

Curriculum Vitae

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Languages: German (native); English (fluent); Italian (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (fluent)

Professional positions

- Since January 2023 **Deputy Head of Economic and Monetary Policy Division & Head of Economic and Fiscal Policy Analysis**
Swiss Federal Department of Finance, Federal Finance Administration (FFA), Berne
- 2022/06- 2022/12 **Head of Economic and Fiscal Policy Analysis**
Swiss Federal Department of Finance, FFA, Economic and Monetary Policy Division
- 2021/07 – 2022/05 **Economic Advisor**
 & *Swiss Federal Department of Finance*, FFA, Economic Analysis and Policy
2013/04 – 2019/10 Advice Division
- 2019/11 – 2021/05 **Senior Policy Analyst**
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD, Public Governance Directorate, Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Paris
- 2016/03 – 2016/05 **Economist, Seconded National Expert**
European Commission, DG ECFIN, Division Macroeconomy of the Euro Area & Economic and Monetary Union Deepening, Brussels
- 2012/05 – 2013/04 **Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher**
University Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics, Barcelona
- 2007/09 – 2012/04 **Research and Teaching Assistant**
University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics, Chair for Public Choice and Public Economics

Research stays

Bocconi University, Department of Economics & IGIER, Milan (01-07/2010)
University of Siena, Center for the Study of Political Change (July 2010)
Università Svizzera italiana, Institute for Public Economics (October 2011)

University lectureships and affiliations

- since August 2022 **University Lecturer** (chargé de cours)
Université de Neuchâtel, Faculty of Economics and Business, course „Social Policy”, Master in Applied Economics (in English)
- since May 2021 **University Lecturer** (chargé de cours)
Université de Lausanne, Institut de hautes études en administration publique (IDHEAP), course „Economie Suisse“, Master in Public Policy and Management (in French)
- since May 2014 **Research Fellow**
University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics, Political Economics

Education

- April 2012 **Ph.D. in Economics**
University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics
Dissertation: „Selection of public servants into politics: An economic analysis of its causes and consequences“
- March 2008 **Master of Science** in Business and Economics, Major in Markets & Institutions
University of Basel, Faculty of Business and Economics

- Study exchanges** *Università della Svizzera italiana*, Lugano
Albert Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (DE)

Publications

- Do fiscal rules matter? A survey of recent evidence, *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, 160:11, 2024. (with M. Elsener)
- Anforderungen an Standortmassnahmen im Rahmen der OECD Mindestbesteuerung, *Archiv für Schweizerisches Abgaberecht*, Vol 92(9), 2024 (with S. Schmassmann, A. Schläpfer & P. Sulger)
- Healthcare expenditure projections up to 2050: Ageing and the COVID-19 Crisis, Federal Finance Administration, Working Paper No. 25, Berne, 2022. (with C. Colombier)
- Do the COVID-19 crisis, ageing and climate change put Swiss fiscal sustainability at risk? *Intereconomics*, 57(1), pp. 48-55, 2022. (with P.A. Bruchez, C. Colombier, M. Baur & L. Hohl)
- Balance sheet-based policies in COVID-19 fiscal packages: How to improve transparency and risk analysis? *OECD Journal on Budgeting*, 21/2, pp. 2-67, 2021. (with D. Moretti & A. Leroy)
- Budgetary targets as cost-containment measure in the Swiss healthcare system? Lessons from abroad, *Health Policy*, 124(6), pp. 605-614, 2020. (with C. Colombier)
- Voters and representatives: How should representatives be selected? In: Congleton, R. D., Grofman, B. and S. Voigt. *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, Vol 2: 24-43, 2019. (with A. Stutzer)

- Ökonomische Einsichten und Empfehlungen für eine gute Finanzpolitik der Regierung. In: Ritz, A., Haldemann, T. & F. Sager (Hsg.). *Blackbox Exekutive, Regierungslehre in der Schweiz*, NZZ Libro Verlag, pp. 307-340, 2019. (with T. Haldemann & M. Baur)
- Independent fiscal councils: Neglected siblings of independent central banks? A EU-perspective. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 56(2), pp. 267–283, 2018. (with M. Larch)
- Healthcare expenditures and fiscal sustainability: Evidence from Switzerland. *Public Sector Economics*, 42(3), pp. 279-301, 2018. (with C. Colombier)
- Healthcare expenditure projections up to 2045. Federal Finance Administration Working Paper No. 21, 2017, Berne. (with C. Colombier)
- What drives public healthcare expenditure growth? Evidence from Swiss Cantons, 1970-2012. *Health Policy*, 120(9), pp. 1051-1060, 2016. (with C. Colombier).
- Selection of public servants into politics. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 44(3), pp. 696–719, 2016. (with A. Stutzer)
- Do institutions affect citizens' selection into politics? *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 30(2), pp. 205-227, 2016.
- Does remuneration affect the discipline and the selection of politicians? Evidence from pay harmonization in the European Parliament. *Public Choice*, 162 (1-2), pp. 1–24, 2015.
- Political selection of public servants and parliamentary oversight. *Economics of Governance*, 14(1), pp. 45-76, 2013. (with A. Stutzer)
- A dilemma in the separation of powers: Public servants as legislators. In: A. Peters, L. Handschin & D. Hoegger (eds.). *Conflict of interest in governance – an interdisciplinary outlook*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 177-197, 2013. (with A. Stutzer)
- Determinants of employment in the ministerial bureaucracy. WWZ Discussion Paper 01/2012.
- Selection of public servants into politics. An economic analysis of its determinants and consequences. Dissertation, University of Basel. In: C. Blankart et al. (eds.): *Neue Studien zur Politischen Ökonomie*, 12. Nomos: Baden-Baden, 2013.
- Public servants in parliament: Theory and evidence on its determinants in Germany. *Public Choice*, 145 (1-2), pp. 223-252, 2010. (with A. Stutzer)

Contributions to the economic policy debate

- Belastet die Klimapolitik die öffentlichen Finanzen? *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 25. Juni 2024. (with B. Lerch, M. Baur & R. Elbel)
- Die Alterung verursacht Zusatzlasten für den Staat. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 25. Juni 2024. (with C. Colombier & B. Lerch)
- 2024 Fiscal sustainability report for Switzerland: Ageing and net-zero target. Edited by the Swiss Federal Department of Finance, April 2024, Berne (with C. Colombier, B. Lerch & M. Baur)
- Fiskalregeln wirken. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 14. November 2023. (with M. Elsener and M. Baur)
- Corona-Krise und Alterung belasten Gesundheitswesen unterschiedlich. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 28. Oktober 2022. (with C. Colombier)
- Alterung und Klimawandel belasten öffentliche Finanzen. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 95 (1-2), pp. 54-56, 2022. (with C. Colombier & M. Baur)
- 2021 Report on the long-term sustainability of public finances in Switzerland: COVID-19 crisis, demographics and climate change. Edited by the Swiss Federal Department of Finance, November 2021, Berne. (with M. Baur, P.A. Bruchez, C. Colombier & L. Hohl)

- Budgeting in local self-government units in Poland. In: *Better governance, planning and services in local self governments in Poland*, OECD Public Governance Review, Chapter 5, pp. 183-206, OECD Publishing, Paris, July 2021.
- Integrating climate into macroeconomic modelling: Drawing from the Danish experience, Note prepared for the OECD Paris Collaborative on Green Budgeting and the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action. March 2021, OECD, Paris.
- Policy experiments for evidence-based budgeting. OECD Policy report for the Korean Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Korea Development Institute, OECD, Paris, 2020.
- Was zeichnet eine gute Finanzpolitik der Regierung aus? *DeFacto*, 13.September 2019. (with T. Haldemann & M. Baur)
- Les objectifs budgétaires de l'assurance de base renforcent la responsabilité des coûts. *La Vie économique*, 91(8-9), pp. 41-44, 2018. (with C. Colombier & M. Baur)
- Zunehmender Druck der Alterung via Gesundheitsausgaben auf die öffentlichen Finanzen, *Swissfuture*, 3/18, pp.18-22, 2018. (with C. Colombier)
- Wer wird Politiker? Welchen Einfluss haben die Bezahlung und die Unvereinbarkeit von Amt und Mandat? *Ökonomenstimme* – KOF, ETH Zurich, June 2017. (with A. Stutzer)
- Quels facteurs influencent la croissance des dépenses cantonales en matière de santé? *CHSS - Sécurité Sociale*, 01/2017, pp. 30-34. (with C. Colombier)
- Hausse des dépenses de santé: la démographie n'est pas seule en cause. *La Vie économique*, 90(3), pp. 11-15, 2017. (with C. Colombier)
- Le dispositif institutionnel agit favorablement sur la dette publique? *La Vie économique*, 89(12), pp. 22-26, 2016. (with P. A. Bruchez)
- Le vieillissement croissant de la population est surtout un défi pour les cantons. *La Vie économique*, 89(5), pp. 43-45, 2016. (with C. Colombier & A. Philipona).
- 2016 Report on the long-term sustainability of public finances in Switzerland. Edited by the Swiss Federal Department of Finance, Berne, April 2016. (with C. Colombier & A. Philipona)
- Comment les indemnités influent-elles sur la discipline et la sélection des politiciens? *La Vie économique*, 88(5), pp. 23-27, 2015.