

Nikolaus Wolf

Curriculum Vitae

Personal

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| Date of Birth | 22 September 1973 in Miltenberg am Main (Bavaria, Germany) |
| Family Status | Married, with three children |
| Nationality | German |
| Address and Affiliations | Professor of Economic History, Director of the Institute of Economic History, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Spandauer Straße 1, 10178 Berlin, Germany |
| | Other Affiliations: CEPR (London), CESifo (Munich), CEP (LSE), GEP (University of Nottingham), CAGE (Warwick), CASE (Humboldt). |

Education

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| 2008 | University of Warwick (UK) , Tenure |
| 2003 | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany) , Dr. Rer. Pol. Dissertation: “Economic Integration in Historical Perspective: The Case of Interwar Poland, 1918 – 1939” (summa cum laude). |
| 2001-2002 | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany) DFG-Graduiertenkolleg “Applied Microeconomics”. |
| 1997-2000 | Humboldt-Universität Berlin (Germany) Diplom-Volkswirt (MSc in Economics), Final Grade: 1.5. |
| 1997-2001 | Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) Magister Artium Neuere und Neueste Geschichte (MA in Modern History), Final Grade: 1.0. |
| 1994-1997 | Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (Germany) Vordiplom Volkswirtschaftslehre Zwischenprüfung Geschichte |

Professional Experience

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| August 2010 – current | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Economics, Professor of Economics and Economic History. |
| Sept. 2018 – Mar 2019 | Visiting Professor , Oxford University (UK), Dept. of Economics. |
| Oct. 2006 – July 2010 | The University of Warwick (UK) Department of Economics and CSGR, Associate Professor (Ten. 2008) , RCUK Senior Research Fellow. |
| Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2006 | Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) Juniorprofessor (Assistant Professor) of Economic History. |
| April – June 2006 | Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (Spain) Visiting Assistant Professor. |
| Sept. 2003 – Sept 2004 | London School of Economics (UK) Postdoctoral Research Fellow , Centre for Economic Performance (CEP). |
| 2001 – Sept. 2003 | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany) Research and Teaching Assistant , Institute of Economic History (Prof. Dr. Albrecht Ritschl). |

Current Work in Progress

"Testing Marx. Income Inequality, Market Concentration and Voting in late 19th Century Germany", with Charlotte Bartels and Felix Kersting, Humboldt University Berlin, mimeo.

"The Great Specialization Revisited: Evidence from German Trade, 1880-2013", with Wolf-Fabian Hungerland, Humboldt University Berlin, mimeo.

"Coal and Regional Development in Europe: from Blessing to Curse?", with Miriam Röhrkasten, Humboldt University Berlin, mimeo.

Current Working Papers

"On the Origins of National Identity", with Felix Kersting, Humboldt University Berlin, CRC DP 217 (in preparation for submission).

"Weber Revisited: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Nationalism", with Felix Kersting and Iris Wohnsiedler, CRC DP 199, Humboldt University Berlin (R&R).

"How Britain Unified Germany: Endogeneous Trade Costs and the Formation of a Customs Unions", with Thilo R. Huning, CEPR Discussion Paper 13634, March 2019 (submitted to journal).

"Regional Economic Development in Europe, 1900-2010: a Description of the Patterns", with Joan R. Roses, CEPR Discussion Paper 12749, Feb 2018; CESifo Working Paper 6952, March 2018.

Publications (selected)

Refereed Journals

"Rural Transformation, Inequality and the Origins of Micro-Finance", with M. Suesse, *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 143 (March), 2020, pp. xyz.

"Urbanization and GDP per capita: new data and results for the Polish lands, 1790-1910", with M. Bukowski, P. Koryś, C. Leszczyńska, and M. Tyimiński, *Historical Methods* 52 (4), 2019, 213-227.

"Power Failure: the electrification of Central-Eastern Europe, 1918-1939", with Maria Hidvegi, *European Review of History / Revue européenne d'histoire*, Vol. 26 (2), 2019, pp. 219-242.

"Wzrost gospodarczy ziem polskich w okresie I globalizacji (1870-1910)" (Economic Growth in Poland during the First Globalization (1870-1910)), with M. Bukowski, P. Koryś, C. Leszczyńska, M. Tyimiński, *Ekonomista* Vol. 2, 2018, pp. 127-155.

"Bombs, Homes and Jobs: Revisiting the Oswald Hypothesis for Germany", with Paul Caruana Galizia, *Economics Letters*, Volume 135, 2015, pp. 65-68.

"The Economics of Density: Evidence from the Berlin Wall" with Gabriel Ahlfeld, Stephen Redding and Daniel Sturm, *Econometrica*, Volume 83 (6), 2015, pp. 2127-2189.

"Same same but different: Dialects and Trade" (with Alfred Lameli, Volker Nitsch and Jens Südekum), IZA Discussion Paper No. 7397, *German Economic Review*, Volume 16 Issue 3, August 2015, pp. 290-306.

"The Location of the UK Cotton Textiles Industry in 1838: A Quantitative Analysis", with N. F. R. Crafts, *The Journal of Economic History*, Volume 74 Issue 4, December 2014, pp. 1103-1139

"The Frequency of Wars: Reply to Gleditsch and Pickering" (joint with Mark Harrison), *The Economic History Review*, Volume 67, Issue 1, February 2014, Pages: 231-239.

“The German Market for Technology during the “Second Industrialization” (1884-1913) – A Gravity Approach”, with Carsten Burhop, *Business History Review*, 87(1), 2013, pp. 69-93.

"Tear down this Wall: On the Persistence of Borders in Trade", with Volker Nitsch, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 46 (1) (2013), pp. 154-179.

"Measuring Economic Integration", with Volker Nitsch, *CEifo Economic Studies* Volume 59 Issue 2, June 2013.

“Crises and Policy Responses within the Political Trilemma: Europe, 1929-1936 and 2008-2011”, *European Review of History/Revue europeenne d’histoire* 19 (6) (2012), pp. 855-879.

"The Frequency of Wars", with Mark Harrison, *Economic History Review* 65 (3) (2012), pp. 1055-1076.

"Agricultural Productivity across Prussia during the Industrial Revolution: a Thuenen perspective", with Michael Kopsidis, *The Journal of Economic History*, 72 (3) (2012), pp. 634-670.

"Economic Nationalism and Economic Integration: the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the late 19th Century", with Max-Stephan Schulze, *Economic History Review* 62, 2 (2012), pp. 652-673.

"On the Economic Consequences of the Peace: Trade and Borders after Versailles", with Max-Stephan Schulze and Hans-Christian Heinemeyer, *Journal of Economic History* 71 (4) (2011), pp. 915-949.

"Endogeneity of Currency Areas and Trade Blocs: Evidence from the Interwar-Period", with Albrecht Ritschl, *Kyklos* 64 (2) (2011), pp. 291-312.

"History and Industry Location: Evidence from German Airports", with Stephen Redding and Daniel Sturm, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 93 (3) (2011), pp. 814-831.

"Europe's Great Depression - Coordination Failure after the First World War", *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 26(3) (2010), pp. 339-369.

"1918 als Zäsur? Wirtschaftliche Entwicklung und die Periodisierung der neueren Geschichte Ostmitteleuropas", *Comparativ* 1-2 (2010), pp. 30-52.

“Was Germany ever united? Evidence from Intra- and International Trade, 1885-1933”, *Journal of Economic History* 69 (3) (2009), pp. 846-881.

“On the Origins of Border Effects: Insights from the Habsburg Empire”, with Max-Stephan Schulze, *Journal of Economic Geography* 9(1) (2009), pp. 117-136.

"Scylla and Charybdis. Explaining Europe's Exit from Gold, 1928-1936", *Explorations in Economic History* 45 (2008), pp. 383-401.

"Should I stay or should I go? Understanding Poland's Adherence to Gold, 1928-1936", *Historical Social Research* 32/4 (2007), pp. 351-368.

"Endowments vs. Market Potential: what explains the Relocation of Industry after the Polish reunification in 1918?", *Explorations in Economic History* 44 (2007), pp. 22-42.

"Estimating Financial Integration in the Middle Ages: What can we learn from a TAR-model?", with Oliver Volckart, *Journal of Economic History* 66/1 (2006), pp. 122-139.

"Economic Integration Across Borders: the Polish Interwar Economy", with Carsten Trenkler, *European Review of Economic History* 9 (2005), pp. 199-231.

"Path Dependent Border Effects: the Case of Poland's Reunification (1918-1939)", *Explorations in Economic History* 42 (2005), pp. 414-438.

Edited Books

The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History Since 1900 (Routledge Explorations in Economic History), edited with Joan R. Roses, Routledge (November 2018).

Economic History of Warfare and State Formation, edited with Jari Eloranta, E. Golson and A. Markevich, Berlin and New York, Springer (2016).

Interesse und Konflikt. Die Politische Ökonomie der Deutsch-Polnischen Beziehungen, 1900-2006, Harassowitz, Darmstadt (2008), 340 pages, edited with Dieter Bingen and Peter-Oliver Loew. The book is the result of an international conference that I organized jointly with the Deutsches Polen Institut (Darmstadt, Germany). The conference took place 9-11 March 2007, funded by Fonds Erinnerung und Zukunft and Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation.

Book Chapters (selected)

"First and Second Nature Geography and Global Economic Development, 1870-2010", N. Wolf with Paul Caruana Galizia and Toshihiro Okubo, forthcoming in: Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukao (eds.) *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*.

"Regional Economic Development in Europe, 1900-2010: a description of the Patterns", with Joan R. Roses, in Roses and Wolf (2018), *The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History Since 1900* (Routledge Explorations in Economic History).

"Regional Economic Growth in Germany, 1895-2010", in Roses and Wolf (2018), *The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History Since 1900* (Routledge Explorations in Economic History).

„Wirtschaftliche Anpassung und Modernisierung: Polen in der Weltwirtschaftskrise und danach“, in: Klaus Ziemer et al (Eds.), *Polen in der europäischen Geschichte. Ein Handbuch*, Hirsemann (forthcoming).

„Foreword“, in "Economic History of Warfare and State Formation", Springer 2016, edited by Nikolaus Wolf, Eric Golson, Eloranta, E. Golson and A. Markevich.

"Binnenhandel und Außenhandel" (mit Markus Lampe) und "Zahlungsbilanz" in: Thomas Rahlf (ed.), *Deutschland in Daten - Zeitreihen zur Historischen Statistik*, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, Bonn, 2015, pp. 276-303.

“Europe’s Great Depression – Coordination Failure after the First World War”, in Nicholas Crafts and Peter Fearon (eds.), *The Great Depression of the 1930s: Lessons for Today*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York (2013).

“A long-run Perspective on Comparative Advantage” joint with Giovanni Federico, in Ginanni Toniolo (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Italian Economy since Unification*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York (2013).

„Aggregate Growth, 1914-1950“, joint with Joan Ramon Roses, forthcoming in Stephen Broadberry and Kevin H. O’Rourke (eds.), *Unifying the European Experience: An Economic History of Modern Europe*, Cambridge University Press (2009), about 30 pages.

“Local Comparative Advantage: Agriculture and Economic Development in Poland, 1870-1970”, in Pedro Lains and Vincente Pinilla (eds.), *Agriculture and Economic Development in Europe since 1870*, Routledge, London (2008), pp. 255-285.

“Ökonomische Zugänge zur Geschichte der deutsch-polnischen Beziehungen”, in *Interesse und Konflikt. Die Politische Ökonomie der Deutsch-Polnischen Beziehungen, 1900-2006*, Harassowitz, Darmstadt (2008), pp. 9-24.

„Grenzen und wirtschaftliche Verflechtung: Polen im 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert“, in Etienne François, Jörg Seifarth, Bernhard Struck (eds.), *Grenzen: Räume, Erfahrungen, Konstruktionen. Deutschland, Frankreich und Polen in Vergleich und Beziehung (17.-20. Jahrhundert)*, Campus, Frankfurt/ New York (2007), pp. 183-209.

Policy Contributions (recent)

“The origins of microfinance”, online publication at VOXEU, the CEPR policy portal <https://voxeu.org/article/origins-microfinance>, January 2020.

“How Britain Unified Germany: Endogenous Trade Costs and the Formation of a Customs Union”, online publication at VOXEU, the CEPR policy portal, April 2019.

“Protectionism: Historical perspectives”, online publication at VOXEU blogs: <https://voxeu.org/content/protectionism-historical-perspectives>, June 2018.

“The return of regional inequality: Europe from 1900 to today”, online publication at VOEXU, the CEPR policy portal: <https://voxeu.org/article/return-regional-inequality-europe-1900-today>, March 2018. Commented in the Financial Times, NY Times, Paul Krugman’s blog etc.

“Perspectives on Economic Integration between the EU and North Africa Investments, Reforms, Partnership”, with Felix Mihram and Myriel Frische, BMZ – Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (February 2017), 110 pages.

Various interviews in German and international newspapers, radio and TV stations such as ARD, ABC, SWF.

Prices and Scholarships

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| May 2018 | Frisch Medal Award for the best article in <i>Econometrica</i> , 2013-2018, awarded biannually by the Econometric Society, shared with G. Ahlfeldt, S. Redding, and D. Sturm. |
| April 2018 | Teaching Price for best Seminar 2016/17, Humboldt-University, Dept. of Economics |
| October 2012 | Arthur H. Cole Prize for the best article in the Journal of Economic History 2012, awarded annually by the Economic History Association, shared with M. S. Schulze and H.C. Heinemyer. |
| 2011 | Teaching Price for best BSc Lecture, Humboldt-University, Dept. of Economics |
| January 2008 | Global Economy Award , awarded by the CESifo Institute (Munich) and appointment as distinguished CESifo Research Affiliate. |
| October 2006 – current | Full-Time RCUK Research Fellowship. |
| August 2006 | International Economic History Association , Dissertation Award Finalist, Helsinki. |
| September 2005 | Gino-Luzzatto-Prize for the best Dissertation in European Economic History 2003-2005, awarded by the European Historical Economics Society. |
| 2003-2004 | European Commission Scholarship for a post-doctoral Fellowship, London School of Economics. |
| 2001-2002 | DFG-PhD Scholarship “Applied Microeconomics”, Humboldt-Universität Berlin. |
| 1996-2000 | Cusanuswerk Full Scholarship for Studies in |

Economics and History.

Research Grants

German Science Foundation (DFG) Grant “Competition between states and the historical roots of identity”, with Davide Cantoni (2017-2021).

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Grant “Regional Economic Inequality, Ethnicity and Conflicts in Turkey, 1880-2010”, with U. Karakoc (2017-2019).

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany, “Perspectives on Economic Integration between the EU and North Africa Investments, Reforms, Partnership (2016-2017).

German Science Foundation (DFG), Grant “The structure and dynamics of Germany’s Foreign Trade, 1880-1912” (2014-17).

European Science Foundation, Grant “MACROHIST” ITN Graduate Program, (2013-2017).

Multimedia Förderprogramm 2012, der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin “DelaX”.

German Science Foundation (DFG) SFB Economic Risk, Grant “The Local Incidence of Shocks”, joint with Axel Werwatz.

Institute for Advanced Studies (University of Warwick) Incubation Award, “The Final Frontier: Rethinking Borders”, joint with James Brassett and Dwijen Rangnekar (2008-2009).

European Science Foundation, Grant “Historical Economic Geography of Europe, 1900-2000” part of the GLOBALEURONET, joint with Joan R. Ross, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid (Spain), (2006-2010).

German Science Foundation (DFG), Grant "The Impact of Division and Reunification on the Economic Geography of Germany" joint with Stephen Redding (LSE) and Daniel Sturm (LMU Munich/ LSE) (2005 – 2009).

Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Grant "The Trade Network of Central Europe 1850 - 1939" joint with Max-Stephan Schulze (LSE) (2005 – 2009).

Fritz Thyssen Foundation Grant, "The Persistence of Borders: evidence from intra-German trade flows" joint with Volker Nitsch (FU Berlin/ ETH Zurich) (2006-2009).

Professional Service, Affiliations

Editor-in-Chief **European Review of Economic History** (2013 -2019).

Founding Editor **EHES (European Historical Economics Society) Working Paper Series** (2012-2016).

Member of the Editorial Board of **Journal of Economic History**, **Economic History Review**, **Explorations in Economic History**, **Scandinavian Economic History Review**, **Studies in Economic History** and **Cliometrica**.

Research Fellow (Global Economy) at the **CESifo** Institute (Munich).

Chair of the Economic History Section within the **Verein für Socialpolitik** (2012 onwards).

Research Fellow (Programme: International Trade and Programme: Economic History) at the **CEPR** (London).

Research Affiliate, **Globalisation and Economic Policy Centre** (University of Nottingham).

Research Affiliate (Globalisation Programme) at the **CEP** (London School of Economics).

Research Associate at the Centre for Historical Economics, **University of York**.

Trustee, **European Historical Economics Society** (2010-2017).

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Cliometrica*, *Economics of Transition* and others.

Teaching Experience

Economic History

European Economic History (part I and part II; MSc level lecture courses over one year, Humboldt University and FU Berlin).

International Economic History (3rd-year undergraduate lecture course, UPF, Spain).

The International Economic System since 1918 (3rd-year undergraduate lecture course, Warwick, UK).

General Economics

Advanced International Trade (MSc-level lecture course with tutorial, Humboldt University)

Macroeconomics (1st year undergraduate lecture course, Warwick, UK).

Macroeconomic Policy (3rd-year undergraduate lecture course, Warwick, UK).

Introduction to Economics (VWL 1/ Einfuehrung in die VWL, FU Berlin and HU Berlin).

Various MSc and BSc level seminars in Economics, Economic History and Modern History (*Spatial Economics, Currency Unions in Historical Perspective, The Great Depression, Historical Statistics, Geography and Growth, The German Labour Market, Economic History and New Economic Geography, The Economics of Identity and Ethnic Conflict, and others*)

Languages

German (mother tongue).

English (fluent).

Polish (fluent).

French (reading: good/ speaking: basic).

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