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Research Interest

Societies' ability to cooperate is crucial to address current environmental, societal, and economic challenges. I am interested in how individual behavior, group processes, and institutional settings interact to foster, sustain, or undermine cooperation, trust, and social cohesion. Working at the intersection of public economics, behavioral economics, and political economy, I use laboratory, online, and field experiments to study economic preferences in social contexts, including cooperation in social dilemmas, preferences for redistribution, consumer social responsibility in markets, and trust and paternalism. From this, I derive implications for the design of policies and institutions.

Professional Experience

since 2022	Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics "Chair of Public Economics", Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg
since 2021	Research Fellow, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Research Center "Global Transformation"
2024	Visiting Researcher, University of Heidelberg (07/2024 invitation by Prof. Dr. Stefan Trautmann)
2024	Lecturer for Behavioral Economics at the Turkish-German University, Istanbul, University of Hohenheim
2022–2024	Economic Consultant, GIZ Interuniversity Academic Partnership, Kiel University and University of Rwanda
2023	Lecturer for Public Economics at the German Federal Ministry of Finance, Center for Postgraduate Education, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg
2020–2022	Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics "Chair of Public Economics", Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg
2016–2021	Junior Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Research Center "Global Cooperation and Social Cohesion"
2016–2019	Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics "Chair of Economic Theory", University of Kiel
2013–2015	Student Research Assistant, Department of Economics "Chair of Economic Theory", University of Kiel and Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Presidential Department

Education

2022	Ph.D. in Quantitative Economics (Dr. sc. pol.), Kiel University Title: The Role of Care in Economic Decision Making Advisors: Prof. Dennis J. Snower, PhD and Prof. Dr. Dr. Ulrich Schmidt
2012–2016	M.Sc. Economics, University of Kiel
2009–2012	B.Sc. European Economic Studies, University of Bamberg
2011–2012	Double B.Sc. Applied Economics, TU Budapest and University of Bamberg

Publications

Peer-reviewed Publications

Ring, P., Schütt, C.A. & Snower, D.J. (2023). Care and anger motives in social dilemmas. *Theory and Decision*, 95(2):273–308. DOI

Schütt, C.A., Pipke, D., Detlefsen, L. & Grimalda, G. (2023). Does ethnic heterogeneity decrease workers' effort in the presence of income redistribution? An experimental analysis. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 79:102440. DOI

Schütt, C.A. (2023). The effect of perceived similarity and social proximity on the formation of prosocial preferences. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 99:102678. DOI

Working Papers

Meemann, C., Schütt, C.A. & Halm, P. (2026). Trust, Autonomy & Paternalism. Available at SSRN (under review)

Kyriakidou-Schoolmann, G., Paetzel, F. & Schütt, C. A. (2026). Redistribution Preferences of Right-Wing Populists: Deservingness, ideology, and selective redistribution. Available at SSRN (under review)

Krause, J.S. & Schütt, C.A. (2026). On the stationarity of ambiguity preferences. Available at SSRN (submitted)

Abellán, M., Mechtel, M., Paetzel, F. & Schütt, C. A. (2024). Markets, consumer social responsibility, and group identity. Available at SSRN (R&R at *Experimental Economics*)

Grimalda, G., Detlefsen, L., Paetzel, F. & Schütt, C.A. (2023). The Price of Not Belonging: Citizenship, Social Contribution, and Education in Redistribution. Available at SSRN

Krause, J.S. & Schütt, C.A. (2023). Perceived similarity and risk taking for others. Available at SSRN

Policy Briefs

Grimalda, G., Detlefsen, L. & Schütt, C.A. (2019). Improving immigrants' integration in host countries. G20-Insights.

Friedl, A., Gelhaar, F., Ring, P. & Schütt, C.A. (2018). Global Nudging als Politikkonzept zur Bewältigung globaler Herausforderungen. Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung, 87(1), 93-103. Link

Selected Work in Progress

Accepting inequality in transformation: How distributional preferences shape political support for sustainability transitions, with Gunther Markwardt

Social network and patterns of cooperation in small-scale societies, with Gianluca Grimalda, Susann Adloff, Peter Andre, Matthias Sutter, Lorenz Götte, Eleanor Power, Andreas Pondorfer & Federico Cammelli

Projects & Grants

2025	Trust, Autonomy, & Paternalism (funded by GfeW: Reinhard Selten-Stipendium, 2.000€ and HSU Hamburg: Freunde & Förderer, 1.500€), in collaboration with Pauline Halm & Christine Meemann
2018–2019	Understanding the interaction between context and motivation in economic decision making (funded by IfW: Kiel Research Initiative, 20.800€), in collaboration with Patrick Ring
2018–2019	Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility to reduce income inequality and bolster social cohesion and well-being (IfW Kiel: Kiel Research Initiative, 22.800€), in collaboration with Simon Bartke, Steven Bosworth, Patrick Ring, & Gianluca Grimalda
2016–2018	From Homo Oeconomicus towards Caring Economics (funded by Institute for New Economic Thinking), PIs: Dennis Snower, & Tanja Singer

Academic Service

Reviewer	Journal of Economic Psychology, Theory & Decision, Experimental Economics
since 2024	Member of the Internal Research Funding Selection Committee (IFF), Helmut Schmidt University
2025	Co-Organizer of the Annual Meeting of the GfeW, Hamburg
2019	Co-Organizer of the 14th Nordic Conference on Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Kiel
2016	Co-Organizer of the 2nd Social and Biological Roots of Economics (SBREW) Conference, Kiel

Attendance and Presentations at Conferences

2026	European Meeting of the Economic Science Association (ESA), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona Presentation: Redistribution Preferences of Right-Wing Populists: Deservingness, Ideology, and Selective Redistribution
2026	18th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Tokyo University, Tokyo Presentation: Redistribution Preferences of Right-Wing Populists: Deservingness, Ideology, and Selective Redistribution
2026	Workshop on Microeconomics, Leuphana University, Lüneburg Presentation: Trust, Autonomy & Paternalism
2025	19th Workshop on Political Economy, Ifo Dresden Discussant
2025	Annual Meeting of the GfeW, Hamburg Presentation: Trust, Autonomy & Paternalism
2025	Workshop on Microeconomics, Leuphana University, Lüneburg Presentation: On the stationarity of ambiguity preferences
2024	European Meeting of the Economic Science Association, Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki Presentation: Preference for redistribution: Does the recipient's residency status, education, and volunteering matter?
2023	Workshop: Verhaltensökonomik 2023, TU Clausthal Presentation: Does ethnic heterogeneity decrease workers' effort in the presence of income redistribution? An experimental analysis
2022	Decision Making for Others Workshop 2022, University of Portsmouth
2022	Workshop: Verhaltensökonomik 2022, TU Clausthal Presentation: Preferences for redistribution and ethnic diversity: Experimental evidence from Germany
2019	NCBEE 2019, Kiel Institute for the World Economy Presentation: Perceived similarity, social Distance and the formation of prosocial preferences
2018	SEET 2018 Workshop, University of Salento Presentation: Care and anger motives in social dilemmas
2018	ESA World Meeting 2018, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Presentation: Care and anger motives in social dilemmas
2018	VfS Annual Meeting 2018, University of Freiburg i.Br. Presentation: Care and anger motives in social dilemmas
2017	CTSN Workshop 2017, University of East Anglia

Teaching Experience

Teaching	Public Economics, Trainee Workshop, German Federal Ministry of Finance (2025, 2026 in German)*
	Behavioral Economics, Lecture, Turkish German University Istanbul, Bachelor Level (2024 in German)*
	Behavioral Public Economics, Lecture, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Master Level (2026, 2025, 2024* in German)
	Public Economics, Lecture, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level (2024 in German)*
	Public Economics, Lecture, German Federal Ministry of Finance, Master Level (2023 in German)*
	Public Finance/Public Economics, Lecture, University of Rwanda, Master Level (2022, 2023 in English)*
	Public Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 in German)
	Regulatory Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level, (2023 in German)
	New Institutional Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level, (2022, 2021 in German)
	Empirical Industrial Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Master Level, (2021 in German)
	Microeconomics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level, (2025, 2022, 2021, 2020 in German)
	Behavioral Public Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Master Level, (2021 in German)
	Advanced topics in Public Economics, Tutorial, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Master Level, (2020 in German)
	Behavioral and Neuroeconomics, Tutorial, Kiel University, Master Level (2017, 2018 in English)
	Labor Economics, Tutorial, Kiel University, Bachelor Level (2017, 2018 in German)
	Introductory Economics, Tutorial, Kiel University, Bachelor Level (2016, 2017 in German)
	Economic Policy, Lecture, DHBW Stuttgart, Bachelor Level (2015 in German)*
Co-Teaching	Masterseminar, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Master Level, (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 in German)
	Bachelorseminar, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Bachelor Level, (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 in German)
	Co-supervision of Bachelor and Master Theses, Kiel University & Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg

*Conducted under own responsibility

Other Competences

Languages	German (Native Speaker), English (C2), Italian (C2), French (B1)
Software	Microsoft Office, oTree, LaTeX, Python, JavaScript, HTML, Stata, R, Matlab

References

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