

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Appointments

Full Professor, Department of Economics  
Simon Fraser University, 2007–to date  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics  
Simon Fraser University, 2003–2006  
Assistant Professor (Wissenschaftliche Assistentin)  
Department of Economics, University of Bonn, 1997–2002

### Administrative Appointments

Department Chair, Department of Economics  
Simon Fraser University, 2021–2024  
Chair, Undergraduate Program, Department of Economics  
Simon Fraser University, 2014–2019

### Other Affiliations

Indigenous Research Institute, Simon Fraser University, *Inaugural Member*, 2012-present  
Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples, *Founding Member*, 2021 - present  
Center of Economics Studies, Munich, *CESifo Fellow*, 2007–present  
Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), *Fellow*, 2006–2020  
Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR),  
Institutions Organizations & Growth Program, *Associate*, 2004–2015

## Education

- PhD Economics, *University of Bonn*, European Doctoral Program, 1996  
MSc Economics, *University of Wisconsin – Madison*, 1991.  
BA Economics and Social Sciences, *University of Freiburg*, 1990.

## Current Research Interests

Institutions, Development, and Well Being,  
Indigenous Health and Policy,  
Political Economy, Fiscal Federalism

## Publications

### *Refereed Journal Articles:*

- “Present Bias in Politics and Self-Committing Treaties”, with Bard Harstad, *Journal of Public Economics*, 105372., Vol 246, June 2025,
- “Custom Elections and Local Policies: The Case of Canada’s First Nations”, with Fernando Aragon, *American Economic Review*, P& P, Vol 111, pp 238-242, May 2021.
- “Acculturation, education, and gender roles: evidence from Canada”, with Kevin Milligan, *Oxford Economic Papers*, Vol 73 (2), pp 509-533, April 2021.
- “Property rights on First Nations Reserve Land”, with Fernando Aragon, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol 53, pp 460-495, May 2020.
- “A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed. Theory and Evidence on the (Dis)Advantages of Informal Loans”, with Alexander Karaivanov, *European Economic Review*, Vol 102, pp 100-128, February 2018.
- “The Architecture of Federations: Constitutions, Bargaining, and Moral Hazard,” with Christoph Lülfsmann and Gordon Myers, *Journal of Public Economics*,

Vol 124, April 2015, pp 18-29.

- “Communication in Federal Politics: Universalism, Policy Uniformity, and the Optimal Allocation of Fiscal Authority,” *Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 122 (4), pp. 766-805, August 2014.
- “Land Management on First Nations Reserves: Lawful Possession and its Determinants”, with Marena Brinkhurst, *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*, Vol 8 (2), pp. 78-95, September 2013.
- “Interregional Redistribution and Mobility in Federations: A Positive Approach”, with N. Hansen and C. Lessman, *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 78(4), pp. 1345–1378, October 2011.
- “The Theory of Human Capital Revisited: On the Interaction between General and Specific Investments”, with Christoph Lülfesmann, *Economic Journal*, Vol. 116 (514), pp.903–923, October 2006.
- “Endogenous Punishments In Agency with Verifiable Ex Post Information”, with Christoph Lülfesmann and Patrick Schmitz, *International Economic Review*, Vol. 46 (4), pp. 1207-1231 November 2005.
- “Tiebout and Redistribution in a Model of Residential and Political Choice”, with Christoph Lülfesmann, *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol 89(2-3), pp. 501-528, February 2005.
- “Representative versus Direct Democracy: The Role of Informational Asymmetries”, *Public Choice*, Vol. 122(1-2), pp. 9-38, January 2005.
- “Optimal Auditing in Hierarchical Relationships”, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, Vol. 160(2), pp. 210-231, June 2004.
- “Bilateral Bargaining under Non-Verifiable Information”, with Christoph Lülfesmann, *Economic Theory*, Vol. 23 (2), pp. 395-410, January 2004.
- “Economic vs. Political Symmetry and the Welfare Concern with Market Integration and Tax Competition”, with Christoph Lülfesmann and Gordon Myers, *Journal of Public Economics*, 87(5-6), pp. 847-867, May 2003.

- "Fiscal Competition, Redistribution, and the Politics of Economic Integration", with Christoph Lülfesmann and Gordon Myers, *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 69(4), pp. 899-923, October 2002.
- "Monitoring and Productive Efficiency in Public and Private Firms", with Christoph Lülfesmann, *FinanzArchiv*, Vol 58(2), pp.167-187, February 2002.
- "(Non-)Existence of Equilibria in Multicommunity Models", with Nico Hansen, *Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 50(3), pp. 418-435, November 2001.
- "The Political Geography of Tax H(e)avens and Tax Hells", with Nico Hansen, *American Economic Review*, Vol. 91(4), pp. 1103-1115, September 2001.
- "Revisiting the Lemons Market", *International Economic Review*, Vol. 42 (1), pp. 25-41, February 2001.
- "On Monitoring and Collusion in Hierarchies", *Journal of Economic Theory*, Vol. 91 (2) pp. 280-292, April 2000.
- "The Value of Ignorance", *RAND Journal of Economics*, Vol. 29 (2), pp. 339-354, Summer 1998.

#### *Discussion Papers*

- "Externalities in Politicians' Malfeasance: Norms of Corruption", with Gustavo Bobonis and Xin Zhao, *Journal of Development Economics*, revise and resubmit.
- "Measuring the impact of vote suppression strategies," *mimeo (under revision)*, Simon Fraser University, with Tom Cornwall, May 2024.
- "Ideologues: Explaining Partisanship and Persistence in Politics", *mimeo (under revision)*, Simon Fraser University, with Benno Bühler, November 2022

#### *Book Reviews*

- "The Economics of Contracts - A Primer" by Bernard Salanie (The MIT Press, 1997), *Journal of Economics*, Vol 62, pp. 105-108, January 1998.

"Introduction to Industrial Organization" by Luis M.B. Cabral (The MIT Press, 2000),  
*Journal of Economics*, Vol 78, pp 107-110, January 2003.

#### *Other Publications*

"Income Supports and Indigenous Peoples in B.C.: An Analysis of Gaps and Barriers",  
*Report for the BC First Nations Leadership Council and the BC Ministry of Social  
Development and Poverty Reduction*, with Jacqueline Quinless, Simon Fraser University, 2022

"Gender Disparity in Faculty Salaries at Simon Fraser University", *Report for the Salary Equity  
Working Group*, with Krishna Pendakur, Simon Fraser University, 2015

#### **Work in Progress**

"Female earnings after divorce – is there a divorce premium?", with Fernando  
Aragon and Michele Battisti

"Governing through Corruption", with Guenther Schulze and Nikita Zakharov

"On the effect of recent changes in US voting laws on voter turnout"

#### **Academic Awards**

2019            Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence, Faculty of Arts and Social  
Sciences, Simon Fraser University

2013            The Nora and Ted Sterling Prize in Support of Controversy, Simon Fraser University

#### **Fellowships and Research Grants (last 10 years)**

2024–2026    SSHRC Insight Development Grant. "Understanding female  
earnings during and after marriage - is there a divorce premium?", Principal Investigator, \$75,000

2024–2025    SSHRC Small Explore Research Grant. "Voter (De-)Mobilization: Assessing the  
Impact of Recent Changes to US States' Election Laws", Principal Investigator, \$ 10,000

2019–2022    BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, "Gap Analysis of

- Income Supports for Indigenous People", Lead Researcher, \$ 250,000
- 2015–2020 SSHRC Insight Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, "Institutions, Governance and Well Being: The Case of Canadian First Nations" Principal Investigator, \$ 55,000
- 2004–2015 Associate Fellowship, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Institutions Organizations & Growth Program, \$ 150,000
- 2012–2014 SSHRC Small Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, "On the Determinants of Trust in the Police", Principal Investigator, \$ 9,000.
- 2012–2014 Vice President's Research Grant, Simon Fraser University, "Institutions, Governance, and Well Being: An Analysis of First Nations peoples in Canada" Principal Investigator, \$ 8,500.
- 2010–2012 Research Grant, Metropolis British Columbia (MBC), "The Role of Culture in Fertility and Work Decisions: Evidence from Canadian Immigrants" Principal Investigator, \$11,000.
- 2010-2013 SSHRC Standard Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, "Government, Institutions and Behavior: Evidence from Federal Grants and Local Governments", co-investigator, with K. Milligan
- 2007–2011 SSHRC Standard Grant, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, "The Allocation of Fiscal Powers in Federations: An Information Based Approach" Principal Investigator, \$ 30,000.

### **Service to the University, the Profession and the Community (last 10 years)**

#### *Academic Service*

- Elected Member of the University Senate, Simon Fraser University, June 2023-May 2025
- Member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Economic Association, June 2023-present
- Elected Faculty Member, Board of Governors, Simon Fraser University, 2016-2022
- Co-Chair, Salary Equity Working Group, Simon Fraser University, 2013-2015
- Elected Faculty Member, Senate, Simon Fraser University 2012-2016

President/President elect, Canadian Women Economists Network (CWEN), 2014-2016

Member of the Johnson and Mundell Prize Committee, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2012-2014

Referee for Academic Journals: *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*,  
*Economic Journal*, *Econometrica*, *International Economic Review*, ,  
*Journal of Economic Theory*, *JITE*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic*  
*Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*,  
*Social Choice and Welfare*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Referee for Granting Agencies:

SSHRC Insight Grants 2014, SSHRC Insight Development Grants 2025

#### *Public Service*

Graham Lecture, University of Dalhousie, "Understanding Political Polarization: Causes, Consequences, and Remedies, with an Outlook for Canada", November 2024

Canadian Statistics Advisory Council (CSAC), Member, Spring 2024-present

SFU Public Lecture Series on Aboriginal Issues, "Private Property Rights on Reserve Land: Can we expect a de Soto Effect?" , 2016

Expert Panelist, Election Day in Canada, Open Cinema Event, 2015

Expert, Elections Canada Roundtable, Issues arising from improper communications with electors, organized by Institute for Research in Public Finance, Montreal, 2015

#### **Academic Presentations and Invited Talks (last 10 years)**

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| 2025 | Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany<br>Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA<br>World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seoul, South Korea<br>Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Sidney, Australia<br>Annual Conference of German Economists Abroad, Hamburg, Germany |
| 2024 | European Economic Association/Econometric Society, Rotterdam, Netherlands<br>German Economic Development Conference (GDE), Hanover Germany   |

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, US
- 2023 Econometric Society Africa Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya  
European Economic Association, Barcelona, Spain  
Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Frankfurt, Germany  
University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada
- 2022 Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada  
Verein fuer Socialpolitik Annual Conference, Basel, Switzerland  
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelm University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
- 2020 Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany  
International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Congress, online  
European Economic Association Annual Meeting, online
- 2019 Workshop on Indigenous Economics, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, USA  
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Banff, Canada
- 2018 Development Economics and Policy Conference, University of Zurich and ETH  
Workshop on Indigenous Economics, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada
- 2017 Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Public Economic Theory Conference. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
SAET Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada
- 2015 Annual Conference of the European Economic Association, Mannheim, Germany  
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelm University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany  
CHWEN International Workshop, Chinese Agricultural University, Beijing, China

## Teaching and Supervision

### *PhD Supervision at SFU:*

Christoph Eder, primary supervisor, PhD, completed Spring 2014

Georgi Boichev, joint supervisor, PhD, completed Summer 2013

Ross Hickey, primary supervisor, Ph.D., completed Fall 2008

### *Graduate Courses at SFU:*

Political Economics

Microeconomic Theory III

PhD Field Paper

### *Undergraduate Courses at SFU:*

Microeconomics II: Strategic Behavior

Advanced Microeconomics (Honours)

### *Summer Schools:*

Central-German Doctoral Program in Economics, "Advanced Microeconomics",  
Summer 2017, Halle.

Central-German Doctoral Program in Economics, "Advanced Microeconomics",  
Summer 2012, Dresden.

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics, Course Module "Frontiers in  
Microeconomics", 2007, Munich

German Research Foundation Summer School "Fiscal Federalism", 2007, Bonn

Center for European Integration Summer School "Fiscal Federalism"  
2004, Bonn