

BERIT C. GERRITZEN

Curriculum vitae



Personal information

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Education

Since 09/2010: **PhD Candidate in Economics**, University of St. Gallen HSG, www.pef.unisg.ch
- GPA PhD Courses: 5.4 out of 6 (preliminary score)
- Research interests: Health Economics (Inequalities in Health Care, Determinants of Health Care Expenditures), Public Choice, Public Debt

08/2011: **Adv. Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students**, Study Center Gerzensee, Foundation of the Swiss National Bank (Course: Panel Data Econometrics)

06/2011 - 07/2011: **Int. Doctoral Courses in Health Economics and Policy**, Swiss School of Public Health, GPA: 5.3 out of 6 (Courses: Inequalities in Health Care; Empirical Methods in Health Economics: Analysis of Efficiency & Consumer Choices)

09/2008 - 06/2010: **Master of Arts in Economics (MEcon)**, University of St. Gallen HSG, GPA: 5.4 out of 6 (Winner of the Jöhr Award for the Best Graduate in 2010)

10/2003 – 03/2007: **Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs** (Economics, Political Science, Legal Studies), University of St. Gallen HSG, GPA: 5.0 out of 6

10/2006 – 03/2007: **Exchange Semester**, HEI Graduate Institute of International Studies and University of Geneva, Switzerland, GPA: 5.0 out of 6

06/2006 – 06/2006: **Exchange Semester (Erasmus)**, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland, GPA: 5.5 out of 6

08/1998 – 06/2003: **University-entrance diploma (Matura)**, Kollegium Spiritus Sanctus, Brig, Switzerland, GPA: 5.0 out of 6

Honors, Awards, and Achievements

- **Walter A. Jöhr Award** for the Best MA Economics Graduate in 2010 (Prize Purse: CHF 5'000)
- **Young Researcher** at the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 2011, 4th Meeting in Economic Sciences
- **GRE Graduate Record Examination**, Quantitative Section: 770 out of 800 Points

Work experience

- 02/2009 - present: **Research Assistant, SIAW-HSG** Swiss Institute for International Economics and Applied Economic Research, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Main Tasks: Research and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Gebhard Kirchgässner
www.siaw.unisg.ch
- 05/2008 - 09/2008: **Intern Human Resources, Nestlé Central and West Africa Ltd.**, Accra, Ghana
Main Tasks: Coordination of the Update of SAP HR Data in Nestlé Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria, Support of Change Management Processes
www.nestle.com
- 11/2007 - 03/2008: **Assistant Finance, VZ Depository Bank**, Zürich, Switzerland
Main Tasks: Trade in Foreign Currencies, Preparation of the Annual Report, Asset and Liability Management, Different Administrative Tasks
www.vzdepotbank.ch
- 05/2007 - 10/2007: **Volunteer Teacher, Kids Worldwide**, Accra, Ghana
Main Tasks: Establishment of a School Library, Teaching French, Assistance for Children with Special Needs at Golden Era Int. School, Accra, Ghana
www.kidsworldwide.org/goldenera
- 09/2006 - 02/2007: **Intern, UN Watch**, Geneva, Switzerland
Main Tasks: Participation and Minutes-Taking at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Research and Translation Work
www.unwatch.org
- 10/2005 - 12/2005: **Intern, EDAM Centre for Economic & Foreign Policy Studies**, Istanbul, Turkey
Main Tasks: Research on the Turkish EU Accession Process, Translation Work, different administrative Tasks
www.edam.org.tr
- 07/2003 - 09/2003: **Intern, Fernfachhochschule Schweiz**, Brig, Switzerland
Main Tasks: Development of E-Learning-platform LUVIT, Preparation of Exercises for first-Year Students in Business Administration
www.fernfachhochschule.ch

Teaching experience

- 02/2009 - present: **Teaching Assistant** to Prof. Dr. Gebhard Kirchgässner in Various Courses on Economic Policy and Philosophy of Science ("Aktuelle Wirtschaftspolitik", "Philosophie und das ökonomische Verhaltensmodell", "Philosophical Foundations of Social Science Analysis")
- 02/2011 - present: **Teaching Assistant** for the Course "Introduction to Economics", University of St. Gallen HSG (Conduction of bi-weekly Tutorials and Supervision of 24 Term Papers of first-Year Students)

Languages

German:	Mother Tongue
English:	Excellent Written and Oral Skills (284 out of 300 points in TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language)
French:	Excellent Written and Oral Skills (DALF Diplome Approfondi de Langue Française, Exchange Semester at the University of Geneva, Switzerland)
Italian:	DELI Diploma Elementare di Lingua Italiana "Firenze", Grade: "molto buono"
Turkish:	Basic Knowledge (two-Month Intensive Turkish Course at Dilmer Language School, Istanbul, Turkey)

Computer skills

Very good User Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), Econometric Views, Stata, LYX, SAP and Finnova Banking Software.

Publications

Gebhard Kirchgässner & Berit Gerritzen (2011), Leistungsfähigkeit und Effizienz von Gesundheitssystemen: Die Schweiz im internationalen Vergleich, *Gutachten zuhanden des Staatssekretariats für Wirtschaft (SECO)*, Bern.

Gebhard Kirchgässner & Berit Gerritzen (2011), Leistungsfähigkeit und Effizienz: Das Gesundheitssystem der Schweiz im internationalen Vergleich, *Die Volkswirtschaft / La Vie économique* (2011), Nr.4, pp. 59-62.

Berit Gerritzen & Gebhard Kirchgässner (2011, forthcoming), Federalism in Health and Social Care in Switzerland, in: Costa-Font, J and Greer, S., eds., *Federalism and Decentralisation in Health and Social Care*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2011.

Berit Gerritzen (2011), *Electoral Budget Cycles and Strategic Use of Debt - An Empirical Investigation for Swiss Municipalities*, Saarbrücken: AV Akademikerverlag, 2011, ISBN 978-3-639-38341-6.

Attendance at Conferences

17/11/2011: 13th Workshop on National Health Policy: Health Care Provision in Switzerland – Strategies for More Quality and Efficiency (13. Arbeitstagung Nationale Gesundheitspolitik, Gesundheitsversorgung Schweiz – Strategien für mehr Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit), Bern, Switzerland.
Presentation of the above-mentioned Study „Leistungsfähigkeit und Effizienz von Gesundheitssystemen: Die Schweiz im internationalen Vergleich“ (Presentation Delivered by Prof. Kirchgässner).
<http://www.nationalegesundheit.ch/de/agenda/arbeitstagung/aktuelle-arbeitstagung/index.html>

23/07 - 27/08/2011: 4th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences. Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau, Germany. Participation as Young Researcher.
http://www.lindau-nobel.org/2011_Economics.AxCMS?ActiveID=2241