

Marcel Caesmann

Personal Information

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Fields: Political Economy, Economic History

Academic Positions

2026 – **Assistant Professor (non-tenure track)**
Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

Education

2020 – 2026 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *summa cum laude* (Supervisor: [Prof. Joachim Voth](#))
University of Zurich, Switzerland
2024 **Visiting Student Researcher**
University of California, Berkeley, USA
2017 – 2018 **M.Sc. in Economic History**
London School of Economics, United Kingdom
2012 – 2016 **B.A. in Sociology, Politics and Economics**
Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen, Germany

Publications

“Going Viral: Protests and Polarization in 1932 Hamburg.” (with [Bruno Caprettini](#), [Joachim Voth](#), and [David Yanagizawa-Drott](#)), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, forthcoming. [\[Article\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

Working Papers

“Getting Religion: Identity Formation in the Protestant Reformation.” [\[PDF\]](#)

“Censorship in Democracy.” (with [Matteo Grigoletto](#) and [Lorenz Gschwent](#)) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[VoxEU\]](#)

Past Employment

2018 – 2020 **Full-time Research Assistant**
University of Zurich, [Prof. Joachim Voth](#)
2016 – 2017 **Part-time Student Assistant**
Heidelberg University, [Prof. Jonas Dovern](#)

Teaching

2023 Econometrics for Policy Analysts (Master), Zurich, Teaching Assistant
2022 Organizational Economics (Master), Zurich, Teaching Assistant
2021 Financial Crises (Master), Zurich, Teaching Assistant

Scholarships, Awards, and Grants

2025 Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Young Economist Award
2024 UZH Director’s Grant
2024 UZH Doc.Mobility Fellowship
2023 – 2026 UBS Center Scholarship
2023 Austrian Young Economists Award
2014 Deutschlandstipendium

Conferences & Seminars (incl. scheduled)

2026	University of New South Wales ETH Zurich Economic History Graduate Student Seminar (LSE) EHS Conference (LSE) Economic History Workshop (Uppsala) BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona School of Economics) 12th Monash-Paris-Warwick-Zurich-CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop ASREC Europe (University of Warwick, Venice)
2025	IRES Graduate Student Workshop (Chapman University) Warwick PhD Conference (Warwick) Narratives and Culture in Historical Perspective Conference (LSE) Digital Historical Political Economy Conference (Copenhagen Business School) EEA Congress (University of Bordeaux)
2024	ASREC Conference (Chapman University) IRLE Visiting Scholar Seminar (UC Berkeley) Bay Area Economic History Workshop (Stanford) FRESH Workshop (UC Louvain) Labor Lunch (University of Zurich)
2023	ASREC Graduate Student Workshop (Harvard) CAGE Summer School (Warwick) ACES Political Economy Summer School (UC Berkeley) Labor Lunch (University of Zurich)
2020	Swiss Political Economy Workshop (University of Zurich)

Refereeing

Economic Journal, World Development

Services

2023	Empirical Micro Doctoral Seminar, University of Zurich (co-organized)
2022 – 2023	PhD Bakery, University of Zurich (co-organized)
2022 – 2023	Reading Group in Political Economy, University of Zurich (co-organized)

Skills and Software

Software	L ^A T _E X, Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

References

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