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PERSONAL DATA

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EMPLOYMENT

FEB 2022 - CURRENT Assistant Professor (non-tenure-track) in ECONOMICS,
Johannes Kepler Universität (JKU), Linz

AUG 2023 - SEPT 2024 Maternity leave

OCT 2021 - FEB 2022 Lecturer in ECONOMICS,
Johannes Kepler Universität (JKU), Linz

EDUCATION

AUG 2016 - FEB 2022 PhD in ECONOMICS,
European University Institute (EUI), Firenze
Thesis: "Essays in Gender and Education Economics"
Advisors: Prof. Michèle Belot and Prof. Andrea Ichino

JAN 2021 - AUGUST 2021 Maternity leave

SEPT 2018 - MAY 2019 Visiting PhD Student,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge
Host: Prof. Joseph Doyle, Jr.

AUG 2016 - SEPT 2017 Master of Research in ECONOMICS,
European University Institute (EUI), Firenze

SEPT 2014 - JUN 2016 Master of Science in ECONOMICS,
Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna
Pass with distinction

SEPT 2011 - AUG 2014 Bachelor of Science in ECONOMICS,
University of Economics and Business, Vienna

RESEARCH

Gender Diversity and Diveristy of Ideas

Joint with Michele Belot and Madina Kurmangaliyeva

This paper examines the relationship between gender diversity and the diversification of ideas in Academia and in the knowledge sector. Diversity in employee representation is often advocated for its potential to foster diversity in ideas, and thereby innovation. However, this process of 'diversifying ideas' critically depends on decisions of incumbents, such as hiring and funding. If interests and ideas differ between incumbents and minorities, it may be difficult for minorities to 'break through'. We first present evidence from the Academic Economics junior job market, where numerous initiatives have been launched in recent years to boost the representation of women. We find that women fare as well as men on the market, but they fare substantially better if they specialize in a more male-dominated field. In an Online Experiment, we study the demand for ideas in a college-educated population. We find large gender differences in the topics men and women choose to engage with. We then show

that incentives encouraging the selection of topics that are typically more female are more effective at increasing their representation than incentives encouraging the selection of women.

Son Preference and Mental Health of Fathers

Joint with Ulrich Glogowsky and Martin Halla

Fathers in Austria favor sons over daughters. Yet, those with sons have poorer mental health than those with daughters. This paper unveils this previously undocumented phenomenon using administrative and time-use data. At first glance, this “son penalty in mental health” appears paradoxical: Fathers thrive better when a core preference remains unmet. However, we demonstrate that fathers of sons substantially increase their parenting investments. This observation resonates with the notion that the birth of sons augments fathers’ workload, potentially elevating stress and elucidating the mental health downturn. Our paper underscores the importance of exploring the dynamics of parental investment and well-being.

The Effect of Sibling Gender on Attitudes

Joint with Martin Habets

In this project, we analyze the causal effect of sibling gender on attitudes and preferences. Comparing first-born women with a next-born sister to first-born women with a next-born brother allows us to estimate the causal effect of sibling gender. In particular, we find that a next-born sister leads first-born women to have less stereo-typically female preferences in education and in terms of importance of career. Furthermore, we find that women with a sister have higher life satisfaction and less mental health issues. We also explore how the gender of the next-born sibling influences family relationships, in order to say more about the mechanisms at work. Our findings high light, that the relationship with the sibling changes with sibling gender while those with the parents remain constant. In addition we find that women with a sister become more similar to men with respect to their social skills and views on gender norms. These results shed light on how sibling gender influences preferences and attitudes, specifically those for education choices that are gender role conforming.

Liberalizing the Morning After Pill - Effects on Young Women

I analyze the causal effects of liberalizing access to emergency hormonal contraception (EHC), also known as the morning after pill, on young adults’ reproductive behavior in England. The liberalization, which changed the prescription status from “on doctor’s prescription only” to “available without prescription in pharmacies”, created easier and more timely access to EHC for all women aged 16 years or older. In a novel theoretical model of individual behavior I find that EHC, which can be seen as a means of insurance against pregnancies, acts both as a substitute for regular contraception, as well as a substitute for abortions. This creates the need for analyzing the issue empirically since overall effects on outcomes such as births and abortions are unclear. Using a difference-in-differences approach, I find that easier access to EHC increases births only among 20-24 year olds. I find no effects on abortions for any age group. These findings are in line with easier EHC access leading to more unplanned but not unwanted children.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUL 2017 - JULY 2020	Research Assistant for Profs. Andrea Ichino, Aldo Rustichini, Giulio Zanella
NOV 2017 - FEB 2018	Research Assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot
JUNE 2019	Participant at ICPSR Summer Program on Field Experiments
JUNE 2017	Participant at Tinbergen Institute Summer School on Genome-Wide Analysis
SUMMER 2014	Internship at OECD, Paris

PRESENTATIONS

2024	Austrian Economic Association IHS Labor Workshop
2023	Austrian Feminist Economists Workshop European Society of Population Economics Economics of Mental Health Workshop Italian Labor Economics Association
2022	Austrian National Economics Association Cesifo Venice Summer Institute: Personality and Attitudes over the Life Cycle EUI Alumni Conference
2017 - 2020	EUI Microeconometrics Working Group

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022, 2023	Johannes Kepler Universität (JKU), Linz Undergraduate course in PUBLIC ECONOMICS
2021, 2022	Johannes Kepler Universität (JKU), Linz Undergraduate course in MICROECONOMICS
NOV - JAN 2020	European University Institute (EUI), Firenze Teaching Assistant for graduate course in MICROECONOMETRICS Course taught by Prof. Michèle Belot
APR - JUN 2018	European University Institute (EUI), Firenze Teaching Assistant for graduate course in CAUSALITY Course taught by Prof. Andrea Ichino
JAN - MAR 2018	European University Institute (EUI), Firenze Teaching Assistant for graduate course in SEARCH AND MATCHING Course taught by Prof. Philipp Kircher
APR - JUL 2016	Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna Teaching Assistant for graduate course in MICROECONOMICS II Course taught by Prof. Egbert Dierker
OCT - DEC 2015	Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna Teaching Assistant for graduate course in MICROECONOMICS I Course taught by Prof. Martin Meier and Prof. Anton Boxtel
OCT 2013 - JUL 2014	University of Economics and Business (WU), Vienna Teaching Assistant for undergrad course in PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS II Courses taught by Prof. Rupert Sausgruber

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

SEPT 2022	Young Economist Award Austrian National Economics Association
SEPT 2019 - AUG 2020	EUI Scholarship
DEC 2019	EUI Early Researchers Grant for Experiments and Data Collection
SEPT 2016 - AUG 2019	Austrian Scholarship from OEAD
SEPT 2018	US Exchange Scholarship from the EUI
OCT 2017	Best Summer Paper Prize for First Year Paper at the EUI
SEPT 2014 - JULY 2016	IHS Full Scholarship
NOV 2013	Austrian Scholarship for Excellent Performance

OTHER SKILLS

LANGUAGES: German (Native), English (Excellent), Italian (Very Good), French (Beginner).

COMPUTING: Stata, Matlab, R, L^AT_EX, Plink.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES: Elected student representative at the EUI.

REFERENCES

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