SEBASTIAN HAGER

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Research Fields

Economic History, Economics of Innovation, Labor Economics, Organizational Economics

Current Position

since 09/2024 Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow in Economics, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
(on leave during the academic year 2025/26)

Education

2019 – 2024 PhD Economics, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich (LMU)
2022 – 2023 Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley
2017 – 2019 MPhil Economics, University of Oxford
2014 – 2017 BSc Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, University of Warwick

since 2020 MA Gender Studies, University of Vienna
(part-time, 95/120 ECTS completed)

Publications

Measuring Science: Performance Metrics and the Allocation of Talent
(with Carlo Schwarz and Fabian Waldinger)
American Economic Review, 2024, 114 (12): 4052–90.

Working Papers

Dictators, Democracies, and Discoveries: Political Institutions and the Creation of Knowledge
(with Felix Radde, Carlo Schwarz and Fabian Waldinger)

Can Know-How Be Transferred? Evidence from the Allied Investigation of German Industry after WWII
(*with Marcel Schlepper and Timo Wochner)*

Speaking of Gender: How Superiors' Attitudes Shape the Careers of Women

Selected Work in Progress

Leadership, Language and Loyalty: Ethnic Diversity in the Austro-Hungarian Army
(with Emilio Esguerra and Eric Golson)

Following the Citations: Performance Metrics and the Direction of Scientific Research
(*with Carlo Schwarz and Fabian Waldinger)*

Teaching

2025 – 2026 Ethics and Economics (IBS Akademie Vienna)
2024 Applied Econometrics (LMU Munich)

2020 – 2024	Intermediate Econometrics (LMU Munich)
2023	Topics in Labor Economics (LMU Munich)
2021 – 2022	Economics of Discrimination (LMU Munich)
2020	Economics of Social Networks (LMU Munich)

Supervision

2024 – 2027	Supervision of eight MPhil theses (University of Oxford)
2020 – 2024	Supervision of six BSc theses (LMU Munich)

Grants and Fellowships

2026 – 2028	British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, Co-PI
2023 – 2026	Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Economics, Joachim Herz Foundation
2025	Postgraduate Research Stipend, GFF Niederösterreich
2022 – 2024	Dissertation Fellowship, Austrian Economic Association (NOeG)
2023	Connex Research Grant, Dr. Hans Riegel Foundation
2019 – 2021	Evidence-Based Economics Fellowship, LMU Munich

Awards

2024	Young Economists Award, Austrian Economic Association (NOeG)
2022	Award for Best Teaching in Economics, LMU Munich

Presentations

NOeG Winter Workshop (2026, scheduled), 3rd Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics (2024), NOeG Annual Conference (2024), NBER Summer Institute: Science of Science Funding (2024, presented by co-author), DEVPEC Conference (2023), Berkeley Economic History Seminar (2023), ASREC Conference (2023), 11th BITSS Annual Meeting (2023), Mountain West Economic History Conference (2023), Berkeley Haas Innovation Seminar (2023), Berkeley Labor Lunch (2023), NOeG Winter Workshop (2022), Berkeley IRLE Seminar (2022), 15th RGS Graduate Conference (2022)

Seminar Organization

2024 – 2027	Applied Microeconomics Early Ideas Workshop, University of Oxford
2024 – 2025	Economics Postdoctoral Fellows Seminar, University of Oxford
2022 – 2024	Economic History Workshop, LMU Munich

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The Economic Journal

Personal Information

Languages	English (fluent), Finnish (native), German (native)
Citizenships	Austrian, Finnish
Date of birth	12 July 1995
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