

Education:

2018 – present	University of Oxford Oxford, United Kingdom	DPhil in Management Studies Supervisors: Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, Andrew Stephen
2014 – 2018	University College London London, United Kingdom	BA ESPS (Economics and Statistics)

Research experience:

Sep-17 – Jun-18	LSE CEP, Paul Frijters <i>Part-time RA in Wellbeing Group</i>	London, UK
Sep-17, 4 weeks	Haas School of Business, Juliana Schroeder <i>RA in Haas Management of Organizations Group</i>	Berkeley, California
Jan-17 – Mar-17	New Economic School, Gunes Gokmen <i>Part-time RA for political economy project on trade, culture and institutions</i>	Moscow, Russia
Jul-16, 4 weeks	UCL, Christian Dustmann <i>Part-time RA for tweet evaluation in German refugee crisis project</i>	London, UK
Jun-16, 4 weeks	UCL/Oxford, Wilfried Beckerman <i>Part-time RA for Excel calc. to update book “Measures of Leisure, ...”</i>	London, UK

Presentations: 2022 AEA Annual Meetings Poster; 2019 AEA Annual Meetings Discussant

Research interests: Behavioural Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioural Science

Working papers:

Happiness, Productivity and Willingness to Compete (Job Market Paper)

Is happiness a necessary attribute of a successful employee? This paper analyses productivity and willingness to compete (WTC) as two measures of employee success. It conducts an online experiment on 645 respondents with real-effort tasks eliciting productivity and WTC for different levels of happiness. No effect of happiness is obtained despite sufficient statistical power. One explanation is that affective happiness does not shift behavioural preferences like risk aversion enough. In contrast, more established alternative features such as pay scheme and gender shift both behavioural preferences and objective outcomes significantly.

The Effect of Mass Shootings on Wellbeing (with Jakob Zeitler and Jan-Emmanuel De Neve)

Mass shootings are shockingly frequent and little-understood. To shed light on their impact, this paper estimates the effect of mass shootings on subjective wellbeing (SWB), mainly life satisfaction, in the US. Five shooting data sets containing a combined number of roughly 650 shootings are merged with the Gallup US poll (cross-sectional data) to create natural experiments for analysis. Regression analysis and a causal forest machine learning method serve as the main approaches. The results suggest that the effect is significant and negative but fades within days and is spatially limited. This suggests that communities show remarkable resilience to these tragic events.

Subjective Wellbeing and Behavioural Preferences: Evidence from Globally Representative Survey Data (with Jan-Emmanuel De Neve)

Publications:

Overdick, K. (2017), *Education and Beliefs*, Dublin: The Undergraduate Library
Overdick, K. (2016). Migration – the German Perspective. In M. Kennet & F. Savarion (Eds.) *Introducing Migration, Social and Environmental Justice* (pp. 80-83). Reading: Green Economics Institute.

Additional Information:

Interests:

- Participated successfully in several 10k runs
- Former German national team member in radio-controlled model aerobatics

Achievements:

- 2019: Competitive Conference Funding from Green Templeton College
- 2018: Full PhD Scholarship from Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- 2017: Highly Commended entrant at The Undergraduate Awards (top 10%)
- 2017: German Academic Scholarship Foundation Mandarin scholarship (1 in 5)
- 2017: UCL Short-Mobility Bursary scheme award for research stay at UC Berkeley
- 2016: Tsinghua University Experiencing China summer school scholarship
- 2016: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) year abroad scholarship
- 2016: Honorary staff member at the Institute of Global Prosperity, UCL
- 2016: Selected for Goldman Sachs Spring Internship in Operations (10% acc. rate)
- 2015, 2016: Commendation letters for grades received in 1st and 2nd year, UCL

Nationality: German

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), Mandarin (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), Italian (basic), Dutch (basic), Ukrainian (basic), Korean (basic)

IT skills: MS Office, R, Stata, LaTeX, EViews, Python, Java, Quid, HTML, WordPress