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## Research Fields

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Behavioral Economics · Experimental Economics

## Education

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### University of Cologne

PHD ECONOMICS

- Main Advisor: Prof. Dr. Axel Ockenfels

Cologne, Germany

2022 - present

### University of Cologne

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMIC RESEARCH

- Distinction

Cologne, Germany

2019 - 2022

### Johann Wolfgang Goethe University

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Frankfurt, Germany

2015 - 2019

### University of Birmingham

ERASMUS STUDY ABROAD

Birmingham, UK

2017 - 2018

## Research

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### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Deliberate? An Experiment on Team Decision Making** (with Alex Chan and Nathalie Römer)

**Memory and Aging** (with Alex Chan)

**Nature of Human Pro-environmental Behavior** (with Axel Ockenfels and Rastislav Rehak)

**Risk Denial** (with Marten Christian Ritterrath)

**Unpacking the Overinsurance Puzzle**

## Academic Positions

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### PhD Candidate, Research Assistant

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON COLLECTIVE GOODS

Bonn, Germany

2023 - present

### PhD Candidate, Research Assistant

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

- Department of Economics
- Chair Prof. Dr. Axel Ockenfels

Cologne, Germany

2021 - present

## Conferences

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2024 **Economic Science Association (ESA) North American Meeting**, Columbus, Ohio

2023 **Gesellschaft für experimentelle Wirtschaftsforschung Conference**, University of Erfurt

2023 **PhD Course: Subjective Beliefs, Attention and Economic Behavior**, University of  
Copenhagen

## Awards and Memberships

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### **Member of “Physikalischer Verein” (Physical Association)**

GESELLSCHAFT FÜR BILDUNG UND WISSENSCHAFT

2022 - present

### **(Associated) Member of the Excellence Cluster ECONtribute Young ECONtribute Program**

(YEP STUDENT)

2021 - present

### **Member of Center for Social and Economic Behavior**

(C-SEB)

2021 - present

### **DMV- Abitur- Award 2015**

OF THE GERMAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

2015

## Research Visits

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09/2024-12/2024 **Harvard University**, (Host: Prof. Alex Chan)

## Refereeing

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Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

## Teaching Experience

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Spring/Fall 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 **Supervision of Bachelor and Master Theses**, University of Cologne

Spring 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 **Microeconomics II**, University of Cologne

Spring 2025 **Experimental Economics**, University of Cologne

Fall 2023, 2024 **Economic Design**, University of Cologne

Fall 2020 **Tutor for the module “Mathematical Methods”**, University of Cologne

Fall 2016, 2018 **Tutor at the faculty of Business and Economics for the module: “Mathematics for Economists”**, Goethe University Frankfurt

## Work Experience

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2016-2017 **Stada Arzneimittel AG (Pharmaceuticals)**, Student assistant, Global Purchasing

## Languages

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German (native), English (fluent), Latin, Turkish (fluent), French (B1)

## Programming

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R, Python, STATA, Javascript, Latex