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Married, three children

Education

1995 – 1998 Doctoral Studies, University of Magdeburg, Ph.D. in Economics
1989 – 1994 Studies in Economics at the University of Bonn (Diploma)
TA and RA for microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics

Appointments and selected visiting positions

2003 – Full Professor (C4/W3) of Economics at the University of Cologne
2015 Visiting Professor at Stanford University (Economics Department)
2002 – 2003 Associate Professor (C3) at Max Planck Institute for Economics, Jena
1999 – 2001 Assistant Professor at the University of Magdeburg (Faculty of Economics and Management)
1999 – 2000 Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard University (HBS)
1996 – 1997 Visiting Scholar at Penn State University (Smeal College of Business)

Selected activities

2021 – Advisor to the federal government’s Taskforce on Vaccine Production
2021 – “Ökonomenrunde” of the Federal Ministry of Finance
2021 – Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Cologne on Sustainability
2021 – Co-Editor Management Science SI “The Human-Algorithm Connection”
2021 – Sozialwissenschaftlicher Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik
2019 – Advisory Board of “Leaders for Climate Action”
2019 – Advisory Board of the “Walter-Siegenthaler-Gesellschaft”
2018 – Coordinator of the Research Area “Market Design & Behavior”
in the Excellence Cluster ECONtribute
2018 – Department Editor at Management Science
2017 – Scientific Advisory Council of the ZEW in Mannheim
2016 – 2018 Board of the “Verein für Socialpolitik”

- 2015 – Speaker of the “Excellence Center for Social and Economic Behavior” of the University of Cologne
- 2012 – 2014 Contributing Author, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), AR5
- 2011 – 2012 Speaker of the Department of Economics at the University of Cologne
- 2011 – 2017 Coordinator of the DFG Research Unit FOR 1371 “Design & Behavior”
- 2010 – Academic Advisory Board of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- 2010 – 2014 Board of the “Verein für Socialpolitik”
- 2007 – Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Cologne
- 2004 – Founding Director of the Cologne Laboratory for Economic Research
- 2004 – Board of Trustees of the student-run Organisationsforum Wirtschaft
- 2004 – 2006 President of the Association of Experimental Economics (GEW)
- 2003 – 2007 Director of the Institute of Energy Economics, University of Cologne

Memberships in Academies of Science

- 2021 – German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- 2017 – National Academy of Science and Engineering – acatech
- 2016 – European Academy of Sciences
- 2006 – Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 2005 – North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts

Selected grants and awards

- 2020 Hans Kelsen Award (“Zukunftspreis”) of the University of Cologne
- 2018 – European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant
(Topic: “Economic Engineering of Cooperation”)
- 2018 – PI in the Excellence Cluster ECONtribute
- 2016 Albertus Magnus Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2015 – 2018 PI in the DFG Research Unit FOR 2150 “Relativity in Cognition”
- 2015 Ranked 31 in the Global Thought Leader Index for Germany, Austria and Switzerland (www.thoughtleaders.world)
- 2013 – 2021 Ranked among the “most influential economists in Germany”, FAZ
- 2011 – 2017 PI in the DGF-Research Unit FOR 1371 “Design and Behavior”
- 2006 Gossen-Prize (German Economic Association)
- 2005 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize (DFG)
- 2005 Voted best German economist (age < 40) by the Wirtschaftswoche
- 2001 – 2007 Emmy Noether grant of the DFG
(Topic: “Economic Design of Online-Auctions”)
- 2001 Otto-von-Guericke Research Prize 2001 of the University of Magdeburg
- 1999 Prize for best Ph.D. thesis of the Economic Science Association

- 1999 Prize of the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Magdeburg for the best Ph.D. thesis 1999
- 1997 Heinz-Sauermann-Award of the Association of Experimental Economics (GEW) for the best diploma thesis

PhDs supervised as primary advisor: Dr. Viola Ackfeld, Dr. Christoph Feldhaus, Dr. Andrea Fix, Prof. Dr. Ben Greiner, Dr. Lyuba Ilieva, Dr. Johannes Mans, Dr. Andreas Pollak, Dr. Alexander Rajko, Dr. Uta Schier, Dr. Xavier del Pozo, Dr. Julia Stauf, Dr. Nadja Trhal, Prof. Dr. Peter Werner (plus supervisions at the EWI and numerous co-supervisions)

Research focus: Market Design, Behavioral and Experimental Economics.
My research has many useful applications, and benefits from fruitful collaborations with governments, market platforms and companies.

For more information on publications, teaching, collaborators, etc. please visit my website, <https://ockenfels.uni-koeln.de/de/ao>, or contact me.