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Fluent in English and German. Good command of Italian and French. Nationality: German.

Current Position

Center for Microdata Methods and Practice (CEMMAP) and Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London. Post-Doctoral Fellow in the EU RTN Microdata Methods and Practice. Jan 2006 – present.

Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Universität Mannheim. PhD in Economics, summa cum laude. Completed in January 2006.

Thesis Title: Essays on the Impact of Demographic Change on Capital, Goods, and Labor Markets
<http://madoc.bib.uni-mannheim.de/madoc/volltexte/2006/1271/pdf/DissML.pdf>

Universität Mannheim. Diploma in Economics. Completed in March 2000.

University of California, Berkeley. Affiliate student, Economics PhD program. Aug 1998 – Apr 99.

References

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Teaching

Primary Fields	Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Labour Economics.
Secondary Fields	Microeconometrics, Microeconomics, Family Economics, Economics of Ageing.
Experience	Macroeconomics II (2001), Undergraduate Course, Teaching Assistant. Macroeconomics I (2000), Undergraduate Course, Teaching Assistant. Empirical Economics (2000), Undergraduate Course, Teaching Assistant.

Research Experience and Other Employment

Universität Mannheim. Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA). Research Fellow. Jul 2001 – Dec 2005.

Universität Mannheim. Chair of Macroeconomics and Economic Policy. Research Fellow. Apr 2000–Jul 2001.

FEEM, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Venice. Internship. Jan – Apr 1997.

Universität Mannheim. Chair of Macroeconomics and Economic Policy. Student Research Assistant. 1995 – 2000.

Research Visits

Vrije Universiteit and Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam. 20 Apr – 20 May 2007.

MEA, Universität Mannheim. 01 – 09 Jul 2006 & 16 – 19 Oct 2006.

IEW, Institute for Empirical Research, Universität Zürich. 14 – 22 Mar 2006 & 18 – 22 Apr 2006.

European Central Bank, Frankfurt. Visiting Researcher. Feb 2005 – Apr 2005.

CAM, Center for Applied Microeconomics, Copenhagen. 23 – 29 Feb 2004.

CERA, Center for Economic Research on Ageing and IFS, London. 01 Nov – 20 Dec 2003.

CEPREMAP, Center for Economic Research and Its Applications, Paris. 12 – 16 May 2003.

Honors, Scholarships & Fellowships

Principal Investigator, ESRC Research Grant “The Demand for Durables in the Second Half of Life”, Jan 2008-Dec 2008.

EU Post-Doctoral Marie Curie Scholarship. Jan 2006 – Dec 2007.

Research Grant “Economic Implications of Demographic Change” by the Volkswagen Foundation (joint with A. Börsch-Supan, A. Ludwig, B. Berkel). Mar 2001– Mar 2003

Award for the Best Empirical Diploma Thesis in Economics by BAK Basel Economics, Basel. 2001.

Scholarship by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and McKinsey & Company. Aug 1998 – Apr 1999.

Professional Activities

Consulting	Project “Wirtschaftsmotor Alter” on Consumption Trends in an Aging Germany (joint with Ashok Kaul and Roland Berger Strategy Consultants) for the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. 2006. http://www.bmfsfj.de/Kategorien/Publikationen/Publikationen.did=99624.html
Participation in Research Networks	EU RTN Microdata Methods and Practice. 2005 – 2007. EU RTN Economics of Aging. 2003 – 2005. Sonderforschungsbereich 504, Universität Mannheim. 2000 – 2005.
Conferences & Seminar Talks	
2000 – 2006	Meetings of the EU Research Training Network Microdata Methods and Practice (Copenhagen, London, Madrid, Paris); Workshops of the EU RTN Economics of Aging (London, Naples, Frankfurt, Deidesheim, Edesheim, Paris, Turin)
2007	Econometric Study Group (Bristol); CERGE-EI Conference “Europe facing ageing” (Prague); ASMA Conference on Semiparametric Methods (Lisbon); Tinbergen Institute Labour Seminar (Amsterdam); Research Seminar in Economics (Munich)
2006	European Society for Population Economics (Verona); European Economic Association (Vienna); German Economic Association (Bamberg); Reviser/AIM Workshop (London); UCL Lunch Seminar (London); Applied Economics and Econometrics Seminar (Mannheim)
2005	2nd EALE/SOLE World Conference (San Francisco); 5th ZEW Conference Economics of ICT (Mannheim)
2004	German Economic Association (Dresden); CAM Thursday Seminar (Copenhagen)
2003	3rd Villa Mondragone Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics (Rome); ZEW Conference on the Empirical Economics of Innovation and Patenting (Mannheim); CEPREMAP Seminar (Paris)
2002	MEA Workshop Aging and International Capital Markets (Mannheim); ENEPRI/ CPB Workshop Ageing and International Capital Flows (The Hague)
2001	European Economic Association (Lausanne); Economics Lunch Seminar (Basel)
Other Activities	Delegate in the Department Board, Universität Mannheim. 2003 – 2005. Organization MEA–Workshop Aging and International Capital Markets (with Alexander Ludwig). 2002. Public Relations and Corporate Design Manager, MEA. 2001 – 2005. Italian Language Program, Università per Stranieri di Siena. 1996. Member Economics Students’ Union. 1994 – 1995. Member Students’ Initiative Economics and the Environment. 1993 – 1998.

Job Market paper

Lührmann, M. (2007): Effects of Population Ageing on Aggregated UK Consumer Demand

Abstract:

This paper analyses the mechanisms through which population ageing affects aggregate consumer demand in the UK. As household-level composition of consumed goods and services varies over the life cycle due to changes in tastes, incomes and household composition, the aggregate demand structure is likely to change as well in reaction to a shift in the population age structure.

Using a quadratic almost ideal demand system model, I estimate microeconomic age-specific household demands. Then, I aggregate over households avoiding the aggregation bias inherent in most analyses based on macroeconomic data. Finally, I present four scenarios which illustrate the influence of changes in the population age structure, household composition patterns and the level and intergenerational distribution of spending power on aggregate consumer demand.

The results point to a moderate impact of a shift in the population age structure alone due to the low spending power of those above age 60 in relation to the younger population. However, substantial effects are found in combination with income (respectively expenditure) redistribution towards the older age groups in the UK. In this case, aggregate demand shifts towards higher expenditure shares of health-related goods as well as to household and leisure services and leisure goods.

Publications

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| Working Papers | <p>Lührmann, M.; Maurer, J. (2007): Who Wears the Trousers? A Semiparametric Analysis of Decision Power in Couples, CEMMAP Discussion Paper 25/07.
http://cemmap.ifs.org.uk/wps/cwp2507.pdf</p> <p>Lührmann, M. (2007): Consumer Expenditures and Home Production at Retirement - New Evidence from Germany, SFB 504 Discussion Paper 07-13, Universität Mannheim.
http://www.sfb504.uni-mannheim.de/publications/dp07-13.pdf</p> <p>Lührmann, M.; De Santis, R. (2006): On the Determinants of External Imbalances and Net International Portfolio Flows – A Global Perspective, European Central Bank Working Paper 651.
http://www.ecb.int/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp651.pdf</p> <p>Lührmann, M.; Weiss, M. (2006): Market Work, Home Production, Consumer Demand and Unemployment among the Unskilled, MEA Discussion Paper 101-06.
http://www.mea.uni-mannheim.de/publications/meadp_101-06.pdf</p> <p>Lührmann, M. (2005): Population Aging and the Demand for Goods and Services, MEA Discussion Paper 95-05.
http://www.mea.uni-mannheim.de/publications/meadp_095-05.pdf</p> <p>Lührmann, M. (2003): Demographic Change, Foresight and International Capital Flows, MEA Discussion Paper 38-03.
http://www.mea.uni-mannheim.de/publications/meadp_038-03.pdf</p> |
| Books | <p>Börsch-Supan, A.; Lührmann, M. (2000): Prinzipien der Renten- und Pensionsbesteuerung, Kleine Handbibliothek, Vol. 30, Frankfurter Institut, pp. 53.</p> |
| Contributions to books | <p>Börsch-Supan, A.; Lührmann, M. (2003): Retirement Benefit and Pension Taxation Principles, In: Onorato Castellino and Elsa Fornero (eds.), Pension Policy in an Integrating Europe, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham/UK, 152-174.</p> <p>Lührmann, M. (1998): Mit Vollgas in den Freizeitpark: Konsum in Deutschland; Wie sich eine Tabaksteuerreform in Rauch auflöst; Frische Luft für Los Angeles: die Einführung von Umweltzertifikaten; Die EWS-Krise 1992/93: die Bundesbank im Zielkonflikt, all four in: Börsch-Supan, A. and Schnabel, R. (eds.), Volkswirtschaft in fünfzehn Fällen, Gabler Verlag, Wiesbaden.</p> |