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### **Professional Experience**

- Since October 2004                      Economist in the Econometric Modelling Division of DG Research at the **European Central Bank** (Senior Economist since 2010)
- Jan. 2004 - September 2004              (Part-time) Economist at the Research Center of the **Deutsche Bundesbank**, Member of the Inflation Persistence Network of the ESCB.
- Febr. 2001- September 2004              Research- and Teaching Assistant at **University of Frankfurt**, Chair for Monetary Theory and Policy (Ph.D. Advisor: Prof. Volker Wieland).
- Nov. 2000 - Jan. 2001                      Research stay at **De Nederlandsche Bank**, Research Department.
- Aug. 1999 – Jan.2001                      Economist at the Modelling and Forecasting Division of the **Austrian Nationalbank** (OeNB).  
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### **Education**

- Jan 2001-Dec. 2005                      Ph.D. (summa cum laude) at the **University of Frankfurt**, (Ph.D. Advisor: Prof. Volker Wieland, Ph.D. Title: Estimating Macroeconomic Models with Optimizing Agents: Habit Formation and Real Wage Rigidity).
- Oct. 1997 – Sept. 1999                      Postgraduate Program in Economics at the **Institute for Advanced Studies**, Stumpergasse 56, A-1060 Vienna.
- Oct. 1994 – Sept. 1997                      **University of Cologne**: Diploma in Economics,  
Special Topics: Macroeconomics and Econometrics.  
Diploma Thesis: Detrending Methods in RBC Models and their Implications on the Stylized Facts.
- Apr. 1993 - Sept. 1994                      **University of Hamburg**: Pre-Diploma in Economics.  
Sept. 1982 - Juli 1991                      Goethe-Gymnasium Freiburg (Abitur).

### **Publications in Journals:**

The Role of Real Wage Rigidity and Labor Market Rigidities for Inflation Persistence (2010), *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, vol. 42(7), pages 1435-1446. (with Tobias Linzert).

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Identifying the Role of Real and Nominal Rigidities (2007), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, vol. 54(8), pages 2439-2466. (with Guenter Coenen and Andrew Levin).

### **Publications in Books:**

Comment on: The Consumption-Tightness Puzzle by M. Ravn in *NBER: International Seminar on Macroeconomics 2006*, edited by L. Reichlin and K. West, University of Chicago Press.

Forecasting with DSGE Models (2011), forthcoming in '*Oxford Handbook*' on *Economic Forecasting* edited by Michael P. Clements and David F. Hendry. (joint paper with Guenter Coenen and Anders Warne)

### **Recent Working Papers:**

The Bond Risk Premium, Fiscal Rules and Monetary policy: an estimated DSGE approach (2011). (with Ivan Jaccard and Juha Kilponen)

Inflation Dynamics with Labor Market Matching: assessing alternative specifications (2010). (with James Costain, Gregory de Walque, Keith Kuester, Tobias Linzert, Stephen Millard and Olivier Pierrard)

The New Area-Wide Model of the euro area: a micro-founded open-economy model for forecasting and policy analysis (2008), ECB WP 944. (with Guenter Coenen and Anders Warne)

Unconditional and Conditional Forecasting with the New Area Wide Model of the Euro Area (2007). (with Günter Coenen and Anders Warne)