

# Sebastian Ottinger

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## Employment

CERGE-EI, Assistant Professor *since 2022*

CERGE-EI, Visiting Faculty *2021 – 2022*

Northwestern University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow *2021 – 2022*

## Education

**Ph.D.** Economics, UCLA, Anderson School of Management *2017 – 2021*

**M.A.** Economics, University of Zurich *2013 – 2016*

**B.A.** Economics, University of Zurich *2010 – 2013*

## Research visits and affiliations

Affiliate, Center for Economic History, Northwestern University *since September 2022*

Research Affiliate, IZA *since October 2021*

Visiting Graduate Student, Harvard University *Fall 2019*

Host: Alberto Alesina

Student Affiliate, CCPR - California Center of Population Research *since 2018*

## Working papers

“Immigrants, Industries, and Path Dependence”

*European Economic Association (EEA) - Best Job Market Paper Award , 2020/21*

“The Political Economy of Propaganda: Evidence from US Newspapers”

*(IZA WP) with Max Winkler*

“History’s Masters: The Effect of European Monarchs on State Performance”

(NBER WP) *with Nico Voigtländer* **Revise & Resubmit at *Econometrica***

“Why Aren’t People Leaving Janesville? Industry Persistence, Trade Shocks, and Mobility”

(Upjohn Institute WP) *with Michael Poyker*

“The American Origin of the French Revolution”

(IZA WP) *with Lukas Rosenberger*

“Racial Discrimination and Innovation: Evidence from US Inventors, 1895-1925”

(CERGE-EI WP) *with Davide M. Coluccia and Gaia Dossi*

## Work in progress

“The Educated American in the Age of Mass Migration: School Decentralization and Preference Heterogeneity” *with Christian Dippel*

## Teaching

### **CERGE-EI**

*Fall 2022*: “US Economic History” – Second-year Ph.D. course

### **Northwestern University**

*Spring 2022*: “US Economic History After 1865” – Elective course for undergraduate students.

## Awards

2022. Economic History Association. Finalist, Allan Nevins Prize for the best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history.

2020/21 European Economic Association (EEA). Best Job Market Paper Award.

## Grants

2023 – 2026. Czech Science Foundation (GACR). Principal Investigator for the project “The Effects and Origins of National and Local Institutions.” (≈ 117’000 USD)

2023 – 2025. Charles University JUNIOR Fund.

2018 – 2021. Several grants from the UCLA Economics Department, the Center for Global Management, the Ziman Center for Real Estate, and the Price Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. (38’000 USD in total)

## Presentations

**2023** Big Counterfactuals of Macro-political History Conference (University of Manchester), scheduled: Cologne FRESH Meeting, Political leaders Workshop (ENS de Lyon), ECONtribute: Political Economy in History workshop (Bonn), European Historical Economics Society Conference (Vienna)

**2022** Northwestern Economic History Lunch, EEA Milan, VfS Basel, EHA La Crosse, RWI Essen, UNCE Workshop

**2021** Georgetown Qatar, CERGE-EI, Hong Kong University, IWH Halle, University of Essex, Bocconi University, University of Toronto, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance, New Economic School, Stockholm University, CREi, UC Dublin, HSE, Northwestern Economic History Rookiefest, Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop, Brock University, HEDG Workshop

**2020** “Political Economy Lunch”, at Harvard University, Government Department (Boston, MA), “Reading Group in Development and Growth”, Boston University (Boston, MA), “Online Science Days 2020”, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Next Generation Science presentation), NBER Summer Institute - Urban Economics (presentation), NBER Summer Institute - Development of the American Economy (poster presentation), Econometric Society World Congress, EEA Virtual Congress 2020, Florida State University, UEA 2020 PhD Workshop in Urban Economics, RIDGE “Towards Sustainable Growth” Workshop

**2019** “12th Migration and Development Conference” at Carlos III University Madrid, co-organized by the World Bank, “22nd IZA Summer School in Labor Economics” at Buch a. Ammersee (Germany), “ifo Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research”, at ifo Institute Munich (Germany), “Economic History Workshop”, at Harvard University (Boston, MA), “Trade Reading Group”, at Harvard University (Boston, MA), “Graduate Growth Breakfast”, at Brown University (Providence, RI), “9th International Conference on Immigration in OECD countries”, co-organized by the OECD, Paris (France)

## Professional service

Co-organization of “Los Angeles Applied Economics Conference” *2018*

Organization of the Northwestern Economic History Lunch *2021 - 2022*

Co-organization of the CERGE-EI Applied Seminar *2022 - ongoing*

Referee service for the American Economic Review, Charles University Grant Agency, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics, Princeton University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, and the Review of Economics and Statistics.

### Discussions

1. 2022, NBER Political Economy Fall Meeting: “Black Empowerment and Whites’ Backlash: The Effect of the Voting Rights Act” by Bernini, Facchini, Tabellini, and Testa
2. 2022, Northwestern Conference on Economic History of War: “The Impact of Potatoes on Inequality, Conflict and State Size, 1400-1900” by Iyigun, Mueller, Nunn, and Qian
3. 2021, NBER Immigrants and the U.S. Economy: “Immigration and Local Business Dynamics: Evidence from U.S. Firms” by Mahajan
4. 2019, Immigration in OECD Countries: “Immigration and Worker-Firm Matching” by Orefice and Peri

## References

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