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Affiliations

University of Konstanz, Technische Universität Berlin, CRC-TRR 190, BERA

Research Interests

Monetary Macroeconomics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Labor Economics

Education

05/2008 - 02/2014 Dr. sc. pol. in Economics, Kiel University, Germany
05/2008 - 02/2014 Doctoral Program „Quantitative Economics“, Kiel University
10/2002 - 02/2008 Diplom (equivalent to MS) in Economics, Kiel University, Germany
08/2006 - 05/2007 Academic year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Work Experience

10/2019 - 03/2020 Temporary Professorship in Economics, Chair of Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, University of Konstanz, 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, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel
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

Teaching Experience

University of Konstanz:

Lectures:

Winter Term	2019/20	Economic Crises (MS)
Winter Term	2019/20	Introduction to Macroeconomics (BS)

Tutorials:

Winter Term	2019/20	Economic Crises (MS)
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Seminars:

Winter Term	2019/20	Behavioral Macroeconomics (MS)
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Technische Universität Berlin:

Lectures:

Summer Term	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (MS), with Basteck/Pothier
Winter Term	2013-2019	Monetary Economics (BS/MS)

Tutorials:

Summer Term	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (MS), with Basteck/Pothier
Summer Term	2014-2019	Advanced Macroeconomics II (PhD)
Winter Term	2013-2019	Monetary Economics (BS/MS)
Summer Term	2013-2014	Introduction to Macroeconomics (BS)

Seminars:

		(all seminars are joint with the Chair of Macroeconomics)
Summer Term	2019	Sustainable Growth (BS/MS)
Winter Term	2017/18	Bitcoin & Co: The Economics of Crypto Currencies (BS/MS)
Summer Term	2017	Globalization and Instruments of Trade Policy (BS/MS)
Winter Term	2014/15	Liquidity Trap: Causes, Implications, and Solutions (BS/MS)

Kiel University:

Tutorials:

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

Seminars:

		(all seminars are joint with Professor Dennis J. Snower, Ph.D.)
Winter Term	2011/12	Behavioral- and Neuroeconomics: Emotions in Economics (MS)
Winter Term	2009/10	Labor Economics (MS)

Kiel Institute for the World Economy:

Seminars:

		(all seminars are joint with Professor Dr. Rolf Langhammer)
Winter Term	2011/12	Shocks, Crises and Spurts in Regional and Global Governance (MS)
Winter Term	2010/11	Global, Regional and National Crisis Management in an Integrated World Economy (MS)
Winter Term	2009/10	Scrutinizing the Biggest Post-War Economic Crisis from a Global Perspective (MS)

Publications

- 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

- Ahrens, S., Bosch-Rosa, C., Roulund, R.P. (2019), *Asset Price Dynamics and Endogenous Trader Overconfidence*, mimeo.
- Ahrens, S., Bosch-Rosa, C. (2019), *The Motivated Beliefs of Investors Under Limited Liability*, mimeo
- Ahrens, S., Lustenhouwer, J. and Tettamanzi, M. (2019), *The Stabilizing Effects of Publishing Strategic Central Bank Projections*, mimeo.
- 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 No. 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.

Work in Progress

- Ahrens, S., Bitter, L. and Bosch-Rosa, C. (2019), *Do losses coordinate better than gains? Loss framing in minimum effort games*, work in progress
- Ahrens, S., Meissner, T. (2019), *Debt Aversion in the United States: An Experiment on Intertemporal Consumption Smoothing*, work in progress.

Conference, Workshop and Research Seminar Presentations and Summer Schools

2019: Seminar in Macroeconomics at the University of Konstanz (Konstanz, Germany); 5th CRC-TRR 190 Workshop (Schwanenwerder, Germany); Second Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop (Bamberg, Germany); Royal Economic Society Meeting (Coventry, England)

2018: 3rd CRC-TRR 190 Workshop (Schwanenwerder, Germany); Berlin Behavioral Economics Workshop (Berlin, Germany); First Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop (Bamberg, Germany); North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Davis, USA); 9th Conference on Growth and Business Cycle in Theory and Practice (Manchester, England); 33rd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Cologne, Germany); Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Freiburg, Germany); Behavioral Economics Seminar at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Kiel, Germany); 4th CRC-TRR 190 Workshop (Ohlstadt, Germany); 7th Workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1578 (Mannheim, Germany)

2017: 2nd CRC-TRR 190 Workshop (Tutzing, Germany); Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Vienna, Austria); 8th BES-LAB International Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics (Stony Brook, USA); 22nd Annual Workshop on Economic Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents (Milan, Italy); Spring 2017 Mid-West Macroeconomics Meeting (Baton Rouge, USA); 1st CRC-TRR 190 Workshop (Schwanenwerder, Germany)

2016: Research seminar at the University of Nuremberg (Nuremberg, Germany); Research seminar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, USA); 5th Workshop of the DFG Priority Programme 1578 (Cologne, Germany)

2015: Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Münster, Germany); 30th Congress of the European Economic Association (Mannheim, Germany); Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 (Motzen, Germany); 21st Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (Taipei, Taiwan); 6th GSE Summer Forum: Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics & 8th Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics (Barcelona, Spain)

2014: Fall Meetings of the Midwest Macroeconomics Conference (Miami, USA); 7th Conference on Growth and Business Cycle in Theory and Practice (Manchester, England); Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 (Motzen, Germany); Austrian Economic Association Meeting (Vienna, Austria); Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference (Perth, Scotland); Berlin PostDoc Workshop (Wandlitz, Germany)

2013: Annual Meeting of the CRC 649 (Motzen, Germany); 18th Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Aarhus, Denmark); Research seminar at the Technischen Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany); Research seminar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Boston, USA)

2012: 27th Congress of the European Economic Association (Málaga, Spain); Dynare Summer School (Paris, France); Interdisziplinärer Kongress “Junge Wissenschaft und Praxis” (Leipzig, Germany); 17th Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Mannheim, Germany)

2011: Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Frankfurt, Germany); 17th Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (San Francisco, USA); Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (Lucerne, Switzerland); Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference (Istanbul, Turkey)

2010: Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik (Kiel, Germany); 32nd NBER Summer Institute (Boston, USA); Zeuthen Workshop on Macroeconomics (Copenhagen, Denmark)

2009: Research seminar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, USA)

Organization of Scientific Conferences and Workshops

- 2018 4th Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin
Guests: Stephanie Schmitt-Grohé, PhD, Columbia University, New York, USA
Martin Uribe, Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, USA
- 2017 3rd Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin
Guest: Jordi Galí, PhD, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
- 2016 2nd Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin
Guest: Wouter den Haan, Ph.D., London School of Economics, London, England
- 2014 1st Berlin Internal Macroeconomics Workshop, Berlin
Guest: Fabio Canova, Ph.D., European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 2011 Organizer of panel discussion at the Global Economic Symposium, Kiel, Germany
Session: The Economics and Psychology of Building Sustainable Finance
- 2010 Organizer of panel discussion at the Global Economic Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey
Session: Fighting sovereign debt crises worldwide
- 2009 Organizer of panel discussion at the Global Economic Symposium, Plön, Germany
Session: The future of global financial governance
- 2008 Organizer of panel discussion at the Global Economic Symposium, Plön, Germany
Session: How Globalization Transforms the Welfare State

Referee Activities

- University:** Second supervisor for theses (diploma, bachelor, und master)
- Refereed Journals:** Economic Modelling, Economics E-journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organisation, Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Labor Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
- Conferences:** Spring Meeting of Young Economists

Merits

- 2015 Erich-Schneider-Award for distinguished dissertation of the Department of Economics at Kiel University
- 2008 Erich-Schneider-Award for distinguished diploma thesis of the Department of Economics at Kiel University

Volunteering

- 07/2015 - 06/2016 Mentoring activity for JOBLINGE e.V., an initiative of the Eberhard von Kuenheim Stiftung and The Boston Consulting Group to support socially disadvantaged adolescents and young adults' integration in the labor market, 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

- German (native)
- English (fluent)
- Spanish (basic)

Software Skills

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