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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Capital, Gender, Economic History, Development Economics.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Eberhard-Karls University-Tübingen, Germany.

Research Assistant

Research Associate

Georg-August-University Göttingen, RTG 1723 Globalization and Nov 2020–March 2021

Development. Göttingen, Germany.

German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Institute for African Affairs

Jan-March 2020
(Prof. Renate Hartwig), Full-Time Internship. Hamburg, Germany.

ifo Institute, Center for Energy Climate and Resources (Prof. Karen Pittel), Jul-Aug 2018

Full-Time Internship. Munich, Germany.

Georg-August-University Göttingen, Chair of Development Aug 2016—Sep 2017

Economics (Prof. Vollmer). Göttingen, Germany.

EDUCATION Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen, Germany

2021-present

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Doctoral Student at the Chair of Economic History.

• Preliminary Thesis Title: The Development and Determinants of Numeracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.

• Supervisors: Prof. Jörg Baten & Prof. Johan Fourie.

• Research Stay at Stellenbosch University (March – June 2023).

Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany &

2018 – 2021

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

M.Sc., Development Economics & M.Comm., Economics (Double Degree). GPA: 1.2.

Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany

2015 – 2018

B.A., Economics & Political Science. GPA: 1.3.

• Erasmus+ Exchange Semester, University of Groningen.

## Publications Journal Articles & Working Papers

- 1. Ferber, S. & Baten, J. (2023). 'Numeracy in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Methodological Foundations for a New History of Education'. (R&R at Economic History of Developing Regions)
- 2. **Ferber, S.** & Baten, J. (2022). "Numeracy, Nutrition and Schooling Efficiency in Sub-Saharan Africa-1950 to 2000". *Journal of Development Studies*, 60(7), 1021-1045.
- 3. Baten, J., Benati, G., & **Ferber, S.** (2022). "Rethinking age heaping again for understanding its possibilities and limitations". *Economic History Review*, 75(3), 960-971.

### **Book Chapters**

1. Ferber, S., Fourie, J., Meier zu Selhausen, F. (2023). "The Rise of Education in Africa". In Frankema, E., Hillbom, E., Kufakurinani, U. and Meier zu Selhausen, F. (Eds.) (2023). The History of African Development. A Textbook for a New Generation of African Students and Teachers. African Economic History Network.

On-Going Projects

The Development and Long-Term Impact of the Cape Colonial Education System. With Johan Fourie.

It Ain't Easy: The Complex Relationship Between Education, Child Labour and Poverty.

A Forgotten Tale: The Economic History of Somalia. With Jörg Baten.

Numerical Cognition in Developing Countries.

With Korbinian Möller.

Is Religion Driving Fertility? Investigating the Religion-Fertility Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa. With Renate Hartwig & Jan Priebe.

#### Teaching

# Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen

Applied Research in Economic History (Bachelor & Master) Winter Term 2021 - present International Development Economics & Economic History (Bachelor) Summer Term 2024

## Georg-August-University Göttingen

Microeconomics II (TA, Bachelor) Econometrics (TA, Bachelor)

Winter Term 2018; Summer Term 2020 Summer Term 2017

# & Workshops

Conferences 2024 (planned). YSI Economic History Workshop of Developing Regions, 16 Feb, Madrid, Spain. Economic History Society Annual Conference, 5-7 April, Newcastle, Great Britain. Macro Brown Bag, 25 April, Tübingen, Germany. African Economic History Network Conference, 26-27 Sep, Rome, Italy. Historikerinnen\*-Netzwerk Workshop, 30 Sep-1 Oct, Bonn, Germany.

> 2023. International Research Workshop Education and Development, 6-7 July, Valencia, Spain. European Historical Economics Society Conference, 1-2 September, Vienna, Austria.

> 2022. European Historical Economics Society Conference, 17-18 June, Groningen, Netherlands. World Economic History Congress, 25-29 July, Paris, France.

> 2021. Baden-Württemberg Workshop in Economic History, 1-2 July, Tübingen, Germany. Research Group on Development Economics of the German Economic Association - Doctoral Workshop, 16-17 September, Dresden, Germany. African Economic History Network Regional Meeting, 21-22 October, Lund, Sweden.

## Grants & AWARDS

Carlo Schmid Fellowship by the German Academic Exchange Service 2022 - 2023(11,500 EUR).

Ph.D. Scholarship by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation 2021 - 2024(54,000 EUR).

Research Stay Mobility Grant by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation 2023 (2,000 EUR).

Conference Bursaries by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation 2021 - 2023(1,175 EUR).

Scholarship Joint-Master Program by the German Academic Exchange Service 2019 (11,000 EUR).

**Scholarship** by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (10,800 EUR). 2018 - 2021

**Scholarship** by the Deutschland Stipendium (3,600 EUR). 2015 Outside Academia **United Nations Development Programme**, New York, USA Carlo-Schmid Fellow, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.

Sep~2022--Feb~2023

Delegation of the German Industry and Commerce, Accra, Ghana

Apr–Jun 2018

Marketing Assistant, DEInternational Department.

Partnership Interantional e.V., Germany

2012-present

Local Representative for High School Exchange Students, Volunteer Work.

SKILLS Technical Softwares: Stata, QGIS, Python, LATEX.

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (intermediate).