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CONTACT	University of York, Department of Economics and Related Studies, Heslington, York YO10 5DD, UK
INTERESTS	Economic History • Political Economy • Economic Geography
ACADEMIC ROLES	Undergraduate Stage One Lead • Political Economy and Economic History Research Cluster Lead • Associate Editor Bulletin of Economic Research
RESEARCH PROFILES	Google Scholar • ORCID: 0000-0002-9394-6262
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	2021–2024. Lecturer (Academic, Research & Teaching), <i>University of York</i> 2018–2021. Lecturer (Teaching & Scholarship), <i>University of York</i>
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	"How Britain Unified Germany: Trade Routes and the Formation of the Zollverein" with Nikolaus Wolf. <i>Journal of Economic History</i>, 2026, 86(1), pp 109–145 "Can Growing Wine Cause Rural Development? Evidence from Baden-Württemberg" with Fabian Wahl. <i>European Review of Economic History</i>, 2025, heaeo18 "You Reap What You Know: Appropriability and the Origin of European States" with Fabian Wahl. <i>European Journal of Political Economy</i>, 2023, 79 "The Fetters of Inheritance? Equal Partition and Regional Economic Development" with Fabian Wahl. <i>European Economic Review</i>, 2021, 136 "The Origins of Agricultural Inheritance Traditions" with Fabian Wahl. <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>, 2021, 49 (3), pp 660–674 "Early and Medieval Periods in German Economic History" with Fabian Wahl. <i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance</i>, 2020
WORKING PAPERS	"From Bomb to Bustle: WW2 Factory Relocations and the Re-shaping of the Germany Economy" with Hans-Joachim Voth and Fabian Wahl "Religious institutions, intergenerational conflict, and fertility: Theory and evidence from the Amish" with James P. Choy and Cory Anderson "White institutions, Black communities, and the persistence of geographical segregation and labor misallocation in the Jim Crow South" with James P. Choy "How Historical Political Instability Shaped Regional Identity: Evidence from Germany" with Fabian Wahl Results from this project have been published as CEPR discussion paper DP18074.

"Political History and Common Identity: Evidence from Germany"
with Fabian Wahl

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"The Geological Origins of Civilization"
with Andreas Link and Fabian Wahl

"Britain has had Enough of Experts? Political Persuasion and Social Media"
with Giacomo de Luca and Paulo Santos Monteiro. York Discussion Papers in Economics 21/01

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025–2027. British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants Scheme, 9,880.26 £

"Religious institutions and fertility: Theory and evidence from the Amish"
with James P. Choy (principal investigator)

2024. Leverhulme Trust fellowship, 37,017 £

"Wars are breakpoints: Evidence from the Strategic Dispersal of German Industry"

2019–2022. German Science Foundation grant project no. 415959381, 87,081 Euro

"Origins and Consequences of Regional Identity: Evidence from Historical Differences in Political Instability and Fragmentation among German States"
with Kai Gehring and Fabian Wahl (principal investigator)

2014, 2016 & 2017. Conference grants by Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft Berlin

2012. Humboldt-Universität support fund for media usage in research and teaching *with Nikolaus Wolf (PI)*

PHD SUPERVISEES

2021–2026. Alejandro Moreno Jimenez

Topic: "Decentralization and Political and Fiscal Decentralization in Mexico"

Co-supervisor: Michael Thornton

Defended September 2026, passed without corrections.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(NOT PEER REVIEWED)

"[Raising a child to 18 in the UK costs more than £200,000 – here's why](#)"

with Isabelle Huning. The Conversation 30.11.2023

EDUCATION

2012–May 2018. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

PhD Economics. Advisor: Nikolaus Wolf. External Reviewer: Barry Eichengreen

Thesis: "Economic Geography and its Effect on the Development of the German States from the Holy Roman Empire to the German Zollverein"

2009–2012. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

MSc in Information Systems, September 2012

Thesis: "Implementation of dela(x)- a collaborative tool for historical statistics"

2007–2009. Universität Paderborn, Germany

BSc in Business Computing, September 2009

Thesis: "The quality of random number generators and their application at the simulation project d³fact"

RESEARCH VISITS	Spring 2024. Visiting Scholar at Pompeu Fabra Barcelona Economics Department. Host: Marta Reynal Querol
	Fall 2015. Visiting Scholar at University of California at Berkeley Economics Department. Host: Barry Eichengreen
ORGANIZED EVENTS	2024 & 2026. Inaugural and 2nd Economic History & Political Economy cluster workshops (joint with Matthias Flueckiger)
	2022. Local host of an Economics Network teaching workshop
	2014. "Catching up or falling behind? Institutions, geography and economic development of Eastern Europe in the long-run"
INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES	2026. Born Once Die Once at Odense • Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) at Chapman • Zurich Workshop on AI & Applied Economics • Norwegian Institute of Public Health
	2025. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) at George Mason • German Economic History Society (GSWG) in Berlin • Economic History Society at Glasgow • University of Halle • Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research Conference in Nottingham • European Historical Economics Society at Hohenheim
	2024. Second City History and Economics Meeting at Birmingham • University of Bielefeld • Warwick Teaching & Learning Seminar
	2023. First Bolzano Workshop on Historical Economics, London School of Economics • University of Manchester • Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) at Boston • The Economic Effects of Free Trade Agreements workshop at the University of Surrey • European Historical Economics Society at Vienna
	2022. Institutional & Organizational Economics Academy at Cargèse, France • European Historical Economics Society at Groningen
	2021. Institutional & Organizational Economics Academy • Cliometric Society Annual Conference at Orange County (both cancelled due to Covid-19)
	2020. Cliometric Society Annual Conference at Orange County (canceled due to Covid-19)
	2019. Association of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC) at Boston, European Society of Economic History in Paris • National Systems of Economy or European Integration at Manchester • University of Nottingham • Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin • Understanding State Capacity at Manchester
	2018. The Life & Legacy of Douglass North at George Mason University Arlington • World Economic History Congress at MIT • University of Hohenheim • University of Manchester • Lancaster PhD Summer School on Applied Micro Economics
	2017. Agliocliometrics III at Cambridge University • Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics at Columbia New York, CAGE • EHES & IAS Summer School on Geography • Institutions and Economic

Growth in History at University of Warwick • European Historical Economics Society Biannual Meeting at Tübingen • University of Paderborn • University of Münster

2016. WEast Eastern European Economic History Initiative Conference at Prague • Verein für Socialpolitik at Augsburg

2015. University of Washington, Boston College • City University of New York • University of California at Berkeley • The University of Chicago Booth School of Business • University of California at Davis • Warwick Economic Growth Summer Workshop • London School of Economics

2014. Fresh Meeting at Trinity College

REFEREEING

European Review of Economic History (5x) • Explorations in Economic History • Journal of Economic Geography • Journal of Economic History (3x) • Journal of Political Economy • Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences • Quarterly Journal of Economics (3x) • Routledge (2x) • The History of the Family • Transportation Development Research

TEACHING AWARDS

2024. Aronson Teaching Prizes (departmental): most engaging lecturer first year

2022. Aronson Teaching Prizes (departmental) in four categories: most engaging lecturer first year, second year, best delivered module in the first year “Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth” (joint) and in the second year for “Economic Growth and Development: A twentieth century European Perspective”

2021. Aronson Teaching Prizes (departmental) in four categories: most engaging lecturer first year, and second year categories, best delivered module first year (joint) and second year categories • Nominated for the Vice-Chancellor’s Teaching Award, Early Career category.

2019. Aronson Teaching Prize for best designed 1st year undergraduate module for “Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth” (joint)

2018. “Preis für gute Lehre” for the best seminar at the School for Business and Economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, “The Economic History of the State” (joint)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In York. “Foundations of Economic History” *1st year undergraduate lecture, Semester one, since 2023/24* • “Principles of Development Economics and Emerging Markets” *MSc. lecture & seminar, Semester one, since 2023/24* • “Python in Economic Research”, *PhD seminar, Autumn Term 2019 & 2021 (York)* • “Geographic Information Systems for Economic Research”, *PhD seminar, Autumn Term 2018 and Spring Term 2023* • “Development Economics: Theory and Empirics”, *M.Sc., lecture & seminar, Spring terms 2021–23, joint* • “International Economic Growth & Development”, *3rd year undergraduates, lecture & seminar, Autumn to Spring terms 2019–23* • “Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth”, *1st year undergraduates, lecture & seminar, Spring terms 2018–22* • “Economic Growth and Development: A twentieth century European Perspective”, *2nd year undergraduates, lecture & seminar, Spring terms 2018–21* • “Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth”, *1st year undergraduates, seminar accompanying lecture, Autumn Term 2018, joint* • “Bubbles, Panics & Crashes: Causes and Consequences of Financial Crises”, *3rd year undergraduates, seminar accompanying lecture, Autumn Terms 2018, joint* • “Economic Data Analysis”, *1st year undergraduates, Lectures, Spring Term 2018, joint*

In Berlin. • “The Economic History of the State”, *M.Sc. Seminar, Summer Term 2017, joint* • “Applied Growth

Theory", *M.Sc. seminar, Summer Term 2016* • "European Economic History 1918–today", *M.Sc. tutorial, Summer Term 2016, joint* • "Agglomeration Economics", *M.Sc. seminar, Summer Terms 2015 & 2017* • "The Economic History of the German Empire 1881–1914", *M.Sc. seminar, Summer Term 2015* • "The Economic History of Prussia", "Advanced International Trade", *M.Sc. tutorial, Summer Terms 2013, 2014, and 2017, joint* • *B.Sc. & M.Sc. seminar, Winter Term 2014/15* • "Methods in Economic History", *M.Sc. seminar, Summer Term 2014, joint* • "European Historical Statistics" [German], • "Data Management and Empirical Economics", *M.Sc. seminar, Summer Term 2013* • "Large Data sets in Economic History", *M.Sc. seminar, Winter Term 2012/13, joint* • "Spatial Economics", *M.Sc. seminar, Winter Term 2012/2013, joint*

FORMER ACADEMIC ROLES	Programme Leader MSc Global Markets and Economic Development (2021–2026) • Department's Graduate Teaching Assistance Coordinator (2022–2025) • Member of the Department Teaching Committee (2021–2025) • Departmental seminar co-organizer (2021–2023) • Departmental Technology Champion (2020–2023) • Department's Library Representative (2018–2023) • Member of the Workload Model Group (2022–23) • Member of the Department Research Committee (2021–23)
LANGUAGE SKILLS	German, mother tongue • English, almost native • Spanish, basics • French and Italian, basics in reading
COMPUTER SKILLS	Python (esp. Geopandas, OpenCV) • OpenAI • $\text{\LaTeX}$ • Stata • R • QGIS • Java • SQL (incl. Oracle, MySQL and PostgreSQL, PostGIS) • Mathematica • AMPL
PRIVATE INTEREST	Computer Science • Literature • World History
PERSONAL	Married, two children (b. 2022 & 2025).