

Hans Gersbach

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Office Address: CER-ETH – Center of Economic Research at ETH Zurich
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Born: October 28, 1959, Hellikon (Swiss citizen)

Married, three children

Current Leadership and Fellow Positions

- Director of CER-ETH – Center of Economic Research at ETH Zurich
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Ministry of Economics and Technology, Berlin
- Member of the Supervisory Board of KOF – Swiss Economic Institute
- Research Fellow of CEPR (Center of Economic Policy Research), London
- Research Fellow of CESifo (Münchener Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wirtschaftswissenschaften), Munich
- Research Fellow of IZA (Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit), Bonn

Education and Professional Activities

- 2006–present Professor, ETH Zurich
- 1995–2006 Professor, University of Heidelberg
- 1995 Habilitation, University of Basel
- 1994–1995 Assistant Professor, Prof. Martin Hellwig
University of Basel
- 1993–1994 Visiting Scholar, University of California, Los Angeles
- 1992–1993 Research Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute
Project Manager: Manufacturing Productivity
Advisory Board: Martin N. Baily, Francis Bator, Robert Solow
- 1992 Assistant Professor, Prof. Martin Hellwig
University of Basel
- 1990–1992 Management Consultant
McKinsey & Co., Switzerland
- 1987–1990 Teaching and Research Assistant, Prof. Peter Bernholz
University of Basel
Dissertation (1990): Dr.rer.pol.
Title: Information Efficiency in Majority Decisions
Supervisors: Prof. Peter Bernholz and Prof. Manfred Gärtner
- 1986–1987 Software Developer, National-Versicherung, Basel
- 1986 Degree in Economics (lic.rer.pol.)
University of Basel
- 1985 Degree in Actuarial Science (dipl.vers.math.)
University of Basel
- 1984 Degree in Mathematics (dipl.math.)
University of Basel

Teaching Experience

Courses at ETH Zurich (since 2006)

- Strategic and Cooperative Thinking
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Policy Design: Banking Crises, Regulation and Monetary Policy
- Policy Design: Limiting Public Debt Accumulation
- Policy Design: Growth Policy
- Dynamic Macroeconomics (Doctoral Course)
- Economics of Innovation and Growth
- Design of Institutions and Policies (Doctoral Course)

Courses at University of Heidelberg (1995-2006)

- Macroeconomics (Undergraduate Course)
- Microeconomics (Undergraduate Course)
- Industrial Organization and Competition Policy
- Game Theory
- Welfare Theory
- Social Choice and Public Choice
- Theory of Frictions and Macroeconomics
- Financial Institutions and Macroeconomics
- Monetary Economics
- Health Economics
- Advanced Macroeconomics (Doctoral Courses)
- Dynamic Macroeconomics
- Social Choice and Democratic Institutions
- Risk Management and Macroeconomics

Courses at University of Basel (1990-1995)

- Inflation: Theory and Policy (Tutorials)
- Open Macroeconomics (Tutorials)
- Monetary Theory

Research Areas

Area M: Macroeconomic Thinking and Economic Policy

- Transparency and Communication of Central Banks
- Unemployment, Product Markets, and General Equilibrium Effects
- Monetary Policy and Banking Stability
- Aggregate Risk Management and Insurance Against Banking Crises
- Fiscal Policy and Government Debt

Area I: Innovation, the Engines of Growth, and Long-term Well-being

- Epidemic Diseases, Overcoming Poverty, and Political Institutions
- Basic Research and Growth Policy
- Globalization, Firm Training, R&D, and Remuneration of Managers
- Climate Change and Environmental Policy

Area P: Design of New Organizations/Institutions and their Foundations

- Constitutional Design and New Collective Decision Rules
- Incentive Contracts for Politicians and Dual Democracy
- General Equilibrium Theory and Group Formation
- Foundations of Political Economy
- Foundations of Market Institutions

Research Management

- Regular referee for scientific reviews
- Director of the Albert-Weber-Institut for Economics, Heidelberg (2003–2006)
- Programme Committee Member, European Economic Association (2000 and 2001)
- Programme Committee Member, German Economic Association (2000, 2003 and 2005)
- Programme Committee Member, International Economic Association (2002)
- Co-organizer of the Conference “Competition Among Banks: Good or Bad”, Frankfurt, 2000 (together with Franklin Allen, Anthony Santomero, and Jan Krahnert)
- Co-organizer of the Conference “Bank Relationships, Credit Extension and the Macroeconomy”, Berlin, 2005 (together with Moshe Kim, Loretta J. Mester, Dorothea Schäfer, Eva Terberger, and Anjan Thakor)
- Speaker of the Graduate Programme in Environmental Economics (2003–2006, together with Klaus Conrad)
- Co-organizer of the Conference “Banking and the Macroeconomy”, Zurich, 2007 (together with Martin Hellwig, Franklin Allen, Thomas Gehrig, Dimitri Vayanos, and Jaume Ventura)
- Speaker of the Graduate Program in Economics at ETH Zurich (2006 –)

Editorial Responsibilities

- Associate Editor, Economics of Governance (since 2006)
- Associate Editor, CESifo Economic Studies (since 2003)

Distinguished Lectures and Selected Honors

- University Prize for the doctoral dissertation at the University of Basel (Genossenschaftspreis)
- Structural Reforms and the Macroeconomy: The Role of General Equilibrium Effects, IEA World Congress, Lisbon, 2002

- Invitation to the Seminar Series “Great Ideas in Social Sciences”, UCLA, 2002

Advisor and Consultancy

- World Bank (2003-2006)
- Internet Surveys “Perspektive Deutschland” (2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005)
- McKinsey Global Institute: “Reaching Higher Productivity Growth in France and Germany” (2002, together with Olivier Blanchard, Martin N. Baily, Jean Tirole, and Monika Schnitzer)
- McKinsey Global Institute (1995-1999)
- McKinsey Global Institute and Max Geldens Foundation: “Boosting Dutch Economic Performance” (1997)
- OECD (1995-1996)
- SBC (1995-1996)

Dissertation Supervision

Name	Dissertationsthema	Jahr
Schniewind, Achim	Imperfect Competition in Product Markets and Labor Markets, General Equilibrium, and Unemployment	2000
Lipponer, Alexander	Kreditportfoliomanagement. Die Bedeutung von Korrelationen für die Bewertung von Kreditausfallrisiken	2000
Erlenmaier, Ulrich	Risk Management in Banking Credit Risk Management and Bank Closure Policies	2001
Keil, Marten	Produktivitätssteigerungen in Organisationen. Eine anreiztheoretische Analyse	2001
Hahn, Volker	Informationssymmetrien, Transparenz und Geldpolitik	2002
Wehrspohn, Uwe	Credit Risk Evaluation – Modeling – Analysis – Management	2002
Breitscheidel, Jörg	Hold-up Probleme in der Umweltregulierung	2003

Liessem, Verena	Incentive Contracts for Politicians	2003
Beilharz, Hans-Jörg	Democracy, Crises, and Misconceptions – Demokratie, Krisen und Fehleinschätzungen	2005
Fohrmann, Oliver	Zwillingskrisen: Die Entstehung und Bekämpfung kombinierter Banken- und Währungskrisen	2006
Schneider, Maik	Knowledge Codification and Endogenous Growth Theory	2007
Traeger, Christian	Theoretical Aspects of Long-term Evaluation in Environmental Economics	2007
Lünenbürger, Benjamin	The Economics of River Flood Management: A Challenge for the Federal Organization?	2007
Grimm, Oliver	Monetary and Fiscal Policies in Currency Board Systems and Monetary Unions	2007
Mühe, Felix	Fairness, Vote-buying, and Collective Decision-making	2008
Fahrenberger, Theresa	Minority Voting	2009
Müller, Markus	Essays on Political Contracts	2009
Imhof, Stephan	Democratic Constitutions, Political Parties and Public-project Provision	2010
Schneller, Olivier	Basic Research and Growth Policy	2011
Becker, Johannes Gerd	Essays in Political Economics	2011
Köster, Bernhard, geb. Pacht	Decision Rules, Transparency and Central Banks	2011
Amon, Christian	Basic Research, Innovation and Economic Growth	2011
Hummel, Noemi	Refunding in Climate Treaties: Two Variants	2011
Iozef, Marina	Regulation of Banks	2011