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Research Interests

Development Economics and Applied Microeconomics: Migration Economics; Social Network Analysis; Behavioral and Experimental Economics

Education

SINCE 2018

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany
Chair of International Economic Policy, Prof. Dr. Kis-Katos
Research Training Group 1723, Globalization and Development
(Note: Parental leave from 08/2021 to 03/2022 and 10/2022 to 02/2023)

2014-2017

M.SC. IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC POLICS

Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany
Grade: 1.5
Thesis: "The impact of migration on children's educational outcomes. Empirical evidence from Tanzania" Supervised by Jun. Prof. Emilia Soldani (1.0)

2011-2014

B.SC. IN ECONOMICS

University of Mannheim, Germany and Toulouse School of Economics, France
Grade: 1.5
Thesis: "Preferences between altruism and egoism. Analyzing the motives of voluntary commitment on the basis of experimental data and a standardized survey" Supervised by Prof. Dr. Dirk Engelmann (1.0)

2002-2011

ABITUR/ A-LEVELS

Humboldtschule Bad Homburg, Germany
Grade: 1.0

Peer-reviewed publications

- Bousquet, J., Gasten, A., Kadigo, M.M., Maystadt, J.F. and Salemi, C. (2025). Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia. *Journal of Development Economics*, 175, p.103481.

Work in progress

- Are refugee camps attractive? The impact of refugee camps on migratory movements of the host population. Evidence from Tanzania
- Effects of refugee inflows on hosts' labor market outcomes: Comparative analysis from Jordan, Colombia, Uganda, and Ethiopia. Joint work with J. Bousquet, J. von der Goltz, M. Kadigo, JF. Maystadt, K. Schuettler
- Welfare Effects of hosting refugees. Evidence from Ethiopia. Joint work with JF. Maystadt
- Comparative study of livelihoods of refugees and host communities in Malaysia. Joint work with Y. Ghorpade, A. Farha Binti, JF. Maystadt
- Are FDI restrictions inducing international migration? Evidence from Indonesia. Joint work with A. Cinque and K. Kis-Katos
- Insuring home from afar: Experimental evidence on migrants' willingness to pay for weather index insurance. Joint work with K. Kis-Katos

Policy-oriented research experience

09/2024-2/2025 **SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY | UNHCR | MALAYSIA**

Joint Data Center (JDC)

- Literature reviews and synthesis on economic integration of refugees and host communities
- Lead author of report on legal frameworks for refugee labor market integration in Turkey, Philippines, Nepal, Iran, Pakistan, Jordan, and Egypt

04/2022-6/2024 **SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY | WORLD BANK | MALAYSIA**

Social Protection & Labor EAP

- Questionnaire design for a comparative study of livelihood of refugees and host communities in Malaysia, including survey experiments on refugee-host discrimination and attitudes towards Malaysian refugee policies
- Data preparation and analysis
- Lead author of policy brief on refugee-host interactions; co-lead on briefs addressing displacement trajectories, mental health, and labor market outcomes

10/2022-6/2023 **SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY | WORLD BANK | WASHINGTON D.C.**

Jobs – Cross-cutting solutions area (JOBS - CCSA)

- Development of questionnaire modules on social networks and integration of refugee and host communities in Ethiopia and Uganda
- Design of a vignette experiment on the role of labor market competition for out-group prejudice between refugees and local hosts
- Contribution to a policy-oriented synthesis report on labor-market consequences of hosting refugees in Uganda, Ethiopia, Jordan and Columbia

Professional experience

11/2016-3/2017 **INTERNSHIP | GERMAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (GIZ) | ESCHBORN**

Competence Center *Financial Systems Development and Insurance*

- Analysis of financial inclusion of migrants and refugees
- Development of strategies to attract diaspora investment

7/2013-8/2013 **INTERNSHIP | KFW IPEX BANK | FRANKFURT A.M.**

Analysis Department

- Analysis intern in international project financing

Invited talks

2023 IRES Lunch Seminar (UCLouvain)

Conference and Workshop Attendance

2025 TVSEP Conference (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam); German Development Economics Conference (Frankfurt, scheduled); Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Potsdam)

2024 German Development Economics Conference (Hannover)

2023 Understanding Forced and Voluntary Migration (Lille); German Development Economics Conference (Dresden); International Conference for Development Economics (Paris)

2022 CESifo Venice Summer Institute 2022 (Venice); DIW Workshop on the Integration of Refugee Families in Host Countries (Berlin)

2021 14th RGS Doctoral Conference (virtual); 13th FIW Conference on International Economics (virtual); WEAI Virtual International Conference (virtual); 13th IAAEU Workshop on Labour Economics (virtual); Annual Congress of the SSES (virtual); German Development Economics Conference – Verein für Socialpolitik (virtual); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (virtual); 8th BCDE (virtual); 3rd International Conference on Globalization and Development (virtual)

2020 13th RGS Conference (Dortmund); AeeFi Conference on Int. Economics (virtual)

2019 6th Deneb PhD Workshop (Berlin)

2018 2nd GLAD Conference (Göttingen); PSE Summer School Migration Econ. (Paris)

Teaching

SS 2024 **MIGRATION ECONOMICS: REPLICATION COURSE | UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN**

SS 2023

SS 2022 Tutorial, Master level

SS 2020 **GLOBALIZATION AND MIGRATION | UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN**
Seminar, Bachelor level

WS 2023/24 **LABOR ECONOMICS | UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN**

WS 2022/23 Stata Tutorial, Bachelor level

WS 2019/20

WS 2018/19

WS 2013/14 **CALCULUS I FOR ECONOMISTS | UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM**

Teaching assistant, Bachelor level

THESIS SUPERVISION (BACHELOR & MASTER THESES) – PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

Omar Abo Alkhair (Master); Lars Brinkschmidt (Bachelor); Giulio Constanzo (Bachelor); Erika Contreras (Master); Cosimo Frontera (Master); David Granada (Master); Hugo Herlitz (Bachelor); Dara Krolpfeifer (Master); Samuele Milone (Master), Anjana Mohan (Master); Vincent Oldenburger (Bachelor); Nada Roustom (Master); Leonard Scholtes (Bachelor); Bernd Theuerkauf (Bachelor); Jan-Niclas Walter (Bachelor)

Other Academic Activities

PEER REVIEWING

Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Labour Market Research

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

Third International Conference on Globalization and Development (2021)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

PhD representative and member of the elective board, Research Training Group 1723, University of Göttingen (2019 – 2022)

Awards and Grants

2024	DOROTHEA-SCHLÖZER-PROGRAMM UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN Funding for project student assistants (4200€)
2018-2022	DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION Funded PhD within the Research Training Group 1723, University of Göttingen
2012-2016	DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM GOETHE-UNIVERSITY FRANKFURT Merit-based national scholarship awarded for academic excellence

Skills

STATISTICAL AND DATA ANALYSIS

STATA (Advanced); LaTeX (Advanced); R (Intermediate); QGIS (Intermediate)

SURVEY PROGRAMMING AND QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT

SurveySolutions (Intermediate); iField (basic)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (basic)