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Welcome!



Figure 1: ...me (old picture)...

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This is my private homepage.

1 research

My papers are listed at [IDEAS](#) and [EconPapers](#).

1.1 publications

1.1.1 journal articles

1. [Becker / Rauscher \(2013\)](#) *Fiscal Competition and Growth When Capital Is Imperfectly Mobile* (together with Michael Rauscher). [Scandinavian Journal of Economics](#) 115:1, pp. 211-233.
»» abstract and download: doi: [10.1111/j.1467-9442.2012.01735.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9442.2012.01735.x)
»» The working paper-version is here: [1.2](#).
2. [Becker / Gundlach \(2007\)](#) *Notes on Factor Price Equality and Biased Technological Change in a Two-Cone Trade Model* (together with Erich Gundlach). [Review of Development Economics](#) 11:4 (November 2007), pp. 685-698.

»» abstract and download: doi: [10.1111/j.1467-9361.2007.00421.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9361.2007.00421.x)
»» The working paper-version is here: [1.2](#).

1.1.2 dissertation

[Becker \(2008a\)](#): Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics. Faculty for Economic and Social Sciences, University of Rostock. December 2008 (magna cum laude).

For the "book", see <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:gbv:28-diss2009-0027-6>.

A short summary (in german) is [here](#) (PDF, 732 KB).

1.1.3 other writings

1. [Becker / Conrad \(2009\)](#): TYPO3 an der WSF: Anleitungen fuer Redakteure (Version 0.9, Januar 2009). Uni Rostock, Fakultät fuer Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften.
2. [Projektgruppe Studierbarkeit \(2007\)](#): Studierbarkeit an der Humboldt-Universität. Ergebnisse der Umfrage aus dem Sommersemester 2006. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
3. [Hübner / Petschow \(2001\)](#): Spiel mit Grenzen: Ökonomische Globalisierung und soziale Kohäsion. Unter Mitarbeit von Daniel Becker und Sven Lakner. Berlin: Edition Sigma

1.2 working papers

Tax competition in imperfectly competitive markets: open vs. closed loop, mimeo

deabib.org: a new bibliographic database (1951-2009), (together with Jyoti Kumar Chandel, Said Gattoufi, Maria Sander), <http://www.deabib.org>

12.2008: [Becker \(2008b\)](#) *The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation*, Thuenen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 101, [abstract & download \(including dataset\)](#)

10.2007: [Becker \(2007\)](#) *A Technical Note on Comparative Dynamics in a Fiscal Competition Model*, Thuenen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 83, [abstract & download](#)

6.2006: *Federal Transfers and Optimal Incentives for Local Modernization* (mit Martin Altemeyer-Bartscher)

11.2005: [Becker \(2005\)](#) *Dynamic Tax Competition and the Modernisation of the Public Sector*, Thuenen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 56, [abstract & download](#) (revised April 2008, resubmitted)

working papers I do not work on anymore:

3.2007: *Fiscal Competition in Space and Time: An Endogenous-Growth Approach*, (together with Michael Rauscher),

[Becker / Rauscher \(2007a\)](#) Thuenen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 74, [abstract & download](#)

[Becker / Rauscher \(2007b\)](#), CESifo Working Paper No. 2048, [abstract & download](#)

For the published paper see here: [1](#)

5.2005: *Notes on Factor Price Equality and Biased Technological Change in a Two-Cone Trade Model*, (together with Erich Gundlach)

Thuenen-Series of Applied Economic Theory no. 68, [abstract & download](#)

Kiel Working Papers no. 1300, [abstract & download](#).

For the published paper see here: [2](#)

5.2003: *Technical Change in a 3x2x2 Factor Endowment Model of Trade*, (together with Daniela Kunz) download, pdf 392 KB

12.2002: *Growth May Encourage Less Factor Price Diversity*, (together with Daniela Kunz), published by the Kiel Institute for World Economics as an 'ASP Working Paper No. 393'. download, pdf 428 KB

1.3 data

If you are interested in the Dataset used for [Becker \(2008b\)](#), please contact me. It will also appear here, sooner or later.

1.4 presentations

1. March 2010: Die Effizienz des Öffentlichen Sektors - ein internationaler Vergleich, *Universität Hamburg*
2. Januar 2010: Steuerwettbewerb als Differentialspiel, *TU Wien*
3. Januar 2010: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien*
4. December 2009: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)*
5. October 2009: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *Final Conference of the Priority Programme "Institutional Design of Federal Systems" of the German Research Foundation (DFG), Heidelberg*
6. September 2009: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *Jahrestagung des Vereins fuer Socialpolitik, Magdeburg*
7. July 2009: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *International Data Envelopment Analysis Society (iDEAs), Philadelphia, USA*
8. June 2009: Steuerwettbewerb als Differentialspiel, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock*
9. April 2009: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *European Public Choice Society, Annual Conference, Athens, Greece*
10. November 2008: Interjurisdictional Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation - Theory and Empirics, *Promotionskolloquium, Uni Rostock*
11. October 2008: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *Workshop on the Efficiency of the Public Sector, ZEW Mannheim*
12. August 2008: Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach, *International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Annual Conference, Maastricht, The Netherlands*

13. June 2008: The Efficiency of the Public Sector and the Intensity of Interjurisdictional Competition - an Empirical Investigation, *DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism*, Bonn
14. May 2008: Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *TU Dresden*, Mittwochsseminar
15. November 2007: Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock* (mit Michael Rauscher)
16. July 2007: Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach, *Association of Public Economic Theory*, Annual Meeting, Nashville TN, USA
17. June 2007: Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach, *II. Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: Competition and Cooperation among Governments*, Sevilla, Spain
18. February 2007: Fiscal Competition in Space and Time – an Endogenous Growth Approach, *DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism*, Bonn
19. November 2006: Die Effizienz des Öffentlichen Sektors: Ein internationaler Vergleich 1980-2000, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock*
20. August 2006: Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)*, Annual Conference, Paphos, Cyprus
21. June 2006: Tax Competition, Investment Cost, and Economic Growth, *Workshop of the Priority Programme "Institutional Design of Federal Systems" of the German Research Foundation (DFG)*, Bonn
22. June 2006: Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *ZEW Summer Workshop 2006 on EU-Countries in Fiscal Competition*, Mannheim
23. June 2006: Dynamic Federal Transfer Mechanism and Optimal Incentives for Local Modernization, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock*, zusammen mit Martin Altemeyer-Bartscher (TU Chemnitz)
24. April 2006: Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *European Public Choice Society*, Annual Conference, Turku, Finland
25. July 2005: Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *Conference of the Priority Programme "Institutional Design of Federal Systems" of the German Research Foundation (DFG)*, Regensburg
26. November 2004: Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, 3. Finanzwissenschaftliches Seminar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin
27. November 2004 Dynamic Tax Competition and Public-Sector Modernisation, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock*
28. June 2004: Endogenes Wachstum, Kapitalmobilität und die Modernisierung des Öffentlichen Sektors, *DFG-SPP 1422 Summerschool on Fiscal Federalism*, Bonn (Kloster Walberberg)
29. May 2004: Endogenes Wachstum, Kapitalmobilität und die Modernisierung des Öffentlichen Sektors, *Forschungskolloquium des Instituts fuer Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Rostock*

30. March 2004: Factor Prices and Biased Technical Change in a Two Cone Trade Model, *Göttinger Workshop Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen*

2 software

2.1 deabib.org

<http://deabib.org> is a website to provide you with bibliographic data about envelopment analysis (DEA). The database – once we have reached version 1.0, currently we are at v0.8.2 – covers more than 5000 papers about DEA that have been published in scientific journals in the years 1950 - 2007 and later.

2.2 epspdfconversion

Becker (2010): epspdfconversion

A L^AT_EX-package that calls epspdf to convert eps-graphics to pdf. It provides a vehicle for passing conversion options (such as grayscale, prepress or pdfversion) to the epstopdf converter. It is located in /macros/latex/contrib/epspdfconversion at CTAN.

See [here for more information and a download-link](#).

The documentation is [here](#).

2.3 Applescripts for xls/csv files

5.2008 - Applescripts to convert Excel-Datasets in .csv-files and to bring them in a form that is suitable for an import (insheet) in Stata

Here you can find several applescripts that might help you to work with data-files. They are tested on Mac OS X Leopard (10.5).

Open them in the Script-Editor and have a look at the code to understand in full detail what they do. Applescript can also be saved as an application such that a double-click is enough to run them. For sure you need to adjust the first few lines. They are written for a special problem I had with a dataset but for sure can be modified to be helpful in other situations.

You need the application “TextWrangler”. It is available for free at <http://www.barebones.com/>. M\$ Excel is necessary for the first two scripts. Stata is necessary to run the do file.

1_countrycodes.scpt Takes all files in a folder, opens them with M\$ Excel, and adds a column with the filename as an entry. The files are then saved in another folder. In the example: The names of the original Excel-Files are based on the country-code of the country they contain the data for.

2_xlsTOcsv.scpt Takes all files in a folder, opens them with M\$ Excel, and saves them as .csv-text-files (comma separated values). The files are then saved in another folder.

3_SearchReplace.scpt Takes all files in a folder, opens them on TextWrangler and runs several search&replace procedures. Some of them use grep-expressions. The files are then saved in another folder.

This is the most useful script and also the one that need the most modifications when applied in other situations. Note that TextWrangler is very “applescriptable” and that you can use the “record”-functionality in the Apple-Script-Editor while working in TextWrangler.

4_merge-sort.scpt Puts the content of all files in a folder in one file, sorts all lines in this file alphabetically and then add a header in line 1 (containing the names of the columns).

5_split.scpt Takes the file from the last step and splits it in several single-files based on a list given in the script.

X_deleteCSVFiles.scpt Deletes all files with extension .csv in a folder selected by the user. (Not used in my example.)

stata.do A stata do-file that reads the .csv-files, converts them into single .dta-datasets and then merges them into one proper stata-dataset.

Example-Dataset contains all folders and source-files necessary. Unpack the zip-file and save the folder `example-data`, for example to the Desktop. Check carefully all scripts for line that contain the path to this folder and adjust them accordingly. Run the applescript from 1 to 5. Then run the do-file from within Stata.

[Download all scripts and a folder with an example dataset as .zip-file, 228 KB.](#)

2.4 Stata -> L^AT_EX

semi-official manual: <http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/stata/latex/default.htm>

Important Stata-Commands for producing tables and the like: `tabstat`, `statsmat`, `tablemat`, `fsum`, `tabform`, `tabout`, `svytabs`, `svytabform`, `mkcorr`, `corrtab`, `makematrix`, `eststo`, `esttab`, `outreg2` (findit commandname finds them)

2.4.1 Writing a codebook (compact) as a table that can be used in a L^AT_EX-document

[Download .zip-file with everything necessary, 116 KB.](#)

Usage:

1. download the zip-file
2. open the do-file `codebook.do`. Read the comments. It is necessary that you adjust a few file-paths and that you use the resulting .tex-file properly.
3. `TeX/Example.tex` is a small .tex-file that demonstrates how the resulting file can be used.

Based on ideas from: [Gini / Pasquini \(2006\)](#).

2.4.2 Using the stata command `tabout` to write tables that can be used in a L^AT_EX-document (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that

2.4.3 Writing a table containing notes from a stata-dataset that can be used in a L^AT_EX-document (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that

2.4.4 Exporting stata-graphics for use in a L^AT_EX-document, add annotation (TBD)

TBD - please ask if you need that. For the second part, see [2.5.2](#).

2.5 L^AT_EX & Co

2.5.1 epspdfconversion

Information about the package epspdfconversion can be found [at CTAN](#).

2.5.2 add pstricks/L^AT_EX-code to an eps-graphic

Consider you have an eps-graphic file. It could be the result of an export from Stata, MATLAB, Maple or whatever. Sometimes it is necessary to add some notation or additional graphical elements like arrows or boxes.

One way to do that is to use pstricks and/or L^AT_EX. This is how this can be done

1. Make your .eps-file part of an `\begin{pspicture} ... \end{pspicture}`-environment: Create a file `my-epsoverlay.tex` (or so) that looks like this:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}

\usepackage{pstricks}
\usepackage{pstricks-add}
\usepackage{pst-plot}
\usepackage{pst-text,pst-node,pst-tree}

\begin{document}
\pagestyle{empty}
\newsavebox{\Imagebox}
%%
%% HERE: Load the eps-file
%%
\savebox{\Imagebox}{\includegraphics{epsgraph.eps}}
\centering
%%
%% HERE: add LaTeX/pstricks
%%
\begin{pspicture}(\wd\Imagebox,\ht\Imagebox)%
\rput[lb](0,0){\usebox{\Imagebox}}
% grid to see coordinates, comment out when done
\psgrid[subgriddiv=0,griddots=1,gridlabels=7pt]%
(0,0)(\wd\Imagebox,\ht\Imagebox)
% Add labels etc here:
\rput{0}(5.9,3.9){$b = 1$}
\rput{0}(3.4,2.2){$b = 5$ nicht verwendet}
\rput{0}(2.9,1.2){$b = 10$}

\rput{0}(0.5,8.1){$k(t)$}
\rput{0}(6.7,0.4){$t$}
```

```

\end{pspicture}

\end{document}

```

2. Add code as in the `my-epsoverlay.tex`-file.
3. Then run `latex-dvips-ps2pdf13` on that file. In TeXShop, this can be done with an “engine” that looks like that:

```

#!/bin/tcsh

set path= ($path /usr/texbin /usr/local/bin)
set filename = "$1"
set dviname = "${filename:r}.dvi"
set psname = "${filename:r}.ps"
set pdfname = "${filename:r}.pdf"
set pdfnameebb = "${filename:r}-bb.pdf"
set epsnameebb = "${filename:r}.eps"
set auxname = "${filename:r}.aux"
set logname = "${filename:r}.log"

# run latex via ghostscript on the tex-file
latex --shell-escape "$1"
dvips -Ppdf -o "$psname" "$dviname"
ps2pdf13 -dAutoRotatePages=/None "$psname" "$pdfname"

# calculate bounding box
epspdf -bb "$pdfname" "$epsnameebb"
epspdf -bb "$pdfname" "$pdfnameebb"

# clean up
/bin/rm "$pdfname"
/bin/rm "$dviname"
/bin/rm "$auxname"
/bin/rm "$psname"
/bin/rm "$logname"

#rename pictures
mv "$pdfnameebb" "$pdfname"

```

The code above assumes that the commands `latex`, `dvips`, `ps2pdf13`, `/bin/rm`, `mv` and `epspdf` are available on your system. Especially `epspdf` is non-standard, you may need to install it separately from your L^AT_EX-installation. See the documentation of `epspdfconversion` (2.5.1). If you are using a recent TeXLive-Installation, `epspdf` is already part of it.

Other L^AT_EX-Editors/Frontends may provide other ways to apply the commands on your `my-epsoverlay.tex`-file.

4. Now you have two file `epsgraph.eps` and `epsgraph.pdf` that can be used in L^AT_EX oder pdfL^AT_EX.

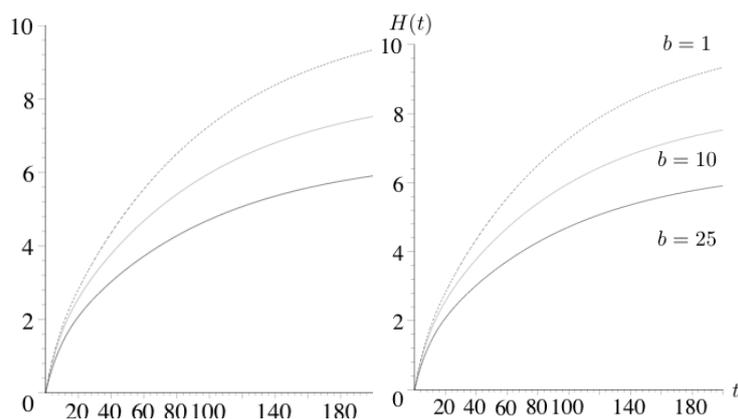


Figure 2: Left: an eps-graphic-file without additional pstricks/ \LaTeX -code. Right: afterwards. Note that epspdf calculated a proper bounding box.

2.5.3 Links

- a collection of TeX-related resources: <http://wiht.link/TeX-LaTeX>
- a tutorials about drawing pictures and diagrams with pstricks / pdftricks: <http://sarovar.org/projects/pstricks/> or <http://tug.org/PSTricks/main.cgi/>
- pstricks-related packages: <http://tug.org/PSTricks/main.cgi?file=packages>
- one of the best FAQ's on \LaTeX -Details, maintained by the UK TeX Users' Group: <http://www.tex.ac.uk>
- more tutorials on more aspects of \LaTeX : <http://www.tug.org.in/tutorials.html>
- \LaTeX and Macintosh computers, general: <http://www.esm.psu.edu/mac-tex/>
- TeX4ht is a way to produce html-code from a \LaTeX -file (this homepage is an example, albeit not the best): <http://www.tug.org/tex4ht/>. There is a lack of an easy-to-access documentation, but here is a promising start written by the current (most-active) maintainer: <https://www.kodymirus.cz/tex4ht-doc/tex4ht-doc.html#Introduction.html>
- If you compile your references with $\text{BIB}\TeX$, you could have a look here to see a collection of pre-formatted styles: <http://jo.irisson.free.fr/bstdatabase/>
- As $\text{BIB}\TeX$ really is a pain when it comes to customization, the [biblatex-package](#) seems to be the way to go. It is meant as a replacement for $\text{BIB}\TeX$. There is a learning curve.
- What one should know before starting to use graphics in \LaTeX : <http://www.tug.org/pracjourn/2005-3/hoepfner/>
- What fonts are there to use in \LaTeX ? See the [\$\LaTeX\$ Font Catalogue](#). Especially, look at the fonts of the [TeX Gyre Project](#):
 - [Adventor](#) (similar to ITC Avant Garde Gothic) (TFM name: qag)
 - [Bonum](#) (similar to ITC Bookman) (qbk)
 - [Chorus](#) (similar to ITC Zapf Chancery) (qzc)
 - [Cursor](#) (similar to Courier) (qcr)
 - [Heros](#) (similar to Helvetica) (qhv)
 - [Pagella](#) (similar to Palatino) (qpl)

- [Schola](#) (similar to New Century Schoolbook) (qtm)
- [Termes](#) (similar to Times) (qtm)

There is also [this article](#) that explains the basics.

- A site full of examples, mainly with [TikZ-](#) and [PGF-](#)code, both packages for “drawing” in \LaTeX : <http://www.texample.net/>
- If you are using [pstricks](#) for your “drawings”, this page with examples is a great help: <http://www.tug.org/PSTricks/main.cgi?file=examples>
- If you look for a book on \LaTeX , try <http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/>.

3 Misc

3.1 Journalismus (dt.)

Artikel in der Wochenzeitung Jungle World

[Jungle-Homepage \(mit Archiv\)](#)

Meine Artikel gesammelt hier: <https://jungle.world/index.php/autorin/daniel-becker>

50/03 *Das Einrennen offener Tueren*. Zum Sturz von Eduard Schewardnadse in Georgien

12/02 *Stand up for Steel*. Kommentar zu den Stahlsanktionen des George Bush jr. - Bush als Sicherheitsrisiko fuer die Weltwirtschaft.

47/01 *WTO in der Wueste*. Über die Ministerkonferenz der WTO in Katar und die verpasste Chance nicht-militärischer Terrorbekämpfung

13/01 *Saufen oder ab ins Bett*. Hintergrundbericht ueber Georgien

34/00 *Enteignung durch die unsichtbare Hand*. Die Versteigerung der UMTS-Lizenzen in Deutschland als ‘moderne Enteignung’

32/00 *Mobil nach Übersee*. Übernahme von Voicestream durch die Deutsche Telekom

49/99 *Disko: Verhandeln statt Abstrafen*. Warum eine Welthandelsrunde bei der WTO besser ist als keine

47/99 *Märkte und Menschenrechte*. WTO-Beitritt Chinas nach der Einigung mit den USA

44/99 *Handel ist Politik*. Vorbericht zur WTO-Ministerkonferenz in Seattle

23/99 *Gefährliche Liebschaften*. Übernahme der Telecom Italia durch Olivetti

19/99 *Telecom nazionale* . Widerstände in Italien gegen Deutsche Telekom

18/99 *Kritische Masse* . Fusionspläne der Deutschen Telekom und Telecom Italia

16/99 *bananenurteil* . Krumme Geschäfte

06/99 *TEP, Tac, Toe* . Zu den Plänen fuer einen "New Transatlantic Marketplace"

03/99 *Bananen, Boeings, Handelskriege* . Diverse Handelskonflikte EU-USA

03/99 *Euro auf Autopilot* . Übersetzung eines Artikel von Paul Krugman (zur deutschen Ausrichtung der EZB)

50/98 *Entsicherter Kapitalismus* . Zu den Auswirkungen der Asienkrise, v.a. auf die Sozialsysteme

46/98 *Thema: Gemeinsam ratlos* . Es gibt keine Konzepte fuer eine sozialdemokratische Wirtschaftspolitik Ü la Lafontaine in Europa

44/98 *Zeit fuer verrueckte Sachen* . Zu den Reformvorschlägen für das Weltfinanzsystem

43/98 *La Grande Nation d'Abord* . Endgueltiges Scheitern der MAI-Verhandlungen

39/98 *Die Welt des MAI* . Das Fallbeispiel Ethyl Corp. in Kanada zu den Auswirkungen des MAI

22/98 *Zollfrei durch's Internet* . 50 Jahre GATT/WTO

19/98 *Tanz ums MAI* . Vorläufiges Scheitern der MAI-Verhandlungen

3.2 Links

[Economist - Style Guide, 11th edition](#)

[doi2bib](#) — give us a DOI and we will do our best to get you the BibTeX entry

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