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Curriculum vitae

Personal Data

Date of birth	July 5, 1975
Place of birth	Zurich, Switzerland
Nationality	Swiss
Marital status	Single
Child	Tilla Malin Fischer (December 13, 2007)

Education

December 2007	Ph.D. in Economics with <i>summa cum laude</i> University of Zurich, Switzerland Supervisor: Professor Bruno S. Frey
2003 - 2007	Ph.D. Student in Economics University of Zurich, Switzerland
June 2003	Licentiate (M.A. equiv.) with <i>summa cum laude</i> University of Zurich, Switzerland
1996 - 2003	Studies in General History, Economics and Political Science University of Zurich, Switzerland
1991 - 1996	Gymnasium (High school of Economics and Business) Freies Gymnasium Zürich, Switzerland

Work

Since March 2009	Post-doctoral researcher Professor Jan-Egbert Sturm, KOF Swiss Economic Institute, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)
2008 - 2009	Visiting Researcher STICERD, London School of Economics
2006 - 2008	Research Assistant Professor Gerard Hertig, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)
2002 - 2006	Research Assistant

1999 - 2002	Professor Bruno S. Frey, Institute for Empirical Research in Economics, University of Zurich Lecturer for Business Economics at College of Commerce Abteilung Handels- und Verkehrsschule der Juventus Schulen Zürich
1997 - 2002	Part-time work at Dr. Lüchinger + Meyer Bauingenieure AG
1997	Part-time work at MC Mediacompany AG
1996	Internship at UBS AG

Continuing Education

January 2009	Course in Econometrics (Guido W. Imbens, Jeffrey M. Wooldridge) AEA Continuing Education Program, San Francisco
March 2007	Course in Antitrust Law and Economics (Daniel L. Rubinfeld) Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland
July/August 2004	Course in Advanced Microeconomics London School of Economics, Summer School

Languages

German	Native
English	Fluent
French	Good

Awards

Institute for Empirical Research in Economics-Award for the best paper by a young economist, 2009.
Prize of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin for the best paper presented on the 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, 2008.
Invited participant at the 1st Lindau Meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economics in Memory of Alfred Nobel, 2004.
Prize awarded by the history department of the philosophical faculty of the University of Zurich for the best seminar, 2001.

Research Interest

Institutional economics, political economy, public economics, environmental economics, behavioral economics, labor economics

Publications

Monographs

Luechinger, Simon (2007). The Life Satisfaction Approach to Valuing Public Goods. Theoretical Discussion and Empirical Applications to Air Pollution, Flood Disasters and Terrorism. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Zurich.

Papers in refereed journals

Luechinger, Simon (2009). Life Satisfaction and Transboundary Air Pollution. *Economics Letters*, forthcoming.
Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Stephan Meier (2009). Why Does Unemployment Hurt the Employed? Evidence from the Life Satisfaction Gap between the Public and the Private Sector. *Journal of Human Resources*, forthcoming.

- Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Rainer Winkelmann (2009). Self-selection Models for Public and Private Sector Job Satisfaction. *Research in Labor Economics*, forthcoming.
- Luechinger, Simon (2009). Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach. *Economic Journal* 119(536): 482-515.
- Luechinger, Simon and Paul A. Raschky (2009). Valuing Flood Disasters Using the Life Satisfaction Approach. *Journal of Public Economics* 93(3-4): 620-633.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2009). The Life Satisfaction Approach to Valuing Public Goods: The Case of Terrorism. *Public Choice* 138(3-4): 317-345.
- Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Stephan Meier (2008). Bureaucratic Rents and Life Satisfaction. *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization* 24(2): 476-488.
- Luechinger, Simon, Myra Rosinger and Alois Stutzer (2007). The Impact of Postal Voting on Participation. Evidence for Switzerland. *Swiss Political Science Review* 13(2): 167-202.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2007). Calculating Tragedy: Assessing the Costs of Terrorism. *Journal of Economic Surveys* 21(1): 1-24.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2004). Decentralisation as a Disincentive to Terror. *European Journal of Political Economy* 20(2): 509-515.
Reprinted in: Brueck, Tilman (2007) (ed.). *The Economic Analysis of Terrorism*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge: 224-230.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2003). How to Fight Terrorism: Alternatives to Deterrence. *Defence and Peace Economics* 14(4): 237-249.
- Lüchinger, Simon and Alois Stutzer (2002). Skalenerträge in der öffentlichen Kernverwaltung. Eine empirische Analyse anhand von Gemeindefusionen. *Swiss Political Science Review* 8(1): 27-50. (Economies of Scale in Municipal Administration. Empirical Analyses of Municipal Mergers; with English summary)

Working papers

- Luechinger, Simon (2009). Air Pollution and Infant Mortality: A Natural Experiment from Power Plant Desulfurization. Mimeo, London School of Economics.
- Luechinger, Simon, Alois Stutzer and Rainer Winkelmann (2006). The Happiness Gains From Sorting and Matching in the Labor Market. IZA Discussion Paper No. 2019, Bonn.

Papers in non-refereed journals and in books

- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2009). Countering Terrorism: Beyond Deterrence. In: Matthew J. Morgan (ed.). *The Impact of 9/11 on Politics and War. The Day that Changed Everything?* London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Lüchinger (2009). Tourismus und Terrorismus aus ökonomischer Sicht. *Zeitschrift für Tourismuswissenschaft* 1(1): 63-73.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2008). Three Strategies to Deal with Terrorism. *Economic Papers* 27(2): 107-114.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2007). Concepts of Happiness and their Measurement. In: Jürgen Meyerhoff and Reimund Schwarze (eds.). *Jahrbuch Ökologische Ökonomik, Vol. 5: Soziale Nachhaltigkeit*. Marburg, DE: Metropolis Verlag: 219-237.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2007). Terrorism: Considering New Policies. In: Harry W. Richardson, Peter Gordon and James E. Moore (eds.). *The Economic Costs and Consequences of Terrorism*. Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing: 17-37.
- Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2006). Costs and Benefits of Anti-Terrorism Policies. In: Daniel S. Hamilton (ed.). *Terrorism and International Relations*. Washington, DC, USA: Center for Transatlantic Relations: 169-180.
- Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2005). L'impact économique du terrorisme. *La vie économique* 11(2005): 4-7.
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Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2003). Anti-Terrorismus-Politik. Eine ökonomische Analyse. *WiSt* 32(5): 264-269.

Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2002). Ist Abschreckung wirksam? Eine ökonomische Analyse des Terrorismus. *List Forum für Wirtschafts- und Finanzpolitik* 28(3): 209-221.

Newspaper Articles

Luechinger, Simon (2008). Caving in to fuel protesters would sour the atmosphere. *European Voice*, Vol. 14, No. 27, July 10-16, 2008: 9.

Hertig, Gérard and Simon Luechinger (2007). Wenn Ökonometrie im Gerichtssaal zur Alltäglichkeit wird. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 274, November 24/25, 2007: 31.

Stutzer, Alois, Myra Rosinger and Simon Luechinger (2007). Le vote par correspondance a peu augmenté la participation. *Le Temps*, No. 2899, September 21, 2007: 19.

Stutzer, Alois, Simon Luechinger and Myra Rosinger (2007). Die briefliche Stimmabgabe wirkt mobilisierend. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 178, August 4/5, 2007: 16.

Luechinger, Simon (2007). Law and Economics II. *Oecnews*, No. 109, May 21, 2007: 28.

Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2004). Die Bahamas weit vor den USA und China. Wie ist der Medaillenspiegel sinnvoll zu berechnen? *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 203, September 1, 2004: 63.

Frey, Bruno S., Simon Luechinger and Alois Stutzer (2004). Wirtschaftliche Schäden des Terrorismus. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 134, June 12/13, 2004: 29.

Frey, Bruno S. and Simon Luechinger (2002). Über den Sinn von Medaillenspiegeln. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 49, February 28, 2002: 49.

Book Reviews

Sunstein, Cass R. (2005). *Laws of Fear. Beyond the Precautionary Principle*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. In: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 295, December 17/18, 2005: 77.

Conferences and Seminars (Selection)

'Air Pollution and Infant Mortality: A Natural Experiment from Power Plant Desulfurization.' Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, June 27th, 2009, Geneva, Switzerland.

'Introduction to Quality of Life Studies.' Summer School on Spatial Simulation for the Social Sciences. June 15th, 2009, Urban Institute Ireland, University College Dublin, Ireland.

'Air Pollution and Infant Mortality: A Natural Experiment from Power Plant Desulfurization.' Workshop Beyond Basic Questions, May 22nd, 2009, Zurich, Switzerland.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, January 5th, 2009, San Francisco, USA.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' End-Of-Year Conference of Swiss Economists Abroad, December 22nd, 2008, Zurich, Switzerland.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' XVII International Tor Vergata Conference on Banking and Finance (Invited Session on Happiness Economics), December 3rd, 2008, Rome, Italy.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Research seminar, November 19th, 2008. Royal Holloway, University of London, UK.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Seminar, September 15th, 2008. University St. Gallen, Switzerland.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 31st, 2008. Milan, Italy.

'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, July 9th, 2008. Berlin, Germany.

- 'Why Does Unemployment Hurt the Employed? Evidence from the Life Satisfaction Gap between the Public and the Private' STICERD/EOPP Work in Progress Seminar, June 24th, 2008. London School of Economics, UK.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' KOF Swiss Economic Institute-Research Seminar, June 6th, 2008. Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Annual Conference, Royal Economic Society, March 18th, 2008. University of Warwick, UK.
- 'The Life Satisfaction Approach to Valuing Public Goods.' Seminar on Environmental Economics, October 30th, 2007. Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Conference on 'Policies for Happiness,' June 15th, 2007. Siena, Italy.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Joint research seminar of professors Frey, Frost, Kieser, Osterloh and Scherer, February 16th, 2007. Ittingen, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Brown Bag Seminar, February 1st, 2007. University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Seminar on 'Organizational Theory and Political Economy,' January 18th, 2007. University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Law, Economics and Psychology Workshop at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, November 24th, 2006. Bonn, Germany.
- 'Valuing Flood Disasters with the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Jahrestagung 2006, Verein für Socialpolitik, September 29th, 2006. Bayreuth, Germany.
- 'Bureaucratic Rents and Life Satisfaction.' Jahrestagung 2006, Verein für Socialpolitik, September 29th, 2006. Bayreuth, Germany.
- 'Calculating Tragedy: Assessing the Costs of Terrorism.' Workshop for higher staff officers at the Swiss Military Academy (MILAK), September 5th, 2006. Au, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Flood Disasters with the Life Satisfaction Approach.' Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 24th, 2006. Vienna, Austria.
- 'Bureaucratic Rents and Life Satisfaction.' Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 20th, 2006. Turku, Finland.
- 'Bureaucratic Rents and Life Satisfaction.' Seminar on 'Organizational Theory and Political Economy,' January 27th, 2006, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'The Future of Happiness Research. B. Benefits from Public Goods.' 12th Munich Lectures in Economics; lecture no. 3, November 17th, 2005. CESifo, Munich, Germany.
- 'Costs and Benefits of Anti-Terrorism Policies' Conference on 'Terrorism and International Relations,' October 25th, 2005. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 'The Life Satisfaction Approach to the Value of Public Goods: The Case of Terrorism.' Jahrestagung 2005. Verein für Socialpolitik, September 9th, 2005. Bonn, Germany.
- 'Terrorism: Considering New Policies.' Symposium on 'Economic Costs and Consequences of a Terrorist Attack,' August 19th, 2005. CREATE – Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA.
- 'Rents in the Bureaucracy: Measurement and Causes.' Brown Bag Seminar, June 3rd, 2005. University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Public Goods: The Life Satisfaction Approach.' Seminar on 'Rational Choice and Beyond,' June 3rd, 2004. University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Public Goods: The Life Satisfaction Approach.' HUI Seminar, May 14th, 2004. Vitznau, Switzerland.
- 'Valuing Public Goods: The Life Satisfaction Approach.' Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, April 16th, 2003. Berlin, Germany.
- 'Measuring Terrorism.' 4th Corsica Workshop on Law and Economics, May 23rd, 2003. Université de Reims (Champagne-Ardenne), France.

'How to Fight Terrorism: Alternatives to Deterrence.' Assistententreffen, May 16th, 2003. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

'How to Fight Terrorism: Alternatives to Deterrence.' 3rd Corsica Workshop on Law and Economics, October 5th, 2002. Université d'Aix et Marseille, France.

'Terrorism: Deterrence May Backfire.' Workshop on 'The Economic Consequences of Global Terrorism,' June 15th, 2002. DIW Berlin, Germany.

Teaching

Lecture and Workshop Series in 'Law and Economics' (held jointly with professors Anne van Aaken, Bruno S. Frey, Gerard Hertig and Alois Stutzer), Fall term 2007, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture and Workshop Series in 'Law and Economics' (held jointly with professors Anne van Aaken, Bruno S. Frey, Gerard Hertig and Alois Stutzer), Spring term 2007, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture in 'Democratic Economic Policy, part 2' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey and Matthias Benz), Summer term 2006, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Seminar in 'Mediaeconomics' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey and professor Reiner Eichenberger), Summer term 2005, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture in 'Democratic Economic Policy, part 2' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey), Summer term 2005, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture in 'Democratic Economic Policy, part 1' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey), Winter term 2004/2005, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture in 'Public Choice' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey), Summer term 2004, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Lecture in 'Environmental Economics' (held jointly with professor Bruno S. Frey), Winter term 2003/2004, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Refereeing

Analyse & Kritik, Applied Economics Quarterly, CESifo Economic Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, Defence and Peace Economics, Economic Journal, Economica, Economics Letters, International Economic Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Kyklos, Land Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice and Southern Economic Journal

Other Activities

2003 - 2006 Programme coordinator of the economics department, University of Zurich, for the Erasmus student exchange programme

Membership in Scientific Associations

Research Fellow at CREMA – Center for Research in Economics, Management and the Arts
Member of the American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Network of Swiss Economists Abroad, Royal Economic Society, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics, Verein für Socialpolitik

Media Coverage

Senti, Martin (2007). Briefliche Stimmabgabe stimuliert die Beteiligung. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 148, June 29, 2007: 17.

'Terror beeinflusst Wirtschaft.' Interview by Pascal Schumacher, SF1, '10VOR10', August 11, 2006 [Interview on the economic consequences of terrorism in the late news of the first Swiss national television].

- Bucher, Peter and Christian Sauter (2005). Gemeindefusionen: Mehr Effizienz bedingt Nachdruck. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, No. 304, December 29, 2005: 14.
- Brøns-Petersen, Otto (2005). Terrorismens pris. *Weekendavisen*, October 27, 2005: 3.
- Milano Finanza (2005). Che si legge a palazzo. Pisanu si informa sui costi del terrorismo. *Milano Finanza*, March 19, 2005.
- Schwarz, Petra (2004). Ökonomen bewerten Trauer und Schmerz. *Handelsblatt*, No. 245, December 16, 2004: 6.