

Curriculum Vitae – Dr. Max Löffler

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Current Positions

Since 10/2019 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Maastricht University

Since 05/2021 ZEW Junior Research Associate

Since 10/2019 CESifo Research Network Affiliate

Since 07/2017 Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)

Past Academic Positions

04/2018–09/2019 **Economist**, ifo Center for Macroeconomics and Surveys, ifo Institute, Munich

06/2017–09/2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Center for Macroeconomic Research, University of Cologne

04/2014–05/2017 **Researcher**, Unit “International Distribution and Redistribution”, ZEW Mannheim

08/2012–03/2014 **Resident Research Affiliate**, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn

Education

07/2018 **Ph.D. in Economics** (Dr. rer. pol., *summa cum laude*)
University of Cologne, Committee: Felix Bierbrauer, Andreas Peichl, Erik Hornung

05/2012 **Diplom-Volkswirt**, University of Cologne, Thesis supervisor: Clemens Fuest

Publications and Research

Refereed Journal Publications

- “The Long-Term Costs of Government Surveillance: Insights from Stasi Spying in East Germany”, *Journal of the European Economic Association* 19 (2), pp. 741–789, April 2021 (with Andreas Lichter & Sebastian Sieglöckh)
- “Why Did Income Inequality in Germany Not Increase Further After 2005?”, *German Economic Review* 20 (4), pp. 471–504, November 2019 (with Martin Biewen & Martin Ungerer)
- “German Public Finances through the Financial Crisis”, *Fiscal Studies* 36 (4), pp. 453–474, December 2015 (with Maximilian Blömer, Mathias Dolls, Clemens Fuest & Andreas Peichl)

Working Papers

- “Fiscal and Economic Effects of Local Austerity”, *CESifo Working Paper* No. 9800, June 2022 (with Melinda Fremerey & Andreas Lichter)
- “Profit Taxation, R&D Spending, and Innovation”, *ZEW Discussion Paper* No. 21-080, November 2021 (with Andreas Lichter, Ingo Isphording, Felix Pöge, Thu-Van Nguyen & Sebastian Sieglöch)
- “Welfare Effects of Property Taxation”, *CESifo Working Paper* No. 8952, March 2021 (with Sebastian Sieglöch)
- “The Sensitivity of Structural Labor Supply Estimations to Modeling Assumptions”, *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 11425, March 2018 (with Andreas Peichl & Sebastian Sieglöch)
- “Asymmetric Labor-Supply Responses to Wage-Rate Changes: Evidence from a Field Experiment”, *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 9683, January 2016 (with Philipp Dörrenberg & Denvil Duncan)

Work in Progress

- The Welfare Effects of Gentrification (with Moritz Drechsel-Grau & Katrin Hohmeyer)
- A Sufficient Statistics Approach to Local Labor Markets

Policy Contributions and Publications in German (non-refereed)

- “Mehr Klartext in der Corona-Politik”, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, May 25, 2021, p. 18 (op-ed)
- “Stellungnahme zum Antrag ‘Länderöffnungsklausel für eine zukunftsfähige Grundsteuer in NRW nutzen – Bodenwertmodell jetzt umsetzen’”, hearing of the budget committee, state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, *Stellungnahme 17/3255*, November 2020 (with Sebastian Sieglöch)
- “Mehr Durchblick am Mietmarkt”, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, October 8, 2018, p. 18 (op-ed)
- “Grenzbelastungen im Steuer-, Abgaben- und Transfersystem: Fehlanreize, Reformoptionen und ihre Wirkungen auf inklusives Wachstum”, *Gutachten im Auftrag der Bertelsmann Stiftung*, August 2017 (with Florian Buhlmann & Andreas Peichl)
- “Kinderfreibeträge in der gesetzlichen Rentenversicherung – Verteilungs- und Aufkommenswirkungen”, *Wirtschaftsdienst* 97 (4), pp. 266–271, April 2017 (with Maximilian Blömer, Florian Buhlmann, Andreas Peichl & Holger Stichnoth)
- “Analyse der Verteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen in Deutschland”, *Forschungsprojekt für den Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht der Bundesregierung*, December 2016 (member of the project team)
- “Kinderfreibeträge in der Sozialversicherung”, *Gutachten für das Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie*, September 2016 (member of the project team)
- “Integration des Solidaritätszuschlags in die Einkommensteuer – Verteilungs- und Aufkommenswirkungen”, *Wirtschaftsdienst* 95 (5), pp. 319–324, May 2015 (with Clemens Fuest, Andreas Peichl & Holger Stichnoth)
- “Möglichkeiten zur Verbesserung der statistischen Datengrundlage zur Beschreibung höchster Einkommen und Vermögen”, *ZEW Kurzexpertise*, April 2015 (with Holger Bonin & Andreas Peichl)
- “Finanzielle und Beschäftigungswirkungen unterschiedlicher Tarifverläufe alternativer Hinzuverdienstregelungen gegenüber dem Status quo”, *IZA Research Report* No. 46, September 2012 (with Andreas Peichl, Nico Pestel, Hilmar Schneider & Sebastian Sieglöch)

- “Effizient, einfach und gerecht: Ein integriertes System zur Reform von Einkommensteuer und Sozialabgaben”, *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik* 13 (3), pp. 196–213, August 2012 (with Andreas Peichl, Nico Pestel, Hilmar Schneider & Sebastian Siegloch)
- “Einfach ist nicht immer gerecht: Eine Mikrosimulationsstudie der Kirchhof-Reform für die Einkommensteuer”, *Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung* 80 (4), pp. 147–160, 2011 (with Andreas Peichl, Nico Pestel, Hilmar Schneider & Sebastian Siegloch)

Research Grants

2021	“The Societal Costs of Economic Decline”, granted by German Research Foundation (DFG) (with Andreas Lichter, Co-PI and international cooperation partner) Small Scale Research Grant, granted by GSBE at Maastricht University
2019	Junior Start-Up Grant “Housing Booms and Segregation”, granted by C-SEB
2016–2019	“SEEK-Project 2016: Fiscal and Labour Policy Institutions and Inequality”, granted by the State of Baden-Württemberg (member of the project team)
2014–2016	“Property Taxes and Rental Housing”, granted by Leibniz ScienceCampus MaTax

Policy Consulting Projects

2016–2017	“Vorschlag für ein effizientes, einfaches und gerechtes Steuer- und Transfersystem zur Steigerung inklusiven Wachstums”, on behalf of the Bertelsmann Stiftung (member of the project team)
2016	“Kinderfreibeträge in der Sozialversicherung”, on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (member of the project team)
2015	“Möglichkeiten zur Verbesserung der statistischen Datengrundlage zur Beschreibung höchster Einkommen und Vermögen”, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (member of the project team) “Reform der Erbschaft- und Schenkungsteuer”, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Economics of the State of Baden-Württemberg (member of the project team)
2014–2015	“Analyse der Verteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen in Deutschland”, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (member of the project team)
2013	IZA/FAZ.NET-Steuerrechner: Online calculator for the German income tax system
2011	“Finanzielle und Beschäftigungswirkungen unterschiedlicher Tarifverläufe alternativer Hinzuverdienstregelungen gegenüber dem Status quo”, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (member of the project team)

Software Components

2014–2017	Development and maintenance of the behavioral microsimulation model at ZEW
Since 2012	Stata module <code>lslogit</code> : Estimating discrete choice labor supply models with Stata
2011–2014	Development and maintenance of IZAΨMOD: Behavioral microsimulation, labor supply and labor demand model for Germany (see “Documentation IZAΨMOD v3.0: The IZA Policy Simulation Model”, <i>IZA Discussion Paper</i> No. 8553, October 2014)

Teaching

Since 04/2021	“MaRBLLe Research Course”, Maastricht Research Based Learning Programme Co-Coordinator and tutor, Maastricht University
Since 01/2021	“Master Thesis Skills Training Fiscal Economics” Coordinator and tutor, Maastricht University
Since 06/2020	“Cost-Benefit Analysis” (Bachelor course) Coordinator, lecturer, and tutor, Maastricht University
Since 02/2020	“Public Finance” (Bachelor course) Coordinator, lecturer, and tutor, University College Maastricht
Since 10/2019	“Design of Tax Systems” (Bachelor course) Coordinator, lecturer, and tutor, Maastricht University “Public Economics” (Bachelor course) Coordinator, lecturer, and tutor, Maastricht University
04/2018–07/2018	“Economic History” (Bachelor course) Teaching assistant for Erik Hornung, University of Cologne
10/2017–02/2018	“Applied Computational Econometrics” (Bachelor course) Teaching assistant for Johannes Pfeifer, University of Cologne
10/2017–12/2017	“Tax Policy and Tax Theory” (Master course) Teaching assistant for Felix Bierbrauer, University of Cologne
Since 10/2017	Supervision of bachelor theses in public economics and economic history
01/2015	“Redistribution in Microsimulation Models with Behavioral Responses” 10th Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory, Alba di Canazei

Presentations

2022 (<i>scheduled</i>)	ECONtribute Public Economics Symposium, Cologne; CESifo Conference on Public Economics; ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Linz; <i>University of Mannheim/ZEW (invited)</i>
2021	CESifo Conference on Public Economics; Workshop in Taxation Economics, Paris (<i>invited</i>); University of Lausanne (<i>invited</i>); Syracuse University (<i>invited</i>); North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA); Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance, Lugano; National Tax Association (NTA)
2020	University of Munich (<i>invited</i>); MaCCI IO Day, Mannheim
2018	EEA, Cologne; Workshop on Urban Economics, IEB, Barcelona; IZA Summer School in Labor Economics; Urban Economics Association, European Meeting, Düsseldorf
2017	ifo Institute, Munich; “Seminar in Public Economics”, University of Mannheim/ZEW; “Fiscal Competition and Mobility: Theory and Empirics”, CESifo Summer Institute, Venice; “Spatial Dimensions of Inequality”, Mannheim
2016	Ausschuss für Wirtschaftssysteme und Institutionenökonomik, German Economic Association, Witten; Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Seattle
2015	EEA, Mannheim; MaTax Meeting, Mannheim

- 2014 IMA, European Meeting, Maastricht; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Lugano; LAGV Conference in Public Economics, Aix en Provence; “Public Finance and Income Distribution in Europe”, SEEK Conference, Mannheim; Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Arlington; ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim
- 2013 German Economic Association, Düsseldorf; International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Taormina; Stata Conference, New Orleans; German Stata Users Group Meeting, Potsdam; IZA/Statistics Norway/OFS Tax Policy Workshop, Oslo; International Young Scholar German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium, Delmenhorst
- 2012 “Microsimulation for Policymaking in Times of Crises”, DG Employment, European Commission, Brussels