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► *Current Appointments*

since 2018 *Senior Researcher (tenured)*
ZEW Mannheim, Research Unit 'Labour Markets and Social Insurance'

since 2024 *DAAD Professor of Economics*
Türk-Alman Üniversitesi | Türkisch-Deutsche Universität | Turkish-German University - Istanbul

► *Education, Academic Qualifications and Past Positions*

2023 *Italian National Scientific Habilitation (ASN)* as Associate Professor
awarded by the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MIUR)

2018 *Post-Doctoral Researcher*
DIW Berlin-German Institute for Economic Research, Department 'Education and Family'

2017 *Doctoral degree in Economics*
Freie Universität Berlin - Supervisor: Prof. Giacomo Corneo

2012 *Master of Science in Public Economics*
Freie Universität Berlin

2009 *Degree in Economics for International Cooperation and Development*
University of Rome La Sapienza

► *Affiliations, Fellowships, and Consultancies*

Managing editor *Journal of Income Distribution* (since 2020)

Fellow *Jacobs Foundation Research Fellowship Program* (2023-2025, Jacobs)

Fellow *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research* (since 2016, Steering Committee member since 2022, CIDER)

Scientific advisory board member *Avicenna-Studienwerk scholarship program* (since 2020)

Member of the Education Economics Committee of the German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, since 2023)

Affiliations Visiting fellow at *London School of Economics and Political Science, International Inequality Institute* (since 2022, III-LSE), Associated Researcher at *Center for Distributive, Labor, and Social Studies, Universidad Nacional de La Plata* (since 2014, CEDLAS), and *Centro de Estudios para el Desarrollo Humano, Universidad de San Andrés* (since 2018, CEDH)

Consultancies *CAF (Development Bank of Latin America)*, *Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ, Tulane University)*, *UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)*, *UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)*, *UNU-WIDER (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research)*, *World Bank*

Visiting *European University Institute (2017), National University of La Plata (regularly since 2014), University of Buenos Aires (2016), Universidad de San Andrés (regularly since 2018), Vienna University of Economics and Business (2015), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, DAAD-Scholarship (2011), Universitat de Barcelona, Erasmus Program of the European Union (2007)*

► *Awards*

Italian National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) as associate professor in Economics (Economia Politica 13/A1), Economic Policy (Politica Economica 13/A2), Public Economics (Scienza delle Finanze 13/A3), and Econometrics (Econometria 13/A5) awarded by the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MIUR), 2023.

ZEW Sponsors' Association Prize for the best scientific performance at ZEW in the period 2020/2021 for the paper 'Income Redistribution and Self-Selection of Immigrants'.

Science Award for the paper 'Dynastic Inequality Compared: Multigenerational Mobility in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany' awarded by the German Economic Institute (Institut der Deutschen Wirtschaft) for the best external scientific publication, 2018.

Public Science Award awarded by the College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research for the public science activity 'Educational inequality and intergenerational mobility in Latin America', 2018.

Nancy and Richard Ruggles Memorial Prize for the paper 'Intergenerational mobility and the rise and fall of inequality: Lessons from Latin America' awarded by the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, 2016.

Neodemos prize for the Article 'Italiani in Germania: Sulla buona strada dell' integrazione' (Italians in Germany: On a good way to integration) awarded by the Association Neodemos, 2015.

► *Grants*

Research grant for the project 'Empowering Girls with Migrant Backgrounds through Digital Education' awarded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) within the program 'Integration through Education', 2024-2027 (213K EUR; with partners overall ~900K)

Research grant for the project 'Exploring the Roots of Migration: An Intergenerational Analysis of Opportunities Maximization and Public Goods' awarded by the *German Research Foundation (DFG)*, 2023-2026 (223K EUR)

Research fellowship awarded by the *Jacobs Foundation*, 2023-2025 (165K CHF)

Research grant for the project 'Analyses of the Costs and Benefits of School Closures for the Containment of COVID-19' awarded by the *Volkswagen Foundation*, 2021-2022 (118K EUR)

Research grant for the project 'Social Mobility and Economic Performance' within the international research programme *Strengthening Efficiency and Competitiveness in the European Knowledge Economies* (SEEK) awarded by the *State of Baden-Württemberg*, 2019-2021 (149K EUR)

Research stay grant at Leibniz-institutes awarded by the *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research*, 2018-2019 (66K EUR)

Micro-Group Funding for the research project 'Early childhood care services and refugee children' awarded by the *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research*, 2017-2019 (4K EUR)

Fellowship of the *College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research*, an initiative by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, the Jacobs Foundation and the Leibniz Association to support outstanding junior researchers in educational research, 2016-2019 (distinct funding opportunities, among others for conference participation, organization of workshops and research stays abroad)

Doctoral Scholarship (~20K EUR per year) and Post-Doctoral Co-Funding Scholarship (14K EUR) awarded by the *Hans-Böckler-Foundation*, 2013-2018

Scholarship for studies abroad awarded by the *German Foreign Academic Program* (DAAD), 2011 (5K EUR)

► *Organized Scientific Workshops and Conferences*

Scientific Committee Member of the ECINEQ 2025 conference at the World Bank (July 2025, Washington DC)

Organizer of the Workshop 'Exploring the Roots of Migration Decisions' (June 2025, TDU Istanbul)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the Turkish-German University Economics Conference 2024, 2025, and 2026 in Istanbul

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Intergenerational Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity (November 2024, WU Vienna)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the CIDER Spring Workshop (May 2023, ZEW Mannheim)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the CIDER-LERN Conference (November 2022, University of Luxembourg)

Scientific Committee Member of the Applied Microeconometrics Section of the European Economic Association Meeting (August 2022, Bocconi University)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the virtual workshop "Social Mobility and Economic Performance" (March 2021, ZEW Mannheim)

Organizer of the virtual event 'COVID-19 and Inequality - Research Perspectives on the Worldwide Effects of the Pandemic on Economic and Social Inequality' (June 2020, ZEW Mannheim)

Scientific Committee Member of the conference "Multiple Facets of Educational Inequality", College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (April 2019, WZB Berlin)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the Berlin Network for Labour Market Research Spring Workshop (May 2018, DIW Berlin)

Organizing and Scientific Committee Member of the workshop "Higher Education and (In)Equality of Opportunity" (November 2017, WZB Berlin)

► *Teaching*

Member of the Doctoral Board (Collegio dei Docenti), PhD Programme in Economics, Sapienza University of Rome (since 2024).

Courses taught *currently and in past*

- Growth and Economic Development (Türkisch-Deutsche Universität)
- Public Finance (Türkisch-Deutsche Universität)
- Statistics I (Türkisch-Deutsche Universität)
- Methods in Data Analysis (Türkisch-Deutsche Universität)
- Scientific Methods (Türkisch-Deutsche Universität)
- Globalization and the Welfare State (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Design of Economic Systems, Tutorial (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Economic Mobility: Concepts, Measurement and Application (Occasional lectures at Maastricht U, Tulane U, U Nacional de La Plata, U de San Andrés, Bogazici U)

Invited Lecturer at the UNU-WIDER Summer School for PhD students 2025 in Helsinki. Link to website

Co-Supervisor of PhD-Student Matías Ciaschi, Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Thesis defended in June 2023).

Thesis supervisor at Freie Universität Berlin, Maastricht University, University of Mannheim, University of Heidelberg, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Türkisch-Deutsche Universität.

► *Personal Information*

Born on 29/09/1985 in Rome (Italy), German and Italian citizenship, married, three children.

Biographical portrait in the magazine *Mitbestimmung*: Link to article (in German)

Interview 'The economist asking how education impacts equality' for BOLD

Languages: German (native), Italian (native), Spanish (proficient), English (proficient), Turkish (A2)

► *Publications*

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

1. Paizan, M.-A., Hervelin, J., Neidhöfer, G., Rapp, C., Röser, C., & Karst, K. (2026). Voraussetzungen für den Erwerb digitaler Kompetenzen im Spannungsfeld von Geschlecht, Migrationshintergrund und Teilnahmeform. *Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung*, 21(3), 395–414. https://doi.org/10.3224/diskurs.v21i3.06

2. McNamara, S., Neidhöfer, G., & Lehnert, P. (2026). Intergenerational Mobility Fosters Innovation in Europe. *Nature*. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-026-10736-9

3. Ciaschi, M., Marchionni, M., & Neidhöfer, G. (2026). Intergenerational mobility in Latin America: the multiple facets of social status and the role of mothers. *Journal of Population Economics*, 39(1), 1. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-025-01131-1

4. Neidhöfer, G. (2025). Review of The escape from poverty: Breaking the vicious cycles perpetuating disadvantage, by O. De Schutter, H. Frazer, A.-C. Guio, & E. Marlier. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, (Book Review) 23, 977–979. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-025-09682-9

5. Arntz, M., Lipowski, C., Neidhöfer, G., & Zierahn-Weilage, U. (2025). Computers as Stepping Stones? Technological Change and Equality of Labor Market Opportunities. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 43(2), 503–543. https://doi.org/10.1086/727490

6. Bracco, J., Ciaschi, M., Gasparini, L., Marchionni, M., & Neidhöfer, G. (2025). The Impact of COVID-19 on Education in Latin America: Long-Run Implications for Poverty and Inequality. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 71(1), e12687. https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12687

7. Brunori, P., Ferreira, F. H. G., & Neidhöfer, G. (2025). Inequality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Persistence in Latin America. *Oxford Open Economics*, 4(Supplement_1) The Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review, i167–i199. https://doi.org/10.1093/ooec/odae021

8. Ciaschi, M., & Neidhöfer, G. (2024). Job Loss and Household Labor Supply Adjustments in Developing Countries: Evidence from Argentina. *The World Bank Economic Review*, 38(3), 558–579. https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhad041

9. Neidhöfer, G., Ciaschi, M., Gasparini, L., & Serrano, J. (2024). Social Mobility and Economic Development. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 29(2), 327–359. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10887-023-09234-8

10. Neidhöfer, G., Lustig, N., & Larroulet, P. (2024). Projecting the Impact of COVID-19 on Education and Intergenerational Mobility in Sub-Saharan Africa. *The Journal of Economic Inequality*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-024-09648-3

11. Lustig, N., Pabon, V. M., Neidhöfer, G., & Tommasi, M. (2023). Short and Long-Run Distributional Impacts of COVID-19 in Latin America. *Economía - LACEA Journal*, 22(1), 96–116. https://doi.org/10.31389/eco.3

12. Brunori, P., & Neidhöfer, G. (2021). The Evolution of Inequality of Opportunity in Germany: A Machine Learning Approach. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 67(4), 900–927. https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12502

13. Corneo, G., & Neidhöfer, G. (2021). Income Redistribution and Self-Selection of Immigrants. *Journal of Public Economics*, 198, 104420. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2021.104420

14. Gambaro, L., Neidhöfer, G., & Spiess, C. K. (2021). The Effect of Early Childhood Education and Care Services on the Integration of Refugee Families. *Labour Economics*, 72, 102053. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2021.102053

15. Hebsaker, M., Neidhöfer, G., & Pfeiffer, F. (2021). Intergenerational Mobility and Self-Selection on Unobserved Skills: New Evidence. *Journal for Labour Market Research*, 55(1), 8. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12651-021-00291-3

16. Neidhöfer, C., Buechler, C., Neidhöfer, G., Bierbaum, G., Hannet, I., Hoerauf, A., & Parčina, M. (2021). Global Distribution Patterns of Carbapenemase-Encoding Bacteria in a New Light: Clues on a Role for Ethnicity. *Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology*, 11, 659753. https://doi.org/10.3389/fcimb.2021.659753

17. Neidhöfer, G., Lustig, N., & Tommasi, M. (2021). Intergenerational Transmission of Lockdown Consequences: Prognosis of the Longer-Run Persistence of COVID-19 in Latin America. *The Journal of Economic Inequality*, 19(3), 571–598. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-021-09501-x

18. Neidhöfer, G. (2019). Intergenerational Mobility and the Rise and Fall of Inequality: Lessons from Latin America. *The Journal of Economic Inequality*, 17(4), 499–520. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-019-09415-9

19. Neidhöfer, G., & Niño-Zarazúa, M. (2019). The Long(er)-Term Impacts of Chile Solidario on Human Capital and Labor Income. *Population and Development Review*, 45(S1), 209–244. https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12274

20. Neidhöfer, G., & Stockhausen, M. (2019). Dynastic Inequality Compared: Multigenerational Mobility in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 65(2), 383–414. https://doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12364

21. Neidhöfer, G., Serrano, J., & Gasparini, L. (2018). Educational Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America: A New Database. *Journal of Development Economics*, 134, 329–349. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2018.05.016

22. Bönke, T., & Neidhöfer, G. (2018). Parental Background Matters: Intergenerational Mobility and Assimilation of Italian Immigrants in Germany. *German Economic Review*, 19(1), 1–31. https://doi.org/10.1111/geer.12114

Book Chapters:

1. 'Inherited Inequality in Latin America' (with Paolo Brunori, Francisco Ferreira, Pedro Salas-Rojo and Louis Sirugue) in S. Durlauf & B. Mazumder (Eds.), Handbook of Intergenerational Mobility (Elsevier), *forthcoming*.

Selected Policy Reports:

1. 'Growing Educational Gaps in Latin America: How to Avoid the Most Lasting Scar from COVID-19' (with Nora Lustig and Mariano Tommasi), Future of Work in the Global South - Policy Brief, 2021.

2. 'COVID-19 and Inequality' (with Sarra Ben Yahmed, Lorenzo Cappellari, Daniele Checchi, Miles Corak, Stephen Jenkins, Michèle Tertilt and Mariano Tommasi) ZEW policy brief Nr. 20-05, 2020.

3. 'Long run consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on social inequality' in: Lustig, N. and Tommasi, M., COVID-19 and the social protection of poor and vulnerable groups - United Nations Development Programme, 2020.

4. 'Rethinking Schooling - On the effects of school closures on the competence development of primary school children and the need for equality in education provision' (with Maximilian Bach, Sarah McNamara and Friedhelm Pfeiffer) ZEW expert brief No. 20-13, 2020.

5. 'Kita-Besuch von Kindern aus nach Deutschland geflüchteten Familien verbessert Integration ihrer Mütter' (with Ludovica Gambaro and C. Katharina Spieß) DIW Wochenbericht, 2019.

More current projects and discussion papers: https://www.zew.de/en/team/gne/