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Occupational field **Economic Research**

Work experience

Dates	01 June 1994 →
Occupation or position held	Partner; senior researcher
Main activities and responsibilities	• Economic research and consultancy on EU cohesion policy (team leader of several ERDF, EAFRD and ESF programme evaluations; elaboration of quantitative evaluation designs, studies on financial administration of structural interventions, studies on urban, rural and territorial development, relationship between cohesion policy and EU market integration) on behalf of the European Commission, European Parliament, international consultancy firms, economic research bodies and several ministries or administrations (e.g. HMWVL Hessen, HMULV Hessen, MWVLW Rhineland-Palatinate, MWEIMH NRW, SMWA Saxony, MAFF Slovenia, MPF Romania, INTERREG secretariats, ENRD Evaluation helpdesk, Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour). • Consultancy on preparation of EU regional policy for Accession Countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Poland, Croatia and Slovenia) on behalf of EU-Phare • Several consultancy missions on behalf of German Technical Cooperation on regional policy and poverty alleviation policies; international consultancy in Uganda, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, South Africa, Albania, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, Ghana and Ukraine • Research: participation at symposia, presentation of research papers, mainly on EU spatial policies and market integration and urban economics, numerous internationally published papers and reviews in <i>PLOS One</i>, <i>Review of Regional Research</i>, <i>Journal of Borderlands Studies</i>, <i>Regional Studies</i>, <i>IUP Journal of Applied Economics</i>, <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i>, <i>Development Policy Review</i>, <i>Orient and Libyan Studies</i>.
Name and address of employer	PRAC Bergs & Issa Partnership Co. Im Hopfengarten 19b, 65812 Bad Soden (Germany)
Type of business or sector	economic and social research
Dates	01 October 1993 - 30 May 1994
Occupation or position held	Planning officer (substitution of a staff position)
Main activities and responsibilities	• Responsible for project design and evaluation (particularly for faculties of Economics and Business and science parks) • Interface 'University – Regional Economy'
Name and address of employer	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH, Technical Unit „Education and Science“ Dag-Hammarskjöld-Weg 1-2, 65760 Eschborn (Germany)

Type of business or sector	Bi-lateral development donor organisation
Dates	01/07/1991 - 31/05/1993
Occupation or position held	Partner and self-employed consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Partner and self-employed consultant in the fields of higher education in Economics and Social Sciences, regional & structural policy and SME-support Main assignments: Zimbabwe: Planning and backstopping of 'Rural Artisan Training & Establishment' (RATE) (on behalf of GTZ) Germany: Regional support measure within the ERDF Operational Programme 'Objective 1 Sachsen-Anhalt': Consultancy for 'Support to Endogenous Economic Potentials in the Rural District of Osterburg (in co-operation with Dr. Peschke & Partner, Bad Homburg / Germany) Germany: Study on alternative utilisations of an old power station estate in Stendal (in co-operation with Dr. Peschke & Partner); Contribution to the feasibility study for the BIC Stendal (on behalf of Peschke & Partner)
Name and address of employer	Bürogemeinschaft Umwelt, Entwicklungsplanung und Wirtschaftsförderung, Frankfurt am Main (Germany) Niddastraße 66-68 (Haus Leipzig), 60329 Frankfurt (Germany)
Type of business or sector	Consulting
Dates	01 November 1989 - 30 June 1991
Occupation or position held	Consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Consultant for regional development and science policy Main fields of activity: • Elaboration of project proposals for international tenders • Project management • On-site consultancies in Germany, Libya and Bahama Islands
Name and address of employer	Environ Consulting GmbH Große Friedberger Straße 16-20, 60313 Frankfurt (Germany)
Type of business or sector	Consulting
Dates	05 December 1988 - 31 October 1989
Occupation or position held	free-lance researcher / consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	• Research project applications in collaboration with the Geographic Institute of the University of Würzburg /Germany: Regional and structural change in the Maghreb • Guest lecturer in development economics at the Université Tunis I / Tunisia
Name and address of employer	Bergs - Policy Research & Consultancy Erzberger Straße 26, 65933 Frankfurt (Germany)
Type of business or sector	Research and consulting
Dates	01 June 1986 - 04 December 1988
Occupation or position held	PhD researcher
Main activities and responsibilities	Research on development planning and economic policy in Libya During that time: • Consultant on behalf of LHÜ and GTZ (1984 and 1987) • School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London: Research on regional and structural change in Libya (1988)
Name and address of employer	University of Frankfurt Senckenberganlage 31, 60325 Frankfurt (Germany)
Type of business or sector	Tertiary education/PhD research

Education

Dates	1988
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D.
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Political science, economics, sociology Major field of study: International political economy
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Goethe-University Frankfurt
Level in national or international classification	EQF level 8
Dates	2003
Title of qualification awarded	Diploma of Higher Education (final examination under approved invigilation at the University of Frankfurt)
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Business economics
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	British College of Professional Management (UK distance study college)
Level in national or international classification	ASET NVQ 4; EQF level 5
Personal skills and competences	
Mother tongue(s)	German
Other language(s)	English, French, Italian
Technical skills and competences	Compilation and processing of spatial data (e.g. Urban Audit and population and income data of EU-ENPI cross-border regions), Quantitative programme evaluation design, Office software, statistical and econometric analysis software (multivariate analysis such as factor or cluster analysis, ANOVA, OLS regression, Logit/Probit, Propensity score matching, spatial econometrics, etc.), stochastic approaches of risk and cost assessment (such as reduction of income and property damage risk through flood protection), GIS and satellite imagery analysis, Input-output modelling.
Computer skills	MS Office, Stata, ImageJ, QuantumGIS, Maxima

ANNEXES: RESEARCH PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, MEMBERSHIP ETC.

Research project:

- Horizon2020 project "Rural-urban outlooks" (ROBUST): Urban economic studies, spatial econometric studies on adjustments on the labour market under Covid-19 and the impact on local climate change, Support to the partner region Frankfurt/Rhein-Main. Partner in the EU-wide consortium led by the University of Wageningen (2017-2021), Grant No. 727988

Journal and book publications:

- 'Libyen, ein Modell, an dem sich die Geister scheiden', in *IKA* 27, 1985, S. 30-33
- 'Das libysche Entwicklungsmodell und die wirtschaftliche Krise seit 1981', in Operschall / Teuber: *Libyen - Die verkannte Revolution*, Promedia-Verlag, Wien, 1987, S. 87-113
- 'Problems of Industrialisation in Libya since the Revolution', in *Libyan Studies Yearbook* 19, London, 1988, pp. 133-140 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0263718900001138>)
- *Erdöl - Self-Reliance - Krise: Der Entwicklungsweg Libyens unter Qaddafi 1969-1988*, IKO-Verlag, Frankfurt, 1989, X + 238 Seiten
- 'Productive Investment and Regionalisation in the Context of the Libyan Self-Reliance Strategy', in Buru/McLachlan: *Libya - State and Region*, SOAS Publications, London, 1989, pp. 31-45
- 'Mésure et indicateurs du 'seuil de développement économique' - Un instrument pour la recherche et la planification?', in *Cahier du CERES* 18, Tunis, 1991, pp. 115-135
- 'Der libysche Raffinerie- und Petrochemiesektor', in *ORIENT* 2/1992, S. 243-251
- Together with Fadhel Labbouz: 'Probleme der Armut und Wohlfahrtspflege in Nordafrika', in *WUQUF* 1996 (Deutsches Orient-Institut), Hamburg 1997, S. 295-322
- Together with Herbert Albrecht und Karlheinz Knickel: Regionalpolitik und Armutsminderung - Zur Übertragbarkeit europäischer Konzepte auf Entwicklungsländer, in *Entwicklung und Ländlicher Raum* 1/1998
- Structural Policy and Poverty Alleviation in Europe: Lessons from Ireland, in *Appropriate Technology Forum* 12 (1999)
- 'Wirtschaftspolitik und Stagnation in Libyen am Ende der 90er Jahre: Eine Bestandsaufnahme unter Rückgriff auf Prognosen von Benjamin Higgins aus den 50er und 60er Jahren', in Konrad Schliephake (Hg.): *Libyen und nordwestliches Ägypten: Aktuelle Elemente der räumlichen Entwicklung*, Reihe: Würzburger Geographische Manuskripte, Heft 51, Würzburg, 1999
- 'Die Rolle der Regionalpolitik in der Stabilisierung der Arbeitsmärkte Mittel- und Osteuropas', in GTZ/Programmbüro Privatisierung [Hg.]: *Privatisierung durch Politikberatung und Wirtschaftskooperation*, Eschborn
- 'The Political Economy of Supranational Institutions: Two Recent Contrary Standpoints', in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 18, 3/2000. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-7679.00114>
- Beleidsonderzoek in Duitsland, Interview with J.S. Schmidt, in *Basis – Periodiek voor Beleids- en Consumentenonderzoek*, 1/2002
- 'Towards Market Integration in an Enlarged EU: The Choice of Regional Policy in the Accession Countries', in *The ICAI Journal of Applied Economics* III/3, May 2004. https://www.iupindia.in/504/IJAE_Towards_Market_Integration_in_Enlarged_EU_7.html
- 'Enhanced Trade Integration with Europe: New Prospects for Growth and Development of Libya', in *The ICAI Journal of Applied Economics*, VI, 2, 2007 (also published in Subir Ghosh (ed.) 2008, *Africa and Development*, IUP, Hyderabad, India). https://www.iupindia.in/307/IJAE_Enhanced_Trade_45.html
- "Planning across borders in Europe: The need for an economic point of view", *Regional Studies* Vol. 45/ 1 (2011), pp 140-145. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2011.542658>
- "Cross-border co-operation, regional disparities and integration of markets in the EU", *Journal of Borderlands Studies* Vol. 27/3 (2012). <https://doi.org/10.1080/08865655.2012.751710>
- "De transformatie van beleidsonderzoek in Duitsland", in van Hoesel, P.H.M., J.V.M Mevissen and B. Dekker (eds.), *Kennis voor beleid - Beleidsonderzoek in Nederland* (2nd edition), Assen: Koninklijke van Gorcum, 2015. https://www.vangorcum.nl/product/100-232_Kennis-voor-beleid

- “The detection of natural cities in the Netherlands: Nocturnal satellite imagery and Zipf’s law”, *Review of Regional Research* Vol 38(2) 2018, pp. 111-140. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10037-018-0122-6>
- Together with Moneim Issa: “Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in the area of tension between the economy and climate change: A case study at rural and city district level in Southern Germany”. In: Skiadas CH and Skiadas C (eds.) *Quantitative Methods in Demography: Methods and Related Applications in the Covid-19 Era*. Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis Vol. 52. Cham: Springer-Nature Switzerland, 2022. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-93005-9_2
- Spatial dependence in the rank-size distribution of cities – weak but not negligible. *PLoS One* Vol 16(2) 2021, 0246796 <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0246796>,
- The potential of small-scale spatial data in regional science. Editorial: *Review of Regional Research* Vol 42(2) 2022, pp. 97-110. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10037-022-00172-3>
- The policy relevance of urban scaling laws: s: A Study on Impervious Ground in German Cities. *Journal of Economic Analysis* 4(1) 2025: 107-123. <https://doi.org/10.58567/jea04010006>

Reviews:

- Book reviews (W.Hatch and K.Yamamura: *Asia in Japan's Embrace*, Cambridge, 1996 / L. Schätzl et.al.: *Regional Development and Decentralisation Policy in South Korea*, Singapore, 1997) in *Development Policy Review*, (Overseas Development Institute, London) Vol. 16, 1/1998
- Book review (Jeffrey A. Frankel [ed.]: *The Regionalisation of the World Economy*, Chicago, 1998), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 16, 3/1998
- Book reviews (Edmond Malinvaud et al: *Development Strategy and Management of the Market Economy I*, Oxford, 1997 / Istvan Székely and Richard Sabot [ed.]: *Development Strategy and Management of the Market Economy II*, Oxford, 1997/ Villy Bergström [ed.]: *Government and Growth*, Oxford, 1997), in *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 16, 4/1998
- Book review (L.Halpern and Ch.Wyplosz [eds]: *Hungary - Towards a Market Economy*, Cambridge, 1998), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 17, 2/1999
- Book reviews (I.M.D. Little and I.J. Ahluwalia [eds]: *India's Economic Reforms and Development*, Oxford, 1998 / Ph.Cadène and M.Holmström [eds]: *Decentralized Production in India*, London, 1998), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 17, 3/1999
- Book review (Herbert Werlin: *The Mysteries of Development*, Lanham, 1998), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 17, 4/1999
- ‘Book review (D. Audretsch and R. Thurik [eds.]: *Innovation, Industry Evolution and Employment*, Cambridge)’, in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 18, 2/2000
- ‘Book review (A. Al-Kawaz [ed.]: *New Economic Developments and their Impact on Arab Economies*, Amsterdam, 1999), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 19, 2/2001
- ‘Book review (T.N. Srinivasan: *Economic Policy and State Intervention*, New Delhi 2001, / Hans Singer: *International Development Co-operation*, Basingstoke, 2001), in *Development Policy Review* Vol. 20, 2/2002
- ‘Book review (M. Miosga: *Europäische Regionalpolitik in Grenzregionen: Die Umsetzung der INTERREG-Initiative am Beispiel des nordrhein-westfälisch-niederländischen Grenzraums*, Passau, 1999)’, in *Regional Studies* Vol. 36/8, November 2002
- ‘Book review (L. Labrianidis, *The Future of Europe's Rural Peripheries*, Aldershot)’, in *Regions* N° 258, 2005
- “Book review (Dermot McCann, *The Political Economy of the European Union*, Oxford, 2010)”, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 49 (2011)
- “Book review (S. Piattoni and L. Polverari (eds) *Handbook on Cohesion Policy in the EU*, Cheltenham)”, *Journal of Common Market Studies* Vol. 55/4 (2017) (DOI: 10.1111/jcms.12596)

Working papers and preprints (some of them later published in a peer-reviewed journal)

- 'Regional Policy and Urban Poverty Alleviation - with comparative examples from Germany and Indonesia', in Kundu, A. and von Hauff, M.: *Urban Poverty Alleviation in Asia: Challenges and Perspectives*, University of Kaiserslautern, Lehrstuhl für Volkswirtschaftslehre, 1996

- 'EU Regional and Cohesion Policy and Economic Integration of the Accession Countries', paper/invited lecture for the International Conference of the Regional Studies Association on: *Regional Transitions: European Regions and the Challenges of Development, Integration and Enlargement*, convened at the Faculty of Economics, University of Gdansk (September 2001); electronically published on REPEC: <https://ideas.repec.org/p/wpa/wuwpur/0204002.html>
- *R&D Clusters and Policy*, PRAC Discussion Paper, Bad Soden, 2006. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.920476>
- *Territorial Cohesion: A chimera?*, PRAC Discussion Paper, Bad Soden, 2008. <http://www.prac.de/images/download/Chimera.pdf>
- Cross-border Co-operation and European Economic Integration - An empirical analysis, PRAC paper, 2010 (downloadable from the REPEC archive: http://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/25413/1/MPRA_paper_25413.pdf)
- Simple control group analysis by matching: A brief introduction, PRAC paper, Bad Soden, 2012. <http://www.prac.de/images/download/WP2-12.pdf>
- Together with Andreas Resch: "Moving towards more evidenced-based evaluation and targeted data management", Rural Evaluation News, No. 10 (December 2012). <https://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeAttachment.php/L/IT/D/8%252Ff%252Fd%252FD.5cce13a5e62212cac33d/P/BLOB%3AID%3D10714/E/pdf>
- Nocturnal Satellite imagery and the analysis of spatial change, Paper presented at the 56th Congress of the European Regional Science Congress in Vienna, August 23-26, 2016 and at the Congress "Statistische Woche" in Augsburg, September, 12-16, 2016 (downloadable at REPEC: <https://ideas.repec.org/p/wiw/wiwsa/ersa16p256.html>)
- Together with Moneim Issa: What do night satellite images and small-scale grid data tell us about functional changes in the rural-urban environment and the economy? - Case studies Frankfurt/Rhein-Main and Ljubljana Urban Region. ROBUST project report (Horizon 2020 project No 727988), Bad Soden, October 2018. <https://rural-urban.eu/publications/what-do-night-satellite-images-and-small-scale-grid-data-tell-us-about-functional>
- Together with Moneim Issa: Less commuting and climate protection: An estimation exercise for the Frankfurt/Rhein-Main region. Research paper. Bad Soden: PRAC (EU Horizon-2020 research grant 727988). <https://rural-urban.eu/publications/less-commuting-and-climate-protection-estimation-exercise-frankfurtrhein-main-region>
- "Spatial dependence in the rank-size distribution of cities". ArXiv-Physics and Society, 6 May, 2020. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.02836> . (final version published in PLoS One)
- Change of impervious space in German cities: A scaling law analysis, 12 April 2023 (Paper prepared for the GfR Summer Conference June 2023 in Nuremberg); ArXiv-Physics and Society <http://arxiv.org/abs/2305.07989>
- Together with Uwe Neumann: Stability of Zipf's law for cities and occult spatial dependence effects: A Study on the OECD countries. ArXiv Physics and Society, 31 March, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2503.22463>

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- Förderung des endogenen Wirtschaftspotentials im Landkreis Osterburg (Sachsen-Anhalt): Teilgutachten 'Wirtschaftsstruktur und Wirtschaftspolitik', Peschke & Partner, (i.A.d. Landes Sachsen-Anhalt) 1993
- Militärstandort Wünsdorf (Brandenburg): Untersuchungsleitfaden für die regionalökonomische Untersuchung/Nutzungskonzept, DECON GmbH, 1994
- (together with Wolfgang Krajewski) Project Progress Review: Support for the Departments of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Zimbabwe, GTZ, 1994
- Konzeptstudie: Provinzhochschulen in Entwicklungsländern als Forum für regionale wirtschaftliche und soziale Entwicklung, GTZ-Abteilung 'Bildung und Wissenschaft', 1994
- Consultancy mission: The Indonesian Anti-Poverty Regional Policy – Backward Village Program (IDT), GTZ, 1994
- Project appraisal: Regional & Structural Policy for South Africa, GTZ, 1995
- Poverty and Structural Change in Albania - Training for GTZ Project Staff and Albanian Partners on Structural Policy Monitoring (Strukturberichterstattung), GTZ, 2/1996
- Project appraisal in cooperation with the 'Institut für ländliche Strukturforchung an der Universität Frankfurt': Ethiopia - Strengthening the Regional Planning and Development Department within the Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation: Capacity Building in Regional and Structural Policy, GTZ, 5/1996

- Project appraisal 'Capacity Building in Regional and Structural Policy for Ethiopia' 2nd report, GTZ, 10/1996
- Together with Jörg Goldberg: Project Appraisal Report: Support for Ugandan Employment Policy", GTZ, 4/1997
- Location feasibility study: "Technologiepark Grafschaft" (Ldkr. Ahrweiler), Lahmeyer International, 5/1997
- Strengthening RPDD: Regional Development Policy in Ethiopia, Report of the 3rd Project Mission, GTZ 10/1997
- Invited lecture: Communal Business Innovation Service and Technology Transfer - How Relevant are European Experiences for South African Communities, Department of Trade and Industry (South Africa), 11/1997
- Masterplan Verkehr/Logistik der Region Niederrhein / Teilgutachten I: Die Region Niederrhein im Standortwettbewerb mit den Niederlanden - Die institutionelle Koordination in der Regional- und Strukturpolitik und die Bedeutung für den niederrheinischen Verkehrs- und Logistiksektor / Institutional Perspectives of the Transport and Logistics Sector of the Lower Rhineland Region with Respect to Competition with the Netherlands, (Studie im Auftrag des NRW-Ministeriums für Wirtschaft, Mittelstand, Technologie und Verkehr), Lahmeyer International/Dornier System Consult, 01/1998
- Masterplan Verkehr/Logistik der Region Niederrhein/Teilgutachten II: Zielanalysen für die Strategiebereiche "regionales Standortmarketing" und "Human Resources in beruflicher Aus- und Fortbildung und in der tertiären Bildung und Forschung", (Studie im Auftrag des MWM-TV) Lahmeyer International/Dornier System Consult, 04/1998
- Together with Karlheinz Knickel: Kommunale Wirtschafts- und Beschäftigungsförderung in Europa: Eine Analyse ausgewählter Instrumente und Erfahrungen mit Relevanz für Armutsminderung in Entwicklungsländern / Communal Support of Business and Employment Creation in Europe, GTZ, 06/1998
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- Pre-accession Regional Planning at NUTS 2 and County Level in Hungary: A critical review of two recent conceptual proposals, EU-Phare-PMU/Hungarian Ministry of Regional Policy and Environment, 12/1998
- Patterns of Regional Development Agencies in Europe: Some lessons compiled and commented for the 'Regionální Rozvojová Agentura Egrensis' (RRAE) in Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), GTZ, 3/1999
- together with Wulf Schmieder and Judit Timárné Csepányi: Project report for the EU-Phare Project: Linking Employment Creation to Industrial Reconversion Objectives in Hungary (Transit Development Agency North-East Hungary), Consortium GTZ and Régió-Özdi-Szerkezet, 5/1999
- Interim Evaluation of the Phare-CBC-Programme Slovenia-Italy 1995-99 : Assessment of the lead projects 'Regional Development Policy in the Border Region' and 'Small Projects Fund', EU-Phare (external monitoring and assessment service), 5/1999
- The Czech-Saxon Cross-border Development Strategy (Chapter 3 of the draft Phare-CBC/Interreg Operational Programme), West Midlands Enterprise Ltd., 6/1999
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- Linking Employment Creation to Industrial Reconversion Objectives: Consultancy to the Transit-Employment-Agency Region South-Transdanubia, GTZ, 12/1999
- Together with Michael Ridder: Ex-ante-Evaluierung für das EPPD Ziel-2 Rheinland-Pfalz (2000-2006), Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Verkehr, Landwirtschaft und Weinbau des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz, 12/1999
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- Interim Assessment of the Current EU-funded Regional Development and Cohesion Policy in Poland (PL9609, PL 9706, PL9808, PL9909), EU-Phare (External Monitoring and Assessment Service), 07/2000
- Economic Structure, Structural Change and Growth in Hungary during Transition and the Process of Integration into EU Markets, (chapter 2 of the EU funded study: Regional Trends and Government Policy in the Course of Economic Integration of Hungary into the European Union), West Midlands Enterprise Ltd., 09/2000

- Regional Economic and Employment Policy in the Oblast Ternopil, Ukraine: Revision of the project design, Federal Ministry of Finance / Transform-Programme, 11/2000
- Interim Evaluation of the Phare-CBC-Programme Slovenia-Italy 1995-99 : Assessment of the measures addressing regional development / institutional networking and private sector development, EU-Phare (external monitoring and assessment service), 11/2000
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- Ex-ante-Evaluierung RWB-EFRE-Programm Hessen 2007-2013 (*Ex-ante evaluation RWB-EFRE program Hesse 2007-2013*), Hessisches Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Verkehr und Landesentwicklung, Dezember 2006
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- Ex-post Evaluation ZIL (Rheinland-Pfalz), Maßnahme Dorferneuerung (*Ex-post evaluation ZIL (Rhineland-Palatinate), measure: village renewal*), Min. für Wirtschaft, Verkehr, Landwirtschaft u. Weinbau, Mainz, im Unterauftrag des IfLS, 12/2007
- Tourism and regional development in complex cross-border and transnational regions (together with Pieter van Run), paper + presentation and workshop moderation, Seminar on Complex Regions Net convened by the German Speaking Community of Belgium, 21-23 April, 2008, (sub-contract by NEA)
- Ad-hoc Interim Evaluation of the Phare Economic and Social Cohesion Programmes (2005 and 2006) in Croatia: Institutional Preparedness for the Absorption of EU Cohesion Policy after Accession, EU Phare Programme, MWH-NTUA-Consortium, 09-10/2008
- Together with Moneim Issa: Contribution to the INTERACT 'Study on beneficial effects of INTERREG / European Cooperation Programmes and Projects', sub-contract of Panteia, 11-12/2008
- Ex-post evaluation of the INTERREG IIIA-programme Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein (D-A-CH-FL), European Commission (Partner in the Panteia-Consortium for the Ex-post evaluation INTERREG III), 8/2009
- In-depth evaluation of INTERREG III: Synthesis report and empirical economic analysis, European Commission (Partner in the Panteia-Consortium for the Ex-post evaluation INTERREG III), 12/2009
- Together with Uwe Neumann, Rüdiger Budde, Christoph Ehlert, Antje Seidel-Schulze, Busso Grabow, Beate Holbach-Grömig and Laura Trofin: Second State of the European Cities Report, European Commission DG Regio, 09/2010 (for PRAC as partner in the consortium RWI-DIfU-PRAC-NEA)
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- Moving Towards a more Result-/Performance-based Delivery System in Cohesion Policy – Case Study Germany, European Parliament Directorate General for Internal Policies, Brussels, 04/2011 (sub-contract of CSIL Milano)
- European Parliament Study on Structural Funds Cost Effectiveness of Audit Arrangements – Case studies (1) NRW and (2) Central Bohemia, European Parliament Directorate General for Internal Policies, Brussels, 05/2011, (sub-contract of Blomeyer & Sanz, Guadalajara)

- Efficiency impacts in the organisations entrusted with the management of EU funding: The simplification efforts pursued by the European Commission in 2008, 2009 and 2010 – Case study ERDF programme Niederösterreich, November 2011 (European Parliament Study; sub-contract of Blomeyer & Sanz, Guadalajara)
- Simplification and proportionality in management and control systems of Cohesion Policy, April 2012 (European Parliament Briefing Note, in cooperation with Metis, Vienna) published EU Publications Office, Luxembourg (ISBN 978-92-823-3753-0)
- ENPI-CBC population and GDP database, April 2012 (on behalf of INTERACT ENPI North Point - Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland)
- Data requirements for evidence-based evaluation in EU funded interventions, training/presentation on the Good Practice Workshop of the Evaluation Helpdesk DG Agri in Budapest, 8-9 October 2012 (including an instruction background paper on “Simple control group analysis through matching”)
- Together with Moneim Issa: EU-COM study on “Governance arrangements of ERDF programmes in Spain 2014-2020: Good practice case study on Germany”, on behalf of DG Regio, sub-contract of Blomeyer & Sanz, February, 2013
- Ausarbeitung einer Mustervorlage für Evaluationspläne der deutschen ELER-Programme / Elaboration of a model template for evaluation plans of the German EAFRD programs, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft/MEN-D, November 2013
- Team leader together with Moneim Issa, Stefan Dräger, Gabi Thielmann and Ulrich Gehrlein: Ex-ante-Evaluation des ERDF-Programms “Investition für Wachstum und Beschäftigung in Hessen” 2014-2020 – Consortium PRAC-Dräger&Thielmann-lfLS, May 2014
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- Together with Sabine Zillmer (team leader) et al.: Ex-ante Evaluation ERDF Programme „Investition für Wachstum und Beschäftigung Saarland“ 2014-2020, Spatial Foresight-EureConsult-Dräger&Thielmann-PRAC, April 2014
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- Together with Stefan Dräger: Der EFRE-Evaluationsplan 2014-2020: Gratwanderung zwischen Flexibilität und Planverbindlichkeit (*The ERDF Evaluation Plan 2014-2020: Walking a tightrope between flexibility and plan bindingness*), Kurzstudie i.A. des Hessischen Ministeriums für Wirtschaft, Energie, Verkehr und Landesentwicklung, Dezember 2014
- Together with Andreas Resch: Ex post evaluation of Cohesion Policy programmes 2007-2013 focusing on the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF) – Work Package 3: Financial instruments for enterprise support: Pilot Evaluation Study on Bavaria, European Commission, May 2015
- Ökonomische Untersuchung der Hochwasserschutzinvestitionen am Oberrhein in Rheinland-Pfalz (*Economic Analysis of Flood Protection Investments on the Upper Rhine in Rhineland-Palatinate*), Ministerium für Umwelt, Landwirtschaft, Ernährung, Weinbau und Forsten Rheinland-Pfalz, September 2015
- Ex-post Evaluation of the EAFRD rural development programme PAUL Rhineland-Palatinate: Reports for the measures 125.2 (Rural Infrastructure) and 126 (Flood Protection), MULEWF Mainz (partner in the lfLS-PRAC-Unique consortium) 12/2015
- Ongoing evaluation of the EAFRD rural development programme EULLE: Draft reports on measures 4.3 c (Rural infrastructure), 4.3 e Stationary transport infrastructure for viticulture, 5. Flood protection and technical report on context of regular reporting on the programme-specific contribution to the national Partnership Agreement, 07/2016
- Ongoing evaluation of the EAFRD rural development programme EULLE: Mid-term evaluation reports on measures Rural infrastructure, Stationary transport infrastructure for viticulture, Flood protection and an econometric analysis of impacts of farm funding (several causal inference procedures), 08/2019
- Ex-ante-Evaluation of the Interreg Vla programme Alpine Rhine-Lake Constance-High Upper Rhine, Reports 1-3, on behalf of the Regierungspräsidium Tübingen (partner in the EureConsult-PRAC-Dr. Dräger & Thielmann consortium), 04/2020

- Impact analysis of private sector innovation policy in Slovenia based on causal inference techniques, (sub-contract by Oikos on behalf of DG Reform), 03/2021
- Methodology of the Performance Framework for the ERDF INTERREG VI programme Alpine Rhine – Lake Constance – High Upper Rhine on behalf of the Regierungspräsidium Tübingen, 7-8/2021
- Expert evaluation of the draft ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk tool kit on causal inference evaluation methods and statistical routines, on behalf of Ecorys-Brussels (09-10/2022)
- Interim assessment of flood protection on the Upper Rhine in Rhineland-Palatinate: change in damage expectation 2014-2021 ([https://www.euler-eulle.rlp.de/Internet/global/themen.nsf/b81d6f06b181d7e7c1256e920051ac19/A3962973D1755F7FC12589B0003F5B9A/\\$FILE/230216_PRAC_lfLS_M5%20Hochwasser_Kurzstudie.pdf](https://www.euler-eulle.rlp.de/Internet/global/themen.nsf/b81d6f06b181d7e7c1256e920051ac19/A3962973D1755F7FC12589B0003F5B9A/$FILE/230216_PRAC_lfLS_M5%20Hochwasser_Kurzstudie.pdf))
- Expert assessment: Addressing data and attribution gaps for the CAP mid-term evaluation, on behalf of the ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk (October-November 2023)
- Ad-hoc-assessment of the projected Microsoft data center investments in the Rhenish lignite mining area (within the VDI-RWI-PRAC consortium)
- **Ongoing work (2024-2025):** ongoing evaluation for the EAFRD EULLE rural development programme Rhineland-Palatinate (within the IfLS Consortium)
- **Ongoing work (2024-2026):** Evaluation of the state programme to support the structural change in the Rhenish lignite mining region (within the VDI-RWI-PRAC consortium)

II. Economic Policy / economic studies / other consultancies

- Basic Planning Features for Economic Development in Libya (SPLAJ) 1990-2000, ENVIRON, (on behalf of GPC and Central Bank of Libya), 1990
- (mit Professor Alois Loidl): Marktstudie für ein Zweiphasen-Massedurchflußmeßgerät, ENVIRON, (on behalf of the Commission of the European Communities: EXPECT II Programme), 1991
- (mit Elmar Dimpl-von Lossau): Marktstudie zu Absatzperspektiven von kommunalem Biokompost in Frankfurt am Main, ENVIRON, (i.A.d. Stadt Frankfurt am Main), 1991
- Support to rural artisans through financial instruments in Zimbabwe, Reports 1-4, GTZ, 1991-1992
- Together with Stefan Dräger: EZ-Schwerpunkt Armutsminderung: Die Strategie der künftigen bilateralen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit mit der Republik Guinea / Aid Focus Poverty Alleviation: The Strategy of the Future Bi-lateral Development Cooperation with Guinea, GTZ/KfW, 04/1998
- Instruction Manual for Executives of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) : Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP), GTZ, September 2001
- Study on German Phare-Twinning experiences, Ecotec Polska, July 2006
- Invited lecture: Privatisation and Economic Policy: Retrospective experiences from transition countries for Azerbaijan, Baku, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Finance, June 2007
- Consultancy: Privatisation with FDI: Sale of Azerbaijan State-owned Assets to Foreigners, Baku, Federal Ministry of Finance/GTZ, September 2007
- Report on Conceptualisation of Economic and Reform Policy Management within the Five-Year-Development-Programme 2007-2012 of Libya – Fact Finding Mission (Main client: NEDB طرابلس), GTZ, January 2008

Academic training courses held:

Joint instruction seminar and teaching on small-scale spatial data and related econometric procedures (PRAC and RWI-Leibniz-Institute of Economic Research), Essen, February 2019

Membership:*1. Scientific associations, research institutes*

- (i) Fellow (FeRSA), Regional Studies Association (UK)
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2. Advisory committees

- (i) 2005-2006: Member of Government Committee for Reform, Republic of Slovenia (Report: The framework of economic and social reforms for increasing the welfare in Slovenia)
- (ii) April 2012-June 2014: German geographic representative of the ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk at the European Commission, DG Agri

Reviewer and scientific editor activities:

Regional Studies (Routledge): reviewer, Applied Economics Letters (Routledge): reviewer, Journal of Borderlands Studies (Routledge): reviewer, Professional Geographer (Routledge): reviewer, Nature Urban Sustainability (Nature): reviewer, Nature Cities (Nature): reviewer, Sustainable Cities and Society (Elsevier): reviewer, Regional Science, Policy & Practice (Elsevier): reviewer, Plos One (Public Library of Science, San Francisco): reviewer, International Journal of Health Geographics (Springer-Nature), Remote Sensing (MDPI, Basle): reviewer, Sustainability (MDPI, Basle): reviewer, Applied Sciences (MDPI, Basle): reviewer; Atmosphere (MDPI, Basle): reviewer, Land (MDPI, Basle): reviewer board, Review of Regional Research (Springer-Nature): guest editor, Journal of Economic Analysis (Anser Press, Singapore): editorial board