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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Economics — September 2023 – Present
University of Fribourg — Fribourg, Switzerland
Supervisor: Prof. Reiner Eichenberger
Expected completion: June 2027

CAS in Higher Education Didactics — September 2024 – January 2026
University of Fribourg — Fribourg, Switzerland

Master of Arts in Business Administration — February 2020 – September 2022
University of Fribourg — Fribourg, Switzerland
Semester abroad at University of Rome Tor Vergata — Rome, Italy

Bachelor of Arts in Economic and Legal Studies — September 2017 – January 2020
University of Fribourg — Fribourg, Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of New South Wales (UNSW) — Sydney, Australia
Visiting Researcher (planned) — April – May 2027
Host: Prof. Gigi Foster

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) — Brisbane, Australia
Visiting Researcher — February – July 2025
Host: Prof. Benno Torgler

EXPERIENCE

University of Fribourg — Fribourg, Switzerland
Teaching and Research Assistant to Prof. Reiner Eichenberger — September 2023 – Present

RUAG AG — Emmen, Switzerland
Business Change Manager — March 2024 – January 2025
Trainee Business Analytics, Project and Demand Management — April 2023 – February 2024
Trainee Marketing, Sales and Key Partner Management — October 2022 – March 2023

CITIUS Meeting — Bern, Switzerland
Head of Marketing — November 2022 – July 2024

MOVE Mobility — Granges-Paccot, Switzerland
General Management Intern — January 2021 – December 2021

Strasse Schweiz — Bern, Switzerland
Scientific Assistant — July 2019 – September 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Kuhn, F., and Torgler, B. (2026). Empowering the principal: how direct democracy shapes trust in institutions. *Public Choice, 208, 721–751.*

Kuhn, F. (2026). Culture or context? Institutional trust across and within regions. *Journal of Institutional Economics, 22, e55.*

Kuhn, F. (2026). Free to move? Immigration liberalization and international migration. *Economics Letters, 268, 113187.*

Book chapters

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2025). Regulierung und Risiko: eine politisch-ökonomische Perspektive. *In C. Wirz (Ed.), Risiko, Solidarität und Mathematik: Die Schweizer Versicherungswirtschaft und ihre Geschichte (pp. 142–151).*

Working papers

Kuhn, F., Eichenberger, R., and Torgler, B. (2026). Crowding-In or Crowding-Out? The Internal Migration Response to Immigration. *BITA Working Paper No. 19.*

Kuhn, F., Stadelmann, D., and Torgler, B. (2026). Behavioral Political Economy: Why Biases and Institutions Matter. *BITA Working Paper No. 21.*

Work in progress

Kuhn, F. Dodging the Draft? Military Service and the Timing of Naturalization.

Kuhn, F. Removing Immigration Restrictions: Evidence on Immigration, Emigration, and Net Migration.

Kuhn, F. Searching for Happiness? Evidence on Internal Migration, Life Satisfaction, and Moving Intentions.

COMMISSIONED RESEARCH AND EXPERT ADVISORY

Swiss Economics 2026
External Expert and Co-Author

Funk, M., Trinkner, U., Altorfer, M., and Kuhn, F. (2026). Alternative Zuwanderungsregime für die Schweiz: Eine ökonomische Analyse. *Study commissioned by Kompass Europa.*

Institut für Schweizer Wirtschaftspolitik (IWP) 2026
Co-Author of Commissioned Research

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2026). Wohnungsnot und Zuwanderung: Eine politisch-ökonomische Analyse. *Study commissioned by the IWP at the University of Lucerne.*

SELECTED POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Kuhn, F. (2027). Schafft direkte Demokratie politisches Vertrauen? *Die Volkswirtschaft, January issue (forthcoming).*

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2026). Die grosse Zukunft der Milizarmee – mit Freiwilligen oder allgemeiner Gesellschaftsbeitragspflicht. *stratos, 2/2026 (forthcoming).*

Kuhn, F. (2026). Kurtaxe neu gedacht: nachhaltiger Tourismus für alle. *Neue Zürcher Zeitung.*

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2026). Geben ist seliger als nehmen: Erbgerechtigkeit aus politisch-ökonomischer Perspektive. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte (bpb).*

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2024). Steigende Prämien: So könnten wir Gesundheitskosten senken. *SonntagsZeitung.*

Eichenberger, R., and Kuhn, F. (2024). Der Markteintritt der deutschen Discounter ist ein Segen für Schweizer Konsumenten und Arbeitnehmer. *Schweizer Monat.*

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Teaching

Wirtschaftspolitik: Schwerpunktthemen 2023 – 2026
Bachelor Seminar, University of Fribourg

Aktuelle Probleme der Finanz- und Wirtschaftspolitik 2024, 2026
Master Seminar, University of Fribourg

Supervision

Bachelor's theses: 3
Bachelor's seminar papers: 8 per seminar
Master's seminar papers: approximately 2–3 per seminar

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Doc.Mobility Project and Travel Grant 2025
University of Fribourg, CHF 28'460

Stipendium der Stiftung Schweizerischen Bankenvereins 2026
CHF 10'000

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member of the Department Council February 2026 – Present
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Peer-Review Activities
Kyklos: 4 manuscripts reviewed
Topics: immigration, integration, and education

PUBLIC OFFICES AND MANDATES

Member of the Municipal Parliament January 2022 – April 2026
Murten, Switzerland

Member of the Finance Commission January 2022 – April 2026
Murten, Switzerland

Member of the Organisation Committee (Liberales Forum See) September 2022 – June 2026
Fribourg, Switzerland

Member of the National Committee (Jungfreisinnige Schweiz) July 2020 – March 2024
Bern, Switzerland

LANGUAGES

German (Native) | English (Proficient) | French (Advanced)