

VITA

NICOLA MAASER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: February 16, 1981 in Buchholz/Nordheide, Germany
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aarhus University, Denmark

Associate Professor, Department of Economics & Business Economics, since April 2018

University of Bremen, Germany

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Economics Department at the Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy (SOCIUM), November 2012 – March 2018 (parental leaves from 28 June 2015 to 31 December 2015 and 1 October 2016 to 28 February 2017)

George Mason University, USA

Visiting Scholar, Center for Study of Public Choice, March – April 2013, March 2014

University of Turku, Finland

Associate Member, Public Choice Research Center, April 2009 – December 2013

University of Bayreuth, Germany

Akademische Rätin (equiv. Assistant Professor), Chair of Microeconomics, Faculty of Law, Business and Economics, April 2009 – October 2012 (parental leave from 1 May 2011 to 15 November 2011)

University of Hamburg, Germany

Research Associate, Institute for Allocation and Competition, Department of Economics, March 2006 – March 2009

University of Vilnius, Lithuania

Guest Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, April – May 2008

EDUCATION

University of Hamburg, Germany

Dr.rer.pol., Economics, March 2006 – April 2009

Dissertation: "Decision-Making in Committees: Game-theoretic Analysis", Advisors: Prof. Dr. Manfred Holler, Prof. Dr. Mika Widgrén

University of Hamburg, Germany

Diplom-Volkswirt (equiv. Master in Economics), October 2001 – August 2005

University in Hagen, Germany

M. Sc. Mathematics – Methods and Models, October 2001 – October 2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 – 2018 Scholarship from Robert Bosch Stiftung, Program Fast Track

2016 – 2018 Associated Junior-Fellow, Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg

2004 – 2006 Scholarship, German National Scholarship Foundation

08-09/2004 Scholarship for Travel and Study in Russia, DAAD

GRANTS

01/2019-12/2019 Interacting Minds Seed Grant "Rot from the top? Decisions in hierarchical organizations" (68,000 DKK)

10/2017	Grant for organization of a conference “The Political Economy of Mixed-member Systems”, Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg (ca. 10,000 €)
08/2014	Grant for the 5th Lindau Meeting of the Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences (2,000 €)
2012 – 2018	Grant for research project “Power, Distribution and Fairness in Collective Decisions”, Central Research Development Fund, University of Bremen (275,000 €)
2010 – 2014	DFG research grant “Political Representation and Distribution of State Funds” (23,500 €)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (last five years only)

2019 Dagstuhl Seminar, Leibniz Center for Informatics, Germany – 2019 International Conference on Public Economic Theory, Strasbourg, France – Danish Public Choice Workshop, Aarhus University, Denmark **2018** DYCODE Lecture, University of Bayreuth, Germany – Economics Research Seminar, University of Siegen, Germany – Workshop ‘Mathematics and Politics: Democratic Decision Making’, Hannover, Germany – 14th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Seoul, Korea **2017** Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Vienna, Austria **2016** Workshop on Direct Democracy, Berlin, Germany – Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, Banff, Canada – 5th World Congress of the Game Theory Society, Maastricht, The Netherlands – Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Freiburg, Germany **2014** Meeting of the Public Choice Society, Charleston, USA – Finanzwissenschaftlicher Workshop, FernUniversität Hagen, Germany – 23rd Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina, Switzerland – Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association, Hamburg, Germany **2013** UECE Lisbon Meetings ‘Game Theory and Applications’, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal – Finanzwissenschaftliches Forschungsseminar, University of Mannheim, Germany – BYIC Post-doc Meeting, University of Bremen, Germany – VWL-Forschungsseminar, University of Bremen, Germany – Meeting of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, USA – Brown-Bag-Seminar, ICES at George Mason University, Arlington, USA

REFEREEING

- *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Econometrica, European Economic Review, European Journal of Law and Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, European Union Politics, Games and Economic Behavior, Group Decision and Negotiation, Homo Oeconomicus, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Operations Research und Decisions, Political Science Research and Methods, Review of International Organizations, Social Choice and Welfare*
- German Research Foundation (DFG)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Political Economy*
- *Game Theory*
- *Social Choice Theory*
- *Microeconomics*
- *Advanced Microeconomic Theory*
- *Public Economics*
- *Competition Policy*

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles and Refereed Chapters in Books

- Power Illusion in Coalitional Bargaining: An Experimental Analysis (with Stefan Traub, Fabian Paetzl), *Games and Economic Behavior* 117, 2019, 433-450.
- Election Rules, Legislators' Incentives, and Policy Outcomes: Evidence from the Mixed Member System in Germany (with Thomas Stratmann), *European Journal of Political Economy* 54(C), 2018, 227-239.
- Fair Representation and a Linear Shapley Rule (with Sascha Kurz, Stefan Napel), *Games and Economic Behavior* 108, 2018, 152-161.
- On the Democratic Weights of Nations (with Sascha Kurz, Stefan Napel), *Journal of Political Economy* 125(5), 2017, 1599-1634.
- Simple vs. sophisticated rules for the allocation of voting weights, *Homo Oeconomicus* 34(1), 2017, 67-78.
- Distributional Consequences of Political Representation (with Thomas Stratmann), *European Economic Review* 82 (1), 2016, 187-211.
- Codecision in Context: Implications for the Balance of Power in the EU (with Alexander Mayer), *Social Choice and Welfare* 46 (1), 2016, 213 – 237.
- Mostly Sunny: A Forecast of Tomorrows Power Index Research (with Sascha Kurz, Stefan Napel and Matthias Weber), *Homo Oeconomicus* 32 (1), 2015, 133-146.
- The Mean Voter, the Median Voter, and Welfare-maximizing Voting Weights (with Stefan Napel), in: R. Fara, D. Leech, M. Salles (Eds.), *Studies in Choice and Welfare Series*, Springer, Heidelberg, 2014, pp. 159-176.
- On the Design of Citizens Initiatives in a Union of States, *Economics Letters* 120 (1), 2013, 36-39.
- A Note on the Direct Democracy Deficit in Two-tier Voting (with Stefan Napel), *Mathematical Social Sciences* 63 (2), 2012, 174-180.
- Equal Representation in Two-Tier Voting Systems (with Stefan Napel), *Social Choice and Welfare* 28 (3), 2007, 401-420.

Working Papers and selected Work in Progress

- Cooperation and Norm-enforcement under Impartial vs. Politicized Sanctions (with Jan Philipp Krügel)
- Alienation and Voter Participation: Evidence from Electoral Boundary Reform
- Optimal Representation with k discrete alternatives (with Sascha Kurz and Stefan Napel)
- Moral Costs in Weighted Committee Decisions (with Thomas Stratmann)
- (Un)moral decisions in hierarchical organizations (with Thomas Stratmann)

Books

- Game Theory Lite (with Martin Leroch, Florian Rupp), Accedo, Munich, 2013.
- Decision-making in Committees: Game-theoretic Analysis, Springer, Heidelberg, 2010.
- Spieltheorie Lite (with Manfred J. Holler, Martin Leroch), Accedo, Munich, 2008.

Articles in Edited Volumes and Book Reviews

- Macht und Abstimmungsmacht - Eine spieltheoretische Perspektive, in: E. H. Witte, T. Gollan (Eds.), *Sozialpsychologie und Ökonomie*, Pabst, Lengerich 2010, pp. 56-74.
- Review of Philosophy and Economics I - Methods and Models (Hartmut Kliemt), in: *Social Choice and Welfare* 35 (2), 2010, 345 - 350.
- Review of The Political Economy of Democracy and Tyranny (Norman Schofield), in: *AUCO Czech Economic Review* 3 (1), 2009, 114 - 116.