

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

May 2011
– present

Head of Department, DIW Berlin, Department for Forecasting and Economic Policy

Fields of Work:

- Constitution and management of the newly created department, development of long-run strategies and targets for the department
- Lead management of the DIW Berlin's macroeconomic forecasting and policy advice
- Macroeconomic policy advice, including public lectures, discussions and media appearances

April 2010
– May 2011

Senior Research Associate, DIW Berlin, Department for Macro Analysis and Forecasting

Fields of Work:

- Global macroeconomic developments
- Forecasting methods and tools
- Open economy macroeconomics

- June 2008
– February 2010
- Economist, European Central Bank, External Developments Division
- Regular Teaching:*
- Macroeconomic analysis and projection (USA and Japan desk)
 - Contributions to ECB publications and internal briefing material
 - Forecasting methods and tool development
- April 2007
– May 2008
- Research and teaching assistant for Prof. Volker Clausen, Chair of International Economics, University of Duisburg-Essen, Campus Essen
- Regular Teaching:*
- International Trade
(advanced undergraduate level, group size: ~ 100 students)
 - International Macroeconomics
(advanced undergraduate level, group size: ~ 100 students)
 - supervision of diploma thesis' and term papers
- July 2007
– October 2007
- Internship, External Developments Division, European Central Bank
- Project Cooperation:*
- Development of a DSGE model for forecasting/policy simulation and creation of instructive notes for staff members
 - Empirical analysis of the information content of leading indicators in the light of increased economic integration
- December 2002
– February 2007
- Research and teaching assistant for Prof. Juergen B. Donges, Chair of Economic Policy, University of Cologne
- Regular Teaching:*
- International Economics
(graduate level, group size: ~ 50 students)
 - Economic Policy
(undergraduate level, group size: ~ 500 students)
 - supervision of diploma thesis' and term papers

Education

- July 2008
- University of Cologne
- Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. rer. pol.), grade: *summa cum laude*
- Thesis Title:*
- “Optimum Currency Area Theory Revisited – New Insights from Stochastic Dynamics”
- Supervisors: Professor Juergen B. Donges, Professor Peter Funk

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|-------------------------------|---|
| December 2002
– July 2008 | <p>University of Cologne
Ph.D. studies</p> <p><i>Research Interests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Economy Macroeconomics - International Monetary Economics - Applied DSGE Modeling and Numerical Methods - Time Series Econometrics |
| November 2002 | <p>Degree in Economics (Diplom-Volkswirt), grade: 1.9</p> <p><i>Diploma Thesis:</i>
“Germany and the European Business Cycle – Empirical Analysis and Structural Modeling”</p> |
| April 1999
– November 2002 | <p>University of Cologne
Undergraduate studies (Hauptstudium), Economics</p> <p><i>Majors:</i>
International Economics, Growth and Business Cycle Theory</p> |
| October 1996
– July 1998 | <p>University of Heidelberg
Undergraduate studies (Grundstudium), Economics</p> |