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- CURRENT AFFILIATIONS** **CEMFI, Spain**
Assistant Professor of Economics, since September 2009
- Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Germany**
Research Affiliate, since August 2008
- PREVIOUS POSITIONS** **Boston University, Department of Economics, USA**
Visiting Scholar, September 2008 to February 2009
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Economics, USA**
Visiting Scholar, September 2007 to August 2008
- University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, USA**
Visiting Scholar, January to August 2007
- EDUCATION** **University of St. Gallen, Switzerland**
Ph.D. in Economics, 2009
Thesis Title: Essays on Inequality, Spatial Interaction, and the Demand for Skills
Thesis Committee: David Autor (MIT), Monika Bütler and Alfonso Sousa-Poza (St. Gallen)
- Swiss National Bank Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland**
Program for Doctoral Students, 2005-2006
- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland**
M.Sc. in Economics (lic. oec. HSG), 2004
M.Sc. in International Management (CEMS-MIM), 2004
- University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, USA**
Exchange Student, MBA Program, Spring 2004
- ESADE, Business School, Barcelona, Spain**
Exchange Student, lic/MBA Program, Spring 2002
- AWARDS AND HONORS** Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship for Research at MIT, 2007-2008
Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship for Research at U. of Chicago, 2007
Invitee, 2nd Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Economics, Germany, 2006
Award for Best Diploma Thesis in Economics at the University of St. Gallen, 2004
Swiss Study Foundation Fellowship for Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, 2004
Erasmus Fellowship for Studies at ESADE Barcelona, 2002

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Conference Presentations (Selection)

Spanish Economic Association (SAEe), Valencia, Spain, December 2009
 Econometric Society North American Meeting, Boston, USA, June 2009
 ZEW Workshop on Poverty and Inequality, Mannheim, Germany, March 2009
 European Economic Association (EEA), Milan, Italy, August 2008
 NBER Summer Institute – Labor Studies, Cambridge MA, July 2008
 Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), New York, May 2008
 United Kingdom Dept. of Work and Pensions Conference, Canterbury, UK, July 2006
 United Kingdom Dept. of Work and Pensions Conference, York, UK, July 2005
 CEBR/CESifo Conference on Pension Reforms, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2005

Invited Seminars (Post Job Market)

2009-2010 - Bank of Spain
 2008-2009 - MILLS (Bocconi University/Catholic University of Milan/University of Milan), University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim, University of Freiburg

Referee

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Demography, Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Labour Economics, Labour: Review of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, Oxford Economic Papers, Social Science Quarterly

**RECENT
PAPERS**

"Inequality and Specialization: The Growth of Low-Skill Service Jobs in the United States." Mimeo, January 2010 (with David Autor).

"Price and Prejudice: The Interaction between Preferences and Incentives in the Dynamics of Racial Segregation." Mimeo, January 2010.

"This Job Is 'Getting Old:' Measuring Changes in Job Opportunities Using Occupational Age Structure." *American Economic Review*, Papers and Proceedings, 99(2): 45-51, 2009 (with David Autor).

**PRE-PHD
PUBLICATIONS**

"'Voluntary' and 'Involuntary' Early Retirement: An International Analysis." *Applied Economics* 42(4): 427-438, 2010 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

"Direct Democracy and Life Satisfaction Revisited: New Evidence for Switzerland." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 9(2): 227-251, 2008 (with Justina Fischer, Gebhard Kirchgässner and Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

"Is It Culture or Democracy? The Impact of Democracy and Culture on Happiness." *Social Indicators Research* 82(3): 505-526, 2007 (with Justina Fischer, Gebhard Kirchgässner and Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

"The Determinants of Early Retirement in Switzerland." *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics* 141(2): 247-283, 2005 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

"Why is the Employment Rate of Older Swiss so High? An Institutional Analysis." *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance* 28: 652-674, 2003 (with Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

BOOKS

Die Berechnung des Erwerbsschadens (The Computation of Earnings Damages in Liability Cases). Berne: Stämpfli, 2008 (with Michael Graf, Thomas Geiser and Alfonso Sousa-Poza).

An Empirical Analysis of Early Retirement. Switzerland in an International Comparison. Berne-Stuttgart-Vienna: Haupt, 2004.

Neugründungen von innovativen Kleinstunternehmen. Probleme ihrer Realisierung (Innovative Business Ventures: Challenges for Start-Ups). Berne-Stuttgart-Vienna: Haupt, 2001 (with Stefan Graf, Fred Henneberger and Hans Schmid).

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