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Research Interests Economic Geography, Public Finance, Economic History, Political Economy

Ongoing Projects

Bartels, C., **Rieger, T**. Economic Conditions and Far-Right Support: Places or People?

Bartels, C., **Rieger, T**. Spatial Income Inequality in Germany, 1957-2020.

Presentations

Public Economics Colloquium (Leipzig), 1st Annual Conference Center for Advanced Studies Finance & Inequality (Bonn), 40th Meeting of the European Economic Association (Bordeaux), 81st Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Nairobi), RFBerlin Brown-Bag-Seminar (Berlin), 52nd Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (Riga), PhD Workshop at the 6th Congress of Economic and Social History (Berlin)	**2025**
BeNA Winter Workshop (Berlin), BeNA 20-Year Jubilee Conference (Berlin), German-Polish PhD Summer School in Economics (Warsaw)	**2024**

Education

PhD Candidate at **DIW Berlin / Free University of Berlin**, Germany	**10/2023 -**
Advisors: Carsten Schröder, Sebastian Braun *Visiting Student Researcher at UC Berkeley (2026), invited by Emmanuel Saez*	
PhD Course Phase at **DIW Berlin Graduate Center**, Germany	**10/2022 - 10/2023**
MSc in Economics at **Humboldt University of Berlin**, Germany	**10/2020 - 10/2022**
BA in Philosophy & Economics at **University of Bayreuth**, Germany	**10/2015 - 04/2019**
Visiting Program at University of St Andrews, Scotland (2017)	

Honors and Awards

Research Scholarship by the **German Academic Exchange Service**	**01/2026 - 05/2026**
€7,500 for a research stay at UC Berkeley, USA	
Henrike und Dr. Thomas Kurze Award	**04/2023**
€500 for best MSc at the School of Business and Economics at HU Berlin in winter 2022/2023	
Fellow of the **German Academic Scholarship Foundation**	**07/2016 - 10/2022**
Monthly stipend of €300, and €10,000 for a study visit at the University of St Andrews, Scotland	

Professional Service

Board member of the **Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BeNA)**	**01/2026 -**
Organizing the **BeNA Lecture Series**	**10/2025**
Co-organizing the **BSoE Political Economy Workshop**	**04/2025**
Organizing the bi-weekly seminar series **SOEP Brown Bag**	**10/2023 - 12/2025**

Pre-PhD Publications

Kühne, S., S. Liebig, D. Graeber, and **T. Rieger** (2022). SOEP-CoV: Project and Data Documentation. PDF. *SOEP Survey Papers 1133* (Series C).

Rieger, T., C. Schmidt-Petri, and C. Schröder (2022). Attitudes Toward Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination in Germany: A Representative Analysis of Data From the Socio-Economic Panel for the Year 2021. HTML. *Deutsches Ärzteblatt International*, 119(19), 335.

Graeber, D., T. Okubo, **T. Rieger**, C. Schmidt-Petri, and C. Schröder (2022). Social Norms and Preventive Behaviors in Japan and Germany During the COVID-19 Pandemic. HTML. *Frontiers in Public Health 10*, 842177. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 10, 842177.

Academic Experience	Teaching assistant at **DIW Berlin Graduate Center**, Germany	**10/2023 - 12/2023**
	Econometrics I (PhD level)	
	Research assistant at **DIW Berlin**, Germany	**11/2020 - 10/2022**
	Teaching assistant at **University of Bayreuth**, Germany	**04/2017 - 08/2017**
	Academic writing and presentation (Bachelor level)	
Other Relevant Experience	Intern at **Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs**, Germany	**08/2022 - 10/2022**
	Intern at **OECD Paris**, France	**03/2020 - 08/2020**
	Intern at **NERA Economic Consulting**, Germany	**06/2019 - 11/2019**

Skills

Computer
Advanced: Stata, LaTeX, MS Office
Good: R, Python

Language
Fluent: German (native), English
Good: French