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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Date and place of birth** 17 January 1978, Arnsberg (Germany)

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**Neuroeconomics** “Does ambiguity make you pessimistic? A neuroeconomic study of belief formation” (joint with Lydia Mechtenberg, Guido Biele, Jörg Rieskamp and Hauke R. Heekeren)

**Neuroeconomics** “The neural basis of risk aversion” (joint with Guido Biele, Hauke R. Heekeren and Harald Uhlig)

**Macroeconomics** “A note on optimal income taxation in the neoclassical growth model”

### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

**April 2007–present** Ph.D. student in economics at the Berlin School of Mind and Brain. Thesis advisors: Prof. Harald Uhlig, Ph.D. (economics) and Dr. Hauke R. Heekeren (neuroscience)

**April 2005–present** Ph.D. student in economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

**October 1999–December 2004** Student in economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Degree earned: Diplom-Volkswirt (M.Sc. equivalent). Awarded the wwg Prize for the best diploma degree obtained during the winter term 2004/05. Title of the diploma thesis: “Reference-Dependent Consumer Preferences and Price Setting”

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**June–July 2008** Exercises to the lecture “Growth and Inequality in an International Perspective”, M.Sc. level

11 October 2007 Workshop on neuroeconomics: “Ökonomische Rationalität und das Gehirn” (“Economic rationality and the brain”, in German); part of the 7<sup>th</sup> symposium of the Humboldt-Forum Wirtschaft

April–July 2006, October 2006–February 2007, October 2007–February 2008 Exercises to the lecture “Konjunktur- und Wachstumspolitik/Angewandte Makroökonomie” (“Business Cycle and Growth Policy/Applied Macroeconomics”; in German), B.Sc. level

October 2005–March 2006 Seminar “Bounded Rationality and Macroeconomics”, M.Sc. level, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2005–present Research and teaching assistant (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) at the Institute of Economic Policy I, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Harald Uhlig)

February–August 2004 Student assistant at the Institute of Economic Theory I, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; task: teaching assistance to Prof. Elmar Wolfstetter for the seminar “Applied Microeconomics: Doing Microeconomics with Mathematica”

April–September 2003 Internship at Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (German Institute for Economic Research) – diw Berlin, research division “World Economics”: occurrence of so-called “scale-free networks” in international trade

April 2003–December 2003 Student assistant at the Institute of Economic Policy I, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Harald Uhlig)

April 2002–March 2003 Instructor of the extracurricular undergraduate course “Economic Mathematics with Mathematica”

July 2000–March 2002 Student assistant at the Institute of Operations Research, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Kurt Helmes)

June 2001–July 2006 Member of the Humboldt-Forum Wirtschaft (Humboldt Economic Forum), a student initiative which organises an annual economic symposium bringing together prominent researchers, politicians and business people

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

German mother tongue

English fluent

Hebrew fluent (due to 1½ years civil service in Israel)

#### HOBBIES

Typography

Print and online design