

Monika Bütler

Monika Bütler is a Professor of Economics and Public Policy and a Director at the Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research at the University of St. Gallen. She has degrees in Mathematics/Physics and Economics as well as a PhD in Economics. Before joining the University of St. Gallen, Monika Bütler was an assistant professor at Tilburg University and a full professor at the University of Lausanne. She is senior editor of the *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, an Associate Investigator at both CESifo (Munich) and CEPAR (Sydney), and a member of several boards of directors of national and international companies.

Personal Information

Born October 9, 1961 in Brugg (AG, Switzerland)

Swiss citizen (Auw AG)

Married to Urs Birchler, 2 children

Languages: German (mother tongue), English, French, Italian, Dutch

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Research Fields

Social Insurance, Annuity, Political Economics, Economic Policy

Education

PhD University of St.Gallen (1997)

Diploma in Mathematics/Physics, University of Zürich (1989)

Current Positions

Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of St.Gallen (2004-),
part time from 2015

Director, Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research (2008-)

President, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (2014-)

Senior Editor *The Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* (2010-)

Bank Council (Bankrat) Swiss National Bank (2010-)

Board of directors (non-executive member) Schindler Holding AG (2013-)

Board of directors (non-executive member) Huber & Suhner AG (2014-)

Other Affiliations and Board Memberships

- Vice President Board of Management IIPF (member 2009-, vice president 2015-)
- Research Fellow, CESifo München (2001-)
- ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), University of New South Wales, Australia (Associated Investigator)

- President Board of Management Swiss Institute for International Economics and Applied Economic Research, SIAW-HSG (2011-)
- Weiterbildungskommission University of St.Gallen (Executive School, 2011-)
- Scientific Council, Center for Disability and Integration CDI-HSG (2009-)
- Vorstand & Ausschuss Socialpolitik, Verein für Socialpolitik

Major Past Positions (Economics)

- Dean School of Economics and Political Science SEPS (2009-2013)
- Visiting Professor, University of Auckland (2013)
- Visiting Professor, University of New South Wales, Sydney (2008, 2011, 2014)
- Advisor, The World Bank, Washington (2004-2006)
- Mitglied Kommission für Konjunkturfragen/Commission pour les questions conjoncturelles (2000-2004)
- Full Professor, Université de Lausanne (2001-2004)
- Assistant Professor, Université de Lausanne (1999-2001)
- Assistant Professor (tenure track), CentER & Department of Economics, Tilburg University, the Netherlands (1997-2001)
- Researcher University of St.Gallen (1996-1997)
- Visiting Scholar; University of Virginia USA & Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (1995-1996, sponsored by SNF)

Sponsored academic visits: University of New South Wales (2011, 2014), Dutch Central Bank (2009), Cerge Economic Institute Prague (2006), CESifo Institute Munich (2001), Marshall School University of Southern California (1999)

Conferences organized (since 2012)

- OECD/IOPS/CEPR/PRC/Netspar Research Challenges for Global Pensions Conference, Paris, June 2016 (*scientific co-organizer, 120 participants*)
- IIPF international congress, Paris, Lugano August 2014 (*scientific organizer together with Kerstin Schneider, 500 participants*)
- Netspar "International Workshop on Pensions", Venice (2014), Frankfurt (2013), Paris (2012), Torino (2011), Zürich (2010) (*main organizer, ~100 participants*)
- Netspar "Workshop on Pensions", Amsterdam (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010) (*co-organizer, ~120 participants*)

Major Grants, Awards and Contracts (since 2009)

- The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization (SNF Sinergia Project, together with Marius Brühlhart, Mario Jametti and Kurt Schmidheiny), 2011-2017.
- Familienbildung und Arbeitsmarktpartizipation im Lichte von Sozialversicherungsreformen/Social Security and Equality (SNF, together with Franz Schultheiss HSG), 2010-2012
- Bundesamt für Sozialversicherungen/Federal Social Insurance Office, Pilotprojekt Startkapital (with Michael Lechner), 2009-2013
- Iconomix, Swiss National Bank, Education Module Insurance, 2009-2011

Supervised PhD students (selection)

Alma Ramsden (2016, now at INTERFACE, Katharina Hofer (2015, PostDoc UniSG), Christian Marti (2015, Federal Administration), Lukas Inderbitzin (2013, PWC) Stefan Staubli (2009, University of Calgary), Michel Maréchal (2007, University of Zürich).

Scientific Contributions (last 5 years)

Publications in Refereed Academic Journals

- "Ready to Reform: How Popular Initiatives Can Be Successful ", (with Katharina Jaronicki & Christian), *European Journal of Political Economy*, in print.
- "How Much Do Means-Tested Benefits Reduce the Demand for Annuities?", (with Kim Peijnenburg and Stefan Staubli), *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance*, 2016,
- "Lessons from a Randomized Field Experiment", (with Eva Deuchert, Michael Lechner, Stefan Staubli und Petra Thiemann, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 2015.
- "Introduction to the special issue on Redesigning the Welfare State for Aging Societies" (with Kerstin Schneider), *International Tax and Public Finance* 08/2015; 22(4).
- "How Much Does Annuity Demand React to a Large Price Change?", (with Stefan Staubli and Maria Grazia Zito), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 2013
- "Die Auswirkungen bedarfsabhängiger Leistungen: Ergänzungsleistungen in der Schweiz", (with Lukas Inderbitzin, Jonathan Schulz and Stefan Staubli), *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik*, 2012

Contributions to Books (Selection)

- "Versicherungen, Informationen und personalisierte Medizin" in *Personalisierte Medizin: Hoffnung oder leeres Versprechen*, Herausgeberinnen Isabel Klusman & Effy Vayena, Hochschulverlag ETH Zürich (2016)
- "Insights from Switzerland's Pension System", in *Reimagining Pensions: The Next 40 Years* edited by Olivia Mitchell, and Richard Shea, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- "Staatliche Steuern und Transfers und ihre Folgen für den Mittelstand", (with Christian Marti), in *Der strapazierte Mittelstand*, *Avenir Suisse*, pages 149-178, 2012

Completed and Submitted Working Papers

- "Transparency in Parliamentary Voting", (with Christine Benesch & Katharina Jaronicki) CESifo Working Paper Series No. 5682 (2016)

Work in Progress

- "Increasing Risk Aversion: The Consequences of the Financial Crisis on Retirement Behavior ", (with Alma Ramsden), mimeo, University of St. Gallen (2016).

- "Pricing Annuities: The role of Taxation in Retirement Decisions", (with Alma Ramsden), mimeo, University of St. Gallen (2016).

Other Publications, Reports and recent Book Reviews (selection)

- "Evaluation Startkapital", (mit Michael Lechner, Eva Deuchert, Stefan Staubli & Petra Thiemann), *Bundesamt für Sozialversicherungen*, 150 pages (2012)

Referee (selection)

American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of International Economics, German Economic Review, Labour, Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, SNF

Other contributions to economics:

Co-Founder INPARR (International Network for Pensions, Aging, and Retirement Research, together with OECD, Wharton, CEPAR)
Founding contributor Oekonomenstimme.org
Founding editor, blog batz.ch

Numerous articles, interviews (TV, radio, newspapers), and a great number of statements and citations of published research or public speeches.

Monika Bütler, September 2016