

Nikolaus Wolf

Curriculum Vitae

Personal

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
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	Other Affiliations: CEPR (London), CESifo (Munich), CEP (LSE), GEP (University of Nottingham), CAGE (Warwick).

Education

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

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. Inequality, concentration, and political polarization in late 19th century Germany",
with C. Bartels and F. Kersting.

"Nationale Identität, ökonomische Integration, und der Aufstieg Preußens", with F. Kersting.

"First and Second Nature Geography and Global Economic Development, 1870-2010", with P.
Caruana Galizia, P. and T. Okubo.

"The Coal Curse. The Reversal of Fortune for European Coal Regions, 1900-2015", with M.
Röhrkasten.

"Regional Inequality in the Long-Run: Europe, 1900-2015", with J. R. Rosés.

"The Panopticon of Germany's Foreign Trade. Revising the "First Globalization", 1880-1913", with W. F. Hungerland.

Current Working Papers

"COVID-19 across European Regions: The Role of Border Controls", with M. Eckardt and K. Kappner, CEPR Discussion Paper 15178 and *Covid Economics Vol 42*, pp. 94-111.

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

"How Britain Unified Germany: Endogenous Trade Costs and the Formation of a Customs Unions", with Thilo R. Huning, CEPR Discussion Paper 13634, March 2019 (in preparation for submission).

"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)

a) Refereed Journals

"Weber Revisited: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Nationalism", with Felix Kersting and Iris Wohnsiedler, *The Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 80 (3), pp 710-745.

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

"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.

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

"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.

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

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

b) Books and other publications

The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History Since 1900 (Routledge Explorations in Economic History), edited with Joan R. Roses, Routledge (2019).

Policy Contributions (recent)

“Weber revisited: The Protestant ethic and the spirit of nationalism”, June 2020 online publication at VOXEU, the CEPR policy portal, June 2020.

“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, Deutschlandfunk, ABC, SWF.

Prices and Scholarships

May 2018 **Frisch Medal Award** for the best article in *Econometrica*, 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** (2012-2016).

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).

Reviewer for European Commission, DFG, DPWS, and others. 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/ Einführung in die VWL, FU Berlin and HU Berlin).

Various MSc and BSc level seminars in Economics, Economic History and Modern History (*Economics of Religion, 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).