

Personal Information

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Affiliations

Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin School of Economics

Research Interests

Monetary Macroeconomics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Behavioral Finance

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 Study Abroad at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Work Experience

04/2021 - present Guest Professor in Macroeconomics, School of Business & Economics, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
10/2020 - 03/2021 Substitute Professorship in Economics, Chair of Macroeconomics, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
03/2014 - 12/2020 Assistant Professor, Chair of Macroeconomics, Faculty of Economics and Economic Law, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
10/2019 - 03/2020 Substitute 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
05/2008 - 01/2015 Research economist, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel
05/2013 - 02/2014 Teaching and research assistant to Professor Dr. Frank Heinemann, Chair of Macroeconomics, Faculty of Economics and Economic Law, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
05/2008 - 04/2013 Teaching and research assistant to Professor Dennis J. Snower, Ph.D., Chair of Economic Theory, Department of Economics, Kiel University, Germany

Teaching Experience

Lectures:

FU Berlin	Summer	2021	Economic Crises (M)
FU Berlin	Summer	2021	Monetary Economics (Online Course) (B)
FU Berlin	Summer	2021	Principles of Macroeconomics II (B)
FSU Jena	Winter	2020/21	Monetary and Fiscal Policy (M)
FSU Jena	Winter	2020/21	Advanced Macroeconomics (M)
FSU Jena	Winter	2020/21	Konjunktur, Wachstum und Außenwirtschaft (B)
TU Berlin	Summer	2020	Monetary Economics (Online Course) (B/M)
Uni Konstanz	Winter	2019/20	Economic Crises (M)
Uni Konstanz	Winter	2019/20	Introduction to Macroeconomics (B)
TU Berlin	Summer	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (M)
TU Berlin	Winter	2013-2019	Monetary Economics (B/M)

Tutorials:

FSU Jena	Winter	2020/21	Monetary and Fiscal Policy (M)
Uni Konstanz	Winter	2019/20	Economic Crises (M)
TU Berlin	Summer	2015-2016	Financial Crises and Coordination (M)
TU Berlin	Summer	2014-2019	Advanced Macroeconomics II (PhD)
TU Berlin	Winter	2013-2019	Monetary Economics (B/M)
TU Berlin	Summer	2013-2014	Introduction to Macroeconomics (B)
CAU Kiel	Summer	2011-2012	Behavioral- and Neuroeconomics (M/PhD)
CAU Kiel	Summer	2010-2011	Advanced Macroeconomics II (M/PhD)
CAU Kiel	Summer	2009-2010	Labor Economics II (M)
CAU Kiel	Summer	2008-2010	Dynamic Monetary and Labor Theory (PhD)
CAU Kiel	Winter	2008-2013	Introduction to Macroeconomics (B)

Seminars: (in collaboration with the associated university chair)

Uni Konstanz	Winter	2019/20	Behavioral Macroeconomics (M)
TU Berlin	Summer	2019	Sustainable Growth (B/M)
TU Berlin	Winter	2017/18	The Economics of Crypto Currencies (B/M)
TU Berlin	Summer	2017	Globalization and Instruments of Trade Policy (B/M)
TU Berlin	Winter	2014/15	Liquidity Trap: Causes, Implications and Solutions (B/M)
CAU Kiel	Winter	2011/12	Behavioral- and Neuroeconomics (M)
CAU Kiel	Winter	2009/10	Labor Economics (M)
IfW Kiel	Winter	2011/12	Shocks, Crises and Spurts in Regional and Global Governance (M)
IfW Kiel	Winter	2010/11	Global, Regional and National Crisis Management in an Integrated World Economy (M)
IfW Kiel	Winter	2009/10	Scrutinizing the Biggest Post-War Economic Crisis from a Global Perspective (M)

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.

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.

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

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 H. Klodt and H. Lement (eds.) *The Crisis and Beyond*, 2009.

Working Papers

Ahrens, S., Bitter, L. and Bosch-Rosa, C. (2020), *Coordination under Loss Contracts*, Discussion Paper No. 256, Collaborative Research Center Transregio 190.

Ahrens, S., Bosch-Rosa, C. (2020), *The Motivated Beliefs of Financial Decision-Making Under Limited Liability*, mimeo

Bosch-Rosa, C., Kassner, B., and Ahrens, S. (2020), *The Subjective Error Method: A new measure of overprecision applied to a representative sample*, mimeo.

Ahrens, S., Bosch-Rosa, C., Roulund, R.P. (2019), *Asset Price Dynamics and Endogenous Trader Overconfidence*, mimeo.

Ahrens, S., Lustenhouwer, J. and Tettamanzi, M. (2018), *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., Meissner, T., *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 und 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:** First and second supervisor for theses (diploma, bachelor, und master)
- Peer-reviewed journals:** Economic Modelling, Economics E-journal, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, 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, The Economic Journal, Theory and Decision
- 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