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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Zurich

- 2021– Director, University Research Priority Program "Equality of Opportunity"
- 2019– UBS Foundation Professor of Globalization and Labor Markets, Department of Economics
- 2014–19 Affiliated Professor, UBS Center for Economics in Society
- 2014–19 Professor for International Trade and Labor Markets, Department of Economics

National University of Singapore

- 2025 Goh Keng Swee Visiting Professor, Department of Economics

University of California at Berkeley

- 2023 Visiting Professor, Haas School of Business

CEMFI Madrid

- 2013–16 Associate Professor of Economics (on leave 2014–2016)
- 2009–13 Assistant Professor of Economics

Harvard University

- 2013 Visiting Professor, Department of Economics

Boston University

- 2008–09 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

- 2007–08 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics

University of Chicago

- 2007 Visiting Scholar, Harris School of Public Policy Studies

EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen

- 2009 Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. oec.)
- 2004 M.Sc. in Economics (lic. oec. HSG)
- 2004 M.Sc. in International Management (CEMS-MIM)

Swiss National Bank Study Center Gerzensee

- 2006 Swiss Program for Doctoral Students in Economics

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- 2004 Exchange Student, MBA Program

ESADE Barcelona

- 2002 Exchange Student, lic/MBA Program

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- 2024– Fellow, Econometric Society
- 2023 Hermann Heinrich Gossen Prize, Verein für Socialpolitik
- 2023– Fellow, European Economic Association
- 2023– Council Member, European Economic Association
- 2020–25 6 x Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher
- 2020–23 Evaluation Panel Member, European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants
- 2020–21 Member of the Swiss National Covid-19 Science Taskforce
- 2015–19 Member of the Editorial Board, *Review of Economics Studies*
- 2015–18 Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
- 2015–17 3 x Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2014 Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

RESEARCH NETWORK AFFILIATIONS

- 2025– Research Fellow, Rockwool Foundation Berlin (RFB)
- 2023– Research Affiliate, Shaping the Future of Work Initiative, MIT
- 2015– Research Fellow (Affiliate 2014-15), Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)
- 2014– Research Fellow, Center for Economic Studies/ifo Institute (CESifo)
- 2011–25 Research Fellow (Affiliate 2008-11), Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021–28 University of Zurich, Research Priority Program "Equality of Opportunity"
- 2020–22 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Project Grant "Domestic Outsourcing in the United States"
- 2015–21 Swiss National Science Foundation, ERC Temporary Backup Scheme Starting Grant "Trade, Innovation and Labor Markets"
- 2015–18 Swiss National Science Foundation, Sinergia Grant "Inequality and Globalization: Demand versus Supply Forces and Local Outcomes"
- 2015–17 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Ramon y Cajal Fellowship "Trade, Technology and Labor Markets" (declined)
- 2014–16 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Project Grant "Skills in Space"
- 2012–15 Russell Sage Foundation, Project Grant "The Impact of Adverse Employment Shocks on Risky Behaviors and Electoral Outcomes"
- 2012–14 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Juan de la Cierva Fellowship "The Effects of Technology and Trade Shocks on Local Labor Markets"

PUBLICATIONS

- "Places versus People: the Ins and Outs of Labor Market Adjustment to Globalization"
Handbook of Labor Economics, 6: 549-653, 2025 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson, Maggie Jones and Bradley Setzler)
- "Trading Places: Mobility Responses of Native and Foreign-Born Adults to the China Trade Shock"
ILR Review, 78(1): 10-36, 2025 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Labour Market Impacts of the China Shock: Why the Tide of Globalisation Did Not Lift All Boats"
Labour Economics, 91, article 102629, 2024 (with Peter Levell)
- "Trade and Inequality in Europe and the US" [Chapter of the IFS Deaton Review on Inequalities]
Oxford Open Economics, 3: i1042-i1068, 2024 (with Peter Levell)
- "On the Persistence of the China Shock"
Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Fall, 381-476, 2021 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Migration and Labor Market Integration in Europe"
Journal of Economic Perspectives, 35(2): 49-76, 2021 (with Josef Zweimüller)
- "Foreign Competition and Domestic Innovation: Evidence from U.S. Patents"
American Economic Review: Insights, 2(3): 357-374, 2020 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson, Gary Pisano and Pian Shu)
- "Importing Political Polarization? The Electoral Consequences of Rising Trade Exposure"
American Economic Review, 110(10): 3139-3183, 2020 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson and Kaveh Majlesi)
- "The Fall of the Labor Share and the Rise of Superstar Firms"
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 135(2): 645-709, 2020 (with David Autor, Lawrence Katz, Christina Patterson and John Van Reenen)
- "When Work Disappears: Manufacturing Decline and the Falling Marriage-Market Value of Young Men"
American Economic Review: Insights, 2(1): 161-178, 2019 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Concentrating on the Fall of the Labor Share"
American Economic Review, P&P, 107(5): 180-185, 2017 (with David Autor, Lawrence Katz, Christina Patterson and John Van Reenen)
- "The China Shock: Learning from Labor Market Adjustment to Large Changes in Trade"
Annual Review of Economics, 8: 205-240, 2016 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Import Competition and the Great U.S. Employment Sag of the 2000s"
Journal of Labor Economics, 34(S1): S141-S198, 2016 (with Daron Acemoglu, David Autor, Gordon Hanson and Brendan Price)
- "Untangling Trade and Technology: Evidence from Local Labor Markets"
Economic Journal, 125(584): 621-646, 2015 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Trade Adjustment: Worker Level Evidence"
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 129(4): 1799-1860, 2014 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson and Jae Song)

- "Return of the Solow Paradox? IT, Productivity and Employment in U.S. Manufacturing"
American Economic Review, P&P, 104(5): 394-399, 2014 (with Daron Acemoglu, David Autor, Gordon Hanson and Brendan Price)
- "The China Syndrome: Local Labor Market Effects of Import Competition in the U.S."
American Economic Review, 103(6): 2121-2168, 2013 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "The Growth of Low-Skill Service Jobs and the Polarization of the US Labor Market"
American Economic Review, 103(5): 1553-1597, 2013 (with David Autor)
- "The Geography of Trade and Technology Shocks in the United States"
American Economic Review, P&P, 103(3): 220-225, 2013 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "‘Voluntary’ and ‘Involuntary’ Early Retirement: An International Analysis"
Applied Economics, 42(4): 427-438, 2010 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza)
- "This Job Is ‘Getting Old:’ Measuring Changes in Job Opportunities Using Occupational Age Structure"
American Economic Review, P&P, 99(2): 45-51, 2009 (with David Autor)
- "Direct Democracy and Life Satisfaction Revisited: New Evidence for Switzerland"
Journal of Happiness Studies, 9(2): 227-251, 2008 (with Justina Fischer, Gebhard Kirchgässner and Alfonso Sousa-Poza)
- "Is It Culture or Democracy? The Impact of Democracy and Culture on Happiness"
Social Indicators Research, 82(3): 505-526, 2007 (with Justina Fischer, Gebhard Kirchgässner and Alfonso Sousa-Poza)
- "The Determinants of Early Retirement in Switzerland"
Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, 141(2): 247-283, 2005 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza)
- "Why is the Employment Rate of Older Swiss so High? An Institutional Analysis"
Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance, 28: 652-674, 2003 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza)

SELECTED OTHER WRITINGS IN ENGLISH

- "How the China Trade Shock Impacted U.S. Manufacturing Workers and Labor Markets, and the Consequences for U.S. Politics." *Washington Center for Equitable Growth*, May 13, 2025 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)
- "Changing Views on Trade’s Impact on Inequality in Wealthy Countries"
VoxEU, February 14, 2022 (with Peter Levell)
- "Import Competition and Public Attitudes towards Trade"
IFS Deaton Review of Inequalities, September 11, 2020 (with Alex Davenport and Peter Levell)
- "Understanding Regional Export Growth in China", in: *World Trade Evolution: Growth, Productivity and Employment* (Lili Yan Ing and Miaojie Yu, eds.), Routledge 2018 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson and Lei Li)
- "Commentary: The Impact of Trade on Inequality in Developed Countries"
Proceedings of the Jackson Hole Symposium, 115-128, 2017
- "Competition from China Reduced Innovation in the U.S."
VoxEU, March 20, 2017 (with David Autor, Gordon Hanson, Gary Pisano and Pian Shu)
- "The Rise of the Machines. How Computers Have Changed Work"
UBS Center Public Papers, no. 4, December 2015

"Why Obama's Key Trade Deal with Asia Would Actually be Good for American Workers"

Washington Post, March 12, 2015 (with David Autor and Gordon Hanson)

"The Rise of China and the Future of U.S. Manufacturing"

VoxEU, September 28, 2014 (with Daron Acemoglu, David Autor, Gordon Hanson and B. Price)

"How Technology Wrecks the Middle Class"

New York Times, August 25, 2013 (with David Autor)

PUBLIC LECTURES (SINCE 2016)

- 2026 Zurich Economic Society, Zurich
Monday Forum, St. Gallen
- 2025 Goh Keng Swee Lecture at National University of Singapore, Singapore
- 2024 Forum for Economic Dialogue, UBS Center for Economics in Society, Zurich
Keio University, Tokyo
Urban Economic Association Summer School, Geneva
- 2023 Singapore Management University, Singapore
- 2022 IFS Deaton Review on Inequalities, London (online)
- 2020 Forum for Economic Dialogue, UBS Center for Economics in Society, Zurich
- 2019 Tag der Wirtschaft, Economiesuisse, Zurich
- 2018 Forum for Economic Dialogue, UBS Center for Economics in Society, Zurich
Festival of Economics, Trento
- 2017 Austrian National Bank Global Economy Lecture, Vienna
- 2016 WTO Trade Dialogues Lecture, Geneva
Inaugural Lecture Professorship for International Trade and Labor Markets, Zurich

ACADEMIC TALKS (SINCE 2016)

- 2026 Rockwool Foundation Copenhagen, University of Copenhagen, IAB Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop (Nuremberg, Keynote)
- 2025 National University of Singapore, University of Melbourne, Monash University, SOLE (Toronto), Symposium in Honor of Josef Zweimüller (Ascona), RFB/CReAM Conference (Nizza Monferrato), Nova University Lisbon, ifo Workshop on Skills, Tasks and Technologies in the AI Era (Munich), OECD Conference on Immigration (Paris, Keynote)
- 2024 Paris-Dauphine University, University of Tokyo, Forum for a New Economy (Berlin), Vfs (Berlin), MIT Shaping the Future of Work Initiative (online), European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, ifo Institute, CEPR Winter Symposium (Paris, Keynote)
- 2023 Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley (Labor Seminar), Singapore Management University, University of California at Berkeley (Trade Seminar), University of Southern California, Northwestern University, University of Maastricht, Handbook of Labor Economics Conference (Berlin), AASLE (Taipei, Keynote)

- 2022 University of Mannheim, Paris School of Economics, Econometric Society Asian Meeting (online)
- 2021 Insead, University of California at Berkeley, University of Warwick, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, University of Vienna, IEA World Congress (all online), University of Hohenheim, CERGE-EI Prague, University of Tübingen
- 2020 CEPR/Bank of Italy Workshop on Labor Economics (online Keynote)
- 2019 Trinity College Dublin, CEMFI Madrid, University of Essex, Peking University, Tsinghua University, University of Michigan, UCLA, University of California at Santa Barbara, European University Institute, AEA (Atlanta), University of Zurich Urban Economics Conference
- 2018 Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Basel, University of Nottingham, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, University of Cologne, Cornell University, University of Notre Dame, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, Stockholm University, University of Groningen, Northwestern University Workshop on Globalization, CEPR-EBRD Conference on Economics of Transition (London, Keynote), Banque de France/Bundesbank Conference on Monetary Policy (Paris), Fed Atlanta Employment Conference
- 2017 CSEF-University of Napoli, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance, Bocconi University, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, University of Edinburgh, National University of Singapore, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Oslo, Yale University, Columbia University, U.S. Census Bureau, University of Milan Trade and Labor Workshop, NYU Conference on the Future of Inequality, University of Zurich Symposium in Honor of Janet Currie, CEPR ERWIT (Valencia), IEA World Congress (Mexico City, Invited Lecture), ILO/HEI Workshop on Job Creation and Growth (Geneva), NBER Summer Institute-Labor Studies (Cambridge), ifo Conference on Economic Uncertainty and the Family (Munich, Keynote), IFS-CEP Conference on Wages, Labour Market Policy and the Safety Net (London)
- 2016 Central European University, Queen Mary University London, University of Bern, Stanford University, University of California at Davis, University of Chile, University of Toulouse, Cambridge University, University of Chicago Booth School, University of California at Berkeley, University of Munich, AEA (San Francisco), SOLE (Seattle), University of Warwick Conference on Education, Innovation and Growth (Venice), EEA-ESEM (Geneva)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH (SINCE 2016)

- 2026 New York Times, Financial Times, Time Magazine, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, SRF Swiss TV
- 2025 New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Bloomberg, Le Monde, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, SRF Swiss TV
- 2024 New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Bloomberg, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, SRF Swiss TV
- 2023 New York Times, Wall Street Journal, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- 2022 New York Times, Washington Post, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Le Monde, SRF Swiss Radio
- 2021 New York Times, Financial Times, Bloomberg, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, SRF Swiss TV

- 2020 Financial Times, The Economist, Bloomberg, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Sonntagszeitung, Le Monde, El Pais, SRF Swiss TV, SRF Swiss Radio
- 2019 New York Times, Washington Post, The Economist, Bloomberg, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Le Monde, SRF Swiss TV, SRF Swiss Radio
- 2018 New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Financial Times, Bloomberg, Reuters, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, SRF Swiss TV
- 2017 New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Financial Times, The Guardian, Associated Press, Reuters, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Le Monde, La Vanguardia, SRF Swiss TV
- 2016 New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Financial Times, The Guardian, Associated Press, Reuters, BBC, NZZ am Sonntag, Tages-Anzeiger, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Der Spiegel, La Vanguardia, SRF Swiss TV