

Paul Schaudt: 4/2026

RESEARCH INTEREST	<i>Political economy, development economics, public economics, economic geography</i>	
CURRENT POSITION	<i>Associate Professor, Department of Economics KU Leuven, Belgium</i>	Feb 2026 - Today
PAST POSITIONS	<i>SNSF Ambizione Fellow (Postdoc), Department of Economics University of St.Gallen, Switzerland</i>	Mar 2023 - Jan 2026
	<i>Postdoctoral Researcher, Wyss Academy for Nature University of Bern, Switzerland</i>	May 2022 - Feb 2023
	<i>Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics University of St.Gallen, Switzerland</i>	May 2019 - Apr 2022
	<i>Research Associate, Department of Economics Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany</i>	Apr 2015 - Apr 2019
VISITING POSITIONS	<i>Monash University, Melbourne, Australia</i>	Aug 2025 - Nov 2025
	<i>Monash University, Melbourne, Australia</i>	Feb 2024 - Apr 2024
	<i>Georgetown University, Washington DC, United States</i>	Sep 2016 - Nov 2016
EDUCATION	<i>Leibniz University Hannover Ph.D. in Economics, April 2019 (final grade: Summa cum laude) University of Heidelberg, Germany M.A. & B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2010-2015</i>	
WORKING PAPERS	<i>Ethnofederalism and ethnic voting (with Richard Bluhm and Roland Hodler). <i>CESifo Working Paper No. 9314</i>. Link to latest version.</i>	
	<i>Local majorities: How administrative divisions shape comparative development (with Richard Bluhm and Roland Hodler). <i>University of St.Gallen Discussion Paper No. 2110</i>. Link to latest version.</i>	
PUBLICATIONS	<i>Mining for peace (with Roland Hodler and Alberto Vesperoni). <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> Forthcoming. Link to latest version.</i>	
	<i>Insuring peace: Index-based livestock insurance, droughts, and conflict (with Kai Gehring). <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>, qjag005. Published version (gated).</i>	
	<i>The political geography of cities (with Richard Bluhm and Christian Lessmann). <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>, Forthcoming. Link to latest version.</i>	
	<i>Armed groups: Competition and political violence (with Martin Gassebner and</i>	

Melvin H. L. Wong). *Journal of Development Economics*, 2023, 162:103052. [Published version \(open access\)](#).

Fueling conflict? (De)Escalation and bilateral aid (with Richard Bluhm, Martin Gassebner and Sarah Langlotz). *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2021, 36:2, 244–261. [Published version \(gated\)](#).

First impressions: How leader changes affect bilateral aid (with Tobias Rommel). *Journal of Public Economics*, 2020, 185, 1-12. [Published version \(gated\)](#).

The effect of migration on terror - Made at home or imported from abroad? (with Axel Dreher and Martin Gassebner). *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2020, 53:4, 1703-1744. [Published version \(open access\)](#).

PAPERS IN PREPARATION Cultural frictions, market access, and regional growth (with Roland Hodler and Michael Thueting).

Pits and Smoke: Measuring industrial mining from space (with Kai Gehring and Michael Mommert).

Rocks and regulations: Assessing the economic and environmental impacts of industrial mining (with Kai Gehring and Dylan Phillippe).

POLICY WRITINGS “Policies for Sustainable Mining: When Geography Matters.” (with Roland Hodler and Alberto Vesperoni) In *Downstream Diversification of Mineral-Rich Countries: Challenges and Opportunities to Add Value in Energy Transition Supply Chains*, 2026 edited by Tom S.H. Moerenhout and Juan Carlos Jobet, 95–106. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland. [Published version \(open access\)](#).

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International Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of St.Gallen, CHF 260,000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE *Refereeing: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Policy, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Empirical Economics, World Development, Review of International Organization, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, African Development Review, European Journal of Political Economy, German Economic Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Social Science Quarterly*

Workshops Organization: Resources, conflict, and the environment Workshop (Zurich, Switzerland), Micro and macro perspectives on structural change Workshop (St.Gallen, Switzerland), 4th Conference of the Development Economics Network Switzerland (St.Gallen, Switzerland), Coordinator of Doctoral Workshop German Economic Association Research Group on Development Economics 2016 (Hannover, Germany)

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS (SCHEDULED and PAST 5 YEARS) **2026:** *Econ Seminar CERGE-EI (Prague, Czech Republic), Econ Seminar Uni Heidelberg (Heidelberg, Germany), GDEC (Kiel, Germany).*
2025: *ReCIPE Annual Conference (Paris, France), ifo-Workshop on the Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change (Munich, Germany), IOS Seminar Uni Regensburg (Regensburg, Germany), GDEC (Frankfurt, Germany).*

2024: NBER Political Economy Program Meeting (Boston, United States), BSE Summer Forum Political Economy Workshop (Barcelona, Spain), KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development Conference (Berlin, Germany), GDEC (Hannover, Germany), Economic Seminar (University of Goettingen, Germany), Applied Economics Seminar (Monash University, Australia), TrEnCE Seminar (Paris Dauphine University, France / virtual).

2023: Econ Seminar (WU Vienna, Austria), DENS (Bern, Switzerland), ZEW-ifo Young Scholar Political Economy Workshop (Mannheim, Germany), GDEC (Dresden, Germany), European meeting UEA (Milan, Italy), EPCS (Hannover, Germany), ASSA (New Orleans, United States)

2022: UEA (DC, United State), EEA (Milan, Italy), German Development Economics Conference (Hohenheim, Germany), Conference of the European Public Choice Society (Braga, Portugal), CSAE, (Oxford, United Kingdom / virtual)

2021: Economics seminar (Université de Fribourg, Switzerland), HiCN (Goettingen, Germany / virtual), Beyond Basic Questions Workshop (Nuremberg, Germany), EEA-ESEM (Copenhagen, Denmark / virtual), 10th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (Copenhagen, Denmark / virtual), Conference of the European Public Choice Society (Lille, France / virtual)

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE/
SUPERVISION**

KU Leuven, Belgium

Lectures

- Ethics, Responsibility, and Sustainability (Master) 2026

University of St.Gallen, Switzerland

Lectures

- Public Economics (Bachelor) 2024

Seminars

- Natural Resources and Conflict (Master) 2025
- Political Economy of Natural Resources (Master) 2024
- Ethnic Politics and Economic Development in Africa (Master) 2020 - 2023
- Conflicts in Africa (Bachelor) 2020 - 2022

Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Lectures

- Introduction to Macroeconomics (Bachelor) 2018

Seminars

- Current Topics in Macroeconomics (Bachelor) 2016 - 2019
- Empirical Economics (Master) 2018

Tutorials

- Introduction to Applied Economics in Macroeconomics (Bachelor) 2018
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (Bachelor) 2015 - 2018

University of Heidelberg, Germany

Tutorials

- Introduction to Stata (Bachelor) 2012 - 2013
- Introduction to International Relations (Bachelor) 2012 - 2013