

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Professional Experience

- Feb 2011 - Professor of International Economics and Director of SIAW,  
Department of Economics, University of St. Gallen
- Sep 2007 – Jan 2011 Professor of Macroeconomics (Extraordinarius), Department of  
Economics, University of Bern
- Aug 2004 – Jul 2005 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, MIT
- Jul 2003 – Aug 2007 Assistant Professor (Oberassistent), IEW, University of Zurich
- Mar 2000 – Jun 2003 Assistant, IEW, Chair of Macroeconomics, University of Zurich
- Apr 1998 – Feb 2000 Research and Teaching Assistant, Institute for Empirical Research in  
Economics (IEW), Chair of Macroeconomics, University of Zurich

### Education

- Feb 2000 – Jun 2003 Doctorate in Economics, University of Zurich (summa cum laude)
- Feb 2000 – Mar 2001 Swiss Program for Graduate Students in Economics, Certificate,  
Study Center Gerzensee
- Oct 1995 – Feb 2000 Licentiate in Economics, University of Zurich (summa cum laude)
- Jul 1995 – Oct 1998 Military Services
- Sep 1988 – Jun 1995 Maturity, Classical type  
Stiftsschule Einsiedeln

### Professional Service

- Mar 2016 - Member, Evaluation Commission Ambizione, SNF
- Jan 2015 - Chairman of Business and Economics Statistics Committee (EG  
WISTA), Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Neuchâtel
- Oct 2014 - Member of the GLA, SEW-HSG
- Jul 2014 - Member of the Board, Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics
- Jun 2014 - Member of "Ausschuss für Aussenwirtschaft", Verein für Socialpolitik

- Feb 2013 - Research Fellow, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR),  
Affiliate since 2009
- Oct 2010 - Member of the Scientific Committee, Avenir Suisse, Zurich
- Jun 2008 - Member of "Ausschuss für Makroökonomie", Verein für Socialpolitik
- Jan 2011 – Jan 2013 Associate Editor, Open Economies Review
- Sep 2009 - Aug 2012 Member of the Board, World Trade Institute, Berne
- Aug 2009 - Jan 2011 Co-Study Director, MSc in International and Monetary Economics:  
Joint Program of the Universities Bern and Basel

### **Research Interests**

Macroeconomics, International Trade, Growth, Distribution, Industrial Organization

### **Awards and Scholarships**

- Nov 2007 IEW Prize for the Best Publication of a Young Economist
- Jun 2004 Scholarship for Advanced Researchers, Swiss National Science Foundation
- Apr 2004 Prize for the Best PhD Dissertation (Jahrespreis), University of Zurich
- Apr 2003 Best Paper Prize of the Spring Meeting of Young Economists, University of  
Louvain
- Oct 1999 Prize for Excellent Diploma Thesis (Semesterprämie), University of Zurich

### **Funded Research Projects**

- 2015-17 "Inequality and Globalization: Demand versus Supply Forces and Local  
Outcomes", Sinergia Project, SNF (CHF 350'000)
- 2012-14 "Compulsory Voting", Grant, SNF (CHF 200'000)
- 2011-14 "Economic Inequality and International Trade", Sinergia Project, SNF (CHF  
300'000)
- 2009-13 "Trade, Financial Markets and Their Regulation", Funded by NCCR Trade and  
Ecoscientia Foundation (CHF 250'000)
- 2009-13 Co-Project Leader – Prodoc Research Module "The Impact of Income  
Distribution and Institutions for Development and Globalization", SNF (1/5 of  
CHF 710'000)
- 2009-12 Co-Project Leader – Prodoc Teaching Module "Heterogeneity in Human Behavior  
and Macroeconomics", SNF (1/3 of CHF 550'000)

2004-05 Scholarship for Advanced Researchers, "Inequality and Market Imperfections",  
SNF (CHF 52'000)

**Other Professional Activities**

- Member of the bank council, Schwyzer Kantonalbank, since July 2012
- Member of the municipal council of Feusisberg, May 1996 – Aug 2004
- Chief Financial Officer of Loewetz Immobilien AG (real estate company), since May 1997
- Captain in Army, Of MWA, since Jan 2011

## Publications

### Refereed Monographs

*Income Distribution in Macroeconomic Models*, Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press (Hardcover, 2006, Paperback, 2014, with Giuseppe Bertola and Josef Zweimüller), 440 p.

*Consumption Structure and Macroeconomics: Structural Change and the Relationship between Inequality and Growth*, Lecture Notes in Economics and Mathematical Systems, Vol. 554, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York: Springer-Verlag (2005), 152 p.

### Peer-reviewed articles

International arbitrage and the extensive margin of trade between rich and poor countries, *Review of Economic Studies* (forthcoming, with Christian Hepenstrick and Josef Zweimüller)

Previous title: The threat of parallel imports and the extensive margin of international trade, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 7939.

Volatile Top Income Shares in Switzerland? Reassessing the Evolution Between 1981 and 2010, *Review of Economics and Statistics* (forthcoming, with Isabel Martínez)

Do Professionals Get it Right? Limited Attention and Risk-Taking Behavior, *Economic Journal* 126, 724-755 (2016, with Stefan Legge and Lukas Schmid)

Is Inequality Harmful for Innovation and Growth? Price versus Market Size Effects, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics* (forthcoming, with Josef Zweimüller)

The Macroeconomics of Model T, *Journal of Economic Theory* 153, 617-647, (2014, with Tobias Wuergler and Josef Zweimüller)

Enhancing the Efficiency of Water Supply – Product Market Competition versus Trade, *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade* 12(3), 299-324, (2012, with Urs Meister)

Exclusive Goods and Formal-Sector Employment, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 3(1), 242-272, (2011, with Josef Zweimüller)

Consumption Paths under Prospect Utility in an Optimal Growth Model, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* 35(3), 273-281, (2011, with Rina Rosenblatt-Wisch and Klaus Reiner Schenk-Hoppé)

Market Imperfections, Wealth Inequality, and the Distribution of Trade Gains, *Journal of International Economics* 81(1), 15-25, (2010, with Manuel Oechslin)

Structural Change, Engel's Consumption Cycles and Kaldor's Facts of Economic Growth, *Journal of Monetary Economics* 55(7), 1317-1328, (2008, with Josef Zweimüller)

Why Progressive Redistribution Can Hurt the Poor, *Journal of Public Economics* 92(3-4), 738-747, (2008, with Manuel Oechslin, previously IEW Working Paper No. 265)

Who gains from Non-Collusive Corruption?, *Journal of Development Economics* 82(1), 95-119, (2007, with Manuel Oechslin)

Income Distribution and Demand-Induced Innovations, *Review of Economic Studies* 73(4), 941-960, (2006, with Josef Zweimüller)

Product-Market Competition in the Water Industry: Voluntary Nondiscriminatory Pricing, *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade* 5(2), 115-135, (2005, with Urs Meister)

Inequality, Market Power, and Product Diversity, *Economics Letters* 82(1), 139-145, (2004, with Josef Zweimüller)

### **Contributions to policy journals and book volumes**

Comment to: Switzerland's Gains from Trade with Europe, *Aussenwirtschaft* 67.3 (2016)

Das Land für Hochqualifizierte attraktiv machen, in: Christine Abbt and Johan Rochel (eds.), *Migrationsland Schweiz*, Zürich: Verlag Hier und Jetzt (2016, with Timo Dähler)

Comment to: Knife Edge? Switzerland as a base for multinational companies as relations worsen with the European Union, *Aussenwirtschaft* 67.1, 89-90 (2016)

Die Bilanzrisiken der SNB oder wieviel darf der Franken-Schock kosten? *Ökonomenstimme*, (2016, with Fabian Schnell)

Interview zu Wechselkursen: Lage im März 2016, in: Peter Eisenhut, *Aktuelle Volkswirtschaftslehre*, Chur/Zürich: Rüegger-Verlag (2016)

Tiefere Investitionstätigkeit und Produktivitätsentwicklung in der Schweiz, *Die Volkswirtschaft* 1/2-2016 (2016, with Philipp Jäger, Svetlana Rujin and Torsten Schmidt)

Die Offenheit der Schweizer Volkswirtschaft und ihre Rolle für die gesamtwirtschaftliche Produktivitätsentwicklung, *Die Volkswirtschaft* 1/2-2016 (2016, with Angela Fuest, Philipp an de Meulen and Torsten Schmidt)

Der Zusammenhang zwischen der Offenheit und der Produktivitätsentwicklung, *Strukturberichterstattung* 54/5, Seco (2015, with Angela Fuest, Philipp an de Meulen and Torsten Schmidt)

Der Zusammenhang zwischen dem technischen Fortschritt, der Investitionstätigkeit und der Produktivitätsentwicklung, *Strukturberichterstattung* 54/4, Seco (2015, with Philipp Jäger, Svetlana Rujin and Torsten Schmidt)

Kampagne „Geld bleibt hier“ bewirkt Gegenteil, *Die Volkswirtschaft* 11-2015, (2015)

Volatile Top Income Shares in Switzerland? *voxEU.org*, (2014, with Isabel Martínez)

Wie häufig sind Rückrufe durch den ehemaligen Arbeitgeber? *Die Volkswirtschaft* 5-2014, (2014, with Tanja Zehnder and Josef Zweimüller)

The Swiss immigration referendum and the future of the EU common market, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* June (2014)

Interview zu Wechselkursen, in: Peter Eisenhut, *Aktuelle Volkswirtschaftslehre*, Chur/Zürich: *Rüegger-Verlag* (2014)

Steigende Bildungsanforderungen an den Mittelstand, in: Avenir Suisse (ed.), *Der strapazierte Mittelstand*, Zürich: *Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (2012, with Sandro Favre and Josef Zweimüller)

Entwicklungen auf dem Arbeitsmarkt und Folgen für das Lohngefüge, in: Avenir Suisse (ed.), *Der strapazierte Mittelstand*, Zürich: *Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (2012, with Sandro Favre and Josef Zweimüller)

Book Review to: James Breiding and Gerhard Schwarz, Wirtschaftswunder Schweiz, Ursprung und Zukunft eines Erfolgsmodells, *Aussenwirtschaft* 66, 264-266, (2011)

Exclusion, Mass Consumption, and Employment, in: Wolfgang Franz, Hans Jürgen Ramser and Manfred Stadler (eds.), *Umverteilung und soziale Gerechtigkeit*, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Seminar Ottobeuren, Vol. 40, Tübingen: *Mohr Siebeck* (2011, with Josef Zweimüller)

Eine Krise für oder wegen der Wirtschaftspolitik, in: Silvio Borner, *Ungesunder Menschenverstand*, Zürich: *Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (2011)

Wirtschaftsstruktur und Konjunktur: Aktuelle wirtschaftspolitische Probleme der Schweiz, in: Ernst Baltensberger, Dirk Niepelt and Boris Zürcher (eds.), *Wirtschaftspolitik nach der Krise, Gerzensee-Konferenz November 2009, Tagungsband* (2010)

Ungleichheit – Einige Fakten (Inequality – Some Facts), in: Avenir Suisse (ed.), *Abschied von der Gerechtigkeit: Für eine Neujustierung von Freiheit und Gleichheit im Zeichen der Krise*, Frankfurt/Zürich: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Buch* und *Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (2009)

Gewinner und Verlierer der Neuen Zuwanderung: Ökonomische Verteilungseffekte (Distributional Effects of Immigration), in: Avenir Suisse (ed.), *Die Neue Zuwanderung*, Zürich: *Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (2008)

Inequality and Economic Growth - European Versus U.S. Experiences, in: *Volkswirtschaftliche Tagung 2003 der OeNB, Tagungsband*, CESifo Working Paper No. 1007 (2003, with Josef Zweimüller)

### **Working Papers**

What Determines Price Changes and the Distribution of Prices? Evidence from the Swiss CPI (2016, with Rudolf Minsch and Fabian Schnell)

Innovation and Trade in the Presence of Credit Constraints, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 10391 (2015, with Stefan Legge and Alexa Tiemann)

Harmful Pro-Competitive Effects of Trade in Presence of Credit Market Frictions (previous title: Globalization and Productivity in the Developing World), (2015, with Manuel Oechslin)

A Dynamic North-South Model of Demand-Induced Product Cycles, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 10452, Revision required by *Journal of International Economics* (2015, with Andreas Kohler and Sandra Hanslin)

Die Abschöpfung der Steuerkraft in Finanzausgleichssystemen, Arbeitsnotiz, Universität St. Gallen

Different Savings Propensities and Inequality in the Neoclassical Growth Model, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 7569 (2012)

Mass Consumption, Exclusion, and Unemployment, IEW Working Paper No. 296 (2008, with Josef Zweimüller)

Is It Good to Subsidize Bad Jobs? A Macroeconomic Analysis, mimeo, University of Zurich (2005, with Tanja Zehnder)

Heterogeneous Mark-ups, Demand Composition and the Inequality Growth Relation, mimeo, University of Zurich (2002, with Josef Zweimüller)

### **Newspapers**

Staatsfonds: Geballte Macht, Interview in *Punktmagazin*, September (2016)

Nullrunden schaffen neue Ungerechtigkeiten, Interview in *Basler Zeitung / Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, September 8 (2016)

Wie viel darf der Franken-Schock kosten? *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, July 28 (2016, with Fabian Schnell)

Hohe Anpassungskosten, Interview in *Die Weltwoche*, January 14 (2016)

Sparpakete und Gesundheit, *Bote der Urschweiz*, December 18 (2015)

Die Steuern bleiben im Kanton tief, Interview in *Bote der Urschweiz*, December 5 (2015)

Die Steuern sind auch nach der Reform tiefer als in den 1990er Jahren, Interview in *Höfner Volksblatt*, December 4 (2015)

Braucht die Schweiz einen Staatsfonds? *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, August 3 (2015)

Das Schwyzer Defizit oder Brutto- versus Nettosteuerereinnahmen, *Bote der Urschweiz*, July 27 (2015)

Unter dem Strich eher ein Segen: PFZ und Sozialversicherungen, Interview in *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, July 11 (2015)

Ich erwarte eine rasche Entzauberung von Tsipras, Interview in *Handelszeitung*, January 26 (2015)

Abwarten, bis sich der Staub gesetzt hat, Interview in *Bote der Urschweiz*, January 21 (2015)

Steuerausfälle durch Russland-Sanktionen, Interview in *Zentralschweiz am Sonntag*, August 3 (2014)

Schwarzer Peter NFA, *Bote der Urschweiz*, June 24 (2014)

Die flankierenden Massnahmen - ein (un-)schädliches Placebo? *Bote der Urschweiz*, November 29 (2013)

Geldpolitik darf nicht zur Quelle der Unsicherheit werden, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, November 18 (2013)

Die EU wird wichtig bleiben, Interview in *Ostschweiz am Sonntag*, July 7 (2013)

Der Kanton Schwyz in der Wachstumsfalle? *Bote der Urschweiz*, June 5 (2013)

Wie geht es dem Schweizer Mittelstand? *Bote der Urschweiz*, December 3 (2012)

Ungleichheit ist nicht per se schlecht, Interview in *Die Weltwoche* No. 46, November 22 (2012)

Reform des NFA, Interview in *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, October 18 (2012)

Soll man weniger sparen, um mehr zu wachsen? *Bote der Urschweiz*, June 2 (2012)

Die Subventionen flössen nach China, Interview in *Handelszeitung*, April 19 (2012)

Zankapfel Finanzausgleich, *Bote der Urschweiz*, December 17 (2011)

Eine Erbschaftssteuer zehrt an der Substanz, *NZZ am Sonntag*, No. 34, August 21 (2011)

Professoren-Profil Reto Föllmi: Internationale Makroökonomie und die Eurokrise, Interview in *WISU - Das Wirtschaftsstudium* 5/11, 501-502, (2011)

USA werden im Wettbewerb geschwächt, Interview in *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 93, April 20 (2011)



Aufwertung des Frankens spiegelt Exportstärke, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 49, February 28 (2011)

Grösse tut nicht immer gut: Die Eurokrise, *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 106, May 8 (2010)

Was und wem nützen die Nutzenstudien? Volkswirtschaftlicher und privater Nutzen sind nicht dasselbe, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 90, April 20 (2010)

Was nützen die Nutzenstudien?, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 80, April 8 (2010)

Lohnrunde: Es wird hart gekämpft, Interview in *Berner Zeitung*, December 12 (2009)

Wege aus der Krise, Interview in *Der Unternehmer*, December 11 (2009)

Einwanderung orientiert sich am Markt, *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 276, Nov. 28 (2009)

Schweizer Konjunktur vom Weltmarkt abhängig, Interview in *Höfner Volksblatt*, August 5 (2009)

Die Finanzspritze entfacht höchstens Strohfeuer, Interview in *Berner Zeitung*, March 10 (2009)

Zuwanderung beflügelt Wachstum, Interview in *Neue Luzerner Zeitung*, No. 14, January 19 (2009)

Wirksamkeit von Konjunkturprogrammen, *Solothurner Zeitung*, No. 44, Nov. 2 (2008)

Er erklärt die Globalisierung: Nobelpreis für Paul Krugman, Interview in *Der Bund*, October 14 (2008)

Die Lohnschere schliesst sich wieder: Gewinner und Verlierer der Neuen Einwanderung, *NZZ am Sonntag*, No. 40, October 5 (2008)

Ein (neuer) Marshallplan für Afrika?, *Die Weltwoche*, No. 9, March 3, (2005, with Manuel Oechslin)

Konsum hängt nicht von Bahn und Bus ab – Kritik an Studie zum Nutzen des öffentlichen Verkehrs, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 248, October 23/24, (2004, with Urs Meister)

## **Program Committees**

Program Committee EEA Meeting, Annual Conferences 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2016

Program Committee ESEM Meeting, Annual Conference 2016

Verein für Socialpolitik, Annual Conferences 2003, 2010, 2014, 2016 (Main program committee)

Member of the Program Committee, Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Annual Conferences 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016

Member of the Organizing Committee, Young Swiss Economist's Meeting 2009, 2011

## **Referee**

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, International Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Evolutionary Economics, Economics Letters, B.E. Journals of Macroeconomics, B.E. Journals of Theoretical Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economic Theory, Review of World Economics, Review of Development Economics, Labour Economics, Economica, Social Choice and Welfare, Economic Inquiry, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, Open Economic Review, Journal of Economic Surveys, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics (JITE), European Journal of Political Economy, Empirical Economics, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, Metroeconomica, Applied Economics Quarterly, Louvain Economic Papers, Schmollers Jahrbuch, Water; Cambridge University Press; European Research Council (ERC), National Research Council Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

## **Presentations in Conferences**

2016: Sinergia Workshop "Inequality and Globalization", Stoos

2015: Sinergia Workshop "Innovation, knowledge diffusion and growth", Zurich.

2014: CEPR / Sinergia Conference on Inequality, Labor Markets and Trade, Ascona (Co-Organizer). Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Berne. Aussenwirtschaftlicher Ausschuss, Augsburg.

2013: Sinergia Workshop on Inequality and Trade, Diessenhofen. "Challenges in International Trade and Trade Policy in the Context of Post-2015 Development Goals", UNCTAD Geneva.

2012: Verein für Socialpolitik, Göttingen. "Structural Change and Macroeconomic Dynamics" Workshop, Cagliari.

2011: "Finance and Trade" GEP/ifo Murphy Institute joint Conference, Nottingham. Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Lucerne. Verein für Socialpolitik, Frankfurt. "Innovation", Ottobeuren.

2010: Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Fribourg. Verein für Socialpolitik, Kiel. "Umverteilung und Gerechtigkeit", Ottobeuren.

2009: NBER Summer Institute, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Cambridge MA. "Wirtschaftspolitik nach der Krise", Study Center Gerzensee.

2008: Verein für Socialpolitik, Graz. ESEM, Milan. Makroökonomischer Ausschuss, Hamburg, „Das Grosse Versprechen der Gerechtigkeit: Verpflichtung und Verführung“, Rüschlikon.

2007: Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, St. Gallen. CEPR ESSLE, Ammersee. "Economic Growth and Distribution", Lucca.

2006: Verein für Socialpolitik, Bayreuth. ESEM, Vienna. EEA, Vienna. Society for Economic Dynamics, Vancouver. DEGIT XI, Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem. Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Lugano.

2005: Verein für Socialpolitik, Bonn. Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Universitat de les Illes Balears. Growth and Institutions, Invited Speaker, University of Copenhagen. Midwest Macro Meetings, University of Iowa.

2004: NBER Summer Institute, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics, Cambridge MA. "Economic Growth and Distribution" Lucca. Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Basel.

2003: Verein für Socialpolitik, Zurich. ESEM, Stockholm. Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics, Berne.

2002: Verein für Socialpolitik, Innsbruck. EARIE, University Carlos III of Madrid. ESEM, Venice. EEA, Venice. European Science Days 2002, (Poster), Steyr. DEGIT VII, University of Cologne, Royal Economic Society, Warwick.

2001: EUNIP, WIFO Vienna. "Old and New Growth Theories: An Assessment", University of Pisa. Verein für Socialpolitik, Magdeburg. DEGIT VI, IAS Vienna. 7th IWREC Conference, University of Girona. Royal Economic Society, Durham. 6th Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Copenhagen.

### **Presentations in Seminars**

2014: University of Louvain, Swiss National Bank. 2013: Université Paris Dauphine, DIW Berlin, University of Cagliari, University of Lucerne. 2012: University of Cologne, University of Mannheim, University of Mainz. 2011: University of Lausanne, University of Tübingen. 2010: University of Munich, University of St. Gallen, Université de Toulouse. 2009: Collegio Carlo Alberto Turin, University of Konstanz, University of Mainz. 2008: University of Vienna, IHS Vienna, University of Munich, University of Fribourg, University of Basel, University of Zurich. 2007: Tilburg University, University of St. Gallen, Kobe

University, Osaka University, Osaka City University. 2006: Université de Toulouse. 2005: Northwestern University, Brown University, Boston University, Syracuse University, MIT. 2004: MIT (2x). 2002: University of Berne.

### **External PhD committee member**

Dec 2014: Christian Rutzer, "Essays in International Trade", University of Basel. Main adviser: Rolf Weder.

Dec 2010: Vincenzo Merella, "Quality Ladders and Nonhomothetic Preferences", Birkbeck, University of London. Main adviser: Nicola Pavoni.

Aug 2010: Martin Strieborny, "Finance, Culture, and Real Economy: Three Essays in Macroeconomics", Université de Lausanne. Main adviser: Jean Imbs.

Dec 2009: Christian Kiedaisch, "Patent Policy and Income Distribution", Université de Toulouse. Main adviser: Gilles Saint-Paul.

May 2008: Nico Voigtländer, "Essays on Economic Growth and the Skill Bias of Technology", Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona. Main adviser: Hans-Joachim Voth.

### **Personal**

Date of Birth: 5 December 1975  
Nationality: Swiss citizen, from Feusisberg SZ  
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