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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and place of birth 17 January 1978, Arnsberg (Germany)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Neuroeconomics “Social Learning in the Asset Market – A Peek Into the Herding Brain” (fMRI study, joint with David N. Danz, Guido P. Biele, Harald Uhlig, Dorothea Kübler, and Hauke R. Heekeren)

Perceptual decision making “How Does Prior Probability Change Visual Perception?” (fMRI study, joint with Lydia Mechtenberg, Guido P. Biele, Jörg Rieskamp, and Hauke R. Heekeren)

Experimental economics “How Does Cognitive Load Affect Decision Making Under Risk?” (behavioral study, joint with Guido P. Biele, Harald Uhlig, and Hauke R. Heekeren)

Economic methodology “On the Necessity of Neuroeconomics” (essay, joint with Lydia Mechtenberg)

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

April 2005–present Ph.D. student in economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; since **April 2007** member of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain. Thesis advisors: Prof. Lutz Weinke (economics) and Prof. Hauke R. Heekeren (neuroscience)

October 1999–December 2004 Student in economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Degree: Diplom-Volkswirt (M.Sc. equivalent). Awarded the WWG Prize for the best diploma degree obtained during the winter term 2004/05. Title of the diploma thesis: “Reference-Dependent Consumer Preferences and Price Setting”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

October 2009–February 2010 Exercise class to the lecture “Monetary Economics,” B.Sc. level

November–December 2008, December 2009–February 2010, January/February 2011 Exercise classes to the lecture “Makroökonomie I” (“Macroeconomics I,” in German), B.Sc. level

June–July 2008, April–July 2009 Exercise classes to the lecture “Growth and Inequality in an International Perspective,” M.Sc. level

11 October 2007 Workshop on neuroeconomics: “Ökonomische Rationalität und das Gehirn” (“Economic rationality and the brain,” in German); part of the 7th symposium of the Humboldt-Forum Wirtschaft

April–July 2006, October 2006–February 2007, October 2007–February 2008 Exercise classes to the lecture “Konjunktur- und Wachstumspolitik/Angewandte Makroökonomie” (“Business Cycle and Growth Policy/Applied Macroeconomics,” in German), B.Sc. level

October 2005–March 2006 Seminar “Bounded Rationality and Macroeconomics,” M.Sc. level

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2005–present Research and teaching assistant (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) at the Institute of Economic Policy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Profs. Harald Uhlig, Günther Rehme, and Lutz Weinke)

February–August 2004 Student assistant at the Institute of Economic Theory I, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin: teaching assistance to Prof. Elmar Wolfstetter for the seminar “Applied Microeconomics: Doing Microeconomics with Mathematica”

April–September 2003 Internship at Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (German Institute for Economic Research) – DIW Berlin, Research Department “International Economics”: occurrence of scale-free networks in international trade

April 2003–December 2003 Student assistant at the Institute of Economic Policy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Harald Uhlig)

April 2002–March 2003 Instructor of the extracurricular undergraduate course “Economic Mathematics with Mathematica”

July 2000–March 2002 Student assistant at the Institute of Operations Research, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Kurt Helmes)

June 2001–July 2006 Member of the Humboldt-Forum Wirtschaft (Humboldt Economic Forum), a student initiative which organizes an annual economic symposium bringing together prominent researchers, politicians and business people

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German mother tongue

English fluent

Hebrew fluent (due to 1½ years civil service in Israel)

HOBBIES

Typography

Print and online design