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CURRENT POSITIONS

- **Kiel Institute for the World Economy** *since 10/2020*
Head of Research Center "International Development" Kiel, Germany
- **Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel** *since 10/2020*
Full Professor of Economics, esp. International Development Kiel, Germany
- **Institute for the Study of Labor** *since 12/2014*
Affiliated with the IZA network Bonn, Germany

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- **DIW Berlin** *06/2015 - 09/2020*
Postdoctoral Researcher Berlin, Germany
- **Kiel Institute for the World Economy** *03/2020 - 09/2020*
Deputy Head of Research Center "Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Development" Kiel, Germany
- **Kiel Institute for the World Economy** *04/2017 - 09/2020*
Senior Researcher (with tenure) Kiel, Germany
- **GFA Consulting Group** *10/2015 - 08/2016*
Scientific Advisor to GIZ/BMZ Hamburg, Germany
- **The World Bank** *02/2015 - 06/2015*
Short Term Consultant Washington D.C., United States
- **UN/World Food Program** *10/2010 - 11/2010*
UN Volunteer Assistant to UN Emergency Relief Coordinator for Logistics Cotonou, Benin

EDUCATION

- **Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel** *10/2011 - 02/2015*
Dr. sc. oec. in Quantitative Economics (summa cum laude) Kiel, Germany
- **University of Nottingham** *09/2009-09/2010*
M.Sc. Economics and Development Economics Nottingham, United Kingdom
- **University of Mannheim** *09/2006-07/2009*
B.Sc. Economics Mannheim, Germany

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Effect of Foreign Aid on Migration: Global Evidence from World Bank Projects. with Andreas Fuchs, André Groeger, and Lukas Wellner. CEPR Discussion Paper 19332.

What Drives Attitudes Towards Immigrants in Sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from Uganda and Senegal. with Malte Becker, Finja Krüger.

What Explains People's Migration Aspirations? Experimental Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa.. with Lena Detlefsen and Claas Schneiderheinze. SSRN Working Paper.

Measuring Chinese Migration in Africa. with Song Yuan and Linda Maokomatanda.

The impact of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. with Al-Mouksit Akim.

Measuring skill-based wage premia of migration, with Bernd Beber, Jens Ruhose, Yogam Tchokni, Stefan Leopold, and Mame Mor Anta Syll.

A new perspective on the African middle class. with Sékou Metiki.

Preparing for FX intervention. with Lukas Menkhoff and Sekou Metiki. SSRN Working Paper.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 **Conflicting Identities: Cosmopolitan or Anxious? Appreciating Concerns of Host Country Population Improves Attitudes Towards Immigrants.** *Social Forces*, 103:3, 1039-1058. with Philipp Wichardt.
- 2024 **Does Welcoming Refugees Attract more Migrants? The Myth of the 'Merkel Effect'.** *European Journal of Political Research*, 64:1, 389-405, with Jasper Tjaden.
- 2024 **Forecasting Bilateral Asylum Seeker Flows with High-dimensional Data and Machine Learning Techniques.** *Journal of Economic Geography*, with Konstantin Boss, André Gröger, Finja Krüger, Conghan Zheng.
- 2024 **Understanding Differences in Attitudes to Immigration: A Meta-Analysis of Individual-Level Factors.** *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50:2, 317-340, with Lenka Dražanová, Jérôme Gonnnot, Finja Krüger.
- 2024 **Long-Run Impacts of the Conflict in Ukraine on Food Security in Africa.** *African Development Review*, with Lavina Balma, Sebastian Jävervall, Hendrik Mahlkow, Adamon Mukasa, Andinet Woldemichael.
- 2023 **The European refugee crisis and public support for the externalisation of migration management.** *European Journal of Political Research*, 62 (4), 1146-1167, with Alina Vrânceanu, Elias Dinas, Martin Ruhs.
- 2023 **A Need for Control? Political Trust and Public Preferences For Asylum and Refugee Policy.** *European Political Science Review*, 15(3):427-443, with Anne-Marie Jeannett, Martin Ruhs.
- 2023 **Foreign Exchange Intervention: A New Database.** *IMF Economic Review*, 71, 852–884, with Marcel Fratzscher, Lukas Menkhoff, Lucio Sarno, Maik Schmeling.
- 2021 **What Asylum and Refugee Policies Do Europeans Want? Evidence from a Cross-National Conjoint Experiment.** *European Union Politics*, 22:3, 353-376, with Martin Ruhs, Anne-Marie Jeannett.
- 2021 **The Dynamic Impact of FX Interventions on Financial Markets.** *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103 (5): 939–953, with Lukas Menkhoff and Malte Rieth.
- 2020 **Searching for a Better Life: Predicting International Migration with Online Search Keywords.** *Journal of Development Economics*, 142, 102347, with Marcus Böhme, André Gröger.
- 2019 **When is Foreign Exchange Intervention Effective? Evidence from 33 Countries.** *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 11 (1), 132-156, with Marcel Fratzscher, Oliver Gloede, Lukas Menkhoff, Lucio Sarno.
- 2019 **Much Ado about Nothing? The (non-) Politicisation of the European Union in Social Media Debates on Migration.** *European Union Politics*, 20(2), 305-327, with Esther Ademmer, Anna Leupold.
- 2018 **Heterogeneous Immigrants, Exports and Foreign Direct Investment: The Role of Language Skills.** *The World Economy*, 41(6), 1529-1548, with Matthias Lücke.
- 2018 **Can Parental Migration Reduce Petty Corruption in Education?.** *World Bank Economic Review* 32(1), 109-126, with Lisa Sofie Höckel, Manuel Santos Silva.
- 2015 **Siblings' Interaction in Migration Decisions: Who Provides for the Elderly Left Behind.** *Journal of Population Economics*, 28, 593-629.
- 2015 **The Returns to Occupational Foreign Language Use: Evidence from Germany.** *Labour Economics* 32, 86-98.
- 2015 **Alone but better off? Adult child migration and health of elderly parents in Moldova.** *Journal of Health Economics*, 29, 211-227, with Marcus Böhme, Ruth Persian.
- 2014 **Household Interview Duration Analysis in CAPI Survey Management.** *Field Methods* with Marcus H. Böhme, 26(4), 390-405

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **The Russia-Ukraine War's Shockwaves in Africa. A Zeitenwende for German Africa Policy?.** *Megatrends Working Paper*, 10, with Christine Hackenesch, Wolfram Lacher (eds.), Fahd Azaroual, Oumayma Bourhriba, Cynthia Kamwengo, Stephan Klingebiel, Melanie Müller, Bettina Rudloff, Meike Schulze, Denis M. Tull, Cobus van Staden.
- 2024 **Joint Futures: Ideas for Germany's Africa Policy - Ideen für die deutsche Afrikapolitik.** *Megatrends Working Paper*, 12, joint work with 50+ coauthors.
- 2023 **Gender in migration aspirations and decision-making, trajectories and policies.** *DYNAMIG Working Paper*, with Omololá Olárindé, Lena Detlefsen, Melissa E Tornari, Eleonore Kofman, Abdulfatai Salawudeen, Norman Sempijja, Gorrety Yogo, Carlotta Minnella.
- 2023 **Reduziert Entwicklungshilfe Migration?.** *Kiel Policy Brief*, 169, with Andreas Fuchs, André Gröger, and Lukas Wellner.
- 2023 **Flüchtlingsschutz als internationales öffentliches Gut organisieren.** *Ifo Schnelldienst*, 10/2023, with Matthias Lücke.

- 2023 **From data to decisions: How DYNAMIG can contribute to better migration policies.** *DYNAMIG Commentary.*
- 2022 **ITFLOWS - Preliminary release of the EMT.** with Cristina Blasi Casagran, Emma Teodoro Martinez, Andrea Guillen Gil, André Gröger, Konstantin Boss, Georgios Stavropoulos, Nikolaos Gkevrekis, Ilias Iliopoulos, Garyfallia Papadopoulou, Thilo Gottschalk, Francesca Pichierri, Mehwish Alam, Yiyi Chen, Colleen Boland, Lenka Dražanová, Mengia Tschalaer, Derek Groen, Diana Suleimenova, Stelios Gkouskos, Konstantinos Kalampokis.
- 2022 **Refugee Protection in the EU: Building Resilience to Geopolitical Conflict.** *2022 MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe*, with Silvia Carta, Helena Hahn, Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Karolina Łukasiewicz, Mehari Taddele Maru, Marta Pachocka, Matthias Lücke.
- 2022 **Research on Public Attitudes to Migration: What, Where, and Who?.** *OPAM*, with Lenka Dražanová, Jérôme Gonnnot, Finja Krüger.
- 2021 **Zuwanderung und Flüchtlingsschutz im Wahlkampf: Zerrbild statt Chancenorientierung.** *Kiel Policy Brief*, 157, with Finja Krüger.
- 2021 **Report on the specifications and architecture of the EMT platform.** with Emma Teodoro Martinez, Andrea Guillen Gil, André Gröger, Daniel Morente Gonzalez, Georgios Stavropoulos, Nikolaos Gkevrekis, Ilias Iliopoulos, Diana Suleimenova, Alireza Jahani, Mattia Di Salvo, Lenka Dražanová, Asli Okay, Finja Krüger, Gergana Tzvetkova, Colleen Boland, Haithem Alfi, Georgios Gogolos, Stelios Gkouskos, Konstantinos Kalampokis, Anna Pappa, Natalia Oumnova
- 2021 **The Potential of Big Data for Macroeconomic Analysis.** *Kieler Beiträge zur Wirtschaftspolitik*, 32, with Martin Ademmer, Joscha Beckmann, Eckhardt Bode, Jens Boysen-Hogrefe, Manuel Funke, Philipp Hauber, Julian Hinz, Nils Jannsen, Stefan Kooths, Mareike Söder, Vincent Stamer, Ulrich Stolzenburg.
- 2021 **Analysis and Forecasts of Migration to Germany..** *Kieler Beiträge zur Wirtschaftspolitik*, 34, with Nils Jannsen, Dominik Groll, René Kalweit, and Bernard Boockmann.
- 2021 **Systematic Intervention and Currency Risk Premia..** with Marcel Fratzscher, Maik Schmeling, Lukas Menkhoff. Eternal working paper.
- 2021 **Welfare Effects of Regular and Irregular Migration**, with Daid Benček, Matthias Lücke, and Claas Schneiderheinze in Preuß, HJ., Beier, C., Messner, D. (eds) **Forced Displacement and Migration.** Springer, Wiesbaden.
- 2020 **Evaluation des Punktebasierten Modellprojekts für ausländische Fachkräfte (PuMa).** *Forschungsbericht, Bundesministerium für Soziales und Arbeit*, FB359, with Bernhard Boockmann, René Kalweit, Günther Klee, Matthias Lücke, Rita Kleinemeier, Tobias Scheu, Khira Sippli.
- 2020 **Emerging from Covid-19: Scenarios for Africa..** *Journal*, 26, with Kacana Khadjavi, Rainer Thiele.
- 2019 **Global Responsibilities: Renewable Energies, Climate Policy, Migratory Pressure.** *DIW Weekly Report*, 9 (16/18), 160-166, with Claudia Kemfert, Karsten Neuhoff, Jörn Richstein, Vera Zipperer, Lukas Menkhoff.
- 2019 **Comforting Immigration Critics? Public Opinion toward Development Aid as a Tool to Reduce Refugee Inflows to Germany.** *MEDAM Policy Brief*, with Jens Eger, David Hudson, Sebastian Schneider, Jennifer van Heerde-Hudson.
- 2019 **The Making of a New Cleavage? Evidence from Social Media Debates About Migration.** *Kiel Working Paper*, 2140, with Esther Ademmer. Eternal Working Paper.
- 2018 **Flexible Solidarity: A comprehensive strategy for asylum and immigration in the EU.** *MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe*, with Esther Ademmer, Mikkel Barslund, David Benček, Mattia Di Salvo, Dominik Groll, Rezart Hoxhaj, Matthias Lücke, Chiara Pizzuti, Merlin Ole Pratsch, Afaf Rahim, Claas Schneiderheinze, Heliodoro Temprano Arroyo, Rainer Thiele, Alessandra Venturini, Carolina Viviana Zuccotti.
- 2018 **Europeans are More Accepting of Immigrants Today than 15 Years Ago.** *MEDAM Policy Brief*, with Esther Ademmer
- 2017 **Foreign exchange market interventions: a frequently used and effective tool.** *DIW Economic Bulletin*, 7 (18/19), 181-188, with Lukas Menkhoff.
- 2017 **Zentralbanken sollten ihre Intervention am Devisenmarkt mit Kommunikation begleiten.** *DIW Wochenbericht*, 84 (44), 997-1003, with Lukas Menkhoff.
- 2017 **Sharing responsibility for refugees and expanding legal immigration.** *MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe*, with Matthias Lücke, Esther Ademmer, Mehtap Akgüç, Mikkel Barslund, David Benček, Anna Di Bartolomeo, Dominik Groll, Rezart Hoxhaj, Mauro Lanati, Nadzeya Laurentsyeve, Lars Ludolph, Afaf Rahim, Rainer Thiele, Claas Schneiderheinze, Alessandra Venturini.

- 2017 **Wie kann eine gesamtwirtschaftlich erfolgreiche Integration der Flüchtlinge gelingen?** *Journal*, with Bernhard Boockmann, Matthias Lücke, Henry Puhe, Heidi Hirschfeld, Günther Klee, Christiane Knirsch, Tobias Scheu, Jochen Späth.
- 2016 **Conservative Innovators.** *Development and Cooperation*, with Linda Kleemann and Lukas Borkowski.
- 2015 **30 Years of Schengen: Internal Blessing, External Curse?** *Kiel Policy Brief*, 88, with with Esther Ademmer, Toman Barsbai, Matthias Lücke.
- 2015 **Student Performance and Attendance in Moldova from a Socio-economic perspective.** *World Bank Research Note*, with Anna Olefir, Tom Coupe, Anatol Gremalschi.

REFEREING

Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Banque de France, British Journal of Political Science, DAAD, Economic Journal, Economics, Economics of Disasters and Climate Change, Empirica, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Development Research, European Union Politics, Frontiers, German National Science Foundation (DFG), Global Solutions, International Finance, International Journal Of Environment and Public Health, International Migration, International Migration Review, IZA World of Labor, Journal of Aging and Social Policy, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies, Journal of International Development, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Labor Market Research, Journal of Population Economics, Labour, Labour Economics, Migration Studies, Palgrave Communications, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Research and Politics, Review Of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Review Of World Economics, Swiss National Science Foundation, SOEP Innovation Sample, Stiftung Mercator, West European Politics, World Development

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

- **Gates Foundation Mutual Interest ODA** 11/2024 - 11/2026
Scientific Coordinator
- **Horizon Europe DYNAMIG: A closer understanding of migration decisions and policies** 01/2023 - 12/2025
Scientific Coordinator
- **The Senegal Migration Panel: Understanding Mobility in a Climate-Stressed Population** 01/2023 - 12/2025
Co-PI, project funded by the Leibniz Association
- **China in Africa: Exploring the Consequences for Economic and Social Development** 04/2021 - 12/2025
Co-PI, project funded by the Leibniz Association
- **Megatrends Africa: Implications and Options for German and International Policy** 12/2022 - 12/2025
PI, funded by the Federal Foreign Office (AA), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and the Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVg)
- **Cluster for Economics Research on Africa** 01/2023 - 12/2024 (Phase 2), 02/2021 - 12/2022 (Phase 1)
PI (Phase 2), Co-PI (Phase 1), funded by the Federal Ministries of Economic Affairs and Finance
- **Horizon Europe ITFLOWS** 09/2020 - 09/2023
Co-PI
- **MEDAM2 Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe** 01/2020 - 06/2023
Co-PI, funded by Mercator Foundation

AWARDS

- **VSEFX Best Paper Award** 2019
VSEFX Conference
◦ Best paper award.
- **Leibniz Dissertation Award** 2015
Leibniz Association
◦ For the best dissertation in social sciences and humanities across the institutes in the Leibniz Association.
- **KfW Dissertation Prize for Excellence in Applied Development Research** 2015
German Bank for Reconstruction and Development (KfW)
◦ For the 3rd most policy-relevant dissertation in development research this year.
- **Erich Schneider Award** 2015
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel
◦ For one of the best dissertations in economics and business at the University of Kiel in 2015.
- **Lindau Meeting Participation Grant** 2013
Lindau Meeting
◦ Participation grant for the Lindau Meeting of Nobel Prize Winners

CURRENTLY TEACHING

- **International Development**

Lecture, Masters

Summer term

- **Globalization in Developing Countries**

Seminar, Masters

Winter term