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## Current Positions/Affiliation

Postdoctoral Researcher (since 2017)  
Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen

Research Affiliate  
Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) Bonn

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics (2012-2017)  
University of Potsdam

M.Sc. in Economics (2010-2012)  
University of Bonn

B.Sc. in Economics (2007-2010)  
University of Mannheim

## Research Interests

Labor Economics, Behavioral Economics, Public Policy Evaluation, Microeconometrics

## Publications in Refereed Journals

### Side effects of labor market policies

Caliendo, M., Mahlstedt, Robert, Van Den Berg, G. J. & Vikström, J., 2023, In: The Scandinavian Journal of Economics. 125, 2, p. 339-375

### Do Job Seekers Understand the UI Benefit System (And Does It Matter)?

Altmann, Steffen, Cairo, S., Mahlstedt, Robert & Sebald, A. C., 2022, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 66 p.

### The Direct and Indirect Effects of Online Job Search Advice

Altmann, Steffen, Glenny, A. M., Mahlstedt, Robert & Sebald, A. C., 2022, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

### Unobservable, but unimportant? The relevance of usually unobserved variables for the evaluation of labor market policies

Caliendo, M., Mahlstedt, Robert & Mitnik, O. A., Jun 2017, In: Labour Economics. 46, p. 14-25

### The gender wage gap and the role of reservation wages: New evidence for unemployed workers

Caliendo, M., Lee, W. & Mahlstedt, Robert, Apr 2017, In: Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization. 136, p. 161-173

### The return to labor market mobility: An evaluation of relocation assistance for the unemployed

Caliendo, M., Kuenn, S. & Mahlstedt, Robert, Apr 2017, In: Journal of Public Economics. 148, p. 136-151

### Home-ownership, unemployed's job search behavior and post-unemployment outcomes

Caliendo, M., Gielen, A. C. & Mahlstedt, Robert, Dec 2015, In: Economics Letters. 137, p. 218-221

## Discussion Papers

### **Mobility Assistance Programmes for Unemployed Workers, Job Search Behaviour and Labour Market Outcomes**

Caliendo, M., Kuenn, S. & Mahlstedt, R., IZA Discussion Paper No. 11169

## Work in Progress

Complexity and the Effectiveness of Public Policies (with S. Altmann, S. Cairo and A. Sebald)

Benefit Sanctions, Warning Mechanisms and the Role of Personalized Information (with S. Cairo)

Digital Tools to Facilitate Job Search (with S. Altmann, A. Glenney and A. Sebald)

Side Effects of Labor Market Policies: Evidence from Drug Prescriptions (with M. Caliendo, G. van den Berg and J. Vikström)

Predicting the Risk of Long-Term Unemployment and Updating Job Seekers' Beliefs (with N. Harmon and M. Rasmussen)

## Teaching

Seminar Applied Labor Economics (Fall 2018)

## Earlier Positions

Resident Research Affiliate (2012-2017)

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) Bonn

Student Research Assistant (2011-2012)

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) Bonn

## Seminar and Conference Presentations

**2018:** IDSC of IZA Workshop: Matching Workers and Jobs Online (Bonn), IZA Workshop: Evaluation of Labor Market Policies (Bonn), EALE Conference (Lyon), L&W Seminar (Maastricht University), IZA World Labor Conference (Berlin), IAB Workshop: Unemployment and Well-being (Nuremberg)

**2017:** MRU Research Seminar (University of Copenhagen), Spring Meeting of Young Economists, (Halle, Saale)

**2016:** CAFÉ Workshop (Vejle), Potsdam Research Seminar in Economics (University of Potsdam), EALE Conference (Ghent), ESPE Conference (Berlin), IZA-CMR PhD Workshop (Bonn)

**2015:** EEA Conference (Mannheim) IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, (Buch, Ammersee)

**2014:** 3rd IZA@DC Young Scholar Program (Georgetown University), Verein für Socialpolitik (Hamburg), IAB Workshop: The Spatial Dimension of the Labor Market (Nuremberg)

**2013:** IZA Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation (London), EALE Conference (Torino), Econometric Society European Meeting (Gothenburg), ESPE Conference (Aarhus), COSME-FEDEA Workshop on Gender Economics (Madrid), 2nd Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics (University of Potsdam)

## Additional Information

Languages: German (native), English (fluent)

Software skills: Stata, MatLab, R, MS-Office, LaTeX

Scholarships: Scholarship for Doctoral Students, IZA Bonn

Refereeing: Labour Economics (2x), International Journal of Manpower, German Economic Review, Empirical Economics, IZA Journal of Labor Economics