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EDUCATION

University of Passau Passau
Ph.D. Economics, Chair of Development Economics 2022 – 2025

- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm and Prof. Dr. Stefan Bauernschuster
- DFG Research Training Group: “Digital Platform Ecosystems (DPE)”
- Research Visit: The Fletcher School at Tufts University, invited by Prof. Jenny C. Aker

Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich
M.Sc. Economics 2019 – 2022

- Thesis: “Information on Public Spending and the Effect of Reference Points - Evidence from a Representative Survey”
- Semester Abroad: Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland
- Double Degree: Environmental Studies, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society

University of Passau Passau
B.A. International Cultural and Business Studies 2015 – 2019

- Semester Abroad: Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina

WORK EXPERIENCE

ifo Institute - Center for the Economics of Education Munich
Research Assistant 2021 – 2022

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Eschborn
Consultant and Intern 2019 – 2021

PUBLICATIONS/ WORKING PAPER

Dodlova, M., Kis-Katos, K., Kochanova, A., and Wirth, O. (2023). Mobile technologies and firm formalization: Evidence from Uganda (No. wp-2023-99). *World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER)*

Freundl, V., Grewenig, E., Kugler, F., Lergetporer, P., Schüler, R., Wedel, K., Werner, K., Wirth, O. and Woessmann, L. (2022). The ifo Education Survey 2014–2021: A New Dataset on Public Preferences for Education Policy in Germany. *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*.

Hermes, H., Lergetporer, P., Peter, F., Wiederhold, S., Freundl, V., and Wirth, O. (2021). Bewerbungsunterstützung erhöht die Kita-Inanspruchnahme von Kindern aus bildungsferneren Familien. *ifo Schnelldienst*, 74(09), 41-45.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Aker J., Awonon J., Grimm M., Petrik C., and Wirth O. (2025). Incentives for financial inclusion: Experimental evidence on mobile money adoption from Niger.

Asiedu E., Grimm M., Lay J., Petrik C., and Wirth O. (2025). Unlocking agricultural potential through bundled services? Experimental evidence from a digital platform in Ghana.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

STEG Annual Conference and Theme Workshops, Oxford	2025
36. BGPE Research Workshop, Munich	2024
NOVAFRICA Conference Economic Development, Lisbon	
European Public Choice Society (EPCS), Hannover	2023
International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), Paris	
German Development Economics Conference (GDEC), Dresden	

TEACHING

University of Passau

Growth and Development, Bachelor

Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods for Development, Master

Micro Development Economics, Master

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English and Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

IT Skills: STATA, R, LaTeX, QGIS, SurveyCTO