

# Curriculum Vitae — Davide Cantoni

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## Academic Positions

### CURRENT POSITION

- 2015– Professor of Economics, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
- 2020– Ordinary Member, Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Munich
- 2012– Research Affiliate, CEPR, London
- 2012– Member, CESifo Research Network, Munich

### EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017– Editorial Board member, *Review of Economic Studies*
- 2017– Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*

### PAST APPOINTMENTS

- 2017–2019 Associate Editor, *Explorations in Economic History*
- 2011–2015 Professor of Economics (W3 tenure-track), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich
- 2010–2011 Assistant Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
- 2010–2011 Affiliated professor, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

- 2014 Visiting Professor, BEHL, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Visitor, Institute for Applied Economic Research, Albert-Ludwigs-Univ. Freiburg
- 2007–2010 Graduate Student Affiliate, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
- 2007, 2008 Visitor, Alfred-Weber-Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
- 2005, 2006 *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*, Department of Economics, Universität Mannheim

## Education

- 2005–2010 Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University
- 2003–2004 Visiting graduate student in Economics, University of California, Berkeley
- 2000–2005 *Diplom-Volkswirt* in Economics, Universität Mannheim (with distinction)

## Publications and working papers

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 Davide Cantoni, Louis-Jonas Heizlsperger, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, and Y. Jane Zhang

*The Fundamental Determinants of Protest Participation: Evidence from Hong Kong's Antiauthoritarian Movement*  
forthcoming, **Journal of Public Economics**

- 2020 Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang  
*Persistent Political Engagement: Social Interactions and the Dynamics of Protest Movements*  
**American Economic Review: Insights**, Vol. 3, N. 2 (June): pp. 233–250
- 2019 Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang  
*Protests as Strategic Games: Experimental Evidence from Hong Kong's Democracy Movement*  
**Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Vol. 134, N. 2 (May): pp. 1021–1077
- 2018 Davide Cantoni, Jeremiah Dittmar, Noam Yuchtman  
*Religious Competition and Reallocation: The Political Economy of Secularization in the Protestant Reformation*  
**Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Vol. 133, N. 4 (November): pp. 2037–2096
- 2017 Davide Cantoni, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang  
*Curriculum and Ideology*  
**Journal of Political Economy**, Vol. 125, N. 2 (April): pp. 338–392.
- 2016 Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni  
*A Tear in the Iron Curtain: The Impact of Western Television on Consumption Behavior*  
**Review of Economics and Statistics**, Vol. 98, N. 1 (March): pp. 25–41.
- 2015 Davide Cantoni  
*The Economic Effects of the Protestant Reformation: Testing the Weber Hypothesis in the German Lands*  
**Journal of the European Economic Association**, Vol. 13, N. 4 (August): pp. 561–598.
- 2014 Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman  
*Medieval Universities, Legal Institutions, and the Commercial Revolution*  
**Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Vol. 129, N. 2 (May): pp. 823–887
- 2013 Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman  
*The Political Economy of Educational Content and Development: Lessons from History*  
**Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 104 (September): pp. 233–244
- 2012 Davide Cantoni  
*Adopting a New Religion: The Case of Protestantism in 16th Century Germany*  
**Economic Journal**, Vol. 122, N. 560 (May): pp. 502–531
- 2011 Daron Acemoglu, Davide Cantoni, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson  
*The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution*  
**American Economic Review**, Vol. 101, N. 7 (December): pp. 3286–3307

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 Davide Cantoni, Noam Yuchtman “Historical Natural Experiments: Bridging Economics and Economic History”  
in: Alberto Bisin and Giovanni Federico (eds.), *Handbook of Historical Economics*, Cambridge, Mass.: Academic Press.
- 2018 Davide Cantoni, Felix Hagemeister, Mark Westcott  
“Voting for the far right in Germany”  
in: Dalia Marin (ed.), *Explaining Germany's Exceptional Recovery*, London.: CEPR Press (VoxEU.org Books).
- 2010 Daron Acemoglu, Davide Cantoni, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson  
“From Ancien Regime to Capitalism: The Spread of the French Revolution as a

## Natural Experiment"

in: Jared Diamond and James A. Robinson (eds.), *Natural Experiments of History*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

## WORKING PAPERS

- 2021 Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, Patricia Funk, Felix Schönenberger, Noam Yuchtman  
*Do Polls Affect Elections? Evidence from Swiss Referenda*
- 2021 Davide Cantoni, Cathrin Mohr, Matthias Weigand  
*The Rise of Fiscal Capacity*
- 2020 Davide Cantoni, Felix Hagemester, Mark Westcott  
*Persistence and Activation of Right-Wing Political Ideology*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Historical Contingencies, Econometric Problems: The Analysis of Natural Experiments in Economic History (joint with Noam Yuchtman)
- Epidemics and the Birth of the Leviathan (joint with Maria Waldinger and Matthias Weigand)
- Measuring Redistributive Preferences in East Asia (joint with Vinci Y.C. Chow, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, and Y. Jane Zhang)
- Territorial Roots of National Identity (joint with Cathrin Mohr and Matthias Weigand)
- Urbanization in Europe: Regional Variations, 1700–1900

## POLICY AND OTHER ARTICLES

- 2020 "China und Hongkong am Scheideweg," **Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik** Vol. 21, N. 2: pp. 185–196
- 2017 "The religious roots of the secular West: The Protestant Reformation and the allocation of resources in Europe" (joint with Jeremiah Dittmar, Noam Yuchtman), on *voxeu.org*
- 2017 "Power to the people? China's policy trilemma in Hong Kong" (joint with David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman), LSE Department of Management Blog
- 2017 "Explaining the Alternative für Deutschland party's electoral success: The shadow of Nazi voting" (joint with Felix Hagemester, Mark Westcott), on *voxeu.org*
- 2014 "Curriculum and Ideology" (joint with Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, Y. Jane Zhang), on *voxeu.org*
- 2012 "How universities helped transform the medieval world" (joint with Noam Yuchtman), on *voxeu.org*
- 2010 "Godly Business: The end of the Protestant work ethic," **Foreign Policy** 178 (March/April)
- 2009 "The consequences of external reform: Lessons from the French Revolution" (joint with Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson), on *voxeu.com*

## Grants, awards, stipends

### GRANTS

- 2023–2028 ERC Consolidator Grant 101044546 “The City Rising” (EUR 1,956,434)
- 2021 Investitionsfonds LMUexcellent, LMU Munich (EUR 50,000)
- 2017–2022 ERC Starting Grant 716837 “Demand for Democracy” (EUR 1,494,000)
- 2017–2021 DFG Collaborative Research Center “Rationality and Competition” SFB-TRR 190, co-PI and group leader (EUR 260,000)
- 2016–2017 Nachwuchsförderungsfonds LMUexcellent, LMU Munich (EUR 50,000)
- 2013–2015 Nachwuchsförderungsfonds LMUexcellent, LMU Munich (EUR 56,788)
- 2012–2016 Marie Curie Career Integration Grant (EUR 100,000)
- 2010 Programa Comença, UPF (EUR 3,000)
- 2009 Paul Warburg Fund, Harvard University (US\$ 4,500)
- 2008 Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Opportunity Grant (US\$ 500)
- 2007 Paul Warburg Fund, Harvard University (US\$ 2,500)
- 2007 Economic History Association, Exploratory Data and Travel Award (US\$ 2,500)
- 2007 Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Summer Travel Grant (US\$ 3,000)

### AWARDS

- 2021 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
- 2021 Schmölders Prize (best economic history article of the last three years)
- 2019 Gossen Prize (best economist under 45 in German-speaking countries)
- 2016 *Preis für gute Lehre des Freistaats Bayern* (State of Bavaria, best teaching award)
- 2015 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
- 2009 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University

### STIPENDS

- 2009–2010 Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2007–2009 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Dissertation Fellowship
- 2005–2007 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, ERP Grant
- 2005–2007 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship
- 2000–2005 Fellow, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Merit Foundation)

## Seminar and conference presentations

- 2022 Göttingen, IIES Stockholm, Mannheim, CEPR International Macro History Seminar, (scheduled:) EIEF Rome
- 2021 Bocconi, Bonn, Pompeu Fabra, SMYE Bologna (keynote address), Toulouse, Brussels (ECARES), Columbia, LSE, UC Irvine, British Columbia
- 2020 Graduate Institute Geneva, UCL, Bocconi, SMYE Bologna (keynote address), CEPR Populism Workshop, IIES Stockholm, WZB Berlin, Wuppertal, MPI for European Legal History Frankfurt
- 2019 Nuremberg, CEU, CERGE-EI, Hebrew, Herzliya, Heidelberg, EUI
- 2018 UC Berkeley-Haas, Stockholm (SU), Fribourg, Harvard, Uppsala, Passau, PSE-Sciences Po, Luxembourg (keynote address)
- 2017 MPI for Collective Goods Bonn, Milan (Catholic U), Queen Mary, Milan (U Statale, Sociology/Polisci), Frankfurt, Conference on The Long Shadow of History (Tel Aviv), Düsseldorf, Trinity College Dublin, Copenhagen, Lund, Zurich

- 2016 Bonn, NYU Stern, Innsbruck, Bozen-Bolzano, Pompeu Fabra, CESifo Area Conference Behavioural Economics, Utrecht, UC Berkeley
- 2015 Cologne, Bayreuth, TU Munich, Mannheim, Becker-Friedman Institute Media and Communications Conference
- 2014 UC Berkeley, UCLA Anderson, Northwestern, Stanford, UC Davis, CESifo Area Conference Economics of Education, CEPR Economic History Symposium, Zurich
- 2013 Hohenheim, Warwick, IIES Stockholm, Bocconi, U Southern Denmark
- 2012 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Regensburg, Linz, Workshop on Natural Experiments and Controlled Field Studies (Holzhausen), NBER Summer Institute (POL), FU Berlin, Mannheim
- 2011 U Barcelona, Royal Economic Society (Royal Holloway), Oxford, Paris School of Economics, Asian Development Bank Workshop on Human Capital and Economic Development (Boston), LSE
- 2010 Pompeu Fabra, Bocconi, Brown, LMU Munich, IIES Stockholm, Harvard, VfS annual meeting (Kiel), CREI, U Autònoma Barcelona, Cologne
- 2009 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, LMU Munich, MPI for Collective Goods Bonn, HU Berlin, NBER Summer Institute (POL), EEA annual meeting (Barcelona), Harvard, Yale, Mannheim, Colgate-Hamilton
- 2008 Harvard, Yale, Heidelberg, EHA annual meeting (New Haven)

## Teaching

### CURRENT

- Culture and Institutions in Economic History (undergraduate), lecture
- Geography and Technology in Economic History (undergraduate), lecture
- Economic History (graduate), lecture/seminar

### PAST

- 2016 Natural Experiments in German History (undergraduate), LMU Munich, junior seminar
- 2013 Media Economics (undergraduate), LMU Munich, junior seminar
- 2012 Empirical Economics I (undergraduate), LMU Munich, lecture (in German)
- 2012, 2015 Country Studies in Historical Development (undergraduate), LMU Munich, junior seminar
- 2011 International Economic History (graduate), UPF, lecture
- 2011 International Economic History (undergraduate), UPF, lecture
- 2006–2009 Macroeconomic Theory (graduate), Harvard, teaching fellow
- 2008 Econometrics (undergraduate), Harvard, teaching fellow
- 2005–2006 Macroeconomics III (adv. undergraduate), Mannheim, teaching assistant

## Service to the profession

### SUPERVISION OF PH.D. STUDENTS

- 2018– \*Leonie Bielefeld, LMU Munich
- 2018– \*Emilio Esguerra, LMU Munich

2018–2022 Benjamin Arold, ifo and LMU Munich  
 2018–2022 Biljana Meiske, Max-Planck-Institute, Munich  
 2017–2022 \*Leonhard Vollmer, LMU Munich  
 2017–2022 \*Johannes Wimmer, LMU Munich  
 2017–2021 Brendan Shanks, LMU Munich (*public sector placement*)  
 2017–2021 Eleonora Guarnieri, ifo and LMU Munich (*first placement: Exeter*)  
 2016–2020 \*Felix Hagemeister, LMU Munich  
 2016– Lukas Rosenberger, LMU Munich  
 2015–2019 \*Navid Sabet, LMU Munich (*first placement: Frankfurt*)  
 2015–2020 \*Daniela Miehling, LMU Munich  
 2014–2019 \*Cathrin Mohr, LMU Munich (*first placement: Bonn*)  
 2013–2017 Daniel Wissmann, LMU Munich (*public sector placement*)  
 2013–2017 \*Mark Westcott, LMU Munich (*private sector placement*)  
 2013–2017 Anastasia Driva, LMU Munich (*private sector placement*)  
 2013–2016 Ruth Schüler, ifo and LMU Munich (*private sector placement*)  
 2011–2015 Rhea Molato, Max-Planck-Institute, Munich (*private sector placement*)  
 2011–2015 \*Daphne Alvarez Villa, LMU Munich (*first placement: Oxford, postdoc*)  
 2011–2015 \*Alexandra Semrad, LMU Munich (*private sector placement*)  
 2010–2015 Andrea Matranga, UPF (*first placement: New Economic School, Moscow*)  
 2010–2015 Vicky Fouka, UPF (*first placement: Stanford*)

\*: main advisor

#### PH.D. STUDENTS: EXTERNAL EXAMINER

2019 Andreas Stegmann, CEMFI  
 2017 Erik Prawitz, IIES Stockholm  
 2017 Bálint Ményhert, CEU Budapest  
 2016 Christian Skovsgaard, U Southern Denmark

#### ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2023 Head of the core conference committee, annual meeting of the *Verein für Socialpolitik* (German-speaking economic association)  
 2019 Head of the program committee, annual meeting of the *Verein für Socialpolitik* (German-speaking economic association)  
 2018 Organizer of a workshop on “Understanding the Demand for Democracy” at the Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich  
 2017–2020 Organizer of the department seminar (Hans Möller Seminar), LMU Munich  
 2013–2015 Co-organizer of three workshops on “Mechanisms of Persistence” at the Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich  
 2012– Co-organizer of the Empirical Economics Seminar at LMU Munich  
 2012–2016 Local coordinator of EDGE (European Doctoral Group in Economics)  
 2010–2011 Organizer of the Economic History Seminar series at UPF

#### PRESS COVERAGE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Ara • Bloomberg View • Boston Globe • Dagens Nyheter • Deutsche Welle • Economist • El País • Foreign Policy • Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung • Handelsblatt • Il Mulino • Il Sole 24 Ore • Der Standard • Süddeutsche Zeitung • The Times (London) • Wirtschaftswoche • Die Zeit

## REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics • American Economic Journal: Economic Policy • American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics • American Economic Review • American Economic Review : Insights • American Journal of Political Science • American Political Science Review • China Journal • Constitutional Political Economy • Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) • Econometrica • Economic History Review • Economic Journal • Economica • Economics of Transition • European Economic Review • European Research Council • European Review of Economic History • Explorations in Economic History • German Israeli Foundation • International Economic Review • Israel Science Foundation • Journal of Applied Econometrics • Journal of Comparative Economics • Journal of Conflict Resolution • Journal of Development Economics • Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization • Journal of Economic Growth • Journal of Economic History • Journal of International Economics • Journal of Political Economy • Journal of Public Economics • Journal of the Economic Science Association • Journal of the European Economic Association • Nature Human Behaviour • National Science Foundation • Princeton University Press • Public Choice • Quarterly Journal of Economics • Quarterly Journal of Political Science • Review of Economics and Statistics • Review of Economic Studies • Scandinavian Economic History Review • Science • Swiss National Science Foundation