

Helena Helfer

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy, institutions, economic growth, electoral behavior, history of economic thought	
EDUCATION	University of Münster , Münster, Germany <i>School of Business and Economics</i> Ph.D. Candidate, Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation Topic: "Democratic Institutions and Economic Growth"• Advisor: Thomas Apolte Master of Science, Economics, 2010-2012 Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science, 2006-2010 University of California at Santa Barbara , Santa Barbara, California USA International Student Immersion Program, Economics, 2009	
ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	University of Münster , Münster, Germany <i>Research and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Thomas Apolte</i>	April, 2014 - present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research support• Teaching (Macroeconomics / Advanced Public Choice Theory / Various Seminars at both undergraduate and graduate levels)• Supervision of bachelor and master theses• PEDD Conference organization Maternity Leave from 2017 to 2019 (living in Pasadena, CA, USA)
	HSPV NRW, Münster Location , Münster, Germany <i>Lecturer in the Economics Department</i>	October, 2013 - present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturer for "Introduction to Economics"• Lecturer for "Empirical Methods"• Supervision of bachelor theses
	Konrad Adenauer Foundation - Promotionskolleg zur Sozialen Marktwirtschaft , Berlin, Germany <i>Graduate Fellow</i>	November, 2012 - present <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance of interdisciplinary seminars on reinventing the paradigm of Social Market Economy• Contributor to public events to promote Social Market Economy

RWI - Leibniz Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung e.V., Essen, Germany

Graduate assistant researcher

August, 2010 - September, 2013

- Empirical economic research

AWARDS,
SCHOLARSHIPS
AND SERVICE

Referee for "Social Indicators Research" (2020); "ORDO - Jahrbuch für die Ordnung von Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft" (2016)

Deputy member on the general department council at the University of Münster's School of Business and Economics, 2020 - present

Full member in a hiring committee to replace leaving tenured faculty, 2021

Deputy member in two hiring committees to replace retiring tenured faculty, 2020

Full member on the department council on quality assurance of the PhD-Program at the University of Münster's School of Business and Economics, 2020 - present

Deputy member on the department council on study matters at the University of Münster's School of Business and Economics, 2019 - present

Student Fellowship at the Public Choice Society Annual Meetings, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

DAAD Conference Travel Grant, 2016

Full Scholarship of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2012 - 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

Helfer, Helena (2017): Prosperity-Enhancing Institutions: Towards a Comprehensive Composite Index, in: Social Indicators Research, Vol. 134, Iss. 3, pp. 805-845.

Helfer, Helena (2016): Social Market Economy . a Contemporary Institutional Framework, in: The WSB University Poznan Research Journal, Vol. 68, Iss. 3, pp. 81-100.

Chapters in books

Apolte, Thomas / Helfer, Helena (2017): The Role of Democracy in a Social Market Economy, in: Bitros, G. / Kyriazis, N. (eds.): Democracy and an Open-Economy World Order. Springer, Cham, pp. 65-81.

Hinsen, Helena (2012): Motive und Ziele von M&A-Transaktionen - Einzelwirtschaftliche Kalküle, in: Theurl, T. / Tschöpel, M. (eds.): Münstersche Schriften zur Kooperation, Vol. 98, pp. 1-46. [published under maiden name]

PAPERS IN
PREPARATION

Helfer, Helena: Democratic Institutions and Prosperity - A Bundled Approach

Helfer, Helena: Democratic Institutions and Prosperity - The Special Case of Latin America

Helfer, Helena: Democratic Institutions and Prosperity - The Special Case of Sub-Saharan Africa

Helfer, Helena: Democratic Institutions and Prosperity - The Special Case of Resource Rich Countries

Helfer, Helena: Reconciling Institutional Change and Institutional Stability

INVITED TALKS

Talk on "Institutions and Economic Growth" for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Athens, Greece (July 2021)

Talk on "Formal and Informal Institutions" for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Delphi, Greece (March 2016)

Talk on "Social Market Economy: Towards A Comprehensive Composite Index" at the invitation of Prof. Piotr Pysz at a workshop of the Polish Economic Association in Vlotho, Germany (August 2015)

Brown Bag Talk on "Social Market Economy: Towards A Comprehensive Composite Index" at Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Cologne, Germany (July 2015)

Talk on "Transferability of the Principles of Social Market Economy" for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Athens, Greece (July 2015)

Talk on "Economic Orders in Europe" for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Brasov, Romania (March 2015)

Talk on "The Social Market Economy and its future" for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Brasov, Romania (September 2014) Greece

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2021: IHS Graduate Conference, Virginia, USA [held online] (March); accepted at the Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Savannah, USA [unable to travel due to pandemic restrictions]

2020: accepted at the Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society; accepted at the Annual Meetings of the European Public Choice Society [both canceled due to pandemic]

2019: Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Louisville, USA (March)

2018: Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Charleston, USA (March)

2017: ASSA Annual Conference (presentations at ACES and MEEA annual meetings), Chicago, USA (January); 50th Reserch Seminar Radein, Italy (February); Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, New Orleans, USA (March); Second BKM Workshop, Duisburg, Germany (July)

2016: 49th Reserch Seminar Radein, Italy (February); Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Ft. Lauderdale, USA (March); Annual Meeting of the INFER Network, Reus, Spain (June); First BKM Workshop, Charlotte, USA (August); Third WINIR Conference, Boston, USA (September); Third WiWa Conference, Witten, Germany (December)

2015: 48th Reserch Seminar Radein, Italy (February)

2014: 47th Reserch Seminar Radein, Italy (February)

2012: Joint Conference of the Hanns Martin Schleyer-Foundation and the Bosch Foundation, Leipzig, Germany (March)

OTHER SKILLS

Statistical Packages: Stata, EViews, Matlab (basic knowledge)

Languages: Germany (native), English (fluent), French (fluent / bilingual high-school diploma), Latin (Latinum certificate), Italian (basic knowledge), Spanish (basic knowledge)

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