

Gregor Pfeifer: Curriculum Vitae

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Relevant Positions

Senior Lecturer (tenured), University of Sydney (Australia), School of Economics, 2024–current

Lecturer, University of Sydney (Australia), School of Economics, 2020–2023

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IZA Research Fellow, 2023–current

Member of the Standing Field Committee for Regional Economics (Ausschuss für Regionaltheorie und -politik), German Economic Association, 2023–current

Member of the Standing Field Committee for Health Econometrics (Ausschuss Gesundheit-sökonometrie), German Society for Health Economics, 2021–current

Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss), German Economic Association, 2021–current

Senior Research Officer, University College London (United Kingdom), Department of Economics, Centre for Research & Analysis of Migration (CReAM), 2019–2020

Visiting Scholar, University College London (United Kingdom), Department of Economics, Centre for Research & Analysis of Migration (CReAM), 2018, *invited by Christian Dustmann*

CESifo Research Network Affiliate, 2018–current

IZA Research Affiliate, 2018–2023

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Hohenheim (Germany), Department of Economics, Group Econometrics and Empirical Economics, 2015–2022

Visiting Scholar, Penn State University (United States), Department of Economics, 2013–2014, *invited by Patrik Guggenberger*

Degrees and Honors

Ph.D. in Economics, Saarland University (Germany), *summa cum laude, with distinction*

Committee Chairpersons: Professors Ashok Kaul (Saarland University) and Michael Wolf (University of Zurich)

Diploma in Business Administration, Saarland University (Germany), *with distinction*

Best Degree Holder of the Economics and Business Department

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Colorado State University (United States), *GPA 4.0, with distinction*

Diploma in Sports Science/Physical Education, Saarland University (Germany)

Fields of Interest

Primary: Applied Microeconometrics; Causal Inference; Policy Evaluation.

Secondary: Health; Labor/Education; Public/Regional.

Publications

The Morning After: Prescription-Free Access to Emergency Contraceptive Pills, joint with Mirjam Stockburger, 2023, *Journal of Health Economics*, 91:9, 102775.

Standard Synthetic Control Methods: The Case Of Using All Pre-Intervention Outcomes Together With Covariates, joint with Ashok Kaul, Stefan Klößner, and Manuel Schieler, 2022, *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 40:3, 1362-1376.

Gender Differences in Wage Expectations: The Role of Biased Beliefs, joint with Stephanie Briel, Aderonke Osikominu, Mirjam Reutter, and Sascha Satlukal, 2022, *Empirical Economics*, 62, 187-212.

Price Effects of the Austrian Fuel Price Fixing Act: A Synthetic Control Study, joint with Maike Becker and Karsten Schweikert, 2021, *Energy Economics*, 97, forthcoming.

Goodbye Smokers' Corner: Health Effects of School Smoking Bans, joint with Mirjam Reutter and Kristina Strohmaier, 2020, *The Journal of Human Resources*, 55:3, 1068-1104.

The Importance of Tax Adjustments when Evaluating Wage Expectations, joint with Stefan Klößner, 2019, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 121:2, 578-605.

Illuminating the World Cup Effect: Night Lights Evidence from South Africa, joint with Fabian Wahl and Martyna Marczak, 2018, *Journal of Regional Science*, 58:5, 887-920.

Comparative Politics and the Synthetic Control Method Revisited: A Note on Abadie et al. (2015), joint with Stefan Klößner, Ashok Kaul, and Manuel Schieler, 2018, *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, 154:11.

Cross-Validating Synthetic Controls, joint with Martin Becker and Stefan Klößner, 2018, *Economics Bulletin*, 38:1, 603-609.

Outside the Box: Using Synthetic Control Methods as a Forecasting Technique, joint with Stefan Klößner, 2018, *Applied Economics Letters*, 25:9, 615-618.

The Incidence of Cash for Clunkers: Evidence from the 2009 Car Scrappage Scheme in Germany, joint with Ashok Kaul and Stefan Witte, 2016, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 23, 1093-1125.

Economies of Scale in Public Statutory Accident Insurance Funds in Germany, joint with Ashok Kaul, Manuel Schieler, and Stefan Witte, 2013, *Journal for Public and Nonprofit Services*, 4, 271-284.

Working Papers

Does Unfairness Hurt Women? The Effects of Losing Unfair Competitions, joint with Stefano Piasenti, Marica Valente, and Roel van Veldhuizen (revise & resubmit at the *Economic Journal*).

The Effects of Free Secondary School Track Choice: A Disaggregated Synthetic Control Approach, joint with Aderonke Osikominu and Kristina Strohmaier.

Fiscal Stimulus and Consumption Spending: Evidence from a €5 Billion Experiment, joint with Davud Rostam-Afschar, Tim Ruberg, and Lukas Treber.

Synthesizing Cash for Clunkers: Stabilizing the Car Market, Hurting the Environment?, joint with Stefan Klößner.

Perceived Wages and the Gender Gap in STEM Fields, joint with Aderonke Osikominu.

Work in Progress

Infrastructure and Business Taxes, joint with Christian Dustmann, Daniel Heuermann, and Uta Schönberg.

Who Benefits from a STEM-Education? Estimating Marginal Treatment Effects for Switzerland, joint with Aderonke Osikominu and Tim Ruberg.

STEM-Education and Early Labor Market Outcomes in Germany, joint with Thomas Cornelissen, Aderonke Osikominu, and Tim Ruberg.

School Smoking Bans, Educational Performance, and Wages, joint with Mirjam Stockburger and Kristina Strohmaier.

Teacher Bias in School Choice, joint with Andrea Ichino, Aderonke Osikominu, Aldo Rustichini, Kristina Strohmaier, and Giulio Zanella.

Abortion Policies and Heterogeneity across Europe, joint with Mirjam Stockburger.

The Evolution of the Gender Aspiration Gap, joint with Lusine Ivanov-Davtyan and Christian Ochsner.

Staggered Difference-in-Differences with Spillovers, joint with Mario Fiorini and Wooyong Lee.

Other Publications – Business Studies

Input Tax Adjustment Claims for Irrecoverable Receivables in Case of Insolvency of the Controlled Company, joint with Heinz Kußmaul and Christoph Ruiner, 2012, *Die Unternehmensbesteuerung*, 4, 239-245.

Reform of the Reduced VAT Rate: What to Learn from New Zealands Uniform Tax Rate and Switzerland's Total Revision Project, joint with Roland Ismer, Ashok Kaul, and Katharina Riemer, 2012, *Deutsches Steuerrecht*, 14, 682-687.

The Area of Conflict between §17 Abs. 2 UStG and the VAT Group in Case of Insolvency of the Controlled Company, joint with Christoph Ruiner, 2011, *GmbH-Rundschau*, 21, 1134-1139.

The Tax Group within VAT Law—Theoretical Principals and Instances of Doubt regarding Particular Tax Group Requirements, joint with Christoph Ruiner, 2011, *GmbH-Rundschau*, 20, 1073-1077.

The (Inter)National Mode of Operation Regarding the VAT and the Current Controversy about its Reduced Tax Rate, joint with Heinz Kußmaul and Christoph Ruiner, 2010, *Der Steuerberater*, 12, 434-443.

The current Discussion concerning the Reduced VAT Tax Rate, joint with Heinz Kußmaul and Christoph Ruiner, 2010, *Der Betrieb*, 43, 2353-2356.

About the aspired Group Taxation Reform via CCCTB in due Consideration of the German Tax Group “Organschaft”, joint with Heinz Kußmaul and Christoph Niehren, 2010, Die Unternehmensbesteuerung, 4, 266-274.

CCCTB—Illusion or Reality? An International Model Causes (Inter)National Reactions, joint with Heinz Kußmaul and Christoph Niehren, 2010, Steuer und Wirtschaft, 2, 177-184.

Grants

School of Economics Workshop Grant Scheme, University of Sydney, AUD 10,000 (2023–2024): *Reproductive Health in Economics*.

Baden-Wuerttemberg Stiftung, Educational Research Network (Netzwerk Bildungsforschung), €118,000 (2017–2019, extended into 2021/2022), joint PI with Aderonke Osikominu: *Heterogeneity of the Returns and Costs of a STEM Education*.

German Research Foundation (DFG – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), €17,000 (2017–2018, extended into 2019): *Socio-Economic Effects of Secondary School Tracking*.

Grant for Establishing a Network for Junior Researchers, University of Hohenheim, €35,000 (2018–2023): *NGE—Next Generation Economics*.

SEED Grant for Young Scientists, University of Hohenheim, €5,000 (2017).

Academic Self-Administration/Service

Academic member of the Full Ethics Committee, University of Sydney

Member of the appointment committee “Succession Professor Peter Spahn” (appointed: Professor Michael Evers), University of Hohenheim

Member of the priority program “Inequality and Economic Policy Analysis”, University of Hohenheim

Invited Seminars and Workshops (incl. scheduled)

2023: Melbourne Institute, The University of Melbourne; Monash University; German Economic Association, Standing Field Committee for Regional Economics, Karlsruhe; University of Mannheim.

2022: Ski and Labor Seminar, Engelberg/Titlis; Institute for Employment Research (IAB); University of New South Wales; University of Technology Sydney; University of Adelaide; Technical University of Dresden, University of Giessen.

2021: German Economic Association, Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education, Augsburg; Melbourne Institute; European University Institute; CERGE-EI.

2020: CESifo, Munich; Ski and Labor Seminar, Engelberg/Titlis; University of Padova; University of Venice; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan; LMU Munich; Deakin University; Monash University; University of Sydney; University of Essex; University of St Andrews.

2019: Berlin Applied Micro Seminar (BAMS); University of Würzburg; University of Magdeburg; Leibniz University Hannover; RWI, Essen.

2018: CReAM, University College London; Trier University, IAAEU; University of Siegen.

2017: Institute for Applied Economic Research, University of Tübingen; Berlin Seminar on Energy and Climate Policy, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) Berlin; National Research Center for Health Economics (CINCH), University Duisburg-Essen.

2015: Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

2022: Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing, Melbourne; Annual Workshop on Economics of Risky Behaviors, Honolulu.

2019: Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; Annual Workshop on Economics of Risky Behaviors, Bologna; International Health Economics Workshop, Mainz.

2018: American-European Health Economics Study Group, Harvard; European Causal Inference Meeting, Florence; European Economic Association (EEA), Cologne; Workshop of Labour and Family Economics (WOLFE), York; Workshop on Regional Economics, Ifo Institute Dresden.

2017: Economic Geography and International Trade Research Meeting, Ifo Institute Munich; Annual GEP/CEPR Conference, Nottingham; Essen Health Conference—Health and Labour, University of Duisburg-Essen; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) Glasgow; Econometric Society European Meeting (ESEM), Lisbon; German Economic Association (VfS), Vienna; Econometrics of Panel Data and Network Analysis, HU Berlin; HCHE Risky Health Behaviors Workshop, Hamburg; Econometrics Workshop of the Universities Hohenheim, Konstanz, and Tübingen, Konstanz.

2016: Royal Economic Society (RES), Brighton; International Conference on Occupations, Skills, and the Labor Market (ZEW/DFG SPP 1764: The German Labor Market in a Globalized World), Mannheim; Workshop on Labor Economics and Social Policy, Ifo Institute Dresden; German Economic Association – Research Group on Development Economics: Development Economics and Policy, Heidelberg; International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), Milan; German Economic Association (VfS), Augsburg; Workshop on Regional Economics, Ifo Institute Dresden; Urban Economics Association (UEA), Minneapolis.

2015: Econometrics Workshop of the Universities Hohenheim, Konstanz, and Tübingen, Hohenheim; International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), Thessaloniki; Ce2 Workshop, Warsaw; Warsaw International Economic Meeting (WIEM); European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Munich; THE Workshop, Hohenheim.

2014: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Madrid; Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation (COMPIE), Rome; European Economic Association (EEA), Toulouse; International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC), Chicago.

Referee Service

Economic Analysis and Policy; Economic Inquiry; Economics of Education Review; Empirical Economics; FinanzArchiv (Public Finance Analysis); German Economic Review; International Journal of Manpower; International Journal of Sustainable Transportation; Journal for Labour Market Research; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Business & Economic Statistics; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Regional Science; Labour Economics; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; PLOS ONE; Review of Economic Studies; The Economic Journal; The Energy Journal; The Journal of the Economics of Ageing; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice.

Teaching

ECOS4212: Economics of Program Evaluation: The University of Sydney (2023)

ECMT3997: Interdisciplinary Impact in Econometrics: The University of Sydney (2022, 2023)

Empirical Strategies in Economics (BSc): University of Hohenheim (2021)

Program Evaluation – Causal Inference in Applied Econometrics (PhD): Technical University Braunschweig (2018)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods (PhD): University of Hohenheim (2018)

Introductory Econometrics (MSc): University of Hohenheim (2017, 2018)

Econometrics (MSc): University of Hohenheim (2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021)

Economics of Education (BSc): University of Hohenheim (2015, 2016, 2019, 2020)

Economic Policy (BSc) and *Panel Data Econometrics* (MSc): Saarland University (2014)

Panel Data Econometrics (MSc): Saarland University (2014)

Public Finance (MSc): Saarland University (2010, 2011, 2012)

Public Finance Approach to Taxation (MSc): Saarland University (2010, 2011)

Seminars (BSc and MSc) on *Econometrics* (University of Hohenheim), *Topics in Policy Evaluation* (Saarland University), *Topics in Economics of Education* (Saarland University), and *Topics in Empirical Public Finance* (Saarland University)

Media Coverage

Coverage on *Goodbye Smokers' Corner: Health Effects of School Smoking Bans*

JHR News & Research Highlights, **School Smoking Bans Effectively Reduce Smoking Behavior**

Coverage on *Illuminating the World Cup Effect: Night Lights Evidence from South Africa*

Sunday Times, **World Cup missed economic goals**

SciBraai, **Night-time shots shed light on what works after 2010 FIFA World Cup in SA** (re-published here: htxt.africa)

Press Release – University of Hohenheim (in German), **FIFA-WM & Wirtschaft: Forscher weisen Entwicklungseffekt durch Sportgroßereignisse nach**

Coverage on *Overconfidence and Gender Differences in Wage Expectations*

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, **Warum Frauen so wenig Gehalt erwarten**

Coverage on my research (in German): University of Hohenheim – **Forschung hautnah**