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## Professional Experience

- since 2018 **Assistant Professor (W1)**, GSI, LMU Munich, Germany.
- since 2018 **Affiliated Member**, SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany.
- 2017/2018 **Jean-Monnet-Fellow**, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.
- 2016/2017 **Max-Weber-Fellow**, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany.
- 2011-2014 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Jacobs University Bremen, Germany.
- 2008-2010 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, University of Essex, United Kingdom.
- 2002-2006 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, University of Konstanz, Germany.

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## Education

- 2007-2012 **PhD**, Department of Government, University of Essex, United Kingdom (Supervisor: Thomas Plümper, Committee: Thomas J. Scotto and Hugh Ward).
- 2004-2005 **Exchange Student**, University of Pavia, Italy.
- 2001-2006 **MA Politics and Management**, University of Konstanz, Germany.

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## Publications

- Special Issues 2016. Revenue Mobilization in the Developing World: Changes, Challenges, and Chances. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 185-344 (edited with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
- 2015. Social Protection in the Developing World: Challenges, Continuity, and Change. *Politics and Society* 43/4: 463-582 (edited with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
- Journal Articles 2018. European Fiscal Solidarity: An EU-wide Optimal Income Tax Approach. *International Journal of Public Policy* 14/1-2: 145-163. Earlier version published as *TranState Working Paper 185/2014* (with H. Yang).
- 2018. Sind Demokratien die besseren Steuerstaaten? Ein globaler Vergleich, 1980-2010 (Are Democracies the better Tax States? A Global Comparison 1980-2010.) *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 59/1: 63-80.
- 2016. Happy taxation: Increasing tax compliance through positive rewards? *Journal of Public Policy* 36/3: 381-406. Online first: 15 Oct 2015 (with H. Brockmann, P. Genschel).

2016. Capital Markets and Tax Policy-Making: A Comparative Analysis of European Tax Reforms since the Crisis. *Comparative European Politics* 14/5: 686-716. Online first: 26 Jan 2015 (with H. Lierse).
2016. Auslaufmodell oder Erfolgsgeschichte? Der Wohlfahrtsstaat in globaler Perspektive (Failure or Success? The Welfare State in Global Perspective). *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform (Journal of Social Policy Research)* 62/2: 111-140 (with A. Grünewald).
2016. Trade liberalization and the global expansion of modern taxes. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 208-231 (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
2016. Dictators don't compete: Autocracy, democracy and tax competition. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 290-315. Earlier version published as *CES Papers Open Forum Paper 22/2015*, Harvard University (with P. Genschel, H. Lierse).
2016. Did they learn to tax? Taxation trends outside the OECD. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 316-344 (with P. Genschel).
2016. Room to Maneuver? International Financial Markets and the National Tax State. *New Political Economy* 21/1: 145-165. Online first: 18 Feb 2015 (with H. Lierse).
2015. The Global Emergence of Social Protection: Explaining Social Security Legislation 1820-2013. *Politics and Society* 43/4: 503-524 (with H. Lierse, H. Obinger, C. Schmitt).
- Book Chapters
2017. Taxation and Inequality in *Welfare State Transformations in the 21st Century: Effects on Social, Economic and Political Inequality in OECD Countries*, Bieber/Wulfgramm/Leibfried (eds), London/New York: Palgrave (with H. Lierse).
2016. Globalization and Tax Policy in *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, Dubnick/Bearfield (eds), New York: Taylor and Francis: 1-7 (with P. Genschel).
2016. Steuern (Taxes) in *Handbuch Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (Handbook of Comparative Politics)*, Lauth/Kneuer/Pickel/Erdmann (eds), Wiesbaden: Springer: 689-700 (with P. Genschel, H. Lierse).
2016. Winners and Losers of Tax Competition in *Global Tax Governance. What is wrong with it and how to fix it*, Rixen/Dietsch (eds), Colchester: ECPR Press: 55-76 (with P. Genschel).
2015. The Competition State in *The [Oxford] Handbook of Transformations of the State*, Leibfried/Nullmeier/Huber/Lange/Levy/Stephens (eds), Oxford: University Press: 237-252 (with P. Genschel).
2014. Tax Competition and National Welfare in *The Political Economy of Offshore Jurisdictions*, Ötsch/Grözinger/Beyer/Bräutigam (eds), Marburg: Metropolis: 27-38.
- Other
2018. Ungleichheit und Wohlfahrtsstaat (Inequality and the Welfare State), Radio Interview with Deutschlandfunk, 03.05.2018.
2017. Click and bail: Can Macron stop digital multinationals from dodging tax? *EUI Times*, 31.10.2017.
2017. Taxation and redistribution in autocratic and democratic regimes over the long-run of history. *EUI MWP Working Paper* 2017/11 (with H. Lierse).
2017. Steuern und Gerechtigkeit (Taxes and Fairness), Radio Interview with Radio Wissen, BR2, 12.01.2017.
2016. Sozialpolitik und Legitimation in Zeiten ökonomischer Krisen (Social Policy and Legitimacy in Times of Crises). *Politikum* 2: 48-54 (with F. Nullmeier).
2013. Book Review: Appel, Hilary. Tax Politics in Eastern Europe: Globalization, Regional Integration and the Democratic Compromise. *EUSA Review* 26/2: 18-19.

2012. The Political Economy of Foreign Aid Allocation: Arguments and Applications. *Thesis (Ph.D.)*, Dept. of Government - University of Essex.

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## Working Papers

Tax Aid Curse? International Taxation Assistance in Developing Countries (with I. Bastiaens).

Organized Business and the Quiet Politics of Inequality: A Comparative Analysis of Inheritance Tax Policy Reform (with M. Klitgaard and A. Campbell).

The Rise of Modern Taxation. A New Comprehensive Dataset of Tax Introductions Worldwide (with M. Bubek, E. Eihmanis, J. Ganderson, J. Limberg, Y. Mnaili, P. Zuluaga, P. Genschel)

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## Teaching Experience

- 2018/19 The Political Economy of Taxation, MA, LMU Munich
- 2018/19 MA Thesis Seminar, MA, LMU Munich
- 2018/19 Inequality and Redistribution in International Perspective, BA, LMU Munich
- 2018 The Worldwide Development of the Modern Tax State, BA/MA, Cusanuswerk
- 2017 The Political Economy of Taxation, PhD, European University Institute
- 2015/16 Redistributive Policies in Action: A Research Seminar with Stata, BA, Uni Bremen
- 2015, 2016 Inequality and Redistribution in International Perspective, BA/MA, Uni Bremen
- 2015-2016 BA Thesis Seminar, BA, Uni Bremen
- 2012, 2013 Actors, Institutions, and Global Governance, MA, Jacobs Uni
- 2011 International Institutions, BA, Jacobs Uni
- 2010 Mixed Methods (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
- 2010 Survey Data Analysis (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
- 2009, 2010 Political Explanation (TA), MA, Uni Essex
- 2008-2010 Political Analysis (TA), BA, Uni Essex
- 2008,2009 Comparative Methods (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
- 2002 Methods of Empirical Social Research (TA), BA, Uni Konstanz

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## Scholarships and Grants

- 2018-2021 Research Grant for *The Development of the Welfare State in a Global Perspective*, Collaborative Research Center 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy", German Research Foundation (with H. Obinger, C. Schmitt)
- 2016-2018 Research Grant for *The Comparative Political Economy of Taxation*, EUI Research Council, Italy (with P. Genschel)
- 2016 Research Grant for *Economic Inequality and the Politics of Inaction*, University of Southern Denmark (with A. Campbell, M. Klitgaard)
- 2016 Workshop Grant for *Social Policy by Other Means*, Reforming the Welfare State Institutions Fund, University of Southern Denmark (with P. Starke)
- 2015 DAAD Conference Travel Grant: IIPF Congress, Dublin, Ireland
- 2010 EITM Summer Institute, University of Berkeley, California, United States
- 2008-2011 University of Essex Scholarship, University of Essex, United Kingdom
- 2008-2011 ESRC +3 Quota Award, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom
- 2004-2005 Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg: Full Scholarship for Studies in Pavia, Italy
- 2004-2007 E-fellows.net: Online Scholarship, Germany
- 2003 DAAD (Leonardo): Internship at Studios92.com Ltd in London, United Kingdom

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## Professional Activities

- Representative Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, 2015-2018  
PhD Students, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2009-2010
- Member German Political Science Association (DVPW), European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- Associate Editor Journal of International Relations and Development, since 2018
- Reviewer American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; East European Politics and Societies; European Journal of Political Research; Global Policy; International Interactions; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of International Development; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Public Policy; Policy Sciences; Political Studies; Politics, Philosophy & Economics; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; Review of International Political Economy; Socio-Economic Review; DVPW Political Economy Conference; ECPR Joint Sessions
- Workshop Organization Pathways to Modern Taxation II, European University Institute, October 2018, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel)
- Redistribution and Representation, DVPW General Conference Panel, September 2018, Frankfurt, Germany (with H. Lierse)
- Taxation in the 21st Century, ECPR General Conference Section, August 2018, Hamburg, Germany (with L. Hakelberg)
- Aftershock. The Financial Crisis and its Impact on Germany and Europe, Annual Meeting of the DVPW Political Economy Working Group, February 2018, Darmstadt, Germany (with C. Vogeler)
- Pathways to Modern Taxation I, European University Institute, December 2017, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel)
- The Political Economy of Taxation, European University Institute, May 2017, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel)
- Social Policy by Other Means, ECPR Joint Sessions, March 2015, Warsaw and January 2016, Odense, Denmark (with P. Starke)
- SoWi-Werkstatt, Universität Bremen, 2015-2016, Bremen, Germany (with V. Schröder)
- SfB Werkstatt, CRC 597, 2013-2014, Bremen, Germany (with C. Schmitt)
- Tax and Welfare States beyond the OECD, CRC 597, July 2014, Bremen, Germany (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt)
- Welfare State Diffusion around the World - Shapes and Challenges in the 21st Century, CRC 597, September 2013, Bremen, Germany (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt)
- The Global Diffusion of Tax Policies, Norms and Institutions, ECPR General Conference Panel, September 2013, Bordeaux, France (with H. Schmidtke)
- PhD Colloquium, Department of Government, 2008-2009, University of Essex, United Kingdom (with S. Weiss)
- Invited Talks Lineages of the Tax State, Workshop on "The Unexpected Survival of the Welfare State", September 2018, Vienna
- The Demise of the "Death Tax": The Worldwide Abolition of Inheritance Taxation, 1970-2017, Workshop on "Political Equality in Unequal Societies", June 2018, Villa Vigoni, Italy
- Tax Aid Curse? International Taxation Assistance in Developing Countries, 6th International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, November 2017, Bonn

- How to Reduce Inequalities Between Member States, "Conversations for the Future of Europe", EUI, Nov 2017
- Pathways to the Tax State: Timing, Sequence, and Revenue, Workshop "Taxation, Revenue, and Fiscal Capacity", Texas A & M, March 2017
- Winners and Losers in International Tax Competition, Workshop "Taxation: with or without borders", University of Birmingham, January 2017
- Inequality and Redistribution, IPP Seminar, Universität Mainz, December 2016
- Taxation and Redistribution in Autocratic and Democratic Regimes, "Inequality and Fairness of Political Reforms", Universität Mannheim, December 2016
- State Building at the Local Level: Fiscal Decentralization in Colombia, 5th International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, September 2016, Bonn
- Demokratieprobleme des Steuerstaats im 21. Jahrhundert, LMU, September 2016, München
- Dictators don't Compete, 2nd International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, September 2013, Bonn
- Global Tax Governance: Normative and Institutional Issues, ECPR Joint Sessions, March 2013, Mainz
- The Political Economy of Offshore Jurisdictions, Universität Linz, November 2012
- PhD Colloquium, University of Essex, 2009, Colchester
- PhD Colloquium, Universität Hamburg, 2009
- Conferences DGS Social Policy Working Group: 2018
- DVPW Conference Political Economy Working Group: 2011, 2013, 2016-2018
- DVPW Conference Comparative Politics Working Group: 2015
- DVPW General Conference: 2015, 2018
- ECPR General Conference: 2013, 2018
- EPSA Annual National Conference: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- IIPF Annual Congress: 2015
- Max Weber Fellows June Conference, EUI: 2017, 2018
- MPSA Annual National Conference: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
- Research Stays European University Institute, Dec 2014, Dec 2015, Feb 2016, Mar 2016
- Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Oct 2013
- University of Dundee, Jul 2013
- Methods Chair, Universität Hamburg, Sep 2010 - Apr 2011

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## Professional Training

- 2017 European University Institute: *Media Training*
- 2010 University of California at Berkeley: *EITM Summer Institute*
- 2009 University of Essex: *R Spatial Workshop*
- 2007-2009 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: *Empirical Models of Context Conditionality, (Inter)Dependence, and Endogeneity; Spatial Econometrics; Regression Analysis Using R; Advanced Programming in Stata; Game Theory and Social Science; Mathematics for Social Scientists; Comparative Political Economy*
- 2008 University of Essex: *Four-day Teaching Methods Workshop*
- 2007-2008 University of Essex: *Advanced Game Theory; Professional Development Seminar; Research Design*

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## Computer Skills

Statistics	Stata, R, SPSS, EViews, Matlab, Octave, Maxima, Origin
Teaching	Personal Response System (PRS), Perception, Moodle
Office	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, OpenOffice, MS Office
OS	Linux (Ubuntu), Windows
Other	SQL, HTML, Gnuplot, Gambit

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## Language Skills

German	(native)	French	(basic)
English	(fluent)	Latin	(Latinum)
Italian	(good)	Ancient Greek	(Graecum)

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## Expert Consultation

2013-2014	SIG Variable Transformation, Bertelsmann Foundation
2012	SIG Index Aggregation, Bertelsmann Foundation
2011	SIG Measurement Error (with Kai-Uwe Schnapp), Bertelsmann Foundation

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## References

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