

# **CV – Prof. Dr. Axel Ockenfels**

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## **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**

2023 – Director at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn

2003 – Full Professor (C4/W3) of Economics at the University of Cologne

2023 Visiting Professor at the University of California San Diego, Rady School of Management

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, Harvard Business School

1996 – 1997 Visiting Scholar at Penn State University, Smeal College of Business

## **Selected activities**

2024 – Specialist Group for Regulatory Issues at the Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur)

2023 – University of Tokyo Market Design Center (UTMD) Visiting Researcher

2023 – Climate Economists' Roundtable at the Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt)

2022 – Economists' Roundtable at the Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt)

2022 – Team Scientist at the Behavior Change for Good Initiative (U Penn)

- 2022 – Energy experts' roundtable at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action
- 2021 – 2022 Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Cologne on Sustainability
- 2021 – 2023 Co-Editor Management Science SI "The Human-Algorithm Connection"
- 2021 – Sozialwissenschaftlicher Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik
- 2021 – 2022 Advisor to the Federal Government's Taskforce on Vaccine Production
- 2021 – 2022 Economists' Roundtable at the Federal Ministry of Finance
- 2020 – 2024 Board Member, Cologne Center for Ethics, Rights, Economics, and Social Sciences of Health (CERES)
- 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 – 2023 Department Editor at Management Science
- 2017 – Scientific Advisory Council of the ZEW in Mannheim
- 2016 – 2018 Board of the "Verein für Socialpolitik"
- 2015 – 2023 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 Climate Action (BMWK)
- 2010 – 2014 Board of the "Verein für Socialpolitik"
- 2007 – 2023 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 & the Arts

### **Selected grants and awards**

- 2022 Exeter Prize for the best paper in Experimental Economics, Decision Theory and Behavioral Economics
- 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](http://www.thoughtleaders.world))
- 2013 – 2022 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

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

**For more information** please visit my websites <https://ockenfels.uni-koeln.de/de/ao>  
and <https://www.coll.mpg.de/325389/research-group-ockenfels>.