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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cologne

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Regional Economic Growth, Labor and Demographic Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2025 – present	Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Cologne, Germany
09/2025 – present	Research Associate, Centre for Economics, Policy and History (CEPH), Ireland
09/2023 – 08/2025	Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin & Centre for Economics, Policy and History (CEPH), Ireland
07/2021 – 08/2023	Akademischer Rat (Postdoctoral Researcher), University of Bayreuth, Germany
09/2018 – 06/2021	Researcher, University of Bayreuth, Germany
07/2015 – 08/2018	Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany
03/2011 – 06/2015	Research Assistant, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany
10/2009 – 03/2014	Teaching Assistant, Institute for Statistics and Econometrics, Kiel University, Germany

RESEARCH VISITS

01/2022 – 03/2022	Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science, England
08/2017 – 10/2017	Visiting Scholar, University of St. Andrews, Scotland

EDUCATION

10/2015 – 06/2021	Ph.D. Programme Quantitative Economics, Kiel University, Germany Thesis Committee: <i>Holger Görg, Tobias Heidland, Ulrich Schmidt</i>
10/2011 – 04/2015	Master of Science in Quantitative Economics, Kiel University, Germany
08/2012	Summer School on Chinese Language & Culture, Zhejiang University, China
10/2008 – 01/2012	Bachelor of Science in Economics, Kiel University, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘[Reversing Fortunes of German Regions: Boon and Bane of Early Industrialization?](#)’, with Paul Berbée and Sebastian T. Braun, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 30(2):307–337, (2025).
- ‘[Railways, Growth, and Industrialization in a Developing German Economy, 1829–1910](#)’, with Sebastian T. Braun, *Journal of Economic History*, 82(4):1183–1221, (2022).
- ‘[Poverty, Pollution, and Mortality: The 1918 Influenza Pandemic in a Developing German Economy](#)’, *Economic History Review*, 75(4):1026–1053, (2022).
- ‘[A county-level database on expellees in West Germany, 1939–1961](#)’, with Sebastian T. Braun, *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte/Journal of Social and Economic History* 108(4):522–540, (2021).
- ‘[Ausweitung sicherer Herkunftsstaaten: Folgen für die Zahl der Asylanträge](#)’, with Sebastian T. Braun, *Wirtschaftsdienst* (11):752–757, (2015).

WORK IN PROGRESS

‘Skilled Labor Inflows and Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence from Post-War Germany’, with Sebastian T. Braun, Sarah M. Stricker and Florian Trouvain.

‘Forced Migration and Industry Diffusion’, with Sebastian T. Braun, Andreas Lichter, and Sebastian Ottinger.

‘Wrecking their Hopes? The Effect of Travel Risk Assessment on Migration Decisions’, with Nina Boberg-Fazlić.

‘Protestantism, Industrialization, and the Fertility Decline: Evidence from Religious Enclaves in Württemberg, 1871–1933’, with Sebastian T. Braun and Timur Öztürk.

‘Water Infrastructure, Health and Economic Development: The Albwasserversorgung 1871–1923’, with Sebastian T. Braun.

‘Irish Agricultural Development’, with Eoin McLaughlin.

‘[The Cost of Remoteness Revisited](#)’, Kiel Working Paper No. 2070, (2017).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cologne

Economic History (undergraduate lecture) – 2026

Technical Change, Labor, and Inequality (PhD lecture & tutorial) – 2026

Replication of Papers in Applied Economics (undergraduate seminar) – 2025/26

University of Bayreuth

Data Science in Economic History: Spatial Analysis and Mapping (graduate seminar) – 2023

Quantitative Methods in Economic History (graduate seminar) – 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019

Empirical Economic History (undergraduate lecture & tutorial) – 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20

Refresher Course in Mathematics and Statistics (graduate lecture & tutorial) – 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19

Foundations of Economic History II: Global Economy (graduate lecture & tutorial) – 2022

Natural Experiments in Quantitative Economic History (graduate tutorial) – 2020, 2019

Kiel University

Mathematics for Economists I (undergraduate tutorial) – 2013/14, 2012/13, 2011/12, 2010/11, 2009/10

Mathematics for Economists II (undergraduate tutorial) – 2012, 2011, 2010

Supervision

Master Thesis: 11, *Bachelor Thesis*: 3

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES (* Invited talks)

2026 Workshop on Forced Migration and Economic Legacies (University of Gothenburg), Research Colloquium Social and Economic History (HU Berlin)*

2025 Economic History Society Annual Conference (EHS) (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow), Congress on Economic and Social History (GSWG/VfS) (Berlin), ECONtribute and C-SEB Seminar (University of Cologne)*

- 2024 The North South Research Programme Conference (Dublin), CEPR Economic History Symposium (Trinity College Dublin), Queen's University Centre for Economic History (QUCEH) Seminar Series (Queen's University Belfast)*, Economic History Society Annual Conference (EHS) (Northumbria University, Newcastle), Royal Economic Society (RES) Annual Conference (Queen's University Belfast)
- 2023 Young Irish Economists Seminar Series (YIESS) (Trinity College Dublin), European Historical Economics Society (EHES) Conference (WU Vienna), Congress on Economic and Social History (GSWG/VfS) (Leipzig), Growth, History and Development Workshop (SDU Odense), Rural and Environmental History (RHI) Seminar (Wageningen University & Research)*, Bayreuth Lab for Digital Science (BayLDS) (University of Bayreuth)
- 2022 Research Seminar Economic History, Growth & Development (University of Halle)*, Vortragsreihe Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte (University of Regensburg)*, Royal Economic Society (RES) Annual Conference (Manchester), LSE Economic History Seminar (London)*, LSE Historical Economic Demography Workshop
- 2021 ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Science, Annual Cliometric Conference, Congress on Economic and Social History (GSWG/VfS), Economic History Society Annual Conference (EHS)
- 2019 Dynamic Economics, Growth, and International Trade (DEGIT) (SDU, Odense), European Regional Science Association Congress (ERSA) (Lyon), Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS) Jahrestagung (Leipzig), ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Science (ifo Dresden)
- 2018 Aarhus-Kiel Workshop (Sønderborg), Graduate Seminar (University of Groningen)*, Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS) Jahrestagung (Freiburg), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) (UIB, Palma de Mallorca), Economic Geography and International Trade Research Meeting (EGIT) (University of Düsseldorf), Lunch Time Seminar in International Economics (Kiel Institute)
- 2017 Economic History Society Annual Conference (EHS) (Royal Holloway, University of London)
- 2016 Aarhus-Kiel Workshop (Sønderborg), Lunch Time Seminar in International Economics (Kiel Institute)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Meritorious Reviewer, *Asia-Pacific Economic History Review* (2024)
- TRiSS Academic Research Fellowship (2024)
- VfS Conference Subsidy Programme (2022)
- Best Paper Award, Congress on Economic and Social History (GSWG/VfS) (2021)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

At the department

- Co-organizer of the CEPH Irish Research Initiative Workshop on Irish Agricultural Development, 2024
- Co-organizer of the Bayreuth Young Economists Research Seminar (BYERS), 2020–2023
- Co-organizer of internal research workshops at the Kiel Institute, 2016, 2017

Data

- 'A County-Level Database on Expellees in West Germany, 1939–1961', with Sebastian T. Braun, [ZBW Journal Data Archive](#)
- 'A Parish-Level Database on Vital Demographic Statistics in Württemberg, 1871–1946', with Sebastian T. Braun and Timur Öztürk, [OPENICPSR](#)
- 'Historical National Accounts Group for Ireland (HNAG)', [Digital Repository of Ireland](#)
- 'Statistical Abstracts - Historical Series', [Central Statistics Office \(Ireland\)](#)

Reviewing

- Journals: *Asia-Pacific Economic History Review*; *Empirical Economics*; *European Review of Economic History*; *Explorations in Economic History*; *Nature Human Behaviour*; *The B.E. Journal of*
- June, 2026

Economic Analysis and Policy; The History of the Family

Others: *EHS Annual Conference: New Researchers Prize Committee; Spring Meeting of Young Economists; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS) Jahrestagung*

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, L^AT_EX, MS Office

Language: German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (basic knowledge)

Teaching: Certificate for Teaching in Higher Education of the Bavarian Universities