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Academic Employment

Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Behavioral Economics 2023 —

Research Fields

Primary: Applied Microeconomics (Development and Behavioral)

Secondary: Political Economy

Education

Ph.D in Economics, European University Institute	2017–2023
M.Res. in Economics, European University Institute	2017–2018
M.Sc. in Economics, VU University Amsterdam	2015–2016
B.Sc. in Communication Science, University of Amsterdam	2009–2012

Research

Publications

- Vote or Fight? (with David K. Levine and Cesar Martinelli) *The Economic Journal*, 2026
- Conflict and Democratic Preferences (with Tuuli Tähtinen) *World Development*, 2026
- Cultivation and competition in Colombia: disentangling the effects of coca price changes on violence *Journal of International Development*, 2023
- Estimating the Alliance Effect: a Synthetic Control Approach *Defense Studies*, 2022

Working Papers

- Beyond violence: The educational consequences of insurgent rule *R&R, World Development*
- Democratic complacency: ethnic representation and political engagement (with Tuuli Tähtinen)
- Revealing Private Truths: Measuring and Correcting Preference Falsification in Survey Data

Selected Works in Progress

- Patriarchy bargaining

Grants, Honors & Awards

Funding participation excellent female postdocs program, Max Planck Society (<i>in-kind</i>)	2025
Grant for U.S. Research Visit, European University Institute (<i>4000€</i>)	2021
Early Stage Research Grant, European University Institute (<i>600€</i>)	2020
Ph.D Grant, European University Institute (<i>18,000€</i>)	2020
Ph.D Scholarship, Nuffic (<i>88,000€</i>)	2017–2020

Research Visits

ifo Institute and University of Munich , Research visit (<i>host: Niklas Potrafke</i>)	2024, 2025
Stanford University , Visiting scholar (<i>host: David D. Laitin</i>)	2022
University of Lausanne , Visiting scholar (<i>host: Dominic Rohner</i>)	2021

Teaching

Lecturer , University of Cologne. <i>Economics of Global Climate Policy (Graduate level)</i>	2025–2027
Teaching Assistant , New York University. <i>International Economics (Undergraduate level)</i>	2019–2020

Academic service

Academic Organization: Scientific Representative, Humanities Section of the Max Planck Society (Elected position, 2026 - 2029)

Referee Services: Economic Development and Cultural Change, European Economic Review, World Development

Conference Organization: Max Planck / EconTribute Workshop in Applied Economics (2026)

Prior Research & Professional Experience

Academic Assistant , Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies	2020
Research Assistant , Dutch Central Bank	2017
Junior Researcher , VU University	2016–2017
Research Assistant , VU University	2016
Corporate Communications (Associate) , LeasePlan Corporation N.V.	2012–2015

Conferences and Seminars (*) Scheduled

2026: Women in Political Economics (WU Vienna)*, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) - MPI workshop*, ECONtribute Workshop in Applied Economics.

2025: MPI-IAME Applied Micro Workshop, Field Experiments and Development Economics Conference, CREED-MPI Workshop.

2024: CESifo Seminar, Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research (NICEP), Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop.

2023 and before: Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Stanford University Development Economics Seminar, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, University of Lausanne Public Economics and Policy Seminar, HiCN Workshop on Migration and Displacement, 3rd International Conference on Globalization and Development, XXIII Applied Economics Meeting (ALdE), Canadian Economic Association (CEA), 69th Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association (AFSE), 91st International Atlantic Economic Conference (IAES), Max Planck Summer School on Conflict and Redistribution.

Languages and Skills

Lanugages: Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (advanced), Italian (basic), French (basic).

Software: R, Stata, MATLAB, QGIS, L^AT_EX.