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Development Economics

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EDUCATION

University of Passau <i>Ph.D. Economics, Chair of Development Economics</i>	Passau 2022 – 2025
• Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm and Prof. Dr. Stefan Bauernschuster	
• DFG Research Training Group: “Digital Platform Ecosystems (DPE)”	
The Fletcher School at Tufts University <i>Visiting Researcher, invited by Prof. Jenny C. Aker</i>	Boston 2024
Ludwig Maximilian University <i>M.Sc. Economics</i>	Munich 2019 – 2022
• Thesis: “Information on Public Spending and the Effect of Reference Points - Evidence from a Representative Survey”	
• Semester abroad (DAAD Scholarship): Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland	
Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society <i>Environmental Studies Certificate Program</i>	Munich 2019 – 2022
University of Passau <i>B.A. International Cultural and Business Studies</i>	Passau 2015 – 2019
• Semester abroad (PROSA Scholarship): Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina	

WORK EXPERIENCE

ifo Institute - Center for the Economics of Education <i>Research Assistant</i>	Munich 2021 – 2022
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH <i>Consultant and Intern</i>	Eschborn 2019 – 2021
ICUnet.Group <i>Working Student</i>	Passau 2015 – 2017

PUBLICATIONS/ WORKING PAPER

Dodlova, M., Kis-Katos, K., Kochanova, A., and Wirth, O. (2023). Mobile Technologies and Firm Formalization: Evidence from Uganda (No. wp-2023-99). *World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER)*.

Freundl, V., Grewenig, E., Kugler, F., Lergetporer, P., Schüler, R., Wedel, K., Werner, K., Wirth, O. and Woessmann, L. (2022). The ifo Education Survey 2014–2021: A New Dataset on Public Preferences for Education Policy in Germany. *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*.

Hermes, H., Lergetporer, P., Peter, F., Wiederhold, S., Freundl, V., and Wirth, O. (2021). Bewerbungsunterstützung erhöht die Kita-Inanspruchnahme von Kindern aus bildungsferneren Familien. *ifo Schnelldienst*, 74(09), 41-45.

ONGOING FIELD EXPERIMENTS

If you build it, will they come? Incentivizing the Adoption of Digital Financial Services in Niger (with Jenny C. Aker, Josué Awonon, Michael Grimm, and Christina Petrik)

Unlocking Agricultural Potential through Bundled Services? Experimental Evidence from a Digital Platform in Ghana (with Edward Asiedu, Michael Grimm, Jann Lay, and Christina Petrik)

Parched Prospects: Assessing Farmers' Climate Adaptation Strategies in the Wake of a Drought in Northern Ghana (with Christina Petrik, Edward Asiedu, and Jann Lay)

AWARDS

DPE Best Paper Award

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

STEG Annual Conference and Theme Workshops, Oxford	2025
10th DENeB PhD Workshop on Development Economics, Potsdam	
39th BGPE Research Workshop, Ingolstadt	
Bavarian PhD Workshop in Development Economics, Erlangen	
36. BGPE Research Workshop, Munich	2024
NOVAFRICA Conference Economic Development, Lisbon	
European Public Choice Society (EPCS), Hannover	2023
International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), Paris	
German Development Economics Conference (GDEC), Dresden	
UNU-WIDER Author workshop on firms and taxation using micro data from Uganda, online	

TEACHING

University of Passau

Growth and Development, Bachelor

Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development, Master

Micro Development Economics, Master

Seminar in Public Economics, Master

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English and Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

IT Skills: STATA, R, LaTeX, QGIS, SurveyCTO

Participation in PhD Courses: Advanced Microeconomics (Zvika Neeman), Advanced Econometrics (Jeffrey Wooldridge), Regression Discontinuity Designs in Development Economics: Theory and Practice (Bruno Conte), Complex Network Analysis: Tools for Economic Development (Pau Milan)