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Research Interests

Environmental and energy economics: technological innovations and environmental policy, theories of sustainability, analysis of international environmental agreements

Water economics: integrated water resource management, analysis of water tariffs, transboundary water resource management

Industrial economics: theory of regulation, competition analysis, network industries

Education and Academic Degrees

Diplom-Volkswirt (MSc): Universität Konstanz (1978); Dr. rer. pol. (Ph.D): Freie Universität Berlin (1986), Habilitation: Freie Universität Berlin (1993)

Academic Positions

1978-1982	Research and Teaching Assistant, Universität Konstanz
1982-1973	Research and Teaching Assistant, Freie Universität Berlin
Since 1995	Full Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Technology, Berlin
2000-2003	Director of the Department of Economics and Economic Law
2001-2003	Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management
2003 - 2008	Vice-President of the German Institute for Economic Research Berlin
2006 - 2011	Director of Graduate Studies of the German Institute for Economic Research
Since 2008	Dean of studies of economics (BA and MSc) at the faculty of economics and management of TU Berlin

Research Grants

Optimale Arbeits- und Finanzierungsverträge bei asymmetrischer Informationen
(*Optimal labor and finance contracts under asymmetric information*)

Microeconomics-online: Developing Internet-based Teaching Tools for
Microeconomics

Ecologic and Economic Evaluation Methods for Alternative Water Treatment
Processes

Nachhaltige Wasserwirtschaft – Entwicklung eines Bewertungs- und Prüfverfahren.
(*Sustainable Water Management: Developing Decision and Evaluation Tools*)

Statusbericht 2000 plus – Architekten/Ingenieure (The economics of self-regulation
of professional associations)

POINT3D: Integrating Sustainability Targets into Sectoral Policies

From conflict to collective action: Institutional change and management options to
govern trans-boundary water courses

Re-Produktionsketten in der Wasser- und Energie-Infrastruktur in schrumpfenden
Regionen. (Reproduction chains of the water and energy sector in shrinking regions).

Consultancy

Price Waterhouse, Volkswagenstiftung, World Bank, European School of Management and
Technology

Referee for the Following Journals

Climate Policy, Energy Economics, European Economic Review, German Economic Review,
Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, Journal of Economics, Journal of
Comparative Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Zeitschrift für
Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften

Articles in Refereed Journal

Can Minimum Prices Assure the Quality of Professional Services? *European Journal of Law
and Economics* (2010), Vol. 30, 171-199(coauthor Reimund Schwarze)

A Modified Yardstick Competition Mechanism. *Journal of Regulatory Economics* (2009), Vol.
35, 223-245. (coauthor Christian von Hirschhausen)

Pitfalls in Restructuring the Electricity Industry, *German Economic Review* (2004), Vol. 5 (1),
81-102 (coauthor: R. Schwarze).

Lohn, Pension und Besteuerung: Ein Entscheidungsmodell zur betrieblichen Alters-
versorgung. *Zeitschrift für Betriebswirtschaftliche Forschung*, 43 (1991), 119-129. (mit J. P.
Krahen) (*wages, pensions and taxation: A decision model for retirement provision*)

Pollution Control and Collective Penalties. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical
Economics*, 143 (1987), 616-29 (coauthor U. Schwalbe)

Optimal Risk Shifting versus Efficient Employment in Illyria: The Labor-Managed Firm under
Asymmetric Information. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 11 (1987), 163-79. (coauthor
E. Wolfstetter)

The Labor Managed Firm Reconsidered, *Zeitschrift für die gesamte Staatswissenschaft Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 140 (1986), 655-668. (coauthors E. Wolfstetter and M. Brown)

Articles in Other Journals

Corporate Self-regulation vs. Ex-Ante Regulation of Network Access: A Model of the German Gas Sector. *Zeitschrift für Energiewirtschaft* (2008), Vol. 32, 171-176

Sauberes Wasser: Milleniumsziel kaum zu schaffen – Privatisierungsdebatte entspannt sich. *DIW Wochenbericht 12-13/2008* (coauthors: M. Jekel and Ch. Remy) (*Clean water: Millennium Development Goals hardly to be accomplished*)

Das Ökosozialprodukt. Neues Maß für den Reichtum der Nationen? (2005), *Wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Studium*, Vol 34, 573-576. (coauthor R. Schwarze) (*The green national product: New indicator for the wealth of nations?*)

Haftung bei mangelnder Identifizierbarkeit, *Wirtschaftswissenschaftliches Studium* (2003), Vol 32, 288-290 (coauthor Reimund Schwarze) (*Liability rules without identification*)

Gibt es eine Umwelt-Kuznets-Kurve? *UmweltWirtschaftsForum* 9. Jg.,(2001) mit R. Schwarze (*Does the environmental Kuznets-curve exist?*)

Umweltökonomische Bewertungsansätze für eine nachhaltige Wasserbewirtschaftung, in: *Schriftenreihe Wasserforschung 7 (2001): Nachhaltige Entwicklung in der Wasserwirtschaft*, Berlin, S. 271 – 288. (*Measuring sustainability by enviromental assessment methods*)

die Quotenregel mit Zertifikathandel für erneuerbare Energien effizient? Eine Anmerkung. *Zeitschrift für Energiewirtschaft*, 4/2000. (*Quotas and Certificate Markets for Renewables: Efficient or Inefficient? A Comment*)

Social Norms, Moral Commitment, and Cooperation. *Homo oeconomicus*, XV(1) (1998), 71 – 92. (coauthor: A. Kritikos)

Leistungen und Grenzen der Thermodynamik in der Umweltökonomie. *IÖW/VÖW- Informationsdienst* 5-6 (1995), 4-6. (*The Contribution of Thermodynamics for Environmental Economics*)

Gewährleistung der Umwelthaftung durch Umweltfonds und -genossenschaften. *Zeitschrift für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften*, 115 (1995), 67-91. (*Environmental Liability under Environmental Funds and Environmental Cooperatives: A Comparison*)

Contributions to Collected Volumes

Umweltökonomische Bewertungsansätze für eine nachhaltige Wasserbewirtschaftung, in: *Schriftenreihe Wasserforschung 7 (2001): Nachhaltige Entwicklung in der Wasserwirtschaft*, Berlin, S. 271 – 288. (*Evaluation Methods for a Sustainable Water Management*)

Das Paradigma der „Nachhaltigen Entwicklung“ in den Wirtschaftswissenschaften“, in: K.-H. Hübler, U. Weiland (Hrsg.): Nachhaltige Entwicklung. Eine Herausforderung für die Forschung, Berlin (1996). (*The Notion of Sustainability in Environmental Economics*)

Comment to F. FitzRoy: Employment and Hours in Equilibrium and Disequilibrium, in: R. A. Hart (ed.): Employment, Unemployment and Labor Utilization. Boston – London (1988).

Why Leasing? An Introduction to Comparative Contractual Analysis, in: Bamberg, G. Spremann, K. (eds.): Agency Theory Information and Incentives. Berlin – New York (1987), 255-80 (mit J. P. Krahen)

Student und Hochschullehrer. Stuttgart (1982). (mit G. Peisert und M. J. Gleich) (*Students and professors*)

Articles under Review

Green, Brown and now White Certificates. Are three one too many? A micromodel of market interaction. (2011) (coauthor Nadine Wittmann). *Environmental and Resource Economics* (to be resubmitted)

Selected Presentations

(*Econometric Society European Meeting (ESEM), European Economic Association (EEA), Meeting of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), International Water Association International Association of Energy Economics (IAEE), Verein für Socialpolitik, Infraday Berlin, Transatlantic Infraday Washington DC*)

Increasing Block tariffs – A Semi-Welfarist Approach (Coauthor Christian von Hirschhausen). *Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik 2009, Magdeburg*

A Modified Yardstick Competition Mechanism, *International Association for Energy Economics, World Congress 2006, Potsdam*, (coauthor Christian von Hirschhausen)

Price and Environmental Regulation in the Water Industry-The Need for coordination, *Meeting of the European Economic Association 2006, Vienna* (coauthor Ulrich Schwalbe)

Can Minimum Prices Assure the Quality of Professional Services? *Meeting of the European Economic Association 2006, Vienna* (coauthor Reimund Schwarze)

Price and Quality Regulation in the Water Industry - The Need for Coordination, *Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Dresden 2005* (coauthor U. Schwalbe)

Corporate Self-Regulation vs. Ex-Ante Regulation of Network Access: A Model of the German Gas Sector, *Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Dresden 2005*, and *EARIE, Berlin 2005*

Social Norms, Moral Commitment and Cooperation, *ESEM 1997, Toulouse* (coauthor A. Kritikos)

Environmental Regulation of Price-regulated Firms, *EEA 1995, Lisbon*