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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: 16.07.1979
Citizenship: German
Legal status: Married, 5 wonderful children

ACADEMIC CAREER

Current positions

Since 2020 Head of research unit "Labor market and self-employment" at the Institute for SME Research, University of Mannheim
Since 2019 Affiliated researcher at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research

Previous positions

2018 - 2019 Senior researcher at the Institute for SME Research, University of Mannheim
2015 - 2017 Senior researcher at the Walter Eucken Institute, Freiburg
2015 - 2017 Senior researcher at the Chair for Economic Policy and Institutional Economics (Prof. Lars P. Feld), University of Freiburg
2012 - 2017 Senior researcher/lecturer at the Chair for Applied Economic Research and Econometrics (Prof. Bernd Fitzenberger), University of Freiburg
2008 - 2012 Ph.D. in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; Thesis topic: "*Essays in Immigration Economics and Political Economy*" (Supervisor: Libertad Gonzalez)
2007 - 2008 Master of Research in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
2006 - 2007 Parental leave
2005 - 2006 Master of Science in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
2003 - 2005 Diplom in Economics, University of Freiburg
2002 - 2003 Exchange year in the Master program in Economics, Yale University, USA
2000 - 2002 Vordiplom in Economics and Political Science, University of Freiburg

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Political Economy, Experimental Economics, Applied Econometrics

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Keusch, F., M. Leonard, S. Steiner, and C. Sajons (in press). Using smartphone technology for research on refugees – Evidence from Germany. *Sociological Methods and Research*.
- Sajons, C. (2019). Birthright citizenship and parental labor market integration. *Labour Economics* 57: 1–22.
- Sajons, C. (2016). Does granting citizenship to immigrant children affect family outmigration? *Journal of Population Economics* 29: 395–420.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Hartmann, C., R. Leicht, and C. Sajons (2018). *Potenziale und Hemmnisse der Integration von Geflüchteten in den baden-württembergischen Arbeitsmarkt*. GesellschaftsReport Nr. 4 | 2018, Statistisches Landesamt Baden-Württemberg.
- Dörr, A., O. Flayyih, F. Keusch, S. Steiner, and C. Sajons (2018). *Die Arbeitsmarktsituation von Flüchtlingen – Empirische Evidenz auf Basis einer Umfrage unter geflüchteten Menschen in Baden-Württemberg*. Report for Mangold Consulting.
- Feld, L.P., A. Dörr, P. Hirsch, and C. Sajons (2017). *Fakten statt Stimmungslage - Malteser Migrationsbericht 2017*. Report for Malteser Hilfswerke e.V.
- Sajons, C., and I. Clots-Figueras (2014). *Birthright citizenship and educational integration – Do immigrant children need a passport to thrive?* Report for the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation.
- Sajons, C. (2011). *Essays in Immigration Economics and Political Economy*. Ph.D. thesis. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

WORKING PAPERS

- Fitzenberger, B., M. Furdas, and C. Sajons (2016). *‘End-of-year’ spending and the long-run employment effects of training programs for the unemployed*. IZA Discussion Paper No. 10441. Current status: Reject and resubmit at the *Journal of Political Economy*
- Sajons, C. *Information on the ballot and voter satisfaction in open list elections - Evidence from an exit-poll experiment*. Current status: Preparation for submission
- Sajons, C., J. Meyer, and S. Wolf. *Electing parents*. Current status: Preparation for submission

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Dörr, A., C. Hartmann, and C. Sajons. *Unregistered work among refugees - Findings from a list experiment in Germany*.
- Laub, N., and C. Sajons. *Reduced retirement age - Off we go!?*
- Müller, B., and C. Sajons. *Is active case management the key to the successful integration of refugees? Evidence from a field experiment in Germany*.

- Felfe, C., C: Hartmann, C. Sajons, and J. Saurer. *Matching frictions or perfect fit? Analyzing the situation of refugees on the market for apprenticeships in Germany.*
- Sajons, C., and J. de Lazzer. *Candidates' professions and the gender gap in parliaments – Experimental evidence from Germany.*
- Sajons, C., O. Flayyih, and M. Leonard. *The conservatism paradox - Why conservative migrants vote for progressive parties.*

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2020-2022 | Research grant from the Mercator Foundation for the project " <i>Fachkräfte der Zukunft oder langfristig marginalisiert? Möglichkeiten der Integration von geringfügig qualifizierten Geflüchteten</i> ", joint with Christina Felfe (Project no. 19039400, 240,000 Euro) |
| 2020-2021 | Seed funding from the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research for the project " <i>Aspiring migrant entrepreneurs in Germany - Potentials and pitfalls in the start-up process</i> ", joint with Bettina Müller (35,000 Euro) |
| 2019 | Seed funding from the University of Mannheim for the project "Is active case management the key to the successful integration of refugees? Evidence from a field experiment in Germany", joint with Bettina Müller (11,000 Euro) |
| 2018-2020 | Study " <i>Evaluation des Integrationsmanagements in Baden-Württemberg</i> " for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration of the state of Baden-Württemberg, joint with René Leicht (310,500 Euro) |
| 2018 | Study " <i>Potenzziale und Hemmnisse der Integration von Geflüchteten in den baden-württembergischen Arbeitsmarkt</i> " for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration of the state of Baden-Württemberg, joint with René Leicht (100,000 Euro) |
| 2016-2017 | Research grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Science Foundation) for the project " <i>Life and Integration in Germany</i> " (24,000 Euro) |
| 2015-2017 | Research grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Science Foundation) for the project " <i>The effect of information cues on the ballot on voter satisfaction and behavior in open-list elections</i> " (SA 2845/1-1, 130,000 Euro) |
| 2014 | Seed funding from the University of Freiburg for the project " <i>The effect of information cues on voting behavior and voter satisfaction in open-list elections</i> " (12,500 Euro) |

2013-2014	Research grant from the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation for the project " <i>Birthright citizenship and education - Do immigrant children need a passport to thrive?</i> " (Project no. 20.13.0.044, 55,000 Euro)
2012	Ph.D. prize from the Catalan Agency for the Administration of University and Research Grants (AGAUR) (3,000 Euro)
2008-2011	Ph.D. scholarship from the Catalan Agency for the Administration of University and Research Grants (AGAUR) (55,000 Euro)
2003-2005	Scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (5,000 Euro)
2002-2003	Scholarship from the Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg for an academic stay at Yale University (8,000 Euro)

PRESENTATIONS

2019	European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), Bath, UK; 2nd Conference on Integration, Lobbach, Germany
2018	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Mannheim , Germany; Congress "Labor market integration of refugees", Stuttgart, Germany; University of Applied Sciences Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany
2017	Institute for the future of labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany; Ministry for Social Affairs and Integration, Stuttgart, Germany; Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany
2016	Workshop on Microeconomics, Lüneburg, Germany; Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS), Freiburg, Germany; Annual Meeting of the European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), Berlin, Germany; Workshop "New Insights into Political Economy", Berlin, Germany, University of Hamburg, Germany
2015	7 th Economic Workshop, Trier, Germany; "The German labor market in a globalized world", Nürnberg, Germany; Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Mannheim, Germany; University of Konstanz, Germany, Free University Berlin, Germany
2014	Annual Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Ljubljana, Slovenia; Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Hamburg, Germany; ESPE, Braga, Portugal; Workshop on Family Policy, Center of European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany
2013	University of Passau, Germany; ifo Institute, Munich, Germany

2012	EALE, Bonn, Germany; Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Berlin, Germany; Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Mannheim, Germany; University of Heidelberg, Germany
2011	Symposium of the Spanish Economics Association (SAE), Malaga, Spain; Annual Meeting of the Spanish Association of Law and Economics (AEDE), Barcelona, Spain; “Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge”, London, UK; Berlin Network of Labor Economists (BeNA), Germany; ZEW, Mannheim, Germany; University of Freiburg, Germany
2010	SAE, Madrid, Spain; AEDE, Madrid, Spain; ESPE, Essen, Germany

REFeree ACTIVITY

Journal of Labor Economics, International Migration Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Population Research and Policy Review, International Journal of Manpower, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer, 2015	Intermediate Econometrics (graduate), University of Freiburg
Winter, 2014	Applied Labor Economics (undergraduate), University of Basel
Summer, 2013	Labor Economics (graduate and undergraduate), University of Freiburg
Winter, 2012	Econometrics (undergraduate), University of Freiburg, Coordinator
Summer, 2012	Labor Economics (graduate), University of Freiburg
Winter, 2011	Thesis project (graduate), Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
Fall, 2010	Introduction to Stata (graduate), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)
Winter, 2010	Public Economics (undergraduate), UPF, Teaching Assistant (TA)
Winter, 2008-2010	Labor Economics (undergraduate), UPF, TA
Winter, 2009	Econometric Methods (graduate), UPF, TA
Summer, 2008	Economic Theory I (undergraduate), UPF, TA
Summer, 2004	Macroeconomics I (undergraduate), University of Freiburg, TA
Summer, 2002	Introduction to Programming (undergraduate), University of Freiburg, TA

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICES AND POSITIONS

2012 - ongoing	Supervision of Bachelor and Master theses at the Universities of Freiburg and Mannheim
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2012 - 2017	(Co-)Organization of the seminar series of the Association of Freiburg Economists
2014 - 2017	(Co-)Organization of the internal Applied Economics Seminar at the University of Freiburg
2013 - 2015	President and outgoing president of the Association of Freiburg Economists
2014	Editor of the <i>Zeitschrift für Freiburger Wirtschaftswissenschaftler</i>

LANGUAGES

German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced)