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Academic Background

- Current **Japan-Scholarship, German Institute for Japanese Studies**, Labor Economics Japan.
Focus: *Japanese Labor Market, Life Satisfaction, Educational Differences.*
- 2021 – Present **Ph.D., University of Trier**, Labor Economics.
Interests: *Gender, Social Norms, Japanese Labor Market, Life Satisfaction.*
- 2016 – 2020 **M.Sc., University of Cologne**, Economics.
Thesis Title: *Female Labor Supply and the Gender Wage Gap in the Japanese Labor Market.*
- 2013 – 2016 **B.Sc., University of Cologne**, Economics.
Thesis Title: *Taxation and Non-rational Agents: A Case Study of the Tobacco Tax.*

International Experience

- 2018 – 2019 **M.Sc., Sophia University Tokyo**, Academic Year Abroad.
Focus: *Development Economics and Japanese Language.*
- 2015 **B.Sc., Hitotsubashi University Tokyo**, Economics
Focus: *International Economics, International Management, Japanese Language.*

Work Experience

- 2021 – Present **Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Union**
Research Assistant & Head of IT at the Institute.
- 2017 – 2018 **Deloitte Tohmatsu**
Working Student, Credit & Securitization Advisory.
- 2015 – 2017 **Finanzen100**
Working Student in Customer Support.
- 2010 – 2013 **Kreissparkasse Köln**
Apprenticeship as a Bank Clerk.

Research






Current Papers and Master's Thesis

- 1 B. Becker, "Life Satisfaction and Hypogamy in Japan", 2023.
- 2 B. Becker, L. Goerke, and Y. Huang, "Trade Unions and Life Satisfaction in Germany", 2021.
- 3 B. Becker, "Female Labor Supply and the Gender Wage Gap in Japan", 2020.





Conferences

- 2024  **3rd Gender & Economics Workshop**
Luxembourg City.
-  **RCEA International Conference in Economics, Econometrics, & Finance**
London, UK.
- 2023  **AASLE 2023: Asian & Australasian Society of Labour Economics**
Taipei, Taiwan.
-  **BeWell Meeting 2023: Berlin Network for Research on Well-being 4th Annual Meeting**
Berlin, Germany.
-  **AEA Annual Meeting: Allied Social Science Associations**
New Orleans, USA.
- 2022  **SOEP 2022: 14th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference**
Berlin, Germany.
-  **XXIV Applied Economics Meeting, Asociación Libre de Economía (ALdE)**
Palma, Spain.

Skills



- Languages  German, Native.
 English, Fluent (*Toefl iBT 116/120*).
 Japanese, Conversational (*JLPT N2*).
- Computer Skills  STATA, \LaTeX , MS-Office.
- Miscellaneous  Research, Teaching.

Awards & Scholarships

- 2018  **PROMOS Scholarship, DAAD**
Scholarship awarded for the study abroad program at Sophia University in Tokyo.
- 2016 – 2017  **Germany Scholarship, BMBF & NRW-Bank**
Joint talent promotion by the Federal Government and private sponsors.
- 2015  **ISAP Scholarship, DAAD**
Scholarship awarded for the study abroad program at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo.
- 2014  **Dean's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, University of Cologne**
Ranked in the top 10% of the Bachelor's program in Economics.

Miscellaneous

Social Engagement

- 2015–2018  **University of Cologne Buddy Program**, Assisting exchange students in Cologne.
- 2017  **FIB-Student Forum for Integration and Education e.V.**, Volunteering as a tutor for children learning the German language.

Other Training

- 2018  **COTO Language School Tokyo**. Language course - Japanese.
- 2016  **LSI Language Academy Toronto**. Language course - English.