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Current positions:

- Professor of Economics, esp. Economics of Education, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Department of Economics, Center for Economic Studies (CES) (since 2006)
- Head of Department Human Capital and Innovation, Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich

Previous positions:

- Ifo Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich (since 2003)
- Kiel Institute for World Economics at the Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel (1999-2003)

Academic education and degrees:

- Habilitation, Economics, Technische Universität Munich (2006)
- Ph.D., Economics (Dr. sc. pol.), Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel (2001)
- Advanced Studies Certificate, Advanced Studies Program in International Economic Policy Research, Kiel Institute for World Economics (1998-99)
- MA, Economics (Diplom, Volkswirtschaftslehre), Philipps-University Marburg (1993-95, 1996-98)
- Diploma, Economics, University of Kent at Canterbury (1995-96)

Selected research visits:

- W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Stanford CA (January-July 2010)
- Harvard University, Stanford University, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cornell University, Aarhus Business School

Selected awards:

- Handelsblatt Ranking of Economists in German-speaking Countries 2011: Rank 5 of “Top-100 Researchers below 40”; Rank 106 of “Top-250 Life’s Work”; Rank 43 of “Top-100 since 2007”
- IEA Bruce H. Choppin Memorial Award, International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) (2005)
- Young Economist Award, European Economic Association (2003)
- EIB Prize 2001 (1st Prize), European Investment Bank

Main areas of research:

- Economics of education, economic growth, economics of innovation, economic history
 - Special focus: efficiency and equity of schooling systems, microeconometric analyses of international student achievement tests
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Selected scientific activities:

- Coordinator, European Expert Network on the Economics of Education (EENEE), www.education-economics.org (since 2003)
- Member, Academic Advisory Council, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (since 2009)
- Member, Executive Committee, German Economic Association (2005-07, 2011-14)
- Fellow, International Academy of Education (since 2007)
- Member, Board of Trustees, Roland Berger Foundation (since 2008)
- Founding Member, Teaching Committee of the European Economic Association (2007-10)
- Member, Questionnaire Expert Group, Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2009 cycle (2006-10) and 2015 cycle (2011-16)
- Speaker, Advisory Board, Swiss Leading House “Economics of Education: Firm Behaviour and Training Policies”, Universities of Zurich and Bern (since 2006)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Economics of Education Review* (since 2005)
- Member, Research Committee on Economics of Education, German Economic Association
- Research Associate, Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), Department of Economics, University of Warwick (2012-14)
- Research Affiliate, Program on Education Policy and Governance, Harvard University (since 2002)
- Research Fellow: CESifo (since 2003); Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (since 2001)

Selected acquired research projects:

European Commission, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Bank, German Science Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), Harvard University/John M. Olin Foundation, Volkswagen Foundation, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Leibniz Association, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Selected teaching experience:

Economics of education, Econometric evaluation of education policy, Labor economics, Economics I (Microeconomics), Intergenerational redistribution, Theory of regulation

More than 200 scientific presentations:

Conferences of scientific associations such as:

- American Economic Association, Econometric Society World Congress, Econometric Society Europe Meeting, European Economic Association, European Association of Labour Economists, International Economic Association, Royal Economic Society, German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik)

Other conferences such as:

- NBER Economics of Education Program Meeting (Cambridge MA); NBER Economic Growth Meeting (San Francisco); NBER Economics of Religion Conference (Cambridge MA); ; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Hoover Institution, Stanford University; Brookings Institution (Washington DC); Cato Institute (Washington DC); CEP, London School of Economics; Universidad Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona); CESifo area conferences; Human Development Week, World Bank (Washington DC); Education Council, European Union (Brussels); Copenhagen Consensus

Invited seminars such as:

- Harvard University; Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley; Cornell University, Brown University, University of California at Davis, London School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Max Planck Institute Bonn, IZA Bonn, and the universities of Amsterdam, Aarhus, Zurich, St. Gallen, Linz, Mannheim, Konstanz, Kiel, among others

To politicians and general audiences such as:

- Council of the European Education Ministers; meetings of ministries, parties and associations
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211 Publications:

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- 59 articles in refereed journals
 - 20 books and booklets (4 authored books, 4 authored booklets, 4 edited, 8 group authored)
 - 13 articles in refereed volumes
 - 19 further English articles; 42 further German articles; 48 newspaper articles and short contributions
 - 10 recent working papers
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Selected recent publications in refereed journals:

- Education and catch-up in the Industrial Revolution (with S.O. Becker and E. Hornung). *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 3 (3): 92-126, 2011
 - How much do educational outcomes matter in OECD countries? (with E.A. Hanushek). *Economic Policy* 26 (67): 427-491, 2011
 - Broadband Infrastructure and Economic Growth (with N. Czernich, O. Falck, and T. Kretschmer). *Economic Journal* 121 (552): 505-532, 2011
 - ‘Every Catholic child in a Catholic school’: Historical resistance to state schooling, contemporary school competition and student achievement across countries (with M.R. West). *Economic Journal* 120 (546): F229-F255, 2010
 - Was Weber wrong? A human capital theory of Protestant economic history (with S.O. Becker). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124 (2): 531-596, 2009
 - The role of cognitive skills in economic development (with E.A. Hanushek). *Journal of Economic Literature* 46 (3): 607-668, 2008
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Selected books:

- *Handbook of the Economics of Education*, Vols. 3 and 4 (edited with E.A. Hanushek and S. Machin), Amsterdam: North Holland, 2011
 - *The High Cost of Low Educational Performance* (with E.A. Hanushek). Paris: OECD, 2010
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Selected recent working papers:

- General education, vocational education, and labor-market outcomes over the life-cycle (with E.A. Hanushek and L. Zhang). NBER Working Paper 17504, 2011
 - Knocking on heaven’s door? Protestantism and suicide (with S.O. Becker). CEPR Discussion Paper 8448, 2011
 - Surfing alone? The Internet and social capital: Evidence from an unforeseeable technological mistake (with S. Bauernschuster and O. Falck), CESifo Working Paper 3469, 2011
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Media coverage:

Several hundred pieces, such as a regular column in Handelsblatt; long interviews incl. Die Zeit, Welt am Sonntag, Wirtschaftswoche, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Spiegel online; coverage incl. Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Welt, Financial Times Deutschland, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, Spiegel, Stern, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, , ap; appearances in TV and radio stations, incl. Tagesschau, Tagesthemen, Morgenmagazin; international coverage incl. The Economist, Newsweek, US Public Radio, BBC News, The Times
