

# ILKA GERHARDS

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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International research projects  
High visibility in international conferences  
Long-standing experience in large-scale inter-institutional research collaborations  
Repeated research stays abroad  
  
Frequent experience in raising third-party funds  
Extensive experience in teaching  
  
Abundant experience in acquiring and processing large datasets  
Excellent methodological education

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Health Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconometrics

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor** (non-tenure track), LMU Munich *since 2022*  
Seminar for Population Economics

## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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**CESifo Affiliate Member** *since 2022*  
**Member of SFB/ CRC TRR 190**, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) *since 2017*

## RESEARCH VISITS

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**Visiting Researcher** *2017 - 2018*  
University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Sponsor: Shelly Lundberg  
  
**Visiting Graduate Student** *2013 - 2014*  
Universidad de Zaragoza (UNIZAR)

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics** (Dr. oec. publ.), LMU Munich *2015 - 2022*  
Thesis committee: Uwe Sunde, Joachim Winter, Ludger Wößmann  
Evidence-Based Economics Graduate Program (EBE)  
  
**MSc in Economics**, research track, LMU Munich *2012 - 2015*  
  
**BSc in Business Sciences and Economics**, extra-occupational studies *2007 - 2012*  
FernUniversität in Hagen (FeU)

## SCHOLARSHIPS & DISTINCTIONS

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<b>Research grant</b> , Junior Development Program LMU Munich	<i>2022, 2024</i>
<b>Joachim Herz Fellowship</b> , for interdisciplinary research	<i>2019 - 2022</i>
<b>SFB travel grant</b> , DFG	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
<b>Fulbright Scholarship</b> , for a research stay at UCSB	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
<b>Presentation at Lindau Meeting of the Laureates</b>	<i>2017</i>
<b>Lecture Subsidy for Young Scientists</b> , German Economic Association	<i>2016</i>
<b>LMU Mentoring/ LMUexcellent Scholarship</b> , for emerging female academics	<i>2015 - 2017</i>
<b>Dissertation Scholarship</b> , Elite Network of Bavaria	<i>2015 - 2017</i>
<b>LMU Anita-Augspurg-Prize</b> , best master's thesis in Economics	<i>2015</i>
<b>Matrículas de Honor</b> , best student tuition fee exemption at exchange university	<i>2014</i>
<b>A-levels/ "Abitur"</b> , best student of school's cohort	<i>2006</i>

## RESEARCH

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### **Advanced Work in Progress** (>post conference presentation stage)

Major Birth Interventions & Patients' Health (Care) Outcomes - Evidence from Germany on the Key Role of Labor Induction

Relative Age in the Classroom, Parental Choice, and Returns to Schooling

Class Composition Effects - Multigrade Classes for the Youngest (with Uwe Sunde & Larissa Zierow)

Class Composition and Educational Outcomes - Evidence from the Abolition of Denominational Schools (with Uwe Sunde & Larissa Zierow)

The Effect of Peace Agreements on Conflict and Violence: The Case of Colombia (with John Michael Riveros Gavilanes & Uwe Sunde)

### **Early-stage Projects**

Medium-run Effects of Birth Interventions (with Naomi Gershoni & Hadar Goldshtein)

Exposure to Extreme Weather Conditions throughout Pregnancy and Early Life and Children's Returns to Schooling (with Kateryna Panchenko)

Flexible School Entrance and Absenteeism (with Margarita Gatsou & Simon Velten)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

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*2024*: CRC Rationality and Competition 14th Retreat, Schwanenwerder; ESPE 37th Annual Conference, Rotterdam; LMU-ifo Junior Faculty Retreat, Munich; EALE European Association of Labor Economists, Bergen; CESifo Area Conference for Labor Economics 2024; VfS Annual Meeting 2024, Berlin.

*2023*: LMU-ifo Junior Faculty Retreat, Munich.

*2022*: CRC Rationality and Competition 11th Retreat, Tutzing; LMU-ifo Junior Faculty Retreat, Kochel.

*2020*: ifo Center Seminar 2020/Q2 (cancelled); Joachim-Herz Network Meeting 2020/03 (dto.).

*2018*: CRC Rationality and Competition 4th Retreat, Ohlstadt; UCSB Econometrics Research Group, Santa Barbara.

*2017*: UCSB Labor Seminar, Santa Barbara; 20th IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Ammersee; 3rd LEER Workshop Education Economics, Leuven; 10th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics, Dortmund; Perspectives on (Un-)Employment - 9th Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop, Nuremberg; Invited Presentation at JKU, Linz.

*2016*: Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, Edinburgh; ifo Center Seminar, Munich; Marsilius Academy Early Childhood in Transition, Heidelberg; 4th Workshop on the Efficiency in Education, Milan; MGSE Colloquium 2016, Munich; VfS Annual Meeting 2016, Augsburg; EBE Summer Meeting 2016, Freising; 7th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro; ESPE 30th Annual Conference, Berlin; XIX Applied Economics Meeting, Seville; Workshop Natural Experiments and Controlled Field Studies, Ohlstadt; 2nd EBE Summer School, Ohlstadt.

## TEACHING & MENTORING

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### Lectures & Seminars, LMU Munich

SPS Econometric Applications in (Macro-)Economics, BSc-level seminar	<i>2024</i>
SPS Applied Economics, BSc-level seminar	<i>2023</i>
Applied (Macro-)Economics, MSc-level lecture	<i>since 2022</i>

### Tutorials, LMU Munich

Grundlagen der VWL II, BSc-level tutorial	<i>2022</i>
Makroökonomie I/ II, BSc-level tutorial	<i>2017 - 2021</i>
Managerial Economics II, MSc-level tutorial	<i>2017</i>
Empirische Ökonomie II, BSc-level tutorial	<i>2016</i>

### Mentoring, LMU Munich

PhD co-supervision as junior mentor	<i>since 2024</i>
RA guidance & management	<i>since 2016</i>
BSc/ MSc thesis & seminar paper supervision	<i>since 2016</i>

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Applied Sector Networks & Data Acquisition

Initiator of collaboration with BISEF (Bildungstiftung St. Ursula für Schule, Erziehungs- und Fachwissenschaften)	<i>since 2022</i>
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### Workshops

Co-Organizer, EBE Summer Meeting, Freising	<i>2016</i>
Organizational Assistant, IV Workshop in Time Series Econometrics, Zaragoza	<i>2014</i>

Refereeing Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization	<i>2023</i>
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Financial Administrative Assistant</b> MGSE Graduate Program GRK 1928 (Carsten Eckel), LMU Munich	<i>2018 - 2022</i>
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<b>Student Assistant</b> CAS Center for Advanced Studies (Uwe Sunde), LMU Munich	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
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<b>Banking Consultant</b> for credit transactions, construction financing, securities LIGA Bank eG, Munich	<i>2010 - 2013</i>
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**Banking Consultant** for private loans  
Targobank eG, Munich

*2009 - 2010*

## **APPRENTICE-/ INTERNSHIPS**

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**Intern**, Econometrics Department Aragon Statistics Institute, Zaragoza

*2014*

**Banking Trainee**, Citibank AG & Co KGaA, Dortmund

*2006 - 2009*

## **SKILLS**

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**Language**      German (native), English (TOEFL 113/120), Spanish (C2)

**Computer**      R, Stata, ArcGIS

*Last updated: October 2024*