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Personal information

- 📌 Swiss, born February 4, 1983
- 📌 Married, 2 children (born 2011 and 2013)
- 📌 Languages: German (native), English, French

Academic positions

- 2022 – ···· 📌 **Full Professor and Director (75%)**, Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2023 📌 **Guest (Academic)**, Department of Economics, University of Melbourne, Australia (Jan – Apr).
- 2016 – 2022 📌 **Assistant Professor and Managing Director (80%)**, Center for Disability and Integration, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2012 – 2016 📌 **Postdoctoral Fellow / Assistant Professor (80%)**, Center for Disability and Integration, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland.

Education

- 2007 – 2012 📌 **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2006 – 2007 📌 **PhD studies in Economics**, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland (no degree).
- 2001 – 2006 📌 **MA in Economics**, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2004 – 2005 📌 **MA in Economics and Finance**, University of Skövde, Sweden.




Other professional achievements and activities

Awards





- 2021 📌 **Swiss Award for Research in Education**, Swiss Coordination Centre for Research in Education, Peers with Special Needs: Effects and Policies (with S. Balestra and H. Liebert), CHF 25,000.
- 2020 📌 **SAGW Nachwuchspreis Silver**, Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Culture and Taxes, CHF 5,000.
- 2019 📌 **Latsis Prize University of St.Gallen**, Fondation Latsis International, Geneva, for the research on the inclusion of people with disabilities into society, CHF 25,000.
- 2014 📌 **Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award 2014**, Employment and Social Protection, Culture and Taxes, EUR 3,000.
- 2012 📌 **Prix de Faculté**, University of Lausanne, for the excellent quality of the doctoral thesis, CHF 1,000.
- 2011 📌 **IIPF Young Economist Award**, Culture and Taxes (with R. Parchet), EUR 500.
- 2010 📌 **Winner of the 2010 Graduate Student Paper Competition**, The North American Regional Science Council, Culture and Taxes (with R. Parchet), USD 250.

Other professional achievements and activities (continued)






Third Party Funding

- 2021  **Basic Research Fund University of St.Gallen**, Ethnic Clustering in Schools and Occupational Choice: Evidence from Switzerland, 2021-2022, CHF 88,148, PI (with R. Hodler).
- 2017  **Swiss National Science Foundation**, Children with special needs: Long-term effects of early therapy and peer composition in schools, 2017-2020, CHF 180,005, PI.
- 2015  **ProSenectute**, Ageing and Agility, CHF 12,000, PI.

Other Professional Activities



- 2022  **Marcel Benoist Foundation**, board of trustees.
- 2021  **Doc.CH**, Swiss National Science Foundation, member of the evaluation commission.
- 2018  **Swiss Society of Health Economics**, board member.
- 2014  **Raiffeisenbank Diepoldsau-Schmitter**, member of the advisory board, (president 2018-2022).

Affiliations








- 2021  **Standing Committee of Population Economics, Verein für Socialpolitik**.
- 2019  **Global Labor Organization (GLO) Fellow**.
 **CESifo Research Network Fellow**.
- 2016  **Swiss Society of Health Economics (SGGÖ)**, founding member.
 **CEPR Affiliate (Labour Economics)**.

Publications

Books and Chapters

- 1  Böhm, S., & Eugster, B. (2018). Ökonomische Aspekte der Arbeitsmarktintegration von Menschen mit psychischen Erkrankungen. In W. Kawohl & W. Rössler (Eds.), *Arbeit und Psyche*.
- 2  Keuschnigg, C., Kogler, M., & Eugster, B. (Eds.). (2018). *Inklusives Wachstum und wirtschaftliche Sicherheit*.

Refereed Journals

- 1  Balestra, S., Eugster, B., & Liebert, H. (2022). Peers with Special Needs: Effects and Policies. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 104, 602–618.
- 2  Balestra, S., Eugster, B., & Liebert, H. (2020). Summer-born struggle: the effect of school starting age on health, education, and work. *Health Economics*, 29, 591–607.
- 3  Baldrige, D., Kulkarni, M., Dirmyer, R., & Eugster, B. (2019). Disability, Gender and Race: Does Educational Attainment Reduce Earning Disparity for All or Just Some? *Personnel Assessment and Decisions*, 2, 91–99.
- 4  Deuchert, E., & Eugster, B. (2019). Income and Substitution Effects of a Disability Insurance Reform. *Journal of Public Economics*, 170, 1–14.
- 5  Eugster, B., & Parchet, R. (2019). Culture and Taxes. *Journal of Political Economy*, 127, 296–337.
- 6  Eugster, B., Lalive, R., Steinhauer, A., & Zweimüller, J. (2017). Culture, Work Attitudes and Job Search: Evidence from the Swiss Language Border. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 15, 1056–1100.
- 7  Eugster, B. (2015). Effects of a higher replacement rate on unemployment durations, employment, and earnings. *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, 151, 1–25.





- 8 Eugster, B., Lalive, R., Steinhauer, A., & Zweimüller, J. (2011). The Demand for Social Insurance. Does Culture Matter? *The Economic Journal*, 121, F413–F448.

Other publications (in German)









- 1 Steck, A. (2019). Romands gründen weniger Firmen und sind länger arbeitslos. In *NZZ am Sonntag*.
- 2 Eugster, B., & Liebert, H. (2016). Arbeitsanreize der Schweizerischen Invalidenversicherung. In *Education Permanente* (Vol. 2016-1).
- 3 Eugster, B., & Jeanneret, L. (2015). Zuhause altern - demografische Ausgangslage und Gesundheitskosten - eine Trendanalyse für 2030. In *Pro Senectute Schweiz*.
- 4 Eugster, B., Lalive, R., Steinhauer, A., & Zweimüller, J. (2012). Ferien und Sozialstaat stehen westlich der Saane hoch im Kurs. In *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (Vol. 173).

Talks and Presentations

Conferences and Seminars (last 5 years)

- 2024  SKILS (Lenzerheide, Switzerland), BöA VfS (Wiesbaden, Germany)
- 2023  Workshop on the Economics of Health and Wellbeing (Hepburn Springs, Australia), Applied Micro Seminar (Melbourne, Australia), Usyd Seminar (Sydney, Australia), CHE Seminar Monash University (Melbourne, Australia), Research Seminar (Basel, Switzerland), Empirical Micro Seminar (Zurich, Switzerland)
- 2022  SKILS (Engelberg, Switzerland), RES annual conference (online), Applied micro seminar (Lund, Sweden), Economics seminar Ca'Foscari University (Venice, Italy)
- 2021  SGGOE conference (online), Bevölkerungsökonomischer Ausschuss VfS (online), Brownbag seminar (St.Gallen, online), VfS annual conference (online), Research seminar (Neuchatel, Switzerland)
- 2020  ifo Lunchtime Seminar (Munich, Germany), Empirical Micro Seminar (Zurich, Switzerland), Tinbergen Institute Labor Seminar (Amsterdam, online), IAB Labor Market Transitions Conference (Nuremberg, Germany), Economics Seminar (Geneva, online)

Policy and public talks (last 5 years)

- 2023  Beispiele für die Nutzung verknüpfter Daten in Forschungsprojekten. Presentation. Bildungsmonitoring und Sonderpädagogik: Austausch mit der Forschung (Berne, Switzerland)
-  Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility. Roundtable. Studienzentrum Gerzensee (Berne, Switzerland)
- 2022  Besondere Bildungsbedürfnisse: Entstehung, Effekte, und Unterstützung. Inaugural lecture (St.Gallen, Switzerland)
-  Peers with Special Needs. Presentation. Forum Inclusion (online)
-  Tackling the Skills Shortage in Europe & the USA. Panel discussion with Martin Kocher. European Forum Alpbach (Alpbach, Austria)
- 2021  The future of Work and Education. Panel discussion with Michael Spence. Nobel Perspectives (St.Gallen, Switzerland)
- 2020  Evaluating inclusive education. Presentation, Symposium on effective philanthropy (St.Gallen, Switzerland)
- 2019  Economic incentives and health expenditures. Presentation. Annual November meeting of santésuisse (Berne, Switzerland)

Talks and Presentations (continued)

- 📌 Inclusive education in practice. Presentation and panel discussion. Sixth interdisciplinary workshop of the CDI-HSG (St.Gallen, Switzerland)
- 📌 Inclusion of children with special needs. Organizer. Information event on SNSF project (St.Gallen, Switzerland)

Teaching/Supervision

Courses

- 📌 Consultancy for Empirical Research (Jan-Apr 2014, Apr-Aug 2016, Aug-Dec 2017)
- 📌 Culture and Economic Outcomes (Bachelor, 2012-2014)
- 📌 Empirical Economic Research (Bachelor, 2014-2024), joint with Michael Knaus/Anthony Strittmatter/David Preinerstorfer
- 📌 Evaluation of Labor Policy (Bachelor, 2020-2024), joint with Simone Balestra/Winfried Koeniger/Arnau Valladares-Esteban
- 📌 Health economics (Bachelor, 2022-2023)
- 📌 Kritisches Denken & datenbasiertes Entscheiden (guest lectures, EMBA, 2023-2024)
- 📌 Labor Economics, Theory and Applications (Master, 2016-2024)
- 📌 Literature seminar (PhD, 2014, 2017) / PhD seminar (PhD, 2024)
- 📌 (Mental) Health and the Labor Market (PhD, 2021-2023), joint with Giacomo Pasini (2021)
- 📌 Policy evaluation (Bachelor, 2013-2018)
- 📌 Topics in Empirical Health and Labor Economics (PhD, 2017), joint with Nicole Maestas

PhD students

- 📌 Joel Frischknecht (supervisor, ongoing)
- 📌 Samuel Jong Kang (supervisor, ongoing)
- 📌 Andrea Burro (supervisor, ongoing)
- 📌 Petru Crudu (visiting 2022, committee member, PhD 2024, Ca'Foscari University of Venice)
- 📌 Fanny Puljic (supervisor, PhD 2023)
- 📌 Aurélien Sallin (supervisor, PhD 2022, SWICA)
- 📌 Helge Liebert (co-supervisor, PhD 2017, Swiss National Bank)

Services

Refereeing Journals

- 📌 American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economic Journal, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, German Economic Review, Health Economics, International Labor Relations Review, International Migration Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research, Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Statistics

Services (continued)

Refereeing Grants

- Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg (CORE grant), Swiss National Science Foundation (Ambizione/PRIMA grant), Swiss National Science Foundation (evaluation commission Doc.CH)

Refereeing Conferences

- SSES, EUHEA, IAB Labor Market Transitions Conference, VfS

University

- PhD program committee (president 2022-...), tenure and promotion committee (president 2022-...), grants committee, junior hiring committee (2018, 2019), senior hiring committee (2021)