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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the innovation strategy of firms under competition. With this, I study topics in strategic management and the economics of innovation, interlinked with topics in industrial organization, science, and human capital. I employ thoughtful empirical strategies based on unique large-scale datasets, supported by machine learning methods.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Bocconi University <i>Assistant Professor at Department of Management and Technology</i>	Milan, Italy 2023 –
Boston University <i>Postdoctoral Researcher at Technology & Policy Research Initiative</i>	Boston, MA, USA 2021 – 2023

EDUCATION

Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition & University of Munich <i>Dr. oec. publ. (Ph.D. in Economics), summa cum laude</i> <i>Committee: Dietmar Harhoff, Fabian Waldinger, Matt Marx</i>	Munich, Germany 2016 – 2021
University of Bonn <i>Master of Science in Economics</i>	Bonn, Germany 2013 – 2016
University of Heidelberg <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i>	Heidelberg, Germany 2010 – 2013

ACADEMIC VISITS

University of Maryland <i>Virtual Visiting Student, Host: Serguey Braguinsky (Robert H. Smith School of Business)</i>	College Park, MD, USA Fall 2020
Boston University <i>Visiting Scholar, Host: Jeff Furman (Questrom School of Business)</i>	Boston, MA, USA Fall 2019
National University of Singapore <i>Visiting Student (Department of Economics)</i>	Singapore Fall 2012

EXPERIENCE

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <i>Internship at Directorate of Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, Social Policy Division</i>	Paris, France Spring 2015
IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research <i>Research Assistant</i>	Bonn, Germany 2013 – 2016

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Baruffaldi, S., Poege, F. (Forthcoming): “Like Stars: How Firms Learn at Scientific Conferences”, *Management Science* [↗](#)
2. Lichter, A., Löffler, M., Isphording, I., Nguyen, T.-V., Poege, F., Siegloch, S. (2025): “Profit Taxation, R&D Spending and Innovation”, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 17 (1): 432–63. [↗](#)
3. Poege, F., Harhoff, D., Gaessler, F., Baruffaldi, S. (2019): “Science Quality and the Value of Inventions”, *Science Advances* 5 (12): eaay7323. [↗](#)
4. Pacifico, D. and Poege, F. (2017): “Estimating Measures of Multidimensional Poverty in Stata”, *Stata Journal* 17 (3): 687–703. [↗](#)

WORKING PAPERS

5. Competition and Innovation: The Breakup of IG Farben (single-authored), [↗](#)
 - *R&R at American Economic Review*
 - Media coverage: FAZ [↗](#) Commentary: ProMarket [↗](#) FinReg [↗](#)
6. Filling the Gap: The Consequences of Collaborator Loss in Corporate R&D (with Gaessler, F., Hoisl, K., Harhoff, D. and Dorner, M.) [↗](#)
 - *Accepted at Management Science*
7. Competing for Talent: Large Firms and Startup Growth (with Bessen, J. and Roettger, R.) [↗](#)

IN PROGRESS

8. Valuing Pharmaceutical Patent Thickets (with Simcoe, T. and McKeon, J.) [↗](#)
9. Directed Technical Change with Information Disclosure (with Tang, S.) [↗](#)

OTHER

10. Bessen, J., Poege, F., Röttger, R. (2024): “Research: The Risks of Founding a Startup Near Big Companies” (Harvard Business Review Digital Article) [↗](#)
11. Poege, F. (2022): “Competition and Innovation: The Breakup of IG Farben” (Articles at ProMarket [↗](#) and FinReg [↗](#))
12. Poege, F. (2021): Corporate Innovation: The Role of Scientific Discoveries, Taxation and Antitrust (Doctoral Thesis)
13. Lichter, A., Löffler, M., Isphording, I., Nguyen, T.-V., Poege, F. and Siegloch, S. (2021): “Higher profit taxes reduce firms’ R&D activities”, VoxEU (Commentary). [↗](#)
14. Poege, F., Harhoff, D., Gaessler, F., Baruffaldi, S. (2020): “Excellence breeds invention”, Research Europe, Issue 510 (Commentary). [↗](#)
15. Dorner, M., Gaessler, F., Harhoff, D., Hoisl, K., and Poege, F. (2018): “Linked Inventor Biography Data 1980-2014”, FDZ Data Report, No. 03/2018. [↗](#)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

ICRIOS at Bocconi University	2023-Present
Invernizzi Center for Research on Innovation, Organization, Strategy and Entrepreneurship - Fellow	
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition	2023-Present
Affiliated Research Fellow	
IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research	2017-Present
Affiliate/Fellow	
Departmental Grant	2023
40,000€, with A. Kapacinskaite (lead), N. Dutt, A. Fosfuri	
Otto Hahn Medal	2022
7500€ Dissertation award of the Max Planck Society	

Boston University UROP Matching Grant <i>540\$ Grant to finance an undergraduate RA</i>	2022
Best Paper Proceeding at AOM conference, finalist for TIM Best Paper Award <i>For: "Filling the Gap: Firm Strategies for Human Capital Loss"</i>	2020
EPIP Best Paper Award for Young Researchers <i>500€, for: "A Firm Scientific Community"</i>	2018
German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) <i>Merit-based Scholarship</i>	2012 – 2015
Scholarship of the Federal Republic of Germany (Deutschlandstipendium) <i>Merit-based Scholarship</i>	2011 – 2012
Collaborative Research Center Transregio "Rationality and Competition" (CRC TRR 190) <i>Co-opted member</i>	2021

PRESENTATIONS

2025: ARCS*; AOM*

2024: University of Bordeaux; University of Zurich; University of Luxembourg; University of Oslo; 9th Summer School on Data and Algorithms for Science, Technology & Innovation Studies (Confirmed participant on CfP); AOM; DRUID; BSE Summer Forum Entrepreneurship; ESMT workshop on computational chemistry and R&D trajectories

2023: Boston University; HBS Junior Innovation Economics Conference; Bristol Economics of Innovation Workshop; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

2022: REER; University of Cambridge; AOM; CEPR/JIE Conference+School on Applied Industrial Organization; IIOC; NBER Productivity Seminar; Boston University; IP and Innovation Virtual Seminar; ICEA Taxation and Innovation conference

2021: EPFL Virtual Innovation Seminar; Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics; Technical University of Munich; CRC Retreat and Summer School; Munich Summer Institute (Poster); European Association for Research in Industrial Organization (EARIE) conference; Boston University; Economic History Association Meeting; German Economic Association; LMU Munich

2020: U Maryland; SKEMA; European Economic Association; Academy of Management; German Economic Association; University of Mannheim; LMU Munich

2019: TPRI; Boston University; University of Utah; LMU Munich; Academy of Management; ZEW Innopat; Spring Meeting of Young Economists; Innovation, Technological Change and International Trade Workshop Heilbronn, Munich Young Economist Meeting

Prior: LMU Munich (3x); EPIP; Geography of Innovation Conference; EBE Summer Meeting; RISE Junior Researcher Workshop

* Scheduled

SERVICE

Reviewer: Management Science, Strategic Management Journal, Organization Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Research Policy, Industry and Innovation, International Tax and Public Finance, Economics of Innovation and New Technology, Journal of Economic Inequality, Stata Journal, Journal of World Intellectual Property; National Science Foundation; AOM conferences

Organizer: RISE Junior Researcher Workshop, WOEPSR

Other: Doctoral student representative (Informal, within department at MPI, 2018-2021); Collective Impact Workshop Mentor (2025)

TEACHING

Bocconi University <i>Data-Driven Analysis and Decision-Making in Business (BS); Business Economics (MS)</i>	Milan, IT <i>Spring 2024, 2025</i>
Boston University <i>Teaching Assistant, MBA class "Technology Strategy" (Questrom School of Business)</i>	Boston, MA, USA <i>Fall 2022</i>
Harvard University <i>Instructor Sophomore Tutorial "Economics of Innovation" - Distinction in Teaching Certificate</i>	Boston, MA, USA <i>Spring 2022</i>
University of Bonn <i>Teaching Assistant - Microeconomics</i>	Bonn, Germany <i>Fall 2013</i>

MISC

Citizenship: USA, Germany

Personal: Born 13.03.1992. Married

Languages: English (Fluent), German (Native), Chinese (Intermediate), Italian (Basic)

Programming: Stata, Python, SQL, R, Java

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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