

# MATTHIAS FLÜCKIGER

## Personal and contact Information

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## Employment

Senior Lecturer	04/2020 - present
Department of Economics & Related Studies, University of York	
Lecturer	09/2016 - 04/2020
Queen's Management School, Queen's University Belfast	
Postdoctoral Researcher	03/2015 - 08/2016
Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel	

## Affiliations

Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre, University of York  
Centre for Health Research, Queen's University Belfast Management School

## Visiting Positions

Brown University	02/2020 - 03/2020
TU Braunschweig	04/2023
University of Basel	07/2025, 07/2024, 07/2023, 08/2022, 07/2019
University of Bayreuth	09/2019, 04/2019, 09/2018
Universitat Pampeu Fabra	01/2020 - 02/2020

## Education

Doctor rerum politicarum (University of Basel)	10/2008 - 06/2013
Master of Science in Economics (University of Bern)	10/2006 - 07/2008
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (University of Basel)	10/2003 - 07/2006

## Research Interests

Development Economics, Health Economics, International Trade, Political Economy

## Publications

### *Research articles*

- [16] The structure of online social networks and social movements: Evidence from the Black Lives Matter protests (with Markus Ludwig). *Journal of Public Economics*, June 2025 (246)
- [15] The relationship between the youth-led Fridays for Future climate movement and voting, politician and media behaviour in Germany (with Marc Fabel, Markus Ludwig, Helmut Rainer, Maria Waldinger, and Sebastian Wichert). *Nature Human Behaviour*, March 2025 (9)
- [14] Mobile phone coverage and infant mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Markus Ludwig). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, July 2023 (211)
- [13] Spatial Networks and the Spread of COVID-19: Results and Policy Implications from Germany (with Markus Ludwig). *Review of Regional Research*, May 2023 (43)
- [12] Temperature and Risk of Diarrhoea among Children in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Markus Ludwig). *World Development*, December 2022 (160).
- [11] Roman Transport Network Connectivity and Economic Integration (with Erik Hornung, Mario Larch, Markus Ludwig, and Allard Mees). *Review of Economic Studies*, March 2022 (89), 2.
- [10] Malaria Suitability, Urbanization and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Markus Ludwig). *Journal of Urban Economics*, November 2020 (120).
- [9] Ebola and State Legitimacy (with Markus Ludwig and Ali Sina Önder). *Economic Journal*, July 2019 (129), 621
- [8] Transport Infrastructure, Growth and Persistence: The Rise and Demise of the Sui Canal (with Markus Ludwig). *Canadian Journal of Economics*. May 2019 (52), 2
- [7] Youth Bulge and Civil Conflict: Causal Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (with Markus Ludwig). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, October 2018 (62), 9.
- [6] Geography, Human Capital and Urbanization: A Regional Analysis (with Markus Ludwig). *Economics Letters*, July 2018 (168)
- [5] Urbanization, Fertility and Child Education in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Markus Ludwig). *Economics Letters*, August 2017 (157)
- [4] Malaria Suitability, Urbanization and Persistence: Evidence from China over more than 2000 years (with Markus Ludwig). *European Economic Review*, February 2017 (92), 2

- [3] Chinese Export Competition, Declining Exports and Adjustments at the Industry and Regional Level in Europe (with Markus Ludwig). *Canadian Journal of Economics*. August 2015 (48), 3
- [2] Economic Shocks in the Fisheries Sector and Maritime Piracy (with Markus Ludwig). *Journal of Development Economics*, May 2015 (114)
- [1] Cost of Attempted Suicide: A Retrospective Study of Extent and Associated Factors, *Swiss Medical Weekly* (142) 2012. With Stephanie Czernin, Marc Vogel, Flavio Muheim, Jean-Claude Bourgnon, Miko Reichelt, Martin Eichhorn, Anita Riecher-Rössler and Gabriela Stoppe.

#### *Book chapters*

- ◆ Teaching Economics with Economic History, pp. 55-59. In: *An Economist's Guide to Economic History* (edited by Matthias Blum and Christopher Colvin, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018)

#### **Working Papers**

- ◆ The Dawn of Civilization: Metal Trade and the Rise of Hierarchy (with Mario Larch, Markus Ludwig, and Luigi Pascali). Conditionally accepted *American Economic Review*.
- ◆ Gender bias in the aftermath of fraud: Evidence from the Theranos case (with Jonas Klärchen, Hanh My Le, and Markus Ludwig, 2026)

#### **Policy Columns, Blogs, and Media Coverage**

- ◆ Dialling Down Infant Mortality, Blog for Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre (15.7.2025)
- ◆ Mobile Phone Coverage and Infant Mortality in sub-Saharan Africa, Interview with Faculti (28 May 2024)
- ◆ Does the Fridays for Future movement cause political climate change? (in German), ifo Schnelldienst (11.5.2022)
- ◆ On Roman Paths (in German) *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (24.04.2022)
- ◆ How Roman transport network connectivity shapes economic integration. VoxEU (28.8.2019)
- ◆ How the Ebola crisis affected people's trust in their governments. OUPblog (18.8.2019)
- ◆ Effective public health response boosts trust and state legitimacy: Evidence from the 2014 Ebola epidemic. Media briefing Royal Economic Society (1.7.2019)

### External Research Grants & Fellowships

- ◆ Visiting Fellowship Europainstitut Basel (2025), 15,000£
- ◆ BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants (2018–2019), 3,250£
- ◆ WWZ Förderverein (2016–2017), 44,000£
- ◆ WWZ Förderverein (2015–2016), 44,000£
- ◆ Health Department Canton Basel-Stadt (2009-2011), 70,000£

### Refereeing Service

Academic journals: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, German Economic Review, Health Policy, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of International Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Development Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Development, World Bank Economic Review

Grant application evaluator: Agence National de la Recherche (France), Economic and Social Research Council, Swiss National Science Foundation.

### University Administration and External Professional Service

#### *University*

- ◆ Director Political Economy Research Cluster, University of York (since 2022)
- ◆ Member of the Departmental Research Committee (since 2021)
- ◆ Member, Departmental REF Reading Group (2025–)
- ◆ Peer Review College for internally-distributed funding calls, University of York (since 2021)
- ◆ PG Programme Director for Development Economics and Emerging Markets (2024)
- ◆ Co-Lead, Departmental Triage Team in UCAS Clearing (2025–)
- ◆ Leader, Peer Support for Teaching (Applied Economics, 2020–2025)
- ◆ Economics Representative, MA Social Research Board of Studies (2020–2025)
- ◆ Organiser weekly economics seminar series at QUB (2016-2020)

#### *External*

- ◆ Associate Editor Bulletin of Economic Research (since 2022)
- ◆ ESRC Peer Review College member (since 2024)
- ◆ RES Conference Programme Committee (since 2022)
- ◆ Member external validation panel for the Economics and Business Economics programmes, Ulster University (2023–)
- ◆ External examiner University Durham (since 2025)

## PhD Supervision

- ◆ Angdanshiji Diemu (since 2025)
- ◆ Louis Hodey (since 2021)
- ◆ Haicheng Jiang (completed 2021)  
Placement: Postdoc Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen
- ◆ Thesis advisory panel: Chekwube Madichie (since 2025), Huan Xiao (since 2022), Akseer Hussain (completed PhD in 2022), Mehmet Akif Yardimci (completed PhD 2024)
- ◆ External examiner: Marco Häfner (2025, Portsmouth)

## Teaching

- ◆ Topics in Development Economics (postgraduate): 2023–present
- ◆ Development Economics (2nd year undergraduate): 2020–present
- ◆ Political Economics (3rd year undergraduate): 2020–present
- ◆ Health and Development (postgraduate): 2020–2023
- ◆ Macroeconomics (1st year undergraduate): 2020–2023
- ◆ PhD course on publishing strategies and academic writing: 2020–present
- ◆ Economic Growth (2nd year undergraduate): 2016–2019
- ◆ International Macroeconomics (3rd year undergraduate): 2017–2019

## Pedagogical Training and Accreditation

- ◆ Fellow, Higher Education Academy (since 2017)
- ◆ Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching, QUB (2017)
- ◆ Workshop for New Economics Lecturers, Economics Network, Leeds (2017)
- ◆ Workshop on Postgraduate Research Supervision, QUB (2016)

## References

- ◆ Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Mario Larch
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Luigi Pascali
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Rolf Weder
- ◆ Emer. Prof. Dr. Jürg H. Sommer

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