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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 Long-term 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 (Harvard Business School)
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 – Scientific Advisory Board of the University of Cologne on Sustainability
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 "Organisationsforum Wirtschaftskongress”
- 2004 – 2006 President of the of the Association of Experimental Economics (GEW)
- 2003 – 2007 Director of the Institute of Energy Economics, University of Cologne

Academies of Science

- 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 “Zukunftspreis” (Hans Kelsen Award) of the University of Cologne
- 2018 – European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant
(Project title: “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 – 2020 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
(Project title: “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.

My research has many useful applications, and has benefitted from fruitful collaborations with governments, market platforms and companies.