schief, Matthias, Sonja Vogt, and Charles Efferson (2021). [Investigating the Structure of Son Bias in Armenia with Novel Measures of Individual Preferences](#). *Demography* 58(5), 1737–1764.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Mechanisms underlying Affective Polarization. An Experimental Study” (with Devesh Rustagi)
“Success-biased Cultural Evolution in a Panel of Countries”
“Institutional Changes and the Allocation of Talent. Macroeconomic Effects of a School Reform in Finland” (with Vesa-Matti Heikkuri and Cosimo Petracchi)
“Tight Bounds for the Gini Coefficient of Composite Populations” (with Vesa-Matti Heikkuri)
“Optimal Transport and the Measurement of Inequality” (with Vesa-Matti Heikkuri)
“Isolating a culture of son preference among Armenian, Georgian, and Azeri Parents in Soviet-era Russia” (with Sonja Vogt, Elena Churilova, and Charles Efferson)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Brown University

Teaching Assistant, Theory of Economic Growth (Oded Galor), Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, Essential Mathematics for Economics (Alex Poterack), Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (Neil Thakral), Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, Race and Inequality in the United States (Glenn Loury), Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Economic Growth (David Weil), Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, Theory of Economic Growth (Oded Galor), Fall 2018

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

Research Assistant, Chair of Applied Macroeconomics (Jan-Egbert Sturm), 2016–2017

University of Zurich

Research Assistant, Chair of Microeconomics and Experimental Economics (Ernst Fehr), 2016–2017
Research Assistant, Chair of Macroeconomics and Political Economy (Fabrizio Zilibotti), 2012–2016

AFFILIATIONS & RESEARCH VISITS

PaceLab, University of Lausanne, since 2020
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, 2021–2023
Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, Oxford, Summer 2018

HONORS & AWARDS

International Fellowship, PSTC, Brown University, 2021–2022
James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Wealth and Income Inequality Project Graduate Student Support, Brown University, Fall 2020
Semester Prize Awarded for Outstanding Master's Thesis, University of Zurich, 2016

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 Tenth ECINEQ Meeting, SSES Annual Congress, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Rutgers University-Newark, University of Nottingham, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
2022 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Brown University (theory and growth lunches)
2021 Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
2020 CeDEx at University of Nottingham

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Population Association of America

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Evolutionary Human Sciences

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages: English, German, French, Russian

REFERENCES

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