

## Steffen Ahrens

### **Personal Information**

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Date of Birth: October 18, 1979  
Citizenship: German  
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### **Affiliations**

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Technische Universität Berlin - Department of Economics and Law  
Collaborative Research Center Transregio 190 “Rationality and Competition”  
Berlin Economics Research Associate (BERA) Program

### **Research Interests**

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Monetary Macroeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Labor Economics

### **Education**

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05/2008 - 02/2014 Dr. sc. pol., Economics, Kiel University, Germany  
Dissertation: “Preferences, Nominal Rigidities, and Monetary Policy”  
10/2002 - 02/2008 Diplom (equivalent to MS), Economics, Kiel University, Germany  
Thesis: “Marginal Costs and Inflation Dynamics: An Econometric Study”  
08/2006 - 05/2007 Academic year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

### **Work Experience**

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06/2016 - present Freelance course instructor for intensive revision courses in macroeconomics for hemmer.economics, Würzburg, Germany  
08/2016 - 09/2016 Visiting Scholar to the Economics Department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA  
03/2014 - present Assistant Professor at Technische Universität Berlin, Faculty of Economics and Economic Law, Chair of Macroeconomics, Berlin, Germany  
05/2013 - 02/2014 Teaching and research assistant to Professor Dr. Frank Heinemann at Technische Universität Berlin, Faculty of Economics and Economic Law, Chair of Macroeconomics, Berlin, Germany  
05/2008 - 01/2015 Research economist at the Presidential Department of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, Germany  
05/2008 - 04/2013 Teaching and research assistant to Professor Dennis J. Snower, Ph.D. at Kiel University, Department of Economics, Chair of Economic Theory, Kiel, Germany  
05/2008 - 12/2011 Session Organizer at the Global Economic Symposium (Kiel, Germany; Plön, Germany; Istanbul, Turkey)

## Teaching Experience

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### TU Berlin:

#### Lectures:

Summer Terms	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (MS)
Winter Terms	2013-2017	Monetary Theory and Policy (BS/MS)

#### Tutorials:

Summer Terms	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (MS)
Summer Terms	2014-2017	Advanced Macroeconomics II (PhD)
Winter Terms	2013-2017	Monetary Theory and Policy (BS/MS)
Summer Terms	2013-2014	Introduction to Macroeconomics (BS)

#### Seminars:

Summer Term	2017	Globalization and Instruments of Trade Policy, joint with Professor Dr. Frank Heinemann, Rouven Geismar, and Philipp L. Pfeiffer
Winter Term	2014	Liquidity Trap: Causes, Implications, Solutions, and Prevention, joint with Professor Dr. Frank Heinemann, Christian Basteck, and Philipp L. Pfeiffer

### Kiel University:

#### Tutorials:

Summer Terms	2011 - 2012	Behavioral- and Neuroeconomics (MS/PhD)
Summer Terms	2010 - 2011	Advanced Macroeconomics II (MS/PhD)
Summer Terms	2009 - 2010	Labor Economics II (MS)
Summer Terms	2008 - 2010	Dynamic Monetary and Labor Theory (PhD)
Winter Terms	2008 - 2013	Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory (BS)

#### Seminars:

Winter Term	2011/12	Shocks, Crises and Spurts in Regional and Global Governance, joint with Professor Dr. Rolf Langhammer
Winter Term	2011/12	Behavioral- and Neuroeconomics: Emotions in Economics, joint with Professor Dennis J. Snower, Ph.D.
Winter Term	2010/11	Global, Regional and National Crisis Management in an Integrated World Economy, joint with Professor Dr. Rolf Langhammer
Winter Term	2009/10	Labor Economics, joint with Professor Dennis J. Snower, Ph.D.
Winter Term	2009/10	Scrutinizing the Biggest Post-War Economic Crisis from a Global Perspective, joint with Professor Dr. Rolf Langhammer

## Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

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- 2017 1st CRC-TRR 190 “Rationality and Competition” Workshop, Schwanenwerder, Germany
- 2016 Nuremberg Reserach Seminar in Economics at the University of Nuremberg, Germany
- 2016 Seminar on Macroeconomics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- 2016 5th Workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1578, Cologne, Germany
- 2016 2nd Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop with Wouter den Haan, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Münster, Germany
- 2015 30th Congress of the European Economic Association, Mannheim, Germany
- 2015 Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 “Economic Risk”, Motzen, Germany
- 2015 21st Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2015 6th GSE Summer Forum: Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics, Barcelona, Spain
- 2015 8th Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics Barcelona, Spain
- 2014 Fall meetings of the Midwest Macroeconomics Conference, Miami, USA
- 2014 7th Conference on Growth and Business Cycle in Theory and Practice, Manchester, UK
- 2014 Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 “Economic Risk”, Motzen, Germany
- 2014 Austrian Economic Association Meeting - Economics of Inequality, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference, Perth, Scotland
- 2014 Berlin PostDoc Workshop, Wandlitz, Germany
- 2014 1st Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop with Fabio Canova, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Philadelphia, USA
- 2013 6th Global Economic Symposium, Kiel, Germany
- 2013 Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 “Economic Risk”, Motzen, Germany
- 2013 18th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2013 Research Seminar at the Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Research Seminar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Boston, USA
- 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, San Diego, USA
- 2012 66th Congress of the Econometric Society, Málaga, Spain
- 2012 27th Congress of the European Economic Association, Málaga, Spain
- 2012 Dynare Summer School at the Banque de France, Paris, France
- 2012 Interdisciplinary Congress “Junge Wissenschaft und Praxis,” Leipzig, Germany
- 2012 17th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Mannheim, Germany
- 2011 4th Global Economic Symposium, Kiel, Germany
- 2011 Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2011 17th Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, San Francisco, USA
- 2011 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Lucerne, Switzerland
- 2011 Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2011 16th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2010 DIW Macroeconometric Workshop, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 3rd Global Economic Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Kiel, Germany
- 2010 NBER Summer Institute 2010, Boston, USA
- 2010 Zeuthen Workshop on Macroeconomics with Jordi Galí, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2009 Seminar on Macroeconomics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- 2009 2nd Global Economic Symposium, Plön, Germany
- 2008 1st Global Economic Symposium, Plön, Germany

## Publications

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Ahrens, S., Pirschel, I. and Snower, D.J. (2017), *A Theory of Price Adjustment under Loss Aversion*, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, volume 134, pages 78–95, Elsevier, Amsterdam.

Ahrens, S. and Hartmann, M. (2015), *Cross-sectional Evidence on State-dependent versus Time-dependent Price Setting*, Economics Bulletin, volume 35(4), pages 2701–2709.

Ahrens, S. and Snower, D.J. (2014), *Envy, Guilt, and the Phillips Curve*. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, volume 99(C), pages 69–84, Elsevier, Amsterdam.

Ahrens, S. and Sacht, S. (2014), *Estimating a High-Frequency New-Keynesian Phillips Curve*. Empirical Economics, volume 46(2), pages 607–628, Springer, Berlin/Heidelberg.

Ahrens, S. and Snower, D. J. (2012), *Auch aus der Sicht von Zentralbanken: Der Mensch als soziales Wesen*, IfW-Highlights 2011, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Ahrens, S. (2009), *Fiscal Responses to the Financial Crisis*, Kiel Policy Brief 11, Kiel Institute for the World Economy. In: *The Crisis and Beyond*, 2009, edited by H. Klodt and H. Lehment.

## Working Papers/Work in Progress

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Ahrens, S., Lustenhouwer, J. and Tettamanzi, M. (2017), *The Stabilizing Role of Forward Guidance: A Macro Experiment*, work in progress.

Ahrens, S., Meissner, T. (2017), *Debt Aversion in the United States: An Experiment on Intertemporal Consumption Smoothing*, work in progress.

Ahrens, S., Nejati, N. and Pfeiffer, P.L. (2015), *Layoff Taxes, Unemployment Insurance, and Business Cycle Fluctuations*, Kiel Working Papers No. 1988, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Ahrens, S., Pirschel, I. and Snower, D.J. (2015), *Path-Dependent Wage Responsiveness*, Kiel Working Papers 1977, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Ahrens, S. (2012), *Inequality Aversion and the Phillips Curve: Bilateral versus Group Comparison*, Kiel Working Papers No. 1802, Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

## Referee

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**Journals:** Economic Modelling, Economics E-Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Labor Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

**Conferences:** Spring Meeting of Young Economists (2x)

## Merits

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- 2015 Erich-Schneider-Award for distinguished dissertation of the Department of Economics at Kiel University
- 2011 Scholarship for the *Chinese Language and Culture Program* at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China
- 2008 Erich-Schneider-Award for distinguished diploma thesis of the Department of Economics at Kiel University
- 2006/2007 Scholarship for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

## Conference/Workshop Organization

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- 2017 Upcoming in late 2017: 3rd Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin, Germany  
Invited scholar (confirmed): Professor Jordi Galí, PhD
- 2016 2nd Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin, Germany  
Invited scholar: Professor Wouter den Haan, PhD
- 2014 1st Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin, Germany  
Invited scholar: Professor Fabio Canova, PhD

## Voluntary Engagement

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- 07/2015 - present “Joblinge” mentoring program for unemployed adolescents and young adults in Berlin, Germany
- 01/2012 - 04/2013 Founder and coordinator of the doctoral student exchange program between Kiel University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- 05/2008 - 04/2013 Coordinator of the *Kiel-Illinois Student Exchange Program* between Kiel University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

## Languages

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- German Native language
- English Fluent in spoken and written

## Software

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Microsoft Office, Scientific Workplace, LaTeX, EViews, Matlab, Mathematica, R

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