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**Curriculum Vitae**

California Institute of Technology
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## Academic Appointments

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**, California Institute of Technology — Since 08/2026
Environmental Economics Research Group (Prof. Hannah Druckenmiller)

**Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar** in Environmental Social Sciences, Stanford University — 09/2025 - 08/2026
Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability, Global Policy Laboratory (Host: Prof. Solomon Hsiang)
2nd year *Postdoc.Mobility* grant, Swiss National Science Foundation

**Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher**, Stockholm University — 09/2024 - 08/2025
Institute for International Economic Studies (Host: Prof. Torsten Persson)
1st year *Postdoc.Mobility* grant, Swiss National Science Foundation

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, ETH Zurich — 03/2024 - 08/2024
Chair of Applied Macroeconomics (Prof. Jan-Egbert Sturm)

## Education

**Doctoral Studies in Economics**, ETH Zurich — 09/2018 - 02/2024
*Dr. sc. ETH Zurich*, with honors – awarded the *ETH Medal*
Advisors: Prof. Jan-Egbert Sturm (ETH Zurich), Prof. Anna Tompsett (Stockholm University)

**Master Studies in Economics**, Heidelberg University — 10/2015 - 04/2018
*M. Sc. in Economics*
Awarded best Economics Master graduate of the year at Heidelberg University

**Master Studies in Economics**, Stockholm University — 08/2016 - 06/2017
Exchange year abroad; second year of Master program

**Bachelor Studies in Economics**, Heidelberg University — 10/2012 - 09/2015
*B. Sc. in Economics (Politische Ökonomik)*
Awarded best Economics Bachelor graduate of the year at Heidelberg University

## Publications

Authors are listed as in the original publications; * denotes (shared) first authorship.

**Disastrous Discretion**: Political Bias in Relief Allocation Varies Substantially with Disaster Severity
S. A. Schneider* & S. Kunze (2025) ***The Review of Economics and Statistics***, 107.5: 1448-59.

**Regional Resources and Democratic Secessionism**
K. Gehring* & S. A. Schneider* (2020) ***Journal of Public Economics***, 181.

**Towards the Greater Good?** EU Commissioners' Nationality and Budget Allocation in the European Union
K. Gehring* & S. A. Schneider* (2018) ***American Economic Journal: Economic Policy***, 10.1: 214-39.

## Research in Progress

Authors are listed as in the corresponding research papers; * denotes (shared) first authorship.

**Immigration and Nationalism in the Long Run**
V. Lang* & S. A. Schneider* (2026) ***Journal of the European Economic Association***; conditionally accepted for publication.

**Wind Power and Veto Power**
S. A. Schneider* & M. Folkestad – paper available on request, last updated: October 2026.

### Research in Progress – *continued*

**The Aerial History Project**
Project team led by H. Druckenmiller, S. Hsiang, A. Madestam, and A. Tompsett – work in progress.

**Mega-Archive of Historical Aerial Imagery Reveals the Effectiveness of Protected Areas across Africa since the 1940s**
E. Noda*, H. Murayama*, S. A. Schneider* & the *Aerial History Project* team – in preparation.

**Stances with Wolves**
V. Kågström* & S. A. Schneider* – work in progress.

## Teaching

**Applied Political Economy** Spring 2024-2025
**Lecturer** – ETH Zurich, Master level.
New, self-developed course. An interactive class focusing on recent empirical research with the objective of enabling students to initiate their own political economy research project.

**Principles of Econometrics** Spring 2019-2023
**Teaching assistant** responsible for tutorials, course administration, and development of new educational tools – ETH Zurich, undergraduate and Master level.
Fundamentals of applying basic and advanced econometric methods to identify causal effects.

**Mathematics for Economists** Winter 2013-2015
**Teaching assistant** for tutorials, twice per week – Heidelberg University, undergraduate level.
Essential mathematical concepts for economists.

**Students Helping Students** 2009-2012
**Tutor** for high-school students in mathematics in the initiative *Schüler helfen Schülern*.

## Research Grants and Academic Awards

**Postdoc.Mobility**, Swiss National Science Foundation 09/2024 - 08/2026
Two-year research grant
129,300 CHF

**SNIS International Geneva Award**, Swiss Network for International Studies 01/2026
Awarded for my article "Disastrous Discretion", published in *The Review of Economics and Statistics*
2,500 CHF

**ETH Medal**, ETH Zurich 01/2025
Awarded for outstanding achievement in doctoral research
2,000 CHF

**Ernst-Blickle Graduate-Award**, SEW-Eurodrive-Foundation 05/2019
2,500 EUR

**Student Research Scholarship**, University of Cambridge 08/2015
Undergraduate research stay, Bachelor Thesis project

## Fellowships and Affiliations

**KOF Research Fellow** Since 09/2024
Associated researcher at KOF Swiss Economic Institute, ETH Zurich

**CESifo Research Network Affiliate** Since 04/2022
Admission via *CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award* competition in Public Economics

**Scholar of the Cusanuswerk** 04/2014 - 04/2018
Scholarship foundation of the Catholic Church in Germany

## Pre-Doctoral Professional Experience

**Visiting Researcher**, Stockholm University 02/2022 - 07/2022
Institute for International Economic Studies (Host: Prof. Jakob Svensson)

**Research Assistant**, Heidelberg University 05/2014 - 12/2017
Chair of International and Development Politics (Prof. Axel Dreher)

**Intern** at the German Bundestag 03/2014
Parliament office of Klaus-Peter Flosbach, MdB

## Professional Service

**Referee** 06/2018 - 07/2026
Reviewer for academic journals including *Environmental and Resource Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Public Choice*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, and for the *EAYE Annual Meetings* 2023 & 2024.

**Member of the Board of the European Association of Young Economists** 09/2019 - 06/2025
Umbrella organization for the *EAYE Annual Meeting* (formerly *Spring Meeting of Young Economists*)

**Workgroup Host** 11/2022 - 08/2024
Internal reading group at ETH Zurich to discuss recent advances in statistical methods with a focus on difference-in-differences estimation; joint with S. Heinrich, F. Hulfeld, and A. Spescha.

**Conference Organizer** 01/2023
*Meeting of the Young Political Economists in Europe – Researchers Network (MYPEERs)*; four-day conference in Wengen, Switzerland; sponsored by the *European Journal of Political Economy* (5,000 CHF).

**Initiator and Organizer of Research Retreats** 01/2019 - 01/2023
Annual chair retreat *SkiLLS* in Engelberg, Switzerland.

**Co-Developer of the KOF PhD Mentoring Program** 11/2020 - 12/2022
A newly established mentoring program to promote exchange and support PhD students during the Covid-19 pandemic; jointly conceived with V. Eichenauer.

## Presentations at Conferences and Invited Talks

*LSE Environment Week*, **London**; *World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists*, **Lisbon** 2026

*Environmental and Energy Economics Festival*, **Stanford**; *Department Seminar in Economics & Statistics*, **Linnæus University, Växjö (on invitation)** 2025

*Early-Career Workshop in Empirical Environmental Economics*, **Bergen (on invitation)**; *Association of Swedish Development Economists Annual Conference*, **Stockholm**; *Swedish Conference in Economics*, **Lund**; *European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting*, **Paris**; *European Public Choice Society Conference*, **Vienna** 2024

*Spring Meeting of Young Economists*, **Turin**; *Political Economy of Climate and Environment Conference*, **Los Angeles**; *Beyond Basic Questions Workshop*, **Stuttgart**; *ZEW-ifo Young Political Economy Workshop*, **Mannheim**; *Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series*, **Zurich**; *CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics*, **Munich**; *European Public Choice Society Conference*, **Hannover**; *Meeting of the Young Political Economists in Europe – Researchers Network*, **Wengen** 2023

*Association of Swedish Development Economists Annual Conference*, **Stockholm**; *Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science*, **Lisbon**; *CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics*, **Munich (online)** 2022

*International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress*, **Rejkyavik (online)**; *Beyond Basic Questions Workshop*, **Nuremberg**; *Silvaplana Workshop on Political Economy*, **Pontresina**; *Workshop on Compound Weather and Climate Events*, **Berne (online)** 2021

### Presentations at Conferences and Invited Talks – *continued*

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| *Silvaplana Workshop on Political Economy*, **Pontresina** | 2020 |
| *FWW Research Seminar Series* at **Freiburg University (on invitation)**; *Beyond Basic Questions Workshop*, **Kiel**; *Spring Meeting of Young Economists*, **Brussels**; *European Public Choice Society Conference*, **Jerusalem**; *Young Swiss Economists Meeting*, **Zurich** | 2019 |
| *Beyond Basic Questions Workshop*, **Gengenbach** | 2018 |
| *National Tax Association Annual Meeting*, **Philadelphia** | 2017 |
| *European Public Choice Society Conference*, **Freiburg** | 2016 |

## Media Coverage

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| "Ein Riss verläuft durch Baden-Württemberg", *Stuttgarter Zeitung*, March 5, 2026 | 2026 |
| "Sie sind immun gegen die AfD", *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, June 13, 2023<br>"Vertriebene stärken die demokratische Mitte", *Sudetendeutsche Zeitung*, June 23, 2023<br>"Langfristige Einwanderungserfahrungen schwächen nationalistische Parteien / Long-Term Experience of Immigration Weakens Nationalist Parties", *KOF Bulletin*, September 1, 2023 | 2023 |
| "A Politician's Perfect Storm: When Disaster Relief Is Politically Biased", *KOF Bulletin*, November 11, 2022 | 2022 |
| "Aufstieg der Separatisten: Der Einfluss regionaler Ressourcen / Montée des séparatistes : influence des ressources régionales", *KOF Bulletin*, December 4, 2020<br>"Separatism on the Rise: The Role of Regional Resources", *VOX – CEPR Policy Portal*, February 18, 2020 | 2020 |
| "Funding and Favoritism in the EU", Chart of the Week, *American Economic Association*, February 21, 2018 | 2018 |
| "Von Katalonien bis Schottland: Ökonomische Gründe für den Erfolg separatistischer Parteien", *Ökonomenstimme*, September 27, 2017<br>"Why the Commission Needs Reform", *Euractiv*, June 21, 2017 | 2017 |
| "Bonus für die Heimat", *Wirtschaftswoche*, April 1, 2016, issued as print article only<br>"Wie EU-Politiker ihre Heimat systematisch bevorzugen", *Handelszeitung*, March 10, 2016<br>"Wenn ein EU-Kommissar 500 Millionen Euro pro Jahr wert ist", *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, March 8, 2016 | 2016 |

## Language Proficiency

German: Native
English: Fluent
Swedish: Conversational
French: Conversational