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Professional Experience

10/2024 -	DIW Berlin, Head of Department for Crime, Labor and Inequality
10/2024 -	University of Potsdam, Professor of Applied Microeconomics (W3)
10/2024 -	Berlin School of Economics, Faculty Member
2020 - 2024	University of Cologne, Associate Professor of Economics (W2, tenured since 2024)
2020 - 2023	University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Researcher (part-time 20%)
2018 - 2020	University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor
2015 - 2018	University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics, Postdoctoral Researcher
2011 - 2015	University College London, Department of Economics, Teaching Assistant
2011 - 2015	London School of Economics, Centre for Economic Performance, Research Assistant

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Crime, Labour Economics, Empirical Law and Economics

Education

2011 - 2015	PhD in Economics, University College London “Labour markets, public policies and crime: An empirical analysis” Advisors: Stephen Machin, Magne Mogstad; Committee: Imran Rasul, Robert Witt
2010 - 2011	MRes Economics, University College London
2010	Diplom (MSc equivalent) Economics, University of Bonn
2008 - 2009	Visiting student Economics, ENSAE Paris
2005 - 2008	Undergraduate studies in Economics, Musicology and French, University of Bonn

Affiliations & Memberships

2025 - present	RFBerlin, research fellow
2024 - present	CEPA, University of Potsdam, senior research fellow
2024 - present	Women Economists Network, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, member
2024 - present	CESifo Research Network, fellow
2024 - present	Standing Field Committee: Labour and Population Economics, German Economic Association, member
2024 - present	Standing Field Committee: Social Sciences, German Economic Association, member
2021 - present	Criminal Justice Expert Panel, member
2021 - present	Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), affiliate member (member -2024)
2020 - 2024	Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy, member
2020 - present	CEPR, research affiliate in Labour Economics
2020 - present	CAGE, University of Warwick, research associate
2019 - present	Global Labor Organization, fellow

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Discontinuities in the age-victimization profile and the determinants of victimization (with Randi Hjalmarsson, Nadine Ketel and Andreea Mitrut)

Economic Journal, 2024, 134(657): 95-134.

Scaring or scarring? Labour market effects of criminal victimisation (with Nadine Ketel)

Journal of Labor Economics, 2022, 40(4): 939-970.

The impact of the first professional police forces on crime (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

Journal of the European Economic Association, 2021, 19(6): 3063-3103.

The persistence of the criminal justice gender gap: Evidence from 200 years of judicial decisions (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

Journal of Law and Economics, 2020, 63(2): 297-339.

Path dependency in jury decision-making (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

Journal of the European Economic Association, 2019, 17(6): 1971-2017.

How punishment severity affects jury verdicts: Evidence from two natural experiments (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2018, 10(4): 36-78.

Crime scars: Recessions and the making of career criminals (with Brian Bell and Stephen Machin)

Review of Economics and Statistics, 2018, 100(3): 392-404.

Prisons, recidivism and the age-crime profile (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

Economics Letters, 2017, 152: 46-49.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Costs of victimization (with Randi Hjalmarsson and Nadine Ketel)

In: Dave Marcotte and Klaus Zimmermann (eds) *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. 2020. Springer, Cham.

Working Papers

Women in policing, gender norms and police decisions (with Randi Hjalmarsson)

revise & resubmit

Murphy's Law or Luck of the Irish? Disparate treatment of the Irish in 19th century courts (with Randi Hjalmarsson, Stephen Machin and Melissa Rubio-Ramos)

CEP Discussion Paper 1911, ECONtribute Discussion Paper 228, CEPR Discussion Paper 18083

revise & resubmit

Economic costs of victimization

in preparation for *The Sage Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender*

Die gesellschaftlichen Kosten von Kriminalität (with Juliane Hennecke)

in preparation as handbook chapter

Work in Progress

Labor demand and workforce diversity: Evidence from two natural experiments (with Barbara Boelmann, Lena Janys and Luisa Santiago Wolf)

The hidden cost of crime: Crime victimization and mental health (with Juliane Hennecke, Nadine Ketel, Gail Pacheco and Alexandra Turcu)

Other Publications

Erwerbstätigkeit im Alter: bereits bedeutend – aber ausbaufähig. DIW Wochenbericht 48, 2025.

Es ist kompliziert: Warum die „Stadtbild“-Debatte mehr Differenzierung braucht: Kommentar. DIW Wochenbericht 45, 2025.

Sicherheit braucht Fakten – und Haltung: Kommentar. DIW Wochenbericht 36, 2025.

Was uns die Angst vor Kriminalität kostet (with Marcel Fratzscher and Hannah Walther). ZEIT online, 08/2025.

Gewalt gegen Frauen: Frauen sterben, weil wir wegsehen (with Marcel Fratzscher). ZEIT Online, 08/2025.

Differenzieren statt pauschalisieren: Die öffentliche Debatte zu Migration und Kriminalität muss versachlicht werden. Ausguck: 02/2025, Gastkommentar.

Das Sicherheitsgefühl in Deutschland ist sozial und regional ungleich verteilt (with Hannah Walther), DIW Wochenbericht 30, 2025.

Polizeiliche Kriminalitätsstatistik muss mit Vorsicht gelesen werden. DIW Statement, 04/2025.

Der Diskurs zu Kriminalität und Zuwanderung muss sachlicher werden (with Marcel Fratzscher). ZEIT Online, 03/2025.

Sondervermögen alleine reichen nicht - Fünf dringende Maßnahmen für den Standort Deutschland (with Geraldine Dany-Knedlik, Tomaso Duso, Alexander S. Kritikos, Alexander Kriwoluzky). DIW Aktuell 112, Sonderausgaben zur Bundestagswahl 2025, 2025.

Gewalt gegen Frauen und häusliche Gewalt: Ein gesamtgesellschaftliches Problem. DIW Aktuell 110, Sonderausgaben zur Bundestagswahl 2025, 2025.

Mehr Sicherheit durch Prävention: Wie Bildung, Arbeit und soziale Stabilität Kriminalität verringern. DIW Aktuell 108, Sonderausgaben zur Bundestagswahl 2025, 2025.

Kriminalprävention lohnt sich aus ökonomischer Sicht: Kommentar. DIW Wochenbericht 1/2, 2025.

Die gesellschaftlichen Kosten von Kriminalität. Die POLIZEI, Schwerpunkt Kriminalistik, 10/2024.

How have minorities been treated by the UK's judicial system? (with Randi Hjalmarsson, Stephen Machin, Melissa Rubio-Ramos). Economics Observatory, October 2023.

Murphy's Law versus the luck of the Irish: Disparate treatment of the Irish in 19th-century courts (with Randi Hjalmarsson, Stephen Machin, Melissa Rubio-Ramos). VoxEU, June 2023.

Hur strängare straff påverkar sannolikheten för bestraffning (with Randi Hjalmarsson). Ekonomisk Debatt, 4/2022.

The price of becoming an adult (with Randi Hjalmarsson, Nadine Ketel, Andreea Mitrut). VoxEU, February 2022.

The far-reaching consequences of becoming a victim of a crime (with Nadine Ketel). VoxEU, February 2022.

Do police reduce crime? Evidence from the 1829 introduction of the London Metropolitan Police (with Randi Hjalmarsson). CAGE Policy Briefing no.31 and ECONtribute Policy Brief no.106, 2021.

Jury verdicts: Evidence from eighteenth century London of the dangers of sequential decision-making (with Randi Hjalmarsson). Microeconomic Insights, February 2020.

The impact of the first professional police forces on crime (with Randi Hjalmarsson). VoxEU, January 2020.

Path dependency in jury decision making (wuth Randi Hjalmarsson). VoxEU, September 2018.

Crime scars: Recessions and the making of career criminals (with Brian Bell, Stephen Machin). VoxEU, March 2015.

Leaving scars: How recessions produce career criminals (with Brian Bell, Stephen Machin). LSE British Politics and Policy Blog, August 2014.

Honors & Awards

2024	“100 wichtigste Köpfe der Berliner Wissenschaft” (Tagesspiegel)
2024	H. Gregg Lewis Prize, Society of Labor Economists (SOLE)
2023	Wissenschaftspreis Opferschutz, WEISSER RING & Bundeskriminalamt (Victim Support Organisation & German Federal Criminal Police Office)
2019	Excellence in Refereeing Award, Review of Economic Studies

Research Grants & Scholarships

2025 - 2028	German Science Foundation (DFG), Research Unit: Labor Market Transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch and Policy. Research Associate.
2025	Arnold Ventures: 16th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (co-PI). Funding: USD 32,520.
2025	German Science Foundation (DFG), International Scientific Events: 16th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (PI). Funding: EUR 11,400.
2024 - 2028	European Research Council (ERC), Advanced Grant (PI: Randi Hjalmarsson): Breaking the inequality-crime cycle. Project participant/named collaborator.
2023	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Travel Grant (research visit at LSE): Identifying and mitigating biases in police and court decisions (PI). Funding: ~EUR 3,000.
2020 - 2024	German Science Foundation (DFG), Cluster of Excellence: ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy. Investigator/member.
2017 - 2023	Swedish Research Council (VR), Research Project: Criminal victimisation: Economic consequences and risk factors (PI; with Nadine Ketel, Randi Hjalmarsson, Andreea Mitrut). Funding: SEK 4,800,000.
2018 - 2022	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, Research Project: Criminal victimisation: Economic consequences and risk factors (PI; with Nadine Ketel, Randi Hjalmarsson, Andreea Mitrut). Funding: SEK 1,200,000.
2018 - 2020	Tore Browaldh Stiftelse. Browaldh Research fellowship.
2012 - 2015	ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, University College London. ESRC +3 scholarship.
2011	University College London. David Pearce scholarship.
2010	University College London. WM Gorman scholarship.
2008	Bonn Graduate School of Economics. Qualification scholarship.

Presentations (last 10 years; *scheduled, +invited)

2026 — *Invited seminars*: Royal Holloway University of London*; Hertie School*; University of Southampton*; LMU Munich Applied Seminar*

2025 — *Conferences*: EEA Bordeaux (**invited session**)⁺; BSoE Gender Economics Workshop. *Invited seminars*: UC3M Economic History Seminar; University of Magdeburg; DICE University of Düsseldorf; University of Sussex; Charles University Prague (law); BSoE Applied Micro Seminar.

2024 — *Conferences*: Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Zurich (discussant); Freiburg

PhD-Workshop on the Economics of Criminal Behavior, MPI-CSL (**invited keynote**); LSE-Chicago Conference on the Economics of Crime (discussant); Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars, LSE and Northeastern University (**invited keynote**); Annual Meeting Vfs Standing Field Committee for Population Economics. *Invited seminars*: University of Linz; Berlin Behavioral Seminar; IW Halle; Erasmus University Rotterdam; Milan Labor Lunch Seminar; University of Southampton. *Non-academic*: IWP Panel Discussion.⁺

2023 — *Conferences*: Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Michigan (discussant); EALE Prague; Vfs Annual Conference Regensburg; Annual Meeting Vfs Standing Field Committee for Social Sciences; RES Glasgow; ASSA Annual Meeting New Orleans. *Invited seminars*: University of Duisburg-Essen/RWI; University of Edinburgh; King's College London; University of Surrey; LISER Luxemburg; Collegio Carlo Alberto Torino; CEP-LSE; ifo Munich; Birkbeck London; CEBI University of Copenhagen; Helsinki GSE; IFAU Uppsala; MPI Freiburg (criminology); *Non-academic*: Bundeskriminalamt Autumn Conference⁺.

2022 — *Conferences*: Bozen-Bolzano Joint Political Economy and Applied Microeconomics Workshop; IZA/ECONtribute Human Capital Meeting; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Milan; EALE Padua; CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics; RES (virtual). *Invited seminars*: CLEAN-Bocconi University; Maastricht University; Prague University of Economics and Business; Goethe-University Frankfurt; University of Giessen; University of Passau; FU Berlin; University of Bonn (law and economics); WU Vienna.

2021 — *Conferences*: Annual Meeting Vfs Standing Field Committee for Social Sciences; Ringvorlesung (Economics) University of Mannheim; EEA (virtual); ESPE (virtual); Stockholm Criminology Symposium; Bonn/Mannheim CRC Workshop⁺; RES Belfast (virtual); ASSA Virtual Annual Meeting; Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (discussant); WEAI Virtual International Conference (discussant); Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (discussant). *Invited seminars*: C-SEB (Cologne); CEPR WE-ARE; West Virginia University.

2020 — *Conferences*: Vfs Annual Conference (virtual). *Invited seminars*: Goethe-University Frankfurt, University of Michigan, Del Rosario University Bogota, CEP-LSE.

2019 — *Conferences*: SEA Annual Meetings Florida; Warwick Applied Workshop⁺; Berlin Applied Micro Workshop⁺; Crime Workshop Brunel University London⁺; SOLE Arlington; RES Warwick. *Invited seminars*: SOFI Stockholm; Linnaeus University Växjö; University of Bonn; MPI Bonn; University of Antwerp.

2018 — *Conferences*: GEA Christmas Meetings Bonn; Economics of Crime and Policing LSE; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Sciences Po Paris; EALE Lyon; EEA Cologne; NBER Summer Institute - Crime; Workshop on prison conditions, labor markets and recidivism Bologna⁺. *Invited seminars*: University of Cologne; FAIR/NHH Bergen; University of Potsdam; Goethe-University Frankfurt; Bank of Lithuania; UvA Amsterdam (Brown Bag); VU Amsterdam (Brown Bag); University of Bergen.

2017 — *Conferences*: Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Philadelphia; EEA and WinE Retreat Lisbon; Youth Crime and Public Policy Interventions Conference Surrey⁺; RES Bristol. *Invited seminars*: University of Gothenburg (Brown Bag); Erasmus University Rotterdam; Tilburg University; Stockholm University (Brown Bag); Cerna MINES ParisTech.

2016 — *Conferences*: CELS Duke; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Stockholm (Discussant); EALE Ghent; ESPE Berlin. *Invited seminars*: University of Gothenburg.

Research Visits

CESifo Munich, February 2024; Centre for Economic Performance/LSE, March-April 2023; University of Potsdam, November 2022; VU Amsterdam, February 2018.

Teaching Experience

University of Potsdam

2024/25 - present	Empirical Law and Economics (BSc)
2024/25 - present	Seminar in Crime, Labour and Inequality (MSc/PhD)
2024/25 - present	Thesis supervision (MSc)

University of Cologne

2023/24	Causal Inference in Applied Microeconomics (MSc/PhD)
2021/22 - 2023/24	Data Analysis and Econometrics (1st year BSc)
2019/20 - 2022/23	Reading Group: Applied Econometrics (MSc/PhD)
2019/20 - 2023/24	Thesis supervision (MSc, BSc)

University of Gothenburg

2018/19	International Economics & Financial Markets (2nd year BSc, lectures)
2017/18 - 2019/20	Empirical Law and Economics (3rd year BSc, lectures)
2016/17 - 2017/18	Basic Econometrics (3rd year BSc, tutorials)
2015/16 - 2018/19	Economic Research Process (MSc, lectures and seminars; <i>new course</i>)
2015/16 - 2019/20	Thesis supervision (MSc, BSc)

University College London

2013/14 - 2014/15	Econometrics (MSc Economics, practical lectures and tutorials)
2011/12 - 2012/13	Applied Economics (1st year BSc, tutorials)

Teaching Qualifications

2019	Supervision in postgraduate programmes (U Gothenburg)
2018	Teaching and learning in higher education 3: Applied analysis (U Gothenburg)
2018	Teaching and learning in higher education 2: Field pedagogy (U Gothenburg)
2016	Teaching and learning in higher education 1: Basic course (U Gothenburg)

PhD Supervision

Andreea Stoica (1st advisor). DIW GC & University of Potsdam, 2025-present.

Theresa Henkel (2nd advisor). BSoE & University of Potsdam, 2024-present.

Marten Ritterrath (1st advisor). University of Cologne, 2022-present.

Luisa Santiago Wolf (1st advisor). University of Cologne, 2022-present.

Lisa Keding (2nd advisor). RWTH Aachen, 2021-present.

Sander Kraaij (2nd advisor). University of Cologne, 2020-2026.

- First placement: University of Leiden (researcher).

Carola Stapper (2nd advisor). University of Cologne, 2019-2025.

- First placement: University of Linz (non-TT Assistant Professor).

Valentina Melentyeva (2nd advisor). University of Cologne, 2022-2024.

- First placement: Tilburg University (TT-Assistant Professor).

PhD Thesis Committees (*scheduled)

Vorada Limjaroenrat, University of Gothenburg, 2025.

Carmen Villa, University of Warwick, 2025.

Kyra Hanemaaijer, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2025.

Mirjam Wentzel, NHH Bergen, 2021.

Magdalena Dominguez, University of Barcelona, 2021.

Refereeing

Journals: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; Criminology - The Online Journal; *Economica*; Economic Journal; Economic Inquiry; European Economic Review; European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research; Fiscal Studies; International Criminal Justice Review; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Political Economy Micro; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Urban Economics; Justice Quarterly; Labour Economics; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; PLOS ONE; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Scandinavian Journal of Economics.

Conferences: CEPR Women in Economics: Micro & Applied Micro Workshop, 2021 (programme committee); European Association of Law & Economics (EALE) 2020; European Meeting of the Econometric Society, 2021; European Society of Population Economics (ESPE) Annual Meeting, 2024; Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, 2020-2024; Royal Economic Society (RES) Symposium of Junior Researchers (2016); Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO) Annual Meeting, 2023; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime 2023 (U Michigan, programme committee), 2024 (ETH Zurich, programme committee), 2025 (DIW Berlin/Hertie School, programme committee); Verein für Socialpolitik, 2022, 2024, 2025 (programme committee).

Grants: Fritz Thyssen Foundation; Fulbright Germany; German Research Foundation (DFG); Riksbanken Jubileumsfond (RJ); University of Cologne (UoC) Forum.

Professional Activities & Service

Advisory boards	International Scientific Advisory Board: Center for Inequality and Open Society, Charles University Prague, 2025-present.
Editorial positions	Co-editor: DIW Wochenbericht, 2024-present; Associate Editor: Elements in Law, Economics and Politics - Law and Economics: Evidence and Policy track, 2020-21.
Graduate studies	Berlin School of Economics, Director for Internationalization and External Cooperation, 2025-present; Young ECONtribute Program Committee (Cologne), 2023-24.
Departmental service	Steering Committee Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute (Cologne), 2021-24; Junior/senior hiring committees (12x), 2018-present; MRes/PhD admissions, 2020-present; RED19 evaluation (Gothenburg, Department of Economics), 2019; EQUIS re-accreditation (Gothenburg), 2017.
Seminar organisation	ECONtribute YEP Seminar (University of Cologne: 2021-22); ECONtribute Research Seminar (University of Cologne: 2020-21); Labour/Applied Micro Brown Bag Seminar (University of Gothenburg: 2018-19); General Economics Seminar (University of Gothenburg: 2017, 2019); UCL Economics Reading Group (2012-15).

Conference organisation	Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Berlin 2025); Research Day in Economics of Crime and Victimization (Gothenburg, 2023); ECONtribute Research Day in Applied Microeconomics (Cologne 2022); ECONtribute Workshop: Violence in Multidisciplinary Perspective (Cologne 2022); CEPR Women in Economics: Micro & Applied Micro Workshop (Cologne 2021); Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Gothenburg/Virtual 2020/21); Gothenburg Workshop on Labour Economics and the Economics of Crime & Victimization (2018).
Mentoring	WinE Mentoring and Networking Retreat, EEA (2025); Vfs Workshop Mentoring for Women (2025); Berlin School of Economics RAP mentoring program (since 2025); Mentor Gender-Mentoring-Agentur University of Cologne (2024); Vfs Job Market Training (2023); Mentor Women in Economics (2021).
Outreach	Schülertag University of Cologne (2021); YES! Young Economic Summit (2021).

Languages

German (native); English (proficient); French (good); Swedish (intermediate)

References:

References can be provided upon request.