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Professional Experience

- since 2020 **Assistant Professor**, *SEPS, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*
- 2018-2020 **Juniorprofessor**, *GSI, LMU Munich, Germany.*
- since 2018 **Affiliated Member**, *SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany.*
- 2017/2018 **Jean-Monnet-Fellow**, *European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.*
- 2016/2017 **Max-Weber-Fellow**, *European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.*
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany.*
- 2011-2014 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Jacobs University Bremen, Germany.*
- 2008-2010 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, *University of Essex, United Kingdom.*
- 2002-2006 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, *University of Konstanz, Germany.*

Education

- 2007-2012 **PhD**, *Department of Government, University of Essex, United Kingdom*
(Supervisor: Thomas Plümper, Committee: Thomas J. Scotto and Hugh Ward).
- 2004-2005 **Exchange Student**, *University of Pavia, Italy.*
- 2001-2006 **MA Politics and Management**, *University of Konstanz, Germany.*

Publications

- Special Issues and Books
 - 2021. *Global Taxation: How Modern Taxes Conquered the World*. Oxford University Press (edited with P. Genschel).
 - 2021. *Handbook on the Politics of Taxation*. Edward Elgar (edited with L. Hakelberg).
 - 2019. Social Policy by Other Means. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 21/3: 219-311 (edited with P. Starke).
 - 2016. Revenue Mobilization in the Developing World: Changes, Challenges, and Chances. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 185-344 (edited with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
 - 2015. Social Protection in the Developing World: Challenges, Continuity, and Change. *Politics and Society* 43/4: 463-582 (edited with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
- Journal Articles
 - 2021. The Rise of Modern Taxation. A New Comprehensive Dataset of Tax Introductions Worldwide. *Review of International Organizations* 16: 239-263 (with M. Bubek, E. Eihmanis, J. Ganderson, P. Genschel, J. Limberg, Y. Mnaili, P. Zuluaga). **In the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric.**

2020. Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 17? An Empirical Investigation of the Effectiveness of Aid Given to Boost Developing Countries' Tax Revenue and Capacity. *International Studies Quarterly* 64/4: 991-1004 (with I. Bastiaens).
2020. Democracy and the Global Spread of Progressive Taxes. *Global Social Policy* 20/2: 165-191. Earlier version published as *EUI MWP Working Paper 2017/11* (with H. Lierse).
2019. Social Policy by Other Means: Theorizing Unconventional Forms of Welfare Production. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 21/3: 219-234 (with P. Starke).
2018. European Fiscal Solidarity: An EU-wide Optimal Income Tax Approach. *International Journal of Public Policy* 14/1-2: 145-163. Earlier version published as *TranState Working Paper 185/2014* (with H. Yang).
2018. Sind Demokratien die besseren Steuerstaaten? Ein globaler Vergleich, 1980-2010 (Are Democracies the better Tax States? A Global Comparison 1980-2010.) *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 59/1: 63-80.
2016. Happy taxation: Increasing tax compliance through positive rewards? *Journal of Public Policy* 36/3: 381-406. Online first: 15 Oct 2015 (with H. Brockmann, P. Genschel).
2016. Capital Markets and Tax Policy-Making: A Comparative Analysis of European Tax Reforms since the Crisis. *Comparative European Politics* 14/5: 686-716. Online first: 26 Jan 2015 (with H. Lierse).
2016. Auslaufmodell oder Erfolgsgeschichte? Der Wohlfahrtsstaat in globaler Perspektive (Failure or Success? The Welfare State in Global Perspective). *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform (Journal of Social Policy Research)* 62/2: 111-140 (with A. Grünewald).
2016. Trade liberalization and the global expansion of modern taxes. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 208-231 (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt).
2016. Dictators don't compete: Autocracy, democracy and tax competition. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 290-315. Earlier version published as *CES Papers Open Forum Paper 22/2015*, Harvard University (with P. Genschel, H. Lierse).
2016. Did they learn to tax? Taxation trends outside the OECD. *Review of International Political Economy* 23/2: 316-344 (with P. Genschel).
2016. Room to Maneuver? International Financial Markets and the National Tax State. *New Political Economy* 21/1: 145-165. Online first: 18 Feb 2015 (with H. Lierse).
2015. The Global Emergence of Social Protection: Explaining Social Security Legislation 1820-2013. *Politics and Society* 43/4: 503-524 (with H. Lierse, H. Obinger, C. Schmitt).
- Book Chapters
2021. Global Pathways to Modern Taxation in *Global Taxation: How Modern Taxes Conquered the World*, Genschel/Seelkopf (eds), Oxford University Press (with P. Genschel).
2021. Introduction in *Handbook on the Politics of Taxation*, Hakelberg/Seelkopf (eds), Edward Elgar (with L. Hakelberg).
2021. Taxation and Gender in *Handbook on the Politics of Taxation*, Hakelberg/Seelkopf (eds), Edward Elgar.
2021. The Colonial Tax State in *Handbook on the Politics of Taxation*, Hakelberg/Seelkopf (eds), Edward Elgar.

2020. Can Tax Aid Broaden the Base? International Assistance, Taxation, and the Informal Sector in the BRICs in *The Political Economy of the BRICS Countries Vol. 3*, López-Cariboni/Mansfield/Rudra (eds), Singapore: World Scientific: 81–100 (with I. Bastiaens).
2020. A Comparative Revision of Tax Systems and Tax Revenue in the BRICs in *The Political Economy of the BRICS Countries Vol. 3*, López-Cariboni/Mansfield/Rudra (eds), Singapore: World Scientific: 31–51 (with A. Schiller).
2017. Taxation and Inequality in *Welfare State Transformations in the 21st Century: Effects on Social, Economic and Political Inequality in OECD Countries*, Bieber/Wulfgramm/Leibfried (eds), London/New York: Palgrave (with H. Lierse).
2016. Globalization and Tax Policy in *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, Dubnick/Bearfield (eds), New York: Taylor and Francis: 1-7 (with P. Genschel).
2016. Steuern (Taxes) in *Handbuch Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (Handbook of Comparative Politics)*, Lauth/Kneuer/Pickel/Erdmann (eds), Wiesbaden: Springer: 689-700 (with P. Genschel, H. Lierse).
2016. Winners and Losers of Tax Competition in *Global Tax Governance. What is wrong with it and how to fix it*, Rixen/Dietsch (eds), Colchester: ECPR Press: 55-76 (with P. Genschel).
2015. The Competition State in *The [Oxford] Handbook of Transformations of the State*, Leibfried/Nullmeier/Huber/Lange/Levy/Stephens (eds), Oxford: University Press: 237-252 (with P. Genschel).
2014. Tax Competition and National Welfare in *The Political Economy of Offshore Jurisdictions*, Ötsch/Grözinger/Beyer/Bräutigam (eds), Marburg: Metropolis: 27-38.
- Other 2021. Clashing Tax Views Pose Hurdle For Next German Gov't. Interview with *Todd Buell*, *law360.com*, 18.08.2021.
2021. Nehmen Sie sich immer genug Zeit für die eigene Forschung! (Always take time for your own research!), Interview with *Scientia Futura*.
2020. Die Corona-Krise des Steuerstaats (The Covid19 Crisis of the Tax State). *Der ökonomische Blick. Die Presse* (mit J. Limberg).
2019. Es geht auch anders (There is another way), Interview with *Einsichten. Das Forschungsmagazin* 1: 8-9.
2019. Codebook - Tax Introduction Dataset (TID). Version May 2019 (with P. Genschel).
2018. Ungleichheit und Wohlfahrtsstaat (Inequality and the Welfare State), Radio Interview with Deutschlandfunk, 03.05.2018.
2017. Click and bail: Can Macron stop digital multinationals from dodging tax? *EUI Times*, 31.10.2017.
2017. Steuern und Gerechtigkeit (Taxes and Fairness), Radio Interview with Radio Wissen, BR2, 12.01.2017.
2016. Sozialpolitik und Legitimation in Zeiten ökonomischer Krisen (Social Policy and Legitimacy in Times of Crises). *Politikum* 2: 48-54 (with F. Nullmeier).
2014. Concept and Methodology – Sustainable Governance Indicators 2014. Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung (with D. Schraad-Tischler).
2013. Book Review: Appel, Hilary. Tax Politics in Eastern Europe: Globalization, Regional Integration and the Democratic Compromise. *EUSA Review* 26/2: 18-19.
2012. The Political Economy of Foreign Aid Allocation: Arguments and Applications. *Thesis (Ph.D.)*, Dept. of Government - University of Essex.

Working Papers

Aid for Taxation and Representation? An Analysis of Foreign Tax Assistance on Democracy in the Developing World (mit I. Bastiaens)

Left by the Left? The Politics of Poverty Alleviation (mit H. Lierse)

The Rise and Fall of the Inheritance Tax (mit J. Limberg, P. Genschel)

Scholarships and Grants

- 2018-2021 Research Grant for *The Development of the Welfare State in a Global Perspective*, Collaborative Research Center 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy", German Research Foundation (PI with H. Obinger and C. Schmitt)
- 2018-2021 Research Grant for the Collaborative Research Center 1342 *Global Dynamics of Social Policy*, German Research Foundation (part of the core application group)
- 2016-2018 Research Grant for *The Comparative Political Economy of Taxation*, EUI Research Council, Italy (with P. Genschel)
 - 2016 Research Grant for *Economic Inequality and the Politics of Inaction*, University of Southern Denmark (with A. Campbell, M. Klitgaard)
 - 2016 Workshop Grant for *Social Policy by Other Means*, Reforming the Welfare State Institutions Fund, University of Southern Denmark (with P. Starke)
 - 2015 DAAD Conference Travel Grant: IIPF Congress, Dublin, Ireland
 - 2010 EITM Summer Institute, University of Berkeley, California, United States
- 2008-2011 University of Essex Scholarship, University of Essex, United Kingdom
- 2008-2011 ESRC +3 Quota Award, Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom
- 2004-2005 Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg: Full Scholarship for Studies in Pavia, Italy
- 2004-2007 E-fellows.net: Online Scholarship, Germany
- 2003 DAAD (Leonardo): Internship at Studios92.com Ltd in London, United Kingdom

Teaching Experience

- 2021 Social Policy in Developing Countries, BA, HSG
- 2021 The Political Economy of Taxation, MA, HSG
- 2020 Creating a COVID Recovery: A European Approach, Lecture, Middlebury College
- 2020 Introduction to International Political Economy, BA, LMU Munich
- 2020 Thesis Seminar, BA, LMU Munich
- 2019/20 Research Design in International Relations, BA, LMU Munich
- 2019 Actors, Institutions, and Global Governance, MA, LMU Munich
- 2019 Thesis Seminar, BA/MA, LMU Munich
- 2018, 2019 The Political Economy of Taxation, MA, LMU Munich
- 2018/19 Research Design, MA, LMU Munich
- 2018/19 Inequality and Redistribution in International Perspective, BA, LMU Munich
- 2018 The Worldwide Development of the Modern Tax State, BA/MA, Cusanuswerk
- 2017 The Political Economy of Taxation, PhD, European University Institute
- 2015/16 Redistributive Policies in Action: A Research Seminar with Stata, BA, Uni Bremen
- 2015, 2016 Inequality and Redistribution in International Perspective, BA/MA, Uni Bremen
- 2015-2016 Bachelor Thesis Seminar, BA, Uni Bremen
- 2012, 2013 Actors, Institutions, and Global Governance, MA, Jacobs Uni

2011	International Institutions, BA, Jacobs Uni
2010	Mixed Methods (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
2010	Survey Data Analysis (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
2009, 2010	Political Explanation (TA), MA, Uni Essex
2008-2010	Political Analysis (TA), BA, Uni Essex
2008,2009	Comparative Methods (TA), MA/PhD Essex Summer School
2002	Methods of Empirical Social Research (TA), BA, Uni Konstanz

Professional Activities

Representative	German Data Forum (RatSWD), since 2020
Executive Board	German Political Science Association, since 2018-2021 Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, 2015-2021 PhD Students, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2009-2010
Member	German Political Science Association (DVPW), European Political Science Association (EPSA), International Studies Association (ISA)
Associate Editor	Journal of International Relations and Development, 2018-2020
Reviewer	American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Bulletin of Economic Research, East European Politics and Societies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Global Policy; International Interactions; International Journal of Health Policy and Management; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; Japanese Journal of Political Science; Journal of International Development; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Public Policy; Perspectives on Politics; Policy Sciences; Political Studies; Politics, Philosophy & Economics; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; Regulation & Governance; Review of International Political Economy; Social Policy and Society; Social Science Quarterly; Socio-Economic Review; DVPW Political Economy Conference; ECPR Joint Sessions; German Research Foundation (DFG); Oxford University Press;
Workshop Organization	28th DVPW Online Congress (General Conference of the German Political Science Association), Sep 2021, >1000 participants (with the board) Politics of Taxation, Authors' Workshop, Oct 2019, University of Bamberg, Germany (with L. Hakelberg) Political Determinants and Consequences of Socio-Economic Inequality, Annual Meeting of the DVPW Political Economy Working Group, May 2019, Konstanz, Germany (with M. Busemeyer, C. Vogeler, J. Wullweber) Pathways to Modern Taxation III, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, May 2019, Freising, Germany (with P. Genschel) Pathways to Modern Taxation II, European University Institute, October 2018, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel) Redistribution and Representation, DVPW General Conference Panel, September 2018, Frankfurt, Germany (with H. Lierse) Taxation in the 21st Century, ECPR General Conference Section, August 2018, Hamburg, Germany (with L. Hakelberg) Aftershock. The Financial Crisis and its Impact on Germany and Europe, Annual Meeting of the DVPW Political Economy Working Group, February 2018, Darmstadt, Germany (with C. Vogeler) Pathways to Modern Taxation I, European University Institute, December 2017, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel)

The Political Economy of Taxation, European University Institute, May 2017, Florence, Italy (with P. Genschel)

Social Policy by Other Means, ECPR Joint Sessions, March 2015, Warsaw and January 2016, Odense, Denmark (with P. Starke)

SoWi-Werkstatt, Universität Bremen, 2015-2016, Bremen, Germany (with V. Schröder)

SfB Werkstatt, CRC 597, 2013-2014, Bremen, Germany (with C. Schmitt)

Tax and Welfare States beyond the OECD, CRC 597, July 2014, Bremen, Germany (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt)

Welfare State Diffusion around the World - Shapes and Challenges in the 21st Century, CRC 597, September 2013, Bremen, Germany (with H. Lierse, C. Schmitt)

The Global Diffusion of Tax Policies, Norms and Institutions, ECPR General Conference Panel, September 2013, Bordeaux, France (with H. Schmidtke)

PhD Colloquium, Department of Government, 2008-2009, University of Essex, United Kingdom (with S. Weiss)

Invited Talks Politikwissenschaftliche Lehre für Gesellschaft, Wirtschaft und Arbeitgeber*innen, Schaderstiftung, Sep 2021, Darmstadt/Online

Political Economy of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Europe, June 2021, Center for Advanced Studies at Eurac Research, Bolzano

Global Pathways to the Modern Tax State, Brandt School's Espresso Talks, April 2021, University of Erfurt

The Rise and Fall of Inheritance Taxation, SPIRe Seminar Series, November 2020, University College Dublin

The Death of the "Death Tax", Research Seminar, SEPS, October 2020, University of St. Gallen

The Demise of the "Death Tax", Forschungskolloquium Analytische Soziologie, May 2020, LMU Munich

Die weltweite Entwicklung des Steuerstaates: 1750-2018, "Law, Economics and Society (GSLES) Seminar Series", November 2019, Würzburg

European Fiscal Solidarity, Conference on "Is Europe Unjust?", European University Institute, September 2019, Fiesole

The Rise of Modern Taxation (1750-2018), "Research Colloquium Strathclyde School of Government and Public Policy", February 2019, Glasgow

Lineages of the Tax State, Workshop on "The Unexpected Survival of the Welfare State", September 2018, Vienna

The Demise of the "Death Tax": The Worldwide Abolition of Inheritance Taxation, 1970-2017, Workshop on "Political Equality in Unequal Societies", June 2018, Villa Vigoni, Italy

Tax Aid Curse? International Taxation Assistance in Developing Countries, 6th International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, November 2017, Bonn

How to Reduce Inequalities Between Member States, "Conversations for the Future of Europe", EUI, Nov 2017

Pathways to the Tax State: Timing, Sequence, and Revenue, Workshop "Taxation, Revenue, and Fiscal Capacity", Texas A & M, March 2017

Winners and Losers in International Tax Competition, Workshop "Taxation: with or without borders", University of Birmingham, January 2017

Inequality and Redistribution, IPP Seminar, Universität Mainz, December 2016

- Taxation and Redistribution in Autocratic and Democratic Regimes, "Inequality and Fairness of Political Reforms", Universität Mannheim, December 2016
- State Building at the Local Level: Fiscal Decentralization in Colombia, 5th International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, September 2016, Bonn
- Demokratieprobleme des Steuerstaats im 21. Jahrhundert, LMU, September 2016, München
- Dictators don't Compete, 2nd International Workshop "Domestic Revenue Mobilisation", DIE, September 2013, Bonn
- The Political Economy of Offshore Jurisdictions, Universität Linz, November 2012
- Conferences DGS Social Policy Working Group: 2018
- DVPW Conference Political Economy Working Group: 2011, 2013, 2016-2021
- DVPW Conference Comparative Politics Working Group: 2015, 2019
- DVPW General Conference: 2015, 2018, 2021
- ECPR General Conference: 2013, 2018
- ECPR Joint Sessions: 2013, 2015, 2019
- EPSA Annual National Conference: 2011-2015, 2017-2019
- IIPF Annual Congress: 2015
- ISA Annual Convention: 2019
- Max Weber Fellows June Conference, EUI: 2017, 2018
- MPSA Annual National Conference: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
- Research Stays European University Institute, Dec 2014, Dec 2015, Feb 2016, Mar 2016, Sep 2019
- Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Oct 2013
- University of Dundee, Jul 2013
- Methods Chair, Universität Hamburg, Sep 2010 - Apr 2011

Expert Consultation

- 2018/19 SJI Indicator Choice (with J. Limberg), Bertelsmann Foundation
- 2013-2014 SGI Variable Transformation, Bertelsmann Foundation
- 2012 SGI Index Aggregation, Bertelsmann Foundation
- 2011 SGI Measurement Error (with K. Schnapp), Bertelsmann Foundation

Professional Training

- 2017 European University Institute: *Media Training*
- 2010 University of California at Berkeley: *EITM Summer Institute*
- 2009 University of Essex: *R Spatial Workshop*
- 2007-2009 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: *Empirical Models of Context Conditionality, (Inter)Dependence, and Endogeneity; Spatial Econometrics; Regression Analysis Using R; Advanced Programming in Stata; Game Theory and Social Science; Mathematics for Social Scientists; Comparative Political Economy*
- 2008 University of Essex: *Four-day Teaching Methods Workshop*
- 2007-2008 University of Essex: *Advanced Game Theory; Professional Development Seminar; Research Design*

Computer Skills

Statistics Stata, R, SPSS, EViews, Matlab, Octave, Maxima, Origin
Teaching Canvas, Moodle, Zoom, Flowblade, LMUCast, PRS, Perception
Office \LaTeX , OpenOffice, MS Office
OS Linux (Ubuntu), Windows
Other SQL, HTML, Gnuplot, Gambit

Language Skills

German	(native)	French	(basic)
English	(fluent)	Latin	(Latinum)
Italian	(good)	Ancient Greek	(Graecum)