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Academic Education

- 2002 Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. rer. pol.), University of Kassel
- 1996 Master in Economics (Diplom-Volkswirt), University of Göttingen

Employment

- Since 2015 Deputy Head of Research: Deutsche Bundesbank, Economics Research Centre
- 2003 - 2014 Senior Economist: Deutsche Bundesbank, Economics Research Centre; Bundesbank Representative at the Eurosystem Working Group on Econometric Modelling (WGEM)
- 2000 - 2003 Economist: Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Business Cycle Analysis Department, Head of Business Cycle Research Unit
- 1997 - 1999 Economist: Institute of Economic Research Halle/Saale, Business Cycle Analysis Department

Research Interests

Nowcasting and forecasting, econometrics of mixed-frequency data, dynamic factor models with large data sets, state-space models

Ongoing projects

Nowcasting with large, international datasets (with Philipp Hauber, IfW Kiel), work in progress

Precision-based sampling with data irregularities (with Philipp Hauber, IfW Kiel, Jiachun Zhang, Bundesbank), work in progress

Path predictive likelihood and (weighted) scoring rules for time-varying parameter models: An application to inflation and deflation forecasts in the Euro area and Japan (with Inske Pirschel, SNB), work in progress

MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters, work in progress

Refereed Publications, Contribution to Books, Monographs

Kaufmann, S., C. Schumacher, Bayesian estimation of sparse dynamic factor models with order-independent and ex-post mode identification, *Journal of Econometrics*, forthcoming.

Kaufmann, S., C. Schumacher (2017), Identifying relevant and irrelevant variables in sparse factor models, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 32(6), 1123–1144.

Schumacher, C. (2016), A comparison of MIDAS and bridge equations, *International Journal of Forecasting* 32, 257-270.

Froni, C., M. Marcellino and C. Schumacher (2015), U-MIDAS: MIDAS regressions with unrestricted lag polynomials, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society – Series A*, Vol. 178, pp. 57-82.

Kuzin, V., M. Marcellino and C. Schumacher (2013), Pooling versus model selection for nowcasting GDP with many predictors: Empirical evidence for six industrialized countries, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 28, 392-411.

Kuzin, V., M. Marcellino and C. Schumacher (2011), MIDAS vs. mixed-frequency VAR: Nowcasting GDP in the Euro Area, *International Journal of Forecasting* 27, 529-542.

Marcellino, M. and C. Schumacher (2010), Factor MIDAS for Nowcasting and Forecasting with Ragged-Edge Data: A Model Comparison for German GDP, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 72, 518-550.

Schumacher, C. (2010), Factor forecasting using international targeted predictors: The case of German GDP, *Economics Letters* 107, 95-98

Schumacher, C., J. Breitung (2008), Real-time forecasting of German GDP based on a large factor model with monthly and quarterly data, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 24, 368-398.

Schumacher, C. (2008), Measuring uncertainty of the euro area NAIRU: Monte Carlo and empirical evidence for alternative confidence intervals in a state space framework, *Empirical Economics* 34, 357-379.

Schumacher, C. (2007), Forecasting German GDP using alternative factor models based on large datasets, *Journal of Forecasting* 26, 271-302

Dreger, C., C. Schumacher (2005), The Out-of-Sample Performance of Leading Indicators for the German Business Cycle: Single vs. Combined Forecasts, *Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis* 2, No. 1, 71-88.

Dreger, C., C. Schumacher (2004), Estimating large-scale factor models for economic activity in Germany : Do they outperform simpler models? *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik* 224, 732-750.

Schumacher, C. (2004), A comparison of mean square error approximations for a small estimated state space model, *Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv - Journal of the German Statistical Society* 88, 327-345.

Dreger, C., C. Schumacher (2003), Are Real Interest Rates Cointegrated? Further evidence based on paneconometric methods, *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics* 139, 41-54.

Schumacher, C. (2002), Forecasting trend output in the Euro area, *Journal of Forecasting* 21, 543-558.

Working Papers

Schumacher, C. (2014), MIDAS and bridge equations, *Deutsche Bundesbank Discussion paper* 26/2014.

Kaufmann, S., C. Schumacher (2013), Bayesian estimation of sparse dynamic factor models with order-independent identification, Swiss National Bank, Study Center Gerzensee Working Papers No 13.04.

Kaufmann, S., C. Schumacher (2012), Finding relevant variables in sparse Bayesian factor models: economic applications and simulation results, Deutsche Bundesbank Discussion Paper 29/12.

Froni, C., M. Marcellino, C. Schumacher (2011), U-MIDAS: MIDAS regressions with unrestricted lag polynomials, Deutsche Bundesbank Discussion Paper, Series 1: Economic Studies, No. 35/11.

Kuzin, V., M. Marcellino, C. Schumacher (2009), Pooling versus model selection for nowcasting with many predictors: An application to German GDP, Deutsche Bundesbank Discussion Paper, Series 1: Economic Studies, No. 03/09.

Scharnagl, M., C. Schumacher (2007), Reconsidering the role of monetary indicators for euro area inflation from a Bayesian perspective, Deutsche Bundesbank Discussion Paper, Series 1: Economic Studies, No. 09/07.

Invited Papers, Contribution to Books, Monographs

Schumacher, C. (2014), Comments on “Short-Term Inflation Projections: A Bayesian Vector Autoregressive Approach”, International Journal of Forecasting 30(3), 645-647.

Schumacher, C. (2011), Forecasting with Factor Models Estimated on Large Datasets: A Review of the Recent Literature and Evidence for German GDP, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik 231/1, 28-49.

Dreger, C., C. Schumacher (2004), Money Demand in Europe: Evidence from Panel Cointegration Tests. In: Stephen G. Hall, U. Heilemann and P. Pauly (Eds.): Macroeconometric Models and European Monetary Union, Berlin, Duncker & Humblot.

Schumacher, C. (2002), Alternative Schätzansätze für das Produktionspotenzial im Euroraum, HWWA Studien, Bd. 71, Baden-Baden, Nomos.

Referee Activities

Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv – Journal of the German Statistical Society, Banque de France Documents de Travail, Banco de Portugal Working Papers, Canadian Journal of Economics, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, Czech National Bank Working

Paper Series, ECB Working Paper Series, Economic Modelling, Economics Letters, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, International Journal of Central Banking, International Journal of Forecasting, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Journal of Forecasting, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, Swiss National Bank (SNB) Working Papers series, The Review of Economics and Statistics

Organizing Conferences and Workshops (since 2010)

2017

- Bundesbank Forecasting Workshop, jointly with Malte Knüppel, 8/9 September 2017

2014

- Member of Program Committee of European Conference of the Econometrics Community (EC2): Advances in Forecasting, UPF Barcelona, Barcelona, December 12-13, 2014
- Factor Model Workshop, Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main, 2 April 2014

2013

- Member of Program Committee of European Conference of the Econometrics Community (EC2): The Econometric Analysis of Mixed Frequency Data, University of Cyprus, Cyprus, December 2013

2012

- Joint Research Workshop Bundesbank – Norges Bank, jointly with Sandra Eickmeier, 27 Sep 2012
- Bundesbank Workshop: Uncertainty and Forecasting in Macroeconomics, jointly with Malte Knüppel, 1 June 2012

2010

- Conference: Forecasting: The role of real-time and survey data, Jointly with ECB and EABCN, 5-6 March 2010

Conference and Workshop Presentations (since 2010)

2016

- Path predictive likelihood and (weighted) scoring rules for time-varying parameter models: An application to inflation and deflation forecasts in the Euro area and Japan, NBP Workshop on Forecasting, Warsaw, 21-22 November 2016
- What's the probability of deflation in the Euro area? Evaluating path forecast densities with weighted scores, Joint Norges Bank - Deutsche Bundesbank Workshop, Deutsche Bundesbank, 20 April 2016
- What's the probability of deflation in the Euro area? Evaluating path forecast densities with weighted scores, Verein für Socialpolitik: Ausschuss für Ökonometrie, Schloss Rauschholzhausen, 25-27 February 2016

2015

- What's the probability of deflation in the Euro area and Japan?, Econometrics Seminar University Giessen, 15 December 2015
- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters, Research Seminar of the Institute of Statistics and Econometrics, University of Kiel, 11 June 2015

2014

- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters, CFE-ERCIM 2014, Pisa, 6-8 December 2014
- Finding relevant variables in Sparse Bayesian Factor Models: Economic applications and simulation results, Research Seminar, University of Regensburg, 17 November 2014
- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters, IWH Halle/Saale, 4 November 2014
- MIDAS and bridge equations, KOF Zurich, 29 October 2014
- MIDAS and bridge equations, University of Cologne, 7 October 2014
- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters: An application to corporate bond spreads and GDP in the Euro area, Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik, HSU Hamburg, 9 Sep 2014
- Efficient estimation and forecasting in dynamic factor models with structural instability, 34th International Symposium on Forecasting, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2 July 2014
- Efficient estimation and forecasting in dynamic factor models with structural instability, SIRE Workshop on Econometric Modelling and Forecasting in Central Banks, University of Glasgow, 16 May 2014
- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters: An application to corporate bond spreads and GDP in the Euro area, Deutsche Bundesbank and Norges Bank Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics, Norges Bank, Oslo 17 March, 2014

2013

- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters: An application to corporate bond spreads and GDP in the Euro area (poster), EC2, University of Cyprus, 14 December 2013
- U-MIDAS: MIDAS regressions with unrestricted lag polynomials, IHS Vienna, Research Seminar, 14 November 2013
- Finding relevant variables in Sparse Bayesian Factor Models: Economic applications and simulation results, Applied Time Series Econometrics Workshop, Fed St. Louis, 18 October 2013
- MIDAS regressions with time-varying parameters: An application to corporate bond spreads and GDP in the Euro area, SUNY Albany, Research Seminar, 15 October 2013
- Finding relevant variables in Sparse Bayesian Factor Models: Economic applications and simulation results, Statistische Woche 2013, FU Berlin, 17 September 2013
- Finding relevant variables in Sparse Bayesian Factor Models: Economic applications and simulation results, ESEM Gothenburg, 27 August 2013
- Corporate bond spreads and real economic activity: Time-varying MIDAS evidence, Seminar, University of Cologne, 16 June 2013
- U-MIDAS: MIDAS regressions with unrestricted lag polynomials, Brunel University London, Research Seminar, 13 March 2013
- Interest rate spreads and real economic activity: MIDAS evidence, Verein für Socialpolitik: Ausschuss für Ökonometrie, Schloss Rauischholzhausen, 1 March 2013

2012

- Sparse Dynamic Factor Model, Econometric Workshop organized by Prof. Uwe Hassler, Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, 15/16 Jun 2012
- Nowcasting German GDP: Research results and models used at the Bundesbank , IAB, Nürnberg, 13 June 2012

2011

- U-MIDAS: MIDAS regressions with unrestricted lag polynomials, DIW Macroeconometric Workshop 2011, Berlin, 2 Dec 2011
- Discussion of D. Giannone (ULB) "Short-term inflation projections: a Bayesian vector autoregressive approach", 8th International Institute of Forecasters Workshop on "Forecasting the Business Cycle", Banque de France, Paris, 1 Dec 2011
- Pooling versus model selection for nowcasting GDP with many predictors: Empirical evidence for six industrialized countries, Workshop on Nowcasting: advances, implementation and logistics, Sveriges Riksbank, Stockholm, 15 Nov 2011
- Nowcasting German GDP: Research Results and Models used at the Bundesbank, Open Seminar of Eesti Pank, Tallinn, 27 Oct 2011
- Pooling versus model selection for nowcasting GDP with many predictors: Empirical evidence for six industrialized countries, ESEM, Oslo, 27 Aug 2011

- Sparse Dynamic Factor Model, Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Frankfurt/Main, 7 Sep 2011
- Pooling versus model selection for nowcasting with many predictors, Eurosystem WGF Expert Meeting on activity forecasting following the crisis, Frankfurt/Main, 15 Jun 2011
- Sparse Dynamic Factor Model, Research Seminar of the Institute of Statistics and Econometrics, University of Kiel, 26 May 2011
- Discussion of K. Arnostova, D. Havrlant, L. Ruzicika, P. Toth (CNB) “Short-Term Forecasting of Czech Quarterly GDP Using Monthly Indicators”, CNB Research Open Day, Prague, 24 May 2011

2010

- Dynamic Sparse Factor Model, Invited Session: Factor Models, 4th International Workshop on Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE '10), London, 10 Dec 2010
- Dynamic Sparse Factor Model, 11th IWH-CIREQ Macroeconometric Workshop: Recent Advances in Macroeconomic Forecasting, Halle (Saale), 8 Dec 2010
- Pooling Versus Model Selection for Nowcasting with Many Predictors: An Application to German GDP, 6th Colloquium on Modern Tools for Business Cycle Analysis, Eurostat, Luxemburg, 29 Sep 2010
- MIDAS vs. mixed-frequency VAR: Nowcasting GDP in the euro area, Statistische Woche, Ausschuss für Ökonometrie und Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung, Nürnberg, 16 Sep 2010