

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**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

**Other Affiliations**

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Institutions Organizations  
& Growth Program, *Member*, 2004–present  
Center of Economics Studies, Munich, *CESifo Fellow*, 2007–present  
Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, Public Policy Programme  
and Industrial Organization Programme, *Fellow*, 2006–present

**Education**

*University of Bonn*, European Doctoral Program, Ph.D. in Economics (Dr.rer.pol.), 1996  
Dissertation: *On the Value of Information in Trade Relationships*  
*University of Wisconsin – Madison*, MSc in Economics, 1991.  
*University of Freiburg*, Bachelor of Arts (Vordiplom), 1990.

**Current Research Interests**

Institutions, Governance, and Well Being,  
Aboriginal Health and Policy, Economics of Culture,  
Political Economy, Fiscal Federalism

## Research

### *Refereed Journal Articles:*

- “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 Lülfsmann, *Economic Journal*, Vol. 116 (514), pp.903–923, October 2006.
- “Optimal Contracting In Agency with Verifiable Ex Post Information”, with Christoph Lülfsmann 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 Lülfsmann, *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 Lülfsmann, *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 Lülfsmann 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 Lülfsmann 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 Lülfsmann, *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*

"Interregional Redistribution and Regional Disparities: How Equalization Does (Not) Work," with Christian Lessmann, *CEPR Discussion Paper # 8133*, CEPR, London, December 2010.

"Communication in Federal Politics: Universalism, Policy Uniformity, and the Optimal Allocation of Fiscal Authority," *CEPR Discussion Paper # 7910*, CEPR, London, October 2010 .

"Ideologues: Explaining Partisanship and Persistence in Politics (and Elsewhere)," with Benno Böhler, *CEPR Discussion Paper # 7724*, CEPR, London, March 2010.

"The Architecture of Federations: Constitutions, Bargaining, and Moral Hazard," with Christoph Lülfsmann and Gordon Myers, *CEPR Discussion Paper # 7244*, CEPR, London, March 2009.

#### *Work in Progress*

"Modern First Nations' Treaties and Economic Performance", with Fernando Aragon.

"Institutions, Governance, and Well-being: An Analysis of Aboriginal Communities in Canada", with Fernando Aragon and Ross Hickey.

"On the Determinants of Trust in Public Institutions: Does Ethnicity Matter?", with Ross Hickey

"The Role of Culture in Fertility and Work Decision", with Kevin Miligan.

“A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed? Theory and Evidence on the (Dis)Advantages of Family Loans in Developing Countries”, with Alexander Karaivanov.

“The effect of electoral systems on policy outcomes: Evidence from U.S. Municipalities”, with Kevin Milligan.

### **Fellowships and Grants**

- 2010–2015 Associate Fellowship, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Institutions Organizations & Growth Program
- 2010–2012 Research Grant, Metropolis British Columbia (MBC), “The Role of Culture in Fertility and Work Decisions: Evidence from Canadian Immigrants”
- 2010-2013 SSHRC Standard Research Grant (co-investigator, with K. Milligan), “Government Institutions and Behavior: Evidence from Federal Grants and Local Governments”
- 2007–2011 SSHRC Standard Research Grant, “The Allocation of Fiscal Powers in Federations: An Information Based Approach”
- 2004-2009 Associate Fellowship, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Institutions Organizations & Growth Program
- 2003–2006 President’s Research Grant, Simon Fraser University
- 1998 Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD
- 1993–2002 Special Research Unit Fellowship (Bonn University), German Research Council, “Information and the Coordination of Economic Activity”

### **Visiting Appointments**

- 2007 Center for Economic Studies and University of Munich
- 2007 University of Bonn
- 1998–1999 University of California Berkeley
- 1995 University of Bergen, Norway

**Professional Services and Activities**

Member of the Editorial Board, *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2007-2011),  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Economics* (2004-present),  
Co-Editor, *Economics: The Open-Access, Open Assessment E-journal*, (2007-present),  
Member of the Editorial Board, *Review of Economic Studies* (2001-2003)

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Economic Journal*,  
*European Economic Review*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Theory*,  
*Journal of Industrial Economics*, *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*, among others.

Program Committee Member, European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM)  
Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 27-31, 2007

Program Committee Member, European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM),  
Vienna, Austria, Aug. 24- 28, 2006

Program Committee Member, European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM),  
Madrid, Spain, August 20 - 24, 2004

Program Committee Member, Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA),  
Stockholm, Sweden, August 20 - 24, 2003

Co-Organizer, Workshop on Federalism and Decentralization, University of Bonn  
and ZEI, June 20-22, 2003.

Program Committee Member, Annual Conference, German Economic Association  
(Verein für Socialpolitik), Innsbruck, Austria, September 17-20, 2002

## Teaching and Supervision (since 2005)

### Recent Teaching (SFU)

#### *Graduate Courses:*

Political Economics, Fall 07, Spring 10  
Microeconomic Theory III, Spring 05, Spring 11

#### *Undergraduate Courses:*

Microeconomics II: Strategic Behavior, Fall 06, 07, 09, 10  
Advanced Microeconomics, Fall 05, Spring 08, 09, Fall 09, 10

### Summer Schools:

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

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics, Course Module "Frontiers in  
Microeconomics", April 09-14 2007, Marktbreit

German Research Foundation Summer School "Fiscal Federalism", February  
17-22 2007, Bonn-Bad Godesberg

Center for European Integration Summer School "Fiscal Federalism"  
June 02-09 2004, Bonn

### Supervision

#### *SFU:*

Christoph Eder, primary supervisor, Ph.D., ongoing  
Leanna Mitchel, secondary supervisor, Ph.D., ongoing  
Ross Hickey, primary supervisor, Ph.D., completed Fall 2008

#### *External:*

Benno Buehler, M.Sc. Essay, Free University of Berlin, completed Spring 2005

## Department Service (since 2005)

2011 Recruiting Committee  
2011 Recruiting Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
2009 Recruiting Committee, Chair Search Committee  
2008 Recruiting Committee  
2006 Tenure and Promotion Committee  
2005 Recruiting Committee, Graduate Program Committee