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## Employment

- 10/2023 – 12/2023 **Visiting scholar**, China Center for Agricultural Policy (CCAP), Peking University, Peking, China
- 04/2018 – 09/2023 **Research Associate**, KlimALEZ Project, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle (S.), Germany
- 03/2017 – 09/2017 **Research Assistant**, German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn, Germany
- 10/2015 – 10/2016 **Internships**, German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany; German Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa; Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn, Germany, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany
- 10/2014 – 09/2015 **Research Assistant**, University of Duisburg-Essen, Chair of International Economics, Prof. Dr. Volker Clausen
- 08/2009 – 08/2010 **Development Volunteer Service "Weltwärts"**, Tshwane Leadership Foundation (TLF), Pretoria, South Africa

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## Education

- 04/2018 – 09/2023 **PhD in Economics (*Summa cum laude*)**, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, Thesis: *Agricultural index insurance: Adoption behavior and its impact in Central Asia*, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Thomas Glauben
- 10/2013 – 09/2017 **Master of Science in Economics**, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- 10/2010 – 10/2013 **Bachelor of Arts in Cultural and Business Studies**, Anglophone and Business Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 09/2012 – 12/2012 **ERASMUS exchange in Irish Culture and Literature**, St Mary's College, Belfast, Northern Ireland

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## Research interests

Development and Agricultural Economics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Climate Adaptations.

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## Peer-reviewed publications

- **Moritz, L.**; Kuhn, L.; Bobojonov, I.; Glauben, T. (in press). Assessing peer influence on farmers' climate adaptations: An experimental adoption of index insurance and savings in Uzbekistan. *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.
- **Moritz, L.**; Kuhn, L.; Bobojonov, I. (2023). The role of peer imitation in agricultural index insurance adoption: Findings from lab-in-the-field experiments in Kyrgyzstan. *Review of Development Economics* 27, 1649-1672.
- Strupat, C.; Farfán, G.; **Moritz, L.**; Negre, M.; Vakis, R. (2021). Obesity and food away from home: What drives the socioeconomic gradient in excess body weight? *Economics & Human Biology* 43, 101048.



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## Working papers, conference papers, other publications

- **Moritz, L.**; Kuhn, L.; Bobojonov, I. (2023). Agricultural index insurance, welfare, and climate resilience: Experimental findings from Uzbekistan.
- **Moritz, L.**; Kuhn, L.; Bobojonov, I. (2022). Crop index insurance for more welfare and climate resilience? An experimental approach. Conference Paper, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting 2022, Anaheim, CA.
- **Moritz, L.**; Kuhn, L.; Bobojonov, I.; Glauben, T. (2021). Adopting index insurance and/or precautionary savings: Peer effects in complex decision-making in Uzbek experiments. Conference Paper, International Conference of Agricultural Economists 2021, online.
- Bobojonov, I.; Kuhn, **L.**; **Moritz, L.**; Eltazarov, S.; Glauben, T. (2019). Improved climate resilience via agricultural insurance – The KlimALEZ project. *IAMO Annual*, 21, 27-35.

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## Conferences (selection)

- 2023 China Agricultural Economic Review (**CAER**) - International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Conference; European Association of Agricultural Economists (**EAAE**) Congress; **IAMO** Forum; Annual Conference German Development Economics Conference, Verein für Socialpolitik (**VfS**); Annual Conference Swiss Society of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology (**SGA**)
- 2022 Annual Conference Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (**AAEA**); 183rd (**EAAE**) Seminar: Experiments; **Tropentag**; **EAAE** PhD Workshop; Annual Conference Agricultural Economics Society (**AES**).
- 2021 PhD Workshop Development Economics (**VfS**); **Tropentag**; Annual Conference **VfS**; International Conference on Globalization and Development (**GLAD**); 31st Virtual International Conference of Agricultural Economists (**ICAE**); **EAAE** Congress; Annual Conference **AES**.
- 2020 Annual Conference "Life in Kyrgyzstan" (**LiK**); **Tropentag**; Annual Conference German Agricultural Society (**Gewisola**); **IAMO** Forum.
- 2018 **COP 24** – UN Climate Conference.

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## Grants & Awards

- 02/2016 – 05/2016 Short-term stipend for internships abroad (DAAD)
- 06/2022 AES bursary for EAAE PhD Workshop
- 08/2022 AAEA Travel Grant
- 09/2023 Best Paper Award, EAAE Conference 2023

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## Consulting

German Development Institute (DIE), Project: Diet quality and health in Peru (03/2017–05/2018)

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## Software

- Professional  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , STATA
- Basics R Project, MATLAB, Survey Solutions

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## Voluntary activities

- since 04/2012 Finances Weltwärts Volunteer Program, Friends e.V..
- 05/2018 – 09/2023 Spokesperson, IAMO PhD Council.

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## Language skills

- Native German
- Advanced English
- Intermediate Latin
- Elementary Spanish
- Beginner Thai (orally fluent in 2006)