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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 04/2024 Head of Research Group Global Migration at RWI, Berlin, Germany

Since 05/2023 Head of Berlin Office at RWI, Berlin, Germany

Since 02/2019 Researcher at RWI, Berlin, Germany
Since 2021 Research Unit *Climate Change and Development*, 2019-20 Research Unit *Labor Markets, Education, Population*

09/2022 – 04/2023 Acting Head of Berlin Office at RWI, Berlin, Germany

10/2022 – 12/2022 Guest Researcher at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

11/2020 – 08/2022 Deputy Head of Berlin Office at RWI, Berlin, Germany

2015 – 2019 Research Associate at the Chair of Development Economics, University of Goettingen, Goettingen, Germany

2015 Consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy

2015 Research Analyst at the National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Jakarta, Indonesia

AFFILIATIONS

Since 01/2025 Research Fellow at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics

01/2021 – 12/2024 Research Affiliate at the IZA Institute of Labor Economics

11/2020 – 12/2023 Fellow for Interdisciplinary Economics of the Joachim Herz Foundation

EDUCATION

2015 – 2019 Ph.D. in Economics, DFG Research Training Group 1723 Globalization and Development, University of Goettingen, Germany
Summa cum laude
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer, Prof. Stephan Klasen, Ph.D.
Doctoral thesis: *Child development and human capital formation– Evidence from randomized interventions and gender inequality*

2013 – 2014 Master of Science in Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

2011 - 2012	Undergraduate in Economics (exchange year), University of California, Santa Barbara, USA
2009 - 2013	Bachelor of Science in Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

PROJECTS

Improving migration outcomes: A mentoring experiment and its network effects in Senegal. *With Bernd Beber, Zara Riaz and Juni Singh.*

How migration shapes local networks: Evidence from 145 Senegalese villages. *With Bernd Beber, Niklas Murken and Zara Riaz. Working paper coming soon.*

Climate change adaptation and migration decisions under cognitive strain in rural Senegal. *With Bernd Beber, Lena Detlefsen and Sarah Frohnweiler.*

#ManyDaughters - Impact of having daughters on attitudes, preferences, and behaviors. *With #ManyDaughters research team, lead by David Albrecht, Aurélien Baillon, Anna Dreber, Felix Holzmeister, Taisuke Imai, Magnus Johannesson, Levent Neyse, Séverine Toussaert.*

Returns to internal migration: Disentangling migration types and destinations. *With Maria Siegmund.*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Ebert C, Klasen S & Vollmer S (2025). [Counting missing women: a reconciliation of flow and stock measures](#), *Journal of Population Economics*, 38, 2.

Ebert C & Steinert JI (2025). [Violence against women and the substitution of help services in times of lockdown: Triangulation of three data sources in Germany](#). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Volume 232, 106879.

Frohnweiler S, Beber B & Ebert C (2024). [Information Frictions, Belief Updating and Internal Migration: Evidence from Ghana and Uganda](#). *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 171, 103311.

Ebert C, Heesemann E & Vollmer S (2024). [Two Scalable Interventions to Promote Health and Mental Development in Early Childhood: A Randomized Controlled Trial in Rural India](#). *Journal of Human Capital*, Vol. 18(1): 140-193.

Geldsetzer P, Tisdale RL, Stehr L, et al. (2024). [The prevalence of cardiovascular disease risk factors among adults living in extreme poverty](#). *Nature Human Behaviour*, 8, 903-916.

Bogler L, Bommer C, Ebert C, Kumar A, Subramanian SV, Subramanyam MA, Vollmer S. (2024). [Effects of a large-scale participatory learning and action programme in women's groups on health, nutrition, water, sanitation, and hygiene: a cluster-randomised controlled trial in Bihar, India](#). *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 16, 2, 246-263.

Frohnweiler S, Beber B & Ebert C (2023). [Delayed effects on migration intentions in an information provision experiment in Ghana](#). *Revue d'économie du développement*, 35, 3-4, 37-44.

Ebert C & Vollmer S (2022). [Girls unwanted – The role of parents' child-specific sex preference for children's early mental development](#). *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 82, 102590.

Theilmann M, Lemp J, Winkler V, et al. (2022). [Patterns of tobacco use in low- and middle-income countries by tobacco product and sociodemographic characteristics: a study of nationally representative survey data from 82 countries](#). *The BMJ*.

Manne-Goehler J, Theilmann M, Flood D, et al. (2022). [Data resource profile: The global health and population project on access to care for cardiometabolic diseases \(HPACC\)](#). *International Journal of Epidemiology*, e337-e349.

- Schön M, Heesemann E, Ebert C, Subramanyam M, Vollmer S, Horn S (2022). [How to ensure full vaccination? The association of institutional delivery and timely postnatal care with childhood vaccination in a cross-sectional study in rural Bihar, India.](#) *PLOS Global Public Health*, 2(5): e0000411
- Kirschbaum T, Sudharsanan N, Manne-Goehler J, et al. (2022). [The Association of Socioeconomic Status with Hypertension in 76 Low- and Middle- Income Countries.](#) *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 80(3): 804-817
- Teufel F, Seiglie JA, Geldsetzer P, Theilmann M, Marcus M, Ebert C, et al. (2021). [Body mass index and diabetes risk in 57 low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of nationally-representative individual-level data.](#) *The Lancet*, 398(10296), 238-248.
- Ebert C & Steinert JI (2021). [Prevalence and risk factors of violence against women and children during COVID-19, Germany.](#) *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 99(6): 429-438.
- Marcus ME, Ebert C, Geldsetzer P, et al. (2021). [Unmet need for hypercholesterolemia care in 35 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys.](#) *PLOS Medicine*, 18(10), e1003841.
- Basu S, Flood D, Geldsetzer P, et al. (2021). [Estimated effect of increased diagnosis, treatment, and control of diabetes and its associated cardiovascular risk factors among low-income and middle-income countries: a microsimulation model.](#) *The Lancet Global Health*, 9(11), e1539-e1552.
- Kirschbaum TK, Theilmann M, Subharsanan N, et al. (2021). [Targeting Hypertension Screening in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of 1.2 Million Adults in 56 Countries.](#) *JAHA: Journal of the American Heart Association*, 10(13): e021063.
- Sudharsanan N, Theilmann M, Kirschbaum T, et al. (2021). [Variation in the proportion of adults in need of BP-lowering medications by hypertension care guideline in low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of 1,037,215 individuals from 50 nationally representative surveys.](#) *Circulation*, 143: 991-1001.
- Lemp J, De Neve JW, Bussmann H, et al. (2020). [Lifetime Prevalence of Cervical Cancer Screening in 55 Low- and Middle-Income Countries.](#) *JAMA*, 324(15): 1532-1542
- Davies JI, Reddiar SK, Hirschhorn LR, Ebert C, et al. (2020). [Association between country preparedness indicators and quality clinical care for cardiovascular disease risk factors in 44 lower and middle income countries: A multi-country analysis of survey data.](#) *PLOS Medicine*, 17(11): e1003268
- Teufel F, Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, et al. (2020). [Analysis of attained height and diabetes among 554,122 adults across 25 low- and middle-income countries.](#) *Diabetes Care*, 43(10): 2403-2410
- Seiglie JA, Marcus M, Ebert C, et al. (2020). [Diabetes prevalence and its relationship with education, wealth, and body mass index in 29 low- and middle-income countries.](#) *Diabetes Care*, 43(4): 767-775
- Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, Marcus ME, Ebert C, et al. (2019). [The state of hypertension care in 44 low-income and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of nationally representative individual-level data from 1·1 million adults.](#) *The Lancet*, 394(10199), 652-662.
- Manne-Goehler J, Geldsetzer P, Agoudavi K, et al. (2019). [Health system performance for people with diabetes in 28 low-and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys.](#) *PLOS medicine*, 16(3), p.e1002751.
- Bärnighausen T, Oldenburg C, Tugwell P, et al. (2017). [Quasi-experimental study designs series—paper 7: assessing the assumptions.](#) *Journal of clinical epidemiology*, 89, pp.53-66.

Working Papers

- Jumaniyazova M, Ebert C, & Steinert J I (2026). [Gender, Birth Order, and Child Growth: Evidence from Central Asia.](#) Munich Papers in Political Economy, Working Paper No. 01/2026.
- Ebert C, Heldring L, Robinson J A, & Vollmer S (2025). [The breakdown of the English society of orders: The role of the Industrial Revolution.](#) NBER Working Paper 34153.

Beber B, Ebert C & Sievert M (2024). [Is Intent to Migrate Irregularly Responsive to Recent German Asylum Policy Adjustments?](#) Ruhr Economic Papers No. 1071. RWI.

Other

Ebert C, Flörchinger D, Frohweiler S, Ihring S & Cayllahua KMR (2021). [Employment and income effects of skills development interventions: An impact evaluation of three employment promotion measures in Eastern Africa within GIZ's Employment and Skills for Development program](#). RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI.

Subramanyam M, Ebert C, Bommer C, Bogler L, Kumar A, Varghese S, Are S & Vollmer S (2017). [Impact of the Gram Varta programme on health, nutrition and women's empowerment in India](#). 3ie Grantee Final Report. New Delhi: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie).

FAO (2016). [Sex-Disaggregated Data and Gender Indicators in Agriculture: A Review of Data Gaps and Good Practices](#). Technical Report Series GO-12-2016. Rome.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026	DIW-SOEP Seminar, Research Seminar at Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB)
2025	DIME Lightning Seminar at the World Bank, IFPRI Brownbag Seminar, RFBerlin Migration Forum, ESMT-RWI Berlin Development Workshop, German Development Economics Conference (closed section), 18th AFD-World Bank Migration and Development Conference, Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration between Africa and Europe at University of Cologne and HWWI Hamburg
2024	BeNA 20 Year Jubilee Conference, German Development Economics Conference, Annual Conference Verein für Socialpolitik, ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin Institute Seminar, GEM Research Seminar at Groningen University, Research Seminar at Ruhr Uni Bochum
2023	Bocconi Alp-Pop Conference, Research Seminar Health and Population at Leibniz University Hannover, Women in Economics Retreat, European Economic Association, 16th International Conference on Migration and Development, Research Seminar at the Center of Economic Demography at Lund University, WATT Workshop "Unveiling Wealth and Income Inequalities"
2022	International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, Northwestern Development Economics Lunch Seminar, Northwestern Economic History Lunch Seminar
2021	Essen Health Conference, German Development Economics Conference (GDE, previously AEL), International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, 3 rd International Conference on Globalization and Development (GlaD), Annual Conference of the Verein fuer Socialpolitik (VfS), SITE Seminar at Stockholm School of Economics, Berlin Colloquium in Economic and Social History
2020	18th Economy, Feminism and Science (efas) Symposium, BMFSFJ & eu2020 Online Conference
2019	Econometric Society Winter Meeting (ESWM), 3 rd IZA/HSE Workshop on Skills and Preferences and Labor Market Outcomes in Post-transition and Emerging Economies, European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE)
2018	North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), DIW Gender Economics Workshop, U4 SSEL Cluster Conference, Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Annual Conference, Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB) 5th PhD Workshop, Oxford Development Economics Workshop (OXDEV), Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) EDePo Seminar, German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference, 2nd International Conference on Globalization and Development, Oxford Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Bocconi Alp-Pop Conference

2017	Harvard Project Launch on Access to Care on Cardiometabolic Diseases
2016	UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Growth, German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference

FIELD WORK AND DATA COLLECTION

2022-2025	The Senegal Migration Panel: Understanding mobility in a climate-stressed population, Senegal
2020-2021	Impact evaluation of GIZ youth employment programs, Uganda
2016-2017	Gram Varta's participatory learning and action approach for HNWASH, Bihar, India
2016-2017	Early childhood development, Bihar, India

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2022	Leibniz Collaborative Excellence (Co-PI), support for "The Senegal migration panel: Understanding mobility in a climate-stressed population", 999.990 EUR
2021	Transatlantikprogramm, travel grant for research stay at Northwestern University (invited by Leander Heldring), Kellogg School of Management, 3.705 EUR
2020	Joachim Herz Add-On Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Economics, 12,500 EUR
2020	Young Researcher Award (3rd prize) of the German Economic Association's Research Group on Development Economics and the KfW Development Bank
2020	Google Cloud & Harvard Global Health Institute, support for "The impact of COVID-19 on violence against women in Germany", 6,500 USD in Google Cloud Credits (with Janina Steinert)
2020	Dr. Hans Riegel Foundation, support for "The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for economic productivity and family wellbeing" (with Janina Steinert and Sayli Javadekar), 7,700 EUR
2017	Fiat Panis Foundation, support for "Fostering early childhood development - A randomized controlled trial in rural Bihar, India" (with Esther Heesemann and Sebastian Vollmer), 2017, 10,000 EUR
2017	Go International Plus 2016 by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union for teaching visit at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi, India
2015	H.K. Nieuwenhuis Thesis Award for my Master's thesis "Nature or nurture: Evidence from Indonesia"
2013	Scholarship for MSc in Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (rejected), 2013
2011	Travel Grant by Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin e.V.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025	"Empirical Development Economics", Master's course, lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin
2024	"Empirical Development Economics", Master's course, lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin
2022-2023	Supervision of bachelor's thesis, University of Bayreuth
2015-2022	Supervision of master's and bachelor's theses, University of Goettingen

2016-2019	“Quasi-experiments in Development Economics”, Master’s course, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen
2018	“Field experiments in Development Economics”, Master’s course, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen
2017	“Quasi-experiments in Development Economics”, Master’s course, lecturer, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India
2017	“Childhood Development in India”, Master’s course, one-time lecture, University of Goettingen
2016	“Women’s Self-help Groups in India”, Master’s course, one-time lecture, University of Goettingen
2016	“Why Nations Fail”, Bachelor’s seminar, teaching assistant, University of Goettingen

REFEREING

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Applied Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Review of Income and Wealth, Economics and Human Biology, Journal of Demographic Economics, PLOS ONE, BMJ Open, Social Sciences, Italian Economic Journal, World Development Perspectives, Frontiers Psychiatry, International Journal of Manpower.

IN THE MEDIA

Interview on Deutschlandfunk Kultur: [Häusliche Gewalt – Die Risiken der Heimquarantäne](#) [English translation: Domestic Violence – The Risks of Home Quarantine]

Podcast on ÄrzteZeitung: [Tatort Wohnzimmer – Gewalt gegen Kinder und Frauen im Corona-Lockdown](#) [English translation: Crime Scene Home – Violence Against Children and Women during Corona Lockdown]

Selected online media coverage on violence against women and children during the COVID-19 pandemic: [Sueddeutsche.de](#), [Zeit Online](#), [Spiegel Online](#), [FAZ.net](#)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German	Native language
English	Fluent
Latin	Latinum