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- 2025 – pres. Full Professor, Central European University (CEU), Austria
2023 – pres. Head of Department of Public Policy, CEU, Austria
2015 – 2025 Associate Professor, Central European University, Austria
2020 – 2022 Research Affiliate, Democracy Institute, Hungary
2013 – 2015 Assistant Professor, Central European University, Hungary
2008 – 2013 Assistant Professor, American University of Paris, France

EDUCATION

- 2002 – 2008 Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
2000 – 2001 M.A. Economics, Miami University
1996 – 2000 B.A. Economics, International Studies, French, Miami University

VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

- Recurring, 2019 – 2024 Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2), France
January – July 2021 Aix-Marseille School of Economics / IMéRA, France
May – June 2019 La Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy
May 2017 Institute for Advanced Studies at Université de Cergy-Pontoise, France
Nov. – Dec. 2016 Insper Institute, São Paulo, Brazil
September 2015 Varieties of Democracy Institute at University of Gothenburg, Sweden
July 2015 Université de Cergy-Pontoise, France
January 2013 Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France

COURSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 / 2026

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| Economic Analysis for Public Policy | CEU (MA) | Fall 2025 |
| Public Sector Economics | CEU (MA) | Winter 2026 |
| Economy & Society | CEU (BA) | Winter 2026 |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 S. Bettin and **M. T. Dorsch**. “How public policy and public salience interact to drive the energy transition: The case of large-scale battery storage adoption,” *accepted at [Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions](#)*.
- 2024 C. Corduneanu-Huci, **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. “Policy evaluation in polarized polities: The case of randomized controlled trials,” *[Journal of Development Studies](#)*, vol. 60: 645 – 661.
- 2022 G. Cepaluni, **M. T. Dorsch** and D. Kovarek. “Mobility and policy responses during the COVID-19 pandemic,” *[International Journal of Public Health](#)*, vol. 67:1604663.

- 2022 C. Corduneanu-Huci, **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "What, where, who, and why? An empirical investigation of positionality in political science field experiments," [PS: Political Science & Politics](#), vol. 55: 741 – 748.
- 2021 G. Cepaluni, **M. T. Dorsch** and R. Branyiczki. "Political regimes and deaths in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic," [Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice](#), vol. 37: 27 – 53.
- 2021 C. Corduneanu-Huci, **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "The politics of experimentation: Political competition and randomized controlled trials," [Journal of Comparative Economics](#), vol. 49: 1 – 21.
- 2021 **M. T. Dorsch** and B. Kirkpatrick. "Economic growth, inequality, and environmental degradation," [International Journal of Sustainable Development](#), vol. 42: 124 – 140.
- 2020 **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "Economic downturns, inequality, and democratic improvements," [European Journal of Political Economy](#), vol 62: 101856.
- 2019 R. Bourlès, **M. T. Dorsch**, and P. Maarek. "Income taxation and the diversity of consumer goods: A political economy approach," [Scandinavian Journal of Economics](#) vol. 121: 960 – 993.
- 2019 **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "Democratization and the conditional dynamics of income distribution," [American Political Science Review](#) vol. 113: 385 – 404.
- 2018 **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "Rent extraction, revolutionary threat, and coups in non-democracies," [Journal of Comparative Economics](#) vol. 46: 1082 – 1103.
- 2016 **M. T. Dorsch**, K. Dunz, and P. Maarek. "Development and inefficient regulation under the threat of revolution," [Journal of Comparative Economics](#) vol. 44: 1040 – 1054.
- 2015 **M. T. Dorsch**, K. Dunz, and P. Maarek. "Macro shocks and costly political action in non-democracies," [Public Choice](#) vol. 162: 381 – 404.
- 2015 **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "Inefficient predation and political transitions," [European Journal of Political Economy](#) vol. 37: 37 – 48.
- 2014 **M. T. Dorsch**. "Economic development and determinants of environmental concern," [Social Science Quarterly](#) vol. 94: 960 – 977.
- 2014 **M. T. Dorsch** and P. Maarek. "A note on economic inequality and democratization," [Peace Economics, Peace Science & Public Policy](#) vol. 20: 599 – 610.
- 2014 **M. T. Dorsch**, F. McCann, and E. McGuirk. "Democratic accountability, regulation, and inward investment policy," [Economics & Politics](#) vol. 26: 263 – 284.
- 2013 **M. T. Dorsch**. "Bailout for sale? The vote to save Wall Street," [Public Choice](#) vol. 155: 211 – 228.
- 2010 **M. T. Dorsch**. "The long-term implications of the 2008 bailout for the American model of capitalism," [New Perspectives on Political Economy](#) vol. 6: 21 – 34.
- 2010 **M. T. Dorsch**. "Social mobility and the demand for public consumption expenditures," [Public Choice](#) vol. 142: 25 – 39.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2025 G. Cepaluni, **M. T. Dorsch*** and S. Dzebo. "Populism, political regimes, and COVID-19 deaths," The Ideational Approach to Populism, Volume 2, edited by A. Chrysogelos, E. Hawkins, K. Hawkins, L. Littvay, and K. Wiesehomeier. Routledge: New York, *in print*.

POLICY REPORTS

- 2021 V. Z. Eichenauer, **M. T. Dorsch**, and F. Wang. 2021. "Investment Screening Mechanisms: The trend to control inward foreign investment," [EconPol Policy Report](#), 34.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2025 R. Chaba, **M. T. Dorsch**, V. Hiller, and P. Maarek. "The youth dividend: Political impacts of demographic transitions," *R&R at Journal of Development Economics*.
- 2025 **M. T. Dorsch** and A. Murugesan. "From enlightened cameralism to tax compliance: Building fiscal capacity through reciprocity," *in circulation*
- 2024 G. Cepaluni, J. Civitarese, and **M. T. Dorsch**. "Land invasions and contemporary slavery," *R&R at European Journal of Political Economy*.
- 2024 **M. T. Dorsch** and V. Surdea-Hernea. "Politico-economic determinants of support for green parties: Evidence from a conjoint experiment in Germany," *submitted*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2024 "From the street to the ballot box? The BLM movement and voter turnout in primaries" (with G. Cepaluni, D. Kovarek, and A. Moise)
- 2023 "The adoption and diffusion of international economic policy: The case of foreign investment screening" (with R. Bourlès and V. Eichenauer).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled)

- 2025 Mannheim Taxation Conference.
- 2024 Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), Workshop on Culture and Institutions (Prague University), Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Workshop on Explaining the Mechanisms of Historical Persistence (CEU).
- 2023 European University Institute (Florence), Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2), European Public Choice Society (Hannover), Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland), Vienna Applied Microeconomics Workshop.
- 2022 Austrian Political Science Association annual conference (Graz), Economics & Politics @ Lille Workshop (Université de Lille), European Public Choice Society (Braga), European Political Science Association (Prague).

- 2021 Economics & Politics @ Paris Workshop (Sciences Po), Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), European Public Choice Society (Lille), European Consortium for Political Research, Institut d'Études Avancées d'Aix-Marseille Université, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Marseille), Democracy Institute (Budapest), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland).
- 2020 Università degli Studi di Firenze (UNIFI, Florence), l'Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire (IRSEM, Paris), Workshop on Political Economy of Development (IAS at CEU, Budapest), European Political Science Association (Prague), Inequality and Diversity Conference at Higher School of Economics (St. Petersburg, *keynote speaker*).
- 2019 Université de Paris Dauphine, Università di Roma La Sapienza, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), European Public Choice Society (Jerusalem), DIAL Development Conference (Paris Dauphine), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland), Economics & Politics @ Brussels Workshop.
- 2018 Université Libre de Bruxelles, Political Economy Research Group at CEU (Budapest), European Public Choice Society (Rome), Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-en-Provence).
- 2017 ETH Zurich, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), University College London, Political Economy Research Group at CEU (Budapest), Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-en-Provence), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland), Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship Conference (Münster).
- 2016 Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Insper Institute (São Paulo, Brazil), Institute for New Economic Thinking Young Scholar Initiative (Budapest), European Public Choice Society (Freiburg), Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Milan), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland).
- 2015 Varieties of Democracy Institute at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), European Political Science Association (Vienna), European Public Choice Society (Groningen, Netherlands), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland), DIAL Development Conference (Paris Dauphine).
- 2014 Koç University (Istanbul), Political Economy Research Group at CEU (Budapest), European Public Choice Society (Cambridge), Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (The Hague).
- 2013 European Political Science Association (Barcelona), European Public Choice Society (Zurich), CSAE Conference on African Economic Development (Oxford), Frontier Research in Economic and Social History Workshop (Berlin), Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy (Switzerland), DIAL Development Conference (Paris Dauphine).
- 2012 Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), MINES Paris Tech, Beyond Basic Questions Workshop (Groningen), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Mannheim).
- 2011 Paris School of Economics, École Polytechnique Paris, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), Université de Cergy-Pontoise (Paris), European Public Choice Society (Rennes), CSAE Conference on African Economic Development (Oxford), Irish Society of New

Economists (Dublin), AEL Development Economics Conference (Berlin), Conference on Climate and Global Change (Graz).

2010 Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), Hungarian Society for Economics Conference (Budapest), Irish Society of New Economists Conference (Dublin), Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Angers), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Luxembourg), Prague Conference on Political Economy.

2009 Paris School of Economics, Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Dijon), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Istanbul).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (CEU)

2023 – Elected Head of Department of Public Policy
2022 – Elected Faculty Representative, CEU PU Senate
2022 – Appointed member, Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee
2023 – 2024 Appointed member, Campus Advisory Committee
2021 – 2023 Program Director, Culture, Politics, and Society BA program
2018 – 2020 Program Director, MPA, School of Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023 – Associate Editor, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*
2024 Co-organizer, CIVICA workshop on Mechanisms of Historical Persistence (CEU)
2021 – 2023 Co-organizer of Evidence-Based Policy Making conference (with IHS and WIFO)
2021 – 2023 Open Society University Network (OSUN) Academic Advisory Committee on Teaching and Curriculum Development
2021 – 2023 Associate Editor, *Journal of International Relations and Development*
2018 – 2023 Editorial Board member, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*
2016 – 2019 Board of Directors, European Public Choice Society
2017 Local organizer and program chair, European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting at CEU, Budapest, Hungary

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

2015 The Case Teaching Method – Harvard Kennedy School (in Budapest)
2015 Winter School on Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies – Fondazione Bruno Kessler - IRVAPP (Venice, Italy)
2012 Summer School on New Institutional Economics – European Society for New Institutional Economics (Cargèse, Corsica)

REFeree ACTIVITY

American Journal of Political Science	Journal of Int'l Relations & Development
American Political Science Review	Journal of Politics
British Journal of Political Science	Journal of Public Finance & Public Choice
Bristol University Press	Nature: Climate Change
Democratization	Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
Economics & Politics	Peace Econ., Peace Science & Public Policy
Economics Bulletin	Political Research Quarterly
Energy for Sustainable Development	Public Choice
European Journal of Political Economy	Publius: The Journal of Federalism
International Finance	Review of Development Economics
International Tax & Public Finance	Science
Journal of Comparative Economics	Social Science Journal
Journal of Conflict Resolution	Southern Economic Journal
Journal of Econ. Behavior & Organization	The Economy – CORE project
Journal of Institutional Economics	World Development

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Central European University, 2013 – present**

PhD: Domestic Politics in the Global Economy

Masters: Applied Regression Analysis; Public Sector Economics; Public Choice; Justice, Democracy and Social Movements (ITI university-wide course); Economic Analysis for Public Policy; Financial Crises in Economic and Historic Perspective

Undergraduate: Economy & Society; Economics for non-Economists (OSUN course)

Aix-Marseille School of Economics, 2021

PhD: Domestic Politics in the Global Economy

European Consortium for Political Research, 2016 – present

Summer School: Multiple Regression Analysis

German Institute of Global and Area Studies – Hamburg, 2020

PhD: Regression Analysis

American University of Paris, 2008 – 2013

Masters: Advanced Quantitative Methods, Global Public Policy

Undergraduate: Principles of Micro, Principles of Macro, International Trade Theory, International Monetary Economics, Public Finance, Introduction to Econometrics, Senior Research Seminar

University of Illinois, 2002 – 2008 (as TA)

Masters: Core Macroeconomic Theory, Computable General Equilibrium, The Economics of Taxation, Monetary Economics

Undergraduate: Principles of Micro, Principles of Macro, Economic Growth and Development

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), German (B1), Hungarian (A2), Italian (A2), \LaTeX (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economics Association, European Political Science Association, European Public Choice Society