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Position

Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, August 2018 – present

Education

Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Strategy, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2012-2018

M.Sc. in Economics, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) Vienna, 2010-2012

B.Sc. in Business Administration, Economics and Social Science, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration (WU Wien), 2006-2010

B.A. in Political Science, University of Vienna, 2006-2010

Research

Economics of Innovation, Innovation Policy

Publications

Widmann, R. (2023): Immigrant inventors and local income taxes: evidence from Swiss municipalities. *Journal of Public Economics*, Issue 219 (2023): 104822 ([download here](#))

Working Papers

Widmann, R., Rose, M. and Chugunova, M. (2022): Sexual misconduct: Do you separate the researcher from his research? (*Reject and Resubmit: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences - PNAS*) ([download here](#))

Widmann, R. (2023): The Behavioral Additionality of Government Research Grants (*Submitted*) ([download here](#))

Heite, J., Hoisl, K. and Widmann, R. (2022): Ability differences, Noise and performance in crowdsourcing contests (*Currently under revision*) ([download here](#))

Cristelli, G. and Widmann, R. (2023): Open border policy and knowledge diffusion (*Target Journal: Management Science*)

Berkes, E., Weinberg, B. and Widmann, R. (2023): The importance of mentors: evidence from faculty deaths (*Target Journal: Research Policy*)

Invited Presentations

2022: NOeG WU Winter Workshop, Ohio State University, INNOPAT Mannheim, Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics Bern, Geography of Innovation Milan, TIME Seminar Munich

2021: IRIS University of Michigan, DRUID Conference Copenhagen, TIME Seminar Munich

2020: Geography of Innovation Conference Stavanger, LMU Munich, University Kassel

2019: ZEW Mannheim Innopat, Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics Lugano, LMU Munich, Ohio State University, EPFL Lausanne, TU Munich

2018 and before: Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition Research Seminar, University of Wisconsin at White-Water, VPDE Conference Torino, Mannheim Summer School on Taxation and R&D, Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), Kellogg School of Management Strategy Brown Bag Seminar, Northwestern Applied Micro Workshop

Teaching

Lecturer: Master level Seminar in Economics of Innovation at TUM School of Management (Fall 2021 and Fall 2022)

Teaching Assistant: for Benjamin F. Jones, Nicola Persico and Timothy Feddersen at Kellogg School of Management (2014-2018)

Refereeing

Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Research Policy

Awards and Fellowships

General Motors Research Center Dissertation Fellowship 2018

Austrian Lottery Award 2011

Leistungsstipendium WU Wien 2008-2010