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Education

Humboldt University of Berlin

Berlin, Germany

PHD IN ECONOMICS (EXPECTED SEPT 2026)

10/2021 - today

- Research areas: Migration economics, labor economics, applied microeconomics
- Title: Essays on economics of migration
- Supervisors: Herbert Brücker, Andreas Steinmayr

Leipzig University

Leipzig, Germany

M.Sc. IN ECONOMICS

10/2016 - 08/2019

- Area of specialization: economic policy

University of Damascus

Damascus, Syria

B.Sc. IN ECONOMICS

09/2004 - 08/2010

Professional Experience

- 10/2021 – **Researcher**, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Area Migration and International Labour Studies (INTER), Nuremberg, Germany
today
- 09/2019 – **Researcher**, Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Department Migration & Mobility, Wiesbaden, Germany
09/2021
- 08/2018 – **Research Internship**, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg, Germany
11/2018
- 05/2017 – **Teaching & Research assistant**, Institute for Economic Policy, Leipzig University, Germany
03/2019

Ongoing Projects

- ”Syrian Refugees & Bilateral Trade between Hosting Countries”. *(draft upon request)*
- ”The Effect of Mobility Restrictions on Refugees”. with Sekou Keita; Philipp Jaschke; and Sam Gyetvay *(draft upon request)*
- ”No Ripple in the Pond: Exposure to Refugees and Native Well-being”. with Katharina Kolb *(draft upon request)*
- ”The Downfall of Assad: Syrian Refugees’ Settlement Intentions after the Unexpected Regime Change”. IAB-Discussion Paper, with Luisa Hammer, Yuliya Kosyakova, Katia Gallegos-Torres, Lukas Olbrich, Theresa Koch, and Simon Wagner *(R&R in PLOSone)*

Publications

- 2023 **“Syrians of Today, Germans of Tomorrow”**. *Frontiers in Political Science*, with Maria Becker
- 2022 **“The War in Ukraine, International Trade and Price Effects on the German Economy”**. In: **IAB-Forum**, with Ignat Stepanok
- 2022 **„Die Folgen des Ukraine-Kriegs für Migration und Integration: Eine erste Einschätzung“**. **IAB-FORSCHUNGSBERICHT 2|2022**, with Herbert Brücker; Laura Goßner; Andreas Hauptmann; Philipp Jaschke; Yuliya Kosyakova; Ignat Stepanok
- 2021 **„Angekommen auf dem Arbeitsmarkt? Integration syrischer Geflüchteter in den deutschen Arbeitsmarkt“**. *Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell*, 4/2021.

Other publications in Arabic on Aljumhuriya.

”<https://aljumhuriya.net/ar/authors/kamal-kassam/>”

Teaching Experience

- Winter
2017-2018 **Introduction to Economics**, Problem class, Bachelor (University Leipzig)
- Summer
2017-2019 **Financial Market Crisis**, problem class, Bachelor (University Leipzig)

Conference Presentations

- 09/2025 **Annual Conference of the Austrian Economic Association**, Krems, Austria
- 08/2025 **The European Economic Association Annual Conference**, Bordeaux, France
- 06/2025 **Migration and Family Workshop**, Paris, France
- 06/2025 **International Conference on European Economics and Politics**, Milan, Italy
- 06/2025 **Worwick Economics PhD Conference**, Warwick, England
- 05/2025 **IZA-Leiden University-OECD Workshop**, The Hague, Netherlands
- 09/2024 **VfS Annual Conference**, Berlin, Germany
- 07/2024 **SOEP User Conference**, Berlin, Germany
- 05/2024 **Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration**, Lille, France
- 02/2024 **16th Workshop on Empirical Microecon. / Applied Microeconometrics**, Jena, Germany
- 07/2021 **Annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics**, Online
- 05/2021 **Women on Move - Current Perspectives on Female Migration (DIW)**, Berlin, Germany

Skills

- Software **Stata, R**
- Editor **LaTeX**
- Languages **Arabic**, Native
- English**, C1
- German**, C1
- Russian**, B1
- French**, A1

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- 2021 **GradAB scholarship for a 3-year PhD program**, IAB & Friedrich-Alexander-University
Erlangen-Nuremberg
- 2016 **Otto Benecke Foundation (OBS) grant for German language training**, InterDaF Leipzig

Research Stays

- 02/2025 **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Economics** Host: Prof. Jan Stuhler *Madrid, Spain*
- 11/2024 **University of Innsbruck, Department of Public Finance** Host: Prof. Andreas Steinmayr *Innsbruck, Austria*

Refereeing

**Empirical Economics Journal, Journal of International Migration and Integration,
Comparative Population Studies**

References

Prof. Dr. Herbert Brücker

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