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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2008 – present **The Institute for Fiscal Studies**, London, UK.
Research Economist

Main ongoing Projects:

- Evaluation of “**Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation and Health - FINISH**” (2008-2013) – A Public Private Partnership Programme (Partners: TATA-AIG, SNS-REAAL, UNU-MERIT, BISWA and WASTE) with the aim of building 1,000,000 safe sanitation systems in India. Household surveys in three states of India currently ongoing. Funded by the Dutch Government
- “**Subjective expectation, expected investment return and investment decisions: market imperfections and misperceptions in rural India**” (2006-2010) – Currently managing the collection of 2nd household survey round data in Anantapur, India. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).
- Academic Advisor and Analyst for the **Bosnia Microfinance Impact Assessment Survey**, a project implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- Academic Advisor and Analyst for the **Mongolia Microfinance Impact Assessment Survey**, a project implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

OTHER CURRENT AFFILIATIONS:

- Associated Researcher with United Nations University / Merit (UNU/Merit), Maastricht, NL.
- Associated Researcher with the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, University Maastricht, NL.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND PROJECTS

2005 – 2008 Ph.D. Student in Social Protection Policy and Research Fellow at the Maastricht **Graduate School of Governance (MGSoG)**, University Maastricht, NL.

Dissertation: *Microfinance – Greater Good or Lesser Evil?*, Supervised by Prof. O. Attanasio, University College London, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, UK and Prof. C. deNeubourgh, University Maastricht, NL

Relevant Field Work:

- **Implementation of a survey of 1,000 households**, half of which were clients of the microfinance institutions BASIX, India (11/07 – 03/08)
- **Research Field Work** with BASIX India, Hyderabad, India. Preparation for a survey to be conducted in fall 2007, included collection of secondary data as well as piloting of questionnaire. (09/06 – 03/07)

Teaching:

- Supervision of Bachelor and Master students
- Tutor for the “Learning program on public policy, advocacy and partnership for children’s rights” given by the MGSoG for UNICEF staff and discussant at the Final Regional Meeting Asia (04/06 – 10/07)
- Training Course in Quantitative Methods for Master Students at the MGSoG (January 2006)

- 09/05 – 05/06 Assisting in Research for further implementation of the ongoing pension reform in the Russian Federation. A **project of the European Union**; undertaken in cooperation with Arcadis
- 08/04 – 09/04 Research on ‘Migration from the Cook Islands’ in collaboration with the **Statistical Office of the Cook Islands**, Avarua, Cook Islands.
- 08/03 – 09/03 Internship with the Design and Technology Centre (DTC), a component of the **Bangladeshi Business Development Program for Private Sector Promotion (BDS) of the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)**, implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) of the Govt. of Bangladesh. Main task was the development of instruments for marketing activities as well as in systematic evaluation of the DTC-services within the target sectors

EDUCATION

- 2001 – 2005 **University Maastricht**, The Netherlands
 Doctorandus in Econometrics (equivalent to Bachelor and Master)
 Thesis topic: *Evaluation of the SEWA Bank in India using Matching Techniques based on the Propensity Score*. Supervised by: Prof. J.P. Urbain (first), Prof. P. Mohnen (second), Drs. D. Crombrughe (second)
- 10/04 - 2/05 **University Toulouse I**, France, Study abroad
- 1993 – 2000 Pestalozzigymnasium Idstein, Germany, Abitur
- 1997 – 1998 Gates Chili High School, Rochester NY, USA, High School Diploma
- 1992 – 1993 Gymnasium Oesede, Germany
- 1986 – 1992 Deutsche Schule Algier, Algeria

AWARDS & GRANTS

Economic & Social Research Centre (ESRC), UK: Small Grant Funding for the project: “**Subjective expectation, expected investment return and investment decisions: market imperfections and misperceptions in rural India**”

Universiteitsfonds Limburg (Limburg University Fund): Funding for the Implementation of a household survey in India

“Best paper Award” at the International Convention on MicroFinance & Sustainable Enterprise Development, 29-30.11. 2005, Cochin, India. *Evaluation of the SEWA Bank in India using Matching Techniques based on the Propensity Score*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

- Attanasio, O. & Augsburg, B. (2010), Expected and Realized Income in Rural India. Work in Progress.
- Augsburg, B. & Fouillet, C. (2010), "Profit Empowerment: How Donors push Microfinance away from its primary objective ", *Perspectives on Global Technology and Development*, special issue: Microfinance and Society, PGDT 9 (2010) 323-351.
- Augsburg, B. (2009a), The impact of a Dairy intervention in rural India - Evidence from realized outcomes and expected returns to investment. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*. 1:2, 147-170.
- Fouillet, C. & B. Augsburg (2009b) "La microfinance, un objet de pouvoir de plus? Conflits et enjeux d'un outil de 'développement'", in L. Baixas, L. Dejouhanet and P.-Y. Trouillet (Ed.), *Conflits et rapports sociaux en Asie du Sud*, Aux Lieux d'Être, Montreuil, France, l'Harmattan, 2009, Paris.
- Augsburg, B., Krishnaswamy, K. & Schmidt, J.-P. (in press). Free/Open Source Software for Microfinance -

Increasing Efficiency and extending Benefits to the Very Poor. In A.Ashta (Ed.), *Advanced technologies for microfinance: Solutions and challenges*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

- Augsburg, B. (2008), Rev. of *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychology and Economic Behaviour*, By Alan Lewis. Cambridge University Press. 2008.
- Augsburg, B. (2007), “Microfinance Plus – Impact of the ‘plus’ on customers’ income in rural India”. MGSOG Working Paper, Maastricht, The Netherlands.
- Augsburg, B. & Fouillet, C. (2007b), "The Spread of the Self-Help Group Bank Linkage Program in India". Work in Progress
- Augsburg, B. (2006), “Econometric evaluation of the SEWA Bank in India: Applying matching techniques based on the propensity score.” MGSOG Working Paper 2006/003, Maastricht, The Netherlands.

SKILLS

- IT:
- Proficient in use of Microsoft Office Applications
 - Able to program in Stata, (other programming languages learned: Pascal, C++, Mathematika and Gauss)
 - Extensive experience in Stata (other packages used: EViews, Gauss) •

Languages:

	Reading	Speaking	Writing
• German	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
• English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
• Dutch	Good	Good	Fair
• French	Excellent	Good	Fair

OTHER EXTRACUCCICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 03/06 – 07/06 Organization of the Social Policy **Seminar Series** of the Graduate School of Governance (MGSOG), as well as the 3rd **Development Economics PhD Seminar**, 28 April 2006, MGSOG
- 10/05 – 02/06 Member of the **Faculty Council** of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University Maastricht
- 09/03 – 07/05 Member of the **Student Council** of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, University Maastricht, Netherlands
- 09/03 – 07/03 Member of the **Education Committee Econometrics**, University Maastricht, Netherlands.