

# Birgit Leimer, Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

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- Sept. 2013 – Nov. 2019 **Ph.D. in Economics, *summa cum laude***  
Graduate School of Economics, Finance and Management (GSEFM),  
Frankfurt, Germany
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Reyn van Ewijk
  - Research Topics
    - Health effect of having grandchildren
    - Pregnancy during Ramadan and its effects on the newborn
    - Whose health benefits from retirement and when?
- Jan. - Mar. 2018 **Research stay abroad** (with Prof. Dr. Maarten Lindeboom)  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Sept. 2013 - July 2016 **M.Sc. in Quantitative Economics**  
Graduate School of Economics, Finance and Management,  
Frankfurt, Germany
- Master Thesis: Effect of Retirement on Health
    - Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Reyn van Ewijk
- Aug. 2006 - May 2010 **B.A. in Economic Theory and Romance Languages, *magna cum laude***  
New York University (NYU), New York City, New York, USA
- Honors Program in the Economics Department
  - Bachelor Thesis: Health Equity in the Chilean Health Care System
- Feb. - July 2009 **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**, Santiago, Chile
- Coursework in Spanish language, Chilean economy and culture
- July - Aug. 2007 **New York University in Paris**, Paris, France
- Coursework in French language and art

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Nov. 2020 – present **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Mainz, Germany  
Chair of Statistics & Econometrics (Prof. Dr. Reyn van Ewijk)
- Oct. 2014 – Oct. 2019 **Research and Teaching Assistant**  
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Mainz, Germany  
Chair of Statistics & Econometrics (Prof. Dr. Reyn van Ewijk)
- Nov. 2015 - Apr. 2018 **Project Manager**  
German Research Fund (DFG) Project “Ramadan and Pregnancy”
- Design and implementation of survey study in Mainz
  - Hiring and supervision of seven student assistants
  - Set up of dataset incl. data entry
  - Evaluation and analysis of data
- Sept. 2010 - Aug. 2013 **Project Manager**  
Commerzbank, Frankfurt, Germany  
Corporate Banking, Strategy & Projects, International Projects
- May - Aug. 2008 **Intern**  
Commerzbank, Frankfurt, Germany  
Business Development, Project Management

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Leimer, B., Pradella, F., Fruth, A., Queißer, A. and van Ewijk, R. (2018). Ramadan Observance during Pregnancy in Germany: a Challenge for Prenatal Care. *Geburtshilfe und Frauenheilkunde*, 78(07), 684-689.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Leimer, B. (2017). No “Honeymoon Phase” – Whose health benefits from retirement and when, *GSME IPP Discussion Paper No. 1718*, Mainz, Germany.  
[http://wiwi.uni-mainz.de/Papers/Discussion%20Paper\\_1718.pdf](http://wiwi.uni-mainz.de/Papers/Discussion%20Paper_1718.pdf).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Leimer, B. and van Ewijk, R. Are grandchildren good for? The health effects of having grandchildren.  
Leimer, B. and Pradella, F. Beyond fasting – in utero exposure to behavioral changes in Ramadan and their effects on birth outcomes.

## TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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| Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020 | <b>Micro Econometrics</b> (bachelor level elective module), lecturer   |
| 2015 - present        | <b>Supervision of Master Theses</b><br>Topics: Effect of in utero exposure to Ramadan on adult health; the labor market effects of having children; the effect of retirement on health care utilization; obesity in Germany      |
| 2016 – present        | <b>Empirical Research in Economics</b> , supervision of student tutors   |
| 2018 – present        | <b>Empirical Research in Economics</b> , tutor<br><b>Supervision of Bachelor Theses</b>  |
| Oct. 2018 - Mar. 2019 | Topics: in utero exposure to Ramadan and its effects on newborn health; effect of retirement on health care utilization  |
| Oct. 2017 - Mar. 2018 | Topics: health effect of grandchild care; do retirees go to the doctor more often; healthier behavior in retirement; economic burden of obesity; economic burden of dementia and the effect of retirement on cognitive abilities |
| Oct. 2016 - Mar. 2017 | Topics: effect of retirement on health, effect of retirement on cognitive abilities  |
| Apr. - Aug. 2015      | Topics: relationship between migration and mental health; the effect of retirement on cognitive ability; the effect of education on health<br><b>Bachelor Seminar</b> , instructor   |
| Oct. 2018 - Mar. 2019 | Topic: Why do economists care about health?  |
| Oct. 2017 - Mar. 2018 | Topic: Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe   |
| Oct. 2016 - Mar. 2017 | Topic: Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe   |
| Apr. - Aug. 2015      | Topic: Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe   |
| Mar. - Sept. 2017     | <b>Skills &amp; Tools</b> (scientific writing and presentation), lecturer  |
| Sept. 2015- Feb. 2016 | <b>Statistics II</b> , tutor   |
| Nov. 2014 - Feb. 2015 | <b>Master Seminar</b> , teaching assistant<br>Topic: The long-term effects of early life experiences   |

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## WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

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- Jan. 2020 **Machine Learning with Applications in R**, Graduate School of Economics, Finance and Management, Frankfurt, Germany
- Apr. 2019 **Summer School in Advanced Econometrics** (Jeffrey M. Wooldridge)  
University of Mainz
- Aug. 2017 **Summer School in Public Health Policy, Economics and Management**  
Course: Methodology and Practical Application of Health Technology Assessment and Economic Evaluation in Health Care (Urs Brügger, Mike Drummond and Marco Barbieri)
- June 2017 **Workshop: Rhetoric and Presentations**
- Apr. 2017 **Workshop on Health Economics**, University of Heidelberg
- Nov. 2016 **Workshop: SHARE Dataset** (presentation of own research)  
Munich Center for the Economics of Ageing
- July 2016 **Summer School on Health Inequality**, Tinbergen Institute in Rotterdam
- Sept. 2015 **Summer School in Economics of Education and Self-Regulation**  
University of Mainz

## INVITED TALKS

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- Mar. 2019 **WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management**, Vallendar, Germany

## CONFERENCES

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- Mar. 2020 **12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the German Association for Health Economics**  
Wuppertal, Germany; presentation of own research
- Nov. 2019 **ROA Workshop on Older Workers' Skills and Labour Market Behaviour**  
Maastricht, Netherlands; presentation of own research
- Sept. 2019 **International Health Economics Workshop** (organized by DGGÖ)  
Mainz, Germany; presentation of own research
- May 2019 **6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SDU Workshop on Applied Microeconomics**  
Odense, Denmark; presentation of own research
- Sep. 2018 **30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists**  
Lyon, France; presentation of own research
- July 2018 **12<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Health Economics**  
Maastricht, Netherlands; presentation of two projects
- June 2018 **32<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the European Society for Population Economics**  
Antwerp, Belgium; presentation of own research
- Apr. 2018 **Workshop on Labour Economics** by the IAAEU in Trier, Germany;  
presentation of own research
- Mar. 2018 **10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the German Association for Health Economics**  
Hamburg, Germany; presentation of two research projects
- Mar. 2017 **22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2017**  
Halle, Germany; presentation of own research
- Sept. 2016 **European Population Conference 2016**  
Mainz, Germany
- Aug. 2015 **European Economic Association Conference**  
Mannheim, Germany

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- Apr. 2010 **NYU Undergraduate Conference**  
New York City, NY, USA; presentation of bachelor thesis
- Apr. 2010 **Carrol Round Conference at Georgetown University,**  
Washington D.C., USA; presentation of bachelor thesis

## REFEREEING

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- Dec. 2018 - Jan. 2019 **Reviewer for Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) 2019**  
2018 **Reviewer for Journal for Labour Market Research**
- Jan. - Feb. 2018 **Reviewer for Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) 2018**

## ACTIVITIES & INVOLVEMENT

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- Jan. 2017 - present **Deputy Equal Opportunities Faculty Representative**
- July 2016 – Nov. 2020 **Research Assistant Representative GSEFM**
- Sep 2013 – Nov. 2020 **Student Representative of GSEFM 2013 cohort**
- 2017 – 2018 **Edith Heischkel-Mentoring Program**  
(new name: Medizin Mentoring Universitätsmedizin Mainz), mentee
- Jan. 2012 - Aug. 2013 **FemSpirit** (Commerzbank's network for young women)

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- **Interdisciplinary Public Policy (IPP) Mainz:** €2000 for research stay in Amsterdam, €500 for summer school in Rotterdam, €500 for summer school in Lugano, and further funding for the attendance of national and international conferences and workshops
- **Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers (GYR):** €750 for research stay in Amsterdam
- **Deutsche Rentenversicherung:** €195 for SHARE Workshop in Munich
- **Università della Svizzera italiana:** 750 CHF for summer school in Lugano
- **Uni Mainz FB03 Frauenförderung** (Equal Opportunities Office of the Faculty of Law, Management and Economics): funding for the attendance of national and international summer schools, workshops and conferences
- **Graduate School of Economics, Finance and Management:** first year stipend (2013-2014)
- **Alvin H. Zagor Scholarship:** 1000 USD prize for bachelor thesis

## SKILLS

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- Native Speaker of German and English, fluent in Spanish, knowledge of French
- Proficient in Stata, LaTeX, and Microsoft Office (including Excel, Powerpoint, Word, Sharepoint, MS Project), knowledge of R