

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 – present	RWI, Economic Policy Lab Climate Change, Development & Migration, PhD Student
2022 – 2025	German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), GIGA Institute for African Affairs, Research Fellow
2022 – 2025	Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM), Infectious Disease Epidemiology Department, Research Fellow
2024	Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management, Guest Researcher
2020 – 2021	University of Göttingen, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Research Assistant
2020 – 2021	Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Research Center International Finance, Research Assistant
2018 – 2020	University of Göttingen, Institute for Economic and Social History, Research Assistant

AFFILIATIONS

2025 – present	Associate, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), GIGA Institute for African Affairs
2025 – present	Associated Doctoral Researcher, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM), Infectious Disease Epidemiology Department

EDUCATION

2018 – 2022	M.Sc. Development Economics, University of Göttingen
2017 – 2021	M.A. History of Global Markets, University of Göttingen
2014 – 2018	B.A. in Economics, University of Göttingen
2013 – 2018	B.A. in History and Economic and Social History, University of Göttingen

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2025	Economic Science Association Africa (Nairobi)
2024	DGGÖ Health Economics and Development Cooperation PhD Workshop (Erlangen), EUDN PhD Workshop (Paris), German Development Economics Conference 2024, (Hanover),

	International Conference on Development Economics (Marseille), European Economic Association Conference (Rotterdam)
2023	Behavioural Insights and Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop (Essex), Economic Science Association Africa (Cape Town)
2022	International Diabetes Foundation Conference (Lisbon), Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship Conference (Münster)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024	Teaching Assistant “Seminar Controversies in Development Economics”, University of Göttingen, M.Sc. level
2023	Teaching Assistant “Development Economics III: Regional Perspectives in Development Economics”, University of Göttingen, M.Sc. level

RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2024	Joachim Herz Add-on Fellowships for Interdisciplinary Economics and Interdisciplinary Business Administration (12.500€)
2023	Leibniz Research Alliance INFECTIONS - Seed Money Funding (12.500€)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German	Native language
English	Fluent at professional level
French	Intermediate