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Swiss national, married with two children

Education

1997 PhD University of St. Gallen

1994 Licentiate in Economics, University of St. Gallen

1989 Diploma in Mathematics/Physics, University Zürich

Present Positions & Affiliations

Full Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of St. Gallen

Research Fellow, CESifo (Center for Economic Studies), Munich

Research Fellow, Netspar, The Netherlands

Research Affiliate, CEPR (Centre for Economic Policy Research), London

From 2009 Head of Department

Past Positions (Economics)

2008 Visiting Professor, University of New South Wales, Sydney

2001–2004 Full Professor, Université de Lausanne

1999–2001 Assistant Professor, Université de Lausanne

1997–2001 Assistant Professor (tenure track), CentER & Department of Economics,
Tilburg University, the Netherlands

1996-1997 Visiting scholar; University of Virginia USA & Research Department, Federal Reserve
Bank of Richmond

Other Activities (current & past)

Managing Director, Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research

Member of Board World Demographic Association

Advisor, The World Bank, Washington 2004-2006

Member, Kommission für Konjunkturfragen/Commission pour les questions conjoncturelles
2000-2004

Computer Specialist Swissair Airlines 1985-1990

Research Fellow, Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research 1984-85

Selected Publications

Books:

Information Economics (with Urs Birchler, SNB), Routledge Advanced Texts in Economics and Finance, 480 pages, 2007.

IV—Eine Krankengeschichte (in German, with Katja Gentinetta, Avenir Suisse), NZZ Verlag, 250 pgs, 2007.

Papers

“The Choice Between an Annuity and a Lump-Sum: Results from Swiss Pension Funds” (with Federica Teppa), *Journal of Public Economics*, 91, pages 1944–1966, November 2007.

“Arbeiten lohnt sich nicht — ein zweites Kind noch weniger. Zum Einfluss einkommensabhängiger Tarife in der Kinderbetreuung”, *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik*, 8(1), 1–19, 2007 (lead article).

“Mandated Annuities in Switzerland”, in *Developing and Annuity Market in Europe*, edited by Elsa Fornero & Elisa Luciano, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2004.

“Tax–Benefit Linkages in Public Pension Systems: A Note”, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 4(3), pages 405–415, 2002.

“The Political Feasibility of Increasing the Retirement Age: Lessons from a Ballot on the Female Retirement Age”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 9, pages 349–365, 2002.

“The Political Feasibility of Pension Reforms Options: The Case of Switzerland”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 75(3), pages 389–416, February 2000.

“The WTO Dispute Settlement System: A First Assessment from an Economic Perspective” (with Heinz Hauser, University of St. Gallen), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 16(2), pages 503–533, October 2000. Reprinted in: *International Institutions in the New Global Economy*, Lisa L. Martin editor, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, 2005; *The WTO and International Trade Law / Dispute Settlement*, Petros C. Mavroidis & Alan O. Sykes editors, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, 2005.

“Neoclassical Life–Cycle Consumption: A Textbook Example”, *Economic Theory*, 17(1), pages 209–221, January 2001.

“Anticipation Effects of Looming Public Pension Reforms”, *Carnegie Rochester Series on Public Policy*, 50(0), pages 119–159, 1999.

Numerous contributions in the popular press and media appearances.