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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor economics, economics of aging, pensions, policy evaluation

EDUCATION

2021 – present
Ph.D. in Economics
Technical University of Munich (TUM)
Advisor: Axel Börsch-Supan

2016 – 2019
M.Sc. in Economics
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich
Exchange semester, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, 2017–2018

2012 – 2016
B.Sc. in Economics
Heidelberg University

POSITIONS

2023 – present
Researcher
Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Aging and SHARE Analyses (MEA)

2019 – 2022
Researcher
Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich

2018 – 2019
Student research assistant
Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich

2017 – 2019
Student research assistant
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich

JOB MARKET PAPER

2026
How does reducing the retirement age affect younger workers? Evidence from Italy's Quota 100
Work in progress

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles

2021 **Long-run health trends in Europe**
with A. Börsch-Supan and I. Ferrari. *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing* 18, 100303.

Book chapters

forthcoming **Pension reforms and inequality in Germany: Micro-modelling**
with A. Börsch-Supan and J. Rausch. In A. Börsch-Supan and C. Coile (eds.), *Social Security Programs and Retirement around the World: The Effects of Pension Reforms on the Income Distribution of Retirees*. University of Chicago Press. Also NBER Working Paper 32796 (2024).

2022 **The European context: Declining health but rising labor force participation among the middle-aged**
with A. Börsch-Supan, I. Ferrari and G. Pasini. In L. F. Berkman and B. C. Truesdale (eds.), *Overtime: America's Aging Workforce and the Future of Working Longer*, 69–90. Oxford University Press.

WORKING PAPERS

2024 **Short-time employment aid during the Covid-19 lockdown: Short- and long-run effectiveness**
with A. Börsch-Supan, D. López-Falcón and J. Rausch. NBER Working Paper 32760.
Revise and resubmit, Applied Economics

2026 **Health inequality in Germany**
with A. Börsch-Supan, F. Fetzer and J. Rausch. NBER International Social Security Project, Phase 12.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Health at working ages across birth cohorts in Europe and the United States
with A. Börsch-Supan

Spurious cohort trends in health deficit indices: Evidence from SHARE and the HRS
with A. Börsch-Supan

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2020 **Verteilung und Entwicklung von Gesundheit im Alter**
with A. Börsch-Supan and I. Ferrari. MEA Discussion Paper 06-2020.

GRANTS

2025 – 2026 **Research grant, Forschungsnetzwerk Alterssicherung (FNA), Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund**
Effects of lowering the retirement age on the employment prospects of younger workers. With A. Börsch-Supan (principal investigator).

PRESENTATIONS

2026 Workshop on Causal Analysis, FNA and Research Data Centre of the Deutsche Rentenversicherung, Berlin (with A. Börsch-Supan)

2025 NBER International Social Security Project meeting, Eibsee

2023 NBER International Social Security Project meetings, Stockholm and London

RESEARCH NETWORKS

since 2020	**International Social Security Project** National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
2019 – 2022	**Working Longer: In Jeopardy?** Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing	*Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Public Sector Economics*
Supervision	Lars Irmler (M.Sc. thesis, LMU Munich)

DATA AND SKILLS

Data	INPS administrative records (VisitINPS, on-site access in Rome), SHARE, SOEP, HRS
Software	Stata (proficient), LaTeX (advanced), R and Git (intermediate), Python (basic)
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate)