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Tim studied Economics at U Cologne and Sports Science at the German Sport U where he also earned his PhD before joining U Tübingen as a Full Professor of Sport Economics in 2012. He is a founding board member of the European Sport Economics Association, co-founder of the Tübingen Data Science and Sports Lab, and elected Vice Dean for Research of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. Tim's empirical work follows three broader research lines – 'society and public policy', 'leagues and competitions', 'media and management' – and was supported with research grants from the German Research Foundation (DFG) as well as SNSF, UEFA, and FIFA. Amongst others, he was Principal Investigator in research projects conducted on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Federal Institute for Sports Science, and Major League Soccer. Moreover, Tim served as a guest speaker invited by institutions, such as the Council of the European Union, the Sports Committee of the German National Parliament, or UNICEF, and different clubs, leagues, and associations.

July 2026: *h*-index: 29 • 3.8k citations • 0.9m € project funding
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I) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2012	FULL PROFESSOR OF SPORT ECONOMICS (W3), U TÜBINGEN.
since 2022	Vice Director: Institute of Sports Science.
since 2019	Vice Dean for Research (since 09/24 Deputy Dean): Faculty of Economics and Social Sc. <i>ex officio</i> Chair: Ethical Commission of the Faculty. Deputy Chair: PhD Program Commission of the Faculty. Member: Faculty Board, Faculty Council, Advisory Board for the Humanities, Steering Board LEAD Graduate School and Research Network, U Committee for Core Facilities.
2016–2022	Deputy Member: Study Program Commission of the Faculty.
2016–2020	Member (2018–2020 Chair): Graduate Funding Commission of the Faculty.
2016	Visiting Scholar: Economics Department, U Maryland, Baltimore County.
2016	Visiting Scholar: Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research, U St. Gallen.
since 2015	Member: PhD Award Committee of the European Association for Sport Management.
since 2014	Member: Project Advisory Board of the Federal Institute for Sports Science.
2014	Visiting Scholar: College of Business, Rikkyo U Tokyo.
2013–2017	General Secretary: European Sport Economics Association.
since 2013	Editorial Board Member: European Sport Management Quarterly (2013–), J of Sports Economics (2018–), Sports Economics Review (2022–), J of Sport Management (2026–).
2010–2012	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SPORT ECONOMICS (W1), GERMAN SPORT U COLOGNE.
2011–2012	Member: Academic Senate.
2011–2012	Deputy Director: Institute of Sport Economics and Sport Management.
2011	Visiting Scholar: Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research, U St. Gallen.
2010	Visiting Scholar: Institute of Sport and Leisure Policy, U Loughborough.
2007–2010	RESEARCH ASSISTANT, GERMAN SPORT U COLOGNE.
2007–2010	Research and teaching in Sport Economics (Supervisor: Prof. Breuer).

II) ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

2009	German Sport U Cologne: PhD in Sport Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>).
2007	German Sport U Cologne: Diploma in Sports Science (<i>TOYOTA thesis award</i>).
2007	U Cologne: Diploma in Economics (<i>best term degree</i>).

III) OFFERS FOR A PROFESSORSHIP

2025	U Michigan, Ann Arbor: Full Professor of Sport Economics / Business Analytics.
2021	U Vienna: Full Professor of Sport Economics and Sport Sociology.
2012	U Tübingen: Full Professor of Sport Economics (<i>accepted</i>).
2012	U Stuttgart: Full Professor of Social Sciences in Sport.
2012	U Bielefeld: Associate Professor of Sport Economics.
2010	German Sport U Cologne: Assistant Professor of Sport Economics (<i>accepted</i>).

IV) RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECT FUNDING (*selection*)

2024	Federal Institute for Sports Science (BISp): Project Tender 'Integrity in Sports' (Co-PIs: F. Otto and C. Deutscher).
2023	German Research Foundation (DFG): Research Grant – Project Number 525061914 (international cooperating partner: A. Krumer).
2020	German Research Foundation (DFG): Innovation Fund under Germany's Excellence Strategy – EXC Number 2064/1 – Project Number 390727645 (Co-PI: A. Kelava).
2015	German Research Foundation (DFG, Lead Agency) & Swiss National Science Found. (SNSF): Research Grant – Project Number 277747402 (Co-PI (SNSF): M. Lechner).
2015	Fédération Int. de Football Association (FIFA): Research Grant (with G. Nalbantis).
2013	Major League Soccer, L.L.C. (MLS): Project funding.
2011	Union of European Football Associations (UEFA): Research Grant.
2009	Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF): Project Tender fe32/09 (with C. Breuer).

V) INVITED TALKS (*selection*)

2025	MathSport International conference (keynote).
2023	German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB).
2019	Deutsche Fußball Liga (DFL).
2018	Council of the European Union.
2017	Ministry of Sports, Youth, Popular Education and Community Life in France.
2016	German Football Association (DFB).
2014	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
2014	Union of European Football Associations (UEFA).
2012	Sports Committee, National Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany.
since 2015	European Handball Manager Study Program (EHF).
since 2013	UEFA Executive Master Programs (MESGO and MIP).
since 2009	Presentations in research seminars (i.a. U St. Gallen, U Sorbonne, U Zurich).

VI) WORK IN PROGRESS (*selection*)

Varying reference-point salience,

revise & resubmit – *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* (with A. Krumer & F. Otto).

Racial bias, colorism, and overcorrection,

reject & resubmit – *Management Science* (with K. Colombe, A. Krumer & R. Lavelle-Hill).

Trimming of extreme votes and favoritism: Evidence from the field,

submitted (with A. Krumer & F. Otto).

Emotional driving: Reference-dependent emotions and risky driving behavior after sporting events,

submitted (with T. Richardson, S. Bickley, H. F. Chan, B. Torgler, & S. Yasmin).

Emotional drinking: Surprise, suspense, and alcohol use during soccer matches,

submitted (with L. Fischer, M. Nagel, & A. Kelava).

VII) JOURNAL ARTICLES (*selection*)*

Suspense and surprise in European football,

European Journal of Operational Research, forthcoming (with R. Flepp & T. Richardson).

International rewards and budget concentration in domestic sports leagues,

Annals of Operations Research, 357, 1079–1099, 2026 (with J. D. Moreno-Ternero & S. Weber).

Exploring entertainment utility from football games,

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 223, 185–198, 2024 (with D. R., P. Ramirez, J. Reade, G. Rossi).

Do local expenditures on sports facilities affect sports participation?,

Economic Inquiry, 61(4), 1103–1128, 2023 (with C. Steckenleiter, M. Lechner, & U. Schüttoff).

Nationalistic bias among international experts: Evidence from professional ski jumping,

Scandinavian Journal of Economics, 124(1), 278–300, 2022 (with A. Krumer & F. Otto).

Individual labor market effects of local public expenditures on sports,

Labour Economics, 70, 101996, 2021 (with C. Steckenleiter, T. Wallrafen, & M. Lechner).

Perceived game uncertainty, suspense and the demand for sport,

Economic Inquiry, 56(1), 173–192, 2018 (with G. Nalbantis & D. Coates).

Sports participation and social capital formation during adolescence,

Social Science Quarterly, 99(2), 683–698, 2018 (with U. Schüttoff, P. Downward, & M. Lechner).

* Further papers have appeared in our field journals, including *JSE* (10), *ESMQ* (10), *JSM* (3), and *SMR* (3).

VIII) PUBLIC RELATIONS (*selection*)

• ARD Hart aber fair • Bundesliga Magazin • Der Spiegel • Deutschland Radio • Die Welt • Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung • Handelsblatt • Manager Magazin • NTV • SPONSORS • Süddeutsche Zeitung • Telegraph • The Economist • The New York Times • Welt am Sonntag • Zeit: Der Fluch der Megacclubs •