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Research Field

Industrial organization and its intersections with other fields such as business economics (managerial economics, quantitative marketing), competition law and macroeconomics.

Relevant Positions

CUNEF Universidad

- Assistant Professor (with tenure track) 2025 (starting Sep.) –

Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), HHU Düsseldorf

- Postdoctoral Researcher 2024 –

- Doctoral Researcher 2018 – 2024

Düsseldorf Competition Economics GmbH (formerly DICE Consult GmbH)

- Economist (consultant for topics related to competition economics) 2017 – 2018

Education

Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), HHU Düsseldorf

- Doctor rerum politicarum (PhD equivalent), advisors: Alexander Rasch, Joel Stiebale 2024

- Master of Science in Economics 2017

- Bachelor of Science in Economics 2014

University of Hagen

- Mathematics (*no degree*), completed 70 ECTS of the Mathematics Bachelor 2013 – 2017

Research Visits

- Toulouse School of Economics, hosts: Isis Durrmeyer, Mathias Reynaert Mid Oct. 2024 – Nov. 2024

- Harvard University (Department of Economics), host: Elie Tamer Feb. 2023 – May 2023

Publications and Working Papers

Publications

1. “Rising Markups and the Role of Consumer Preferences,” joint with A. MacKay, N. Miller and J. Stiebale, accepted at **Journal of Political Economy**, <https://doi.org/10.1086/735510>
2. “Combinable Products, Price Discrimination, and Collusion,” joint with A. Rasch, **International Journal of Industrial Organization** (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijindorg.2024.103071>
3. “A Bargaining Perspective on Vertical Integration,” joint with G. Sapi and C. Wey, **Canadian Journal of Economics** (2024), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/caje.12700>

Working Papers

1. “Cross-Category Mergers in US Retailing,” link to working paper

Research related activities

Conferences, Seminars and Winter/Summer Schools

2025	WU Wien (Vienna), Stockholm School of Economics (Stockholm), CUNEF Universidad (Madrid), Pareto Workshop (Paris, scheduled), University of Cyprus (Cyprus, scheduled)
2024	Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Frankfurt), CRESSE (Crete), EARIE (Amsterdam), TSE IO Workshop (Toulouse), DICE Brown-Bag Seminar (internal)
2023	VfS (Regensburg), Joachim Herz Foundation (Frankfurt), DICE PhD Research Workshop (internal), DICE Brown-Bag Seminar (internal)
2022	RGS Doctoral Conference (online), BECCLE (Bergen), DICE PhD Research Workshop (internal), EEA (Milano), EARIE (Vienna), VfS (Basel), Scientific Advisory Board of DICE (internal)
2021	CRESSE (Crete), DICE Brown-Bag Seminar (internal)
2019	DICE Brown-Bag Seminar (internal), DICE PhD Research Workshop (internal), DICE Winter School (Saas-Fee), CISS (Ulcinj), CRESSE (Rhodes), EARIE (Barcelona)
2018	CISS (Ulcinj)

Awards

- Robert F. Lanzillotti Prize at IIOC 2022 (Boston)
With the paper “Rising Markups and the Role of Consumer Preferences”
- Award for the best master’s thesis in economics at Heinrich Heine University (2017)

Public Outreach

- Media coverage with the paper “Rising Markups and the Role of Consumer Preferences”: Harvard Gazette (by Christina Pazzanese), Time (Magazin) (by Alana Semuels), Quartz (by Clarisa Diaz), New York Times (article 2) (by Lydia DePillis), Harvard Business Manager (German, via Manager Magazin), New York Times (article 1) (by Lydia DePillis), Coupons in the News, HBS Working Knowledge (by Rachel Layne), Marginal Revolution (by Tyler Cowen)
- The paper “Rising Markups and the Role of Consumer Preferences” mentioned in policy report: OECD on “Competition and Inflation” (2022)

Media training

- Workshop on science communication organized by the Joachim Herz Foundation in cooperation with the Kölner Journalistenschule in June 2024
Interview training with an introduction to interview formats spanning the entire media spectrum (i.e., newspaper, podcast, radio, TV)
In-depth video interview training with two journalism students from the Kölner Journalistenschule

Teaching

Bachelor’s Level

- Competition analysis theory and empirical methods 2023 – 2025 (2 terms)
Shared responsibility, my task: lecture + (partially integrated) tutorial
- Digital economics 2024 (1 term)
Shared responsibility, my task: tutorial
- Literature research, scientific writing and scientific presenting 2018 – 2023 (10 terms)
Shared responsibility, my task: lecture + seminar + organizational tasks

Masters’s Level

- Foundations in mathematics 2024 – 2025 (2 terms)
Sole responsibility, lecture + integrated tutorial

Faculty (PhD students, Postdocs and Assistant Professors)

- Workshop on high performance computing Jan. 2021
Sole responsibility, workshop

Permanent teaching duty: Supervision of Bachelor’s/Master’s theses and term papers

Scholarships and Funding

Add-on Fellowship of the Joachim Herz Foundation (12,500 €)

Nov. 2022 – Jan. 2025

Scholarship by Heinrich Heine University (3,000 €)

Jan. 2018 – Mar. 2018

Service to the Profession

Refereeing (grant proposals): National Science Foundation (US)

Refereeing (journals): International Journal of Industrial Organization; Journal of Industrial Economics; Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics

Academic References

Alexander MacKay

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Citizenship and Languages

Citizenship: German

Languages: German (native), English (fluent)

Programming (list not exhaustive)

Programming languages: C/C++ (advanced, typically in combination with R), Java (advanced), PHP (advanced), Python (advanced), R (expert), Stata (advanced)

Additional software: Maple (mathematics/theory), Otree (experiments), Selenium (web scraping)

Web development: HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript

Database: PostgreSQL, SQL (Oracle and MariaDB), SQLite

Operating systems: Unix-based systems (incl. shell scripting), Windows

High performance computing: Altair PBSPro 2020 (batch system), Snakemake