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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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As an innovation scholar, I explore how corporate strategy shapes innovation performance, with a focus on two broad areas. First, I study how firms organize to meet competitive challenges and respond to public policy by adjusting their organization, inventive workforce, or innovation strategy. Second, I examine the interplay between non-market strategy and innovation, with a particular focus on strategies for accessing and creating scientific knowledge. I employ quantitative empirical methods based on unique large-scale datasets, machine learning, and econometric causal analysis.

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition &amp; University of Munich</b> <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
<b>University of Bonn</b> <i>Master of Science in Economics</i>	Bonn, Germany 2013 – 2016
<b>University of Heidelberg</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics</i>	Heidelberg, Germany 2010 – 2013

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## ACADEMIC VISITS

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

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## EXPERIENCE

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

## RESEARCH

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### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Poege, F., Gaessler, F., Hoisl, K., Harhoff, D. and Dorner, M. (Forthcoming): “Filling the Gap: The Consequences of Collaborator Loss in Corporate R&D”, *Management Science* [↗](#)
2. Baruffaldi, S., Poege, F. (2025): “Like Stars: How Firms Learn at Scientific Conferences”, *Management Science* 71 (3): 1865-1888, iv-vi. [↗](#)
3. Lichter, A., Löffler, M., Ispording, I., Nguyen, T.-V., Poege, F., Sieglöcher, S. (2025): “Profit Taxation, R&D Spending and Innovation”, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 17 (1): 432–63. [↗](#)
4. Poege, F., Harhoff, D., Gaessler, F., Baruffaldi, S. (2019): “Science Quality and the Value of Inventions”, *Science Advances* 5 (12): eaay7323. [↗](#)
5. Pacifico, D. and Poege, F. (2017): “Estimating Measures of Multidimensional Poverty in Stata”, *Stata Journal* 17 (3): 687–703. [↗](#)

### WORKING PAPERS

6. Competition and Innovation: The Breakup of IG Farben (single-authored), [↗](#)  
- *R&R at American Economic Review*
7. Competing for Talent: Large Firms and Startup Growth (with Bessen, J. and Roettger, R.) [↗](#)  
- *R&R at Strategic Management Journal*

### IN PROGRESS

8. Valuing Patents: Technological Uncertainty and Appropriation (with Simcoe, T. and McKeon, J.) [↗](#)
9. Innovate to Lobby? European Firms and Corporate Lobbying amid Climate Change Regulation (with Dutt, N. and Tian, Y.)
10. Directed Technical Change with Information Disclosure (with Tang, S.) [↗](#)

### OTHER

11. Bessen, J., Poege, F., Röttger, R. (2024): “Research: The Risks of Founding a Startup Near Big Companies” (Harvard Business Review Digital Article) [↗](#)
12. Poege, F. (2022): “Competition and Innovation: The Breakup of IG Farben” (Articles at ProMarket [↗](#) and FinReg [↗](#))
13. Poege, F. (2021): Corporate Innovation: The Role of Scientific Discoveries, Taxation and Antitrust (Doctoral Thesis)
14. Lichter, A., Löffler, M., Ispording, I., Nguyen, T.-V., Poege, F. and Sieglöcher, S. (2021): “Higher profit taxes reduce firms’ R&D activities”, VoxEU (Commentary). [↗](#)
15. Poege, F., Harhoff, D., Gaessler, F., Baruffaldi, S. (2020): “Excellence breeds invention”, Research Europe, Issue 510 (Commentary). [↗](#)
16. 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

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Sebastian Hoenen Research Prize <i>At SEI Workshop 2025, in memory of Sebastian Hoenen</i>	2025
ICRIOS at Bocconi University <i>Invernizzi Center for Research on Innovation, Organization, Strategy and Entrepreneurship - Fellow</i>	2023-Present
Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition <i>Affiliated Research Fellow</i>	2023-Present
IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research <i>Affiliate/Fellow</i>	2017-Present
Best Paper Proceeding at AOM conference, finalist for TIM Best Paper Award <i>For: “Competing for Talent: Large Firms and Startup Growth”</i>	2024

Departmental Grant <i>40,000€</i> , with <i>A. Kapacinskaite (lead)</i> , <i>N. Dutt</i> , <i>A. Fosfuri</i>	<i>2023</i>
Otto Hahn Medal <i>7500€ Dissertation award of the Max Planck Society</i>	<i>2022</i>
Boston University UROP Matching Grant <i>540\$ Grant to finance an undergraduate RA</i>	<i>2022</i>
Best Paper Proceeding at AOM conference, finalist for TIM Best Paper Award <i>For: "Filling the Gap: Firm Strategies for Human Capital Loss"</i>	<i>2020</i>
EPIP Best Paper Award for Young Researchers <i>500€, for: "A Firm Scientific Community"</i>	<i>2018</i>
German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) <i>Merit-based Scholarship</i>	<i>2012 – 2015</i>
Scholarship of the Federal Republic of Germany (Deutschlandstipendium) <i>Merit-based Scholarship</i>	<i>2011 – 2012</i>
Collaborative Research Center Transregio "Rationality and Competition" (CRC TRR 190) <i>Co-opted member</i>	<i>2021</i>

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025:** University of Toulouse\*; Federal Central Tax Office (Germany); University of Amsterdam; University of Rotterdam; SEI Workshop; ARCS; Strategy Science; AOM; HIWG Research Chat (UCSB); Unicatt Workshop on IP Rights, Science and Innovation: Implications for Drug Discovery and the Health Sector
- 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
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## SERVICE

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- Reviewer:** Management Science, Strategic Management Journal, Organization Science, Strategy 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:** Milan Innovation & Entrepreneurship Research Seminars (since 2024), WOEPSR (2020), RISE Junior Researcher Workshop (2018, 2019)
- Other:** Editorial Review Board (Industry & Innovation); Collective Impact Workshop Mentor (2025); Doctoral student representative (Informal, within department at MPI, 2018-2021)

## TEACHING

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

## MISC

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**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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