

# Denis M. Drechsler

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**Profile:** Strong analytical and quantitative skills; dedicated team player; creative thinker committed to results; good communicator with excellent drafting skills; extensive experience in development finance

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**(since 09/2004) OECD Development Centre, Paris.** Policy Analyst and Outreach Co-ordinator

- Created Wikigender, the OECD's first interactive website using "wiki" technology
- Managed outreach activities of the Policy Coherence group, including public relations, liaison with policy makers, and preparation of international workshops and seminars
- Supervised the OECD Gender, Institutions and Development Data Base
- Coordinated external research and drafted documents targeted at decision makers
- Performed quantitative analysis through econometric modelling
- Prepared research proposals and engaged in fundraising activities

**(01/2005–05/2007) Panel Group, Washington, DC.** Consultant in International Finance Company

- Organised strategic partnerships for investment projects
- Developed real estate privatisation schemes, including financial and legal deregulation
- Contributed to the design and implementation of an employer-based housing fund; assessed financial feasibility and evaluated alternative financing options
- Analysed World Bank policy strategy and project implementation; conducted interviews with high level officials; researched background information and data; restructured and updated thematic websites

**(06/2003–08/2003) German Parliament, Berlin.** Research Assistant, Alliance 90/The Greens

- Participated in political negotiations in the area of public finance, taxation, and employment laws; assisted in the adaptation of European legislative decrees into German law
- Performed in-depth research on current political questions and organised internal meetings
- Prepared speeches and declarations for political debates, pressure groups and external stakeholders

**(10/2000–05/2003) European Institute for Intern. Economic Relations, Potsdam.** Student Researcher

- Managed discussion paper series, edited paper drafts, coordinated production and distribution
- Organised and assisted international conferences; supported class-room work and external publications through research and editing

**(10/1999–04/2000) World Bank, Washington, DC.** Research Assistant, Latin America & Caribbean

- Developed and supervised the implementation of a cost-benefit survey in Lima (2000 households)
- Conducted research on property markets, regulatory reform, and social capital
- Contacted counterparts from the public and the private sector and coordinated project tasks

## EDUCATION

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2001 – 2004	<b>Potsdam University, Germany</b> M.A. in Economics ("Diplom") – social security and international economic relations
2003 – 2004	<b>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA</b> M.A. in Labour Economics – statistics, econometrics, and labour market performance
1997 – 2003	<b>Potsdam University &amp; Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble, Germany/France</b> M.A. in Political Science ("Diplom") – international relations and political theory

## LANGUAGES

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Mother tongue: **German**

Fluent: **English, French**

Working knowledge: **Spanish**

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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MS Office, Matematica, Stata, Minitab, Lotus Notes, Vignette, HTML, Flash, MediaWiki, Dreamweaver

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

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Measuring Gender (In)Equality – The OECD Gender, Institutions, and Development Data Base, *Journal of Human Development*, Vol. 9(1), pp. 65-86, March 2008 (with J. Dayton-Johnson, J. Jütting, and C. Morrison).

*Unemployment and Labor Market Rigidities: Theory, Empirical Evidence and Recent Labor Market Reforms*, Saarbrücken: VDM-Verlag, 2007.

*Informal Institutions – How Social Norms Help or Hinder Development*, Development Centre Studies, Paris: OECD, 2007 (with J. Jütting, S. Bartsch and I. de Soysa [eds.]).

*Financing Development – Aid and Beyond*, Development Centre Perspectives, Paris: OECD, 2007 (with D. Cohen, J. Jütting, H. Reisen, H.-B. Solignac Lecomte and F. Zimmermann).

Different Countries, Different Needs – The Role of Private Health Insurance in Developing Countries, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Vol. 32(3), pp. 497-534, June 2007 (with J. Jütting).

Scope, Limitations, and Policy Responses, in: Preker, Scheffler, Basset (eds.): *Private Voluntary Health Insurance in Development – Friend or Foe*, Washington: World Bank, 2007 (with J. Jütting).

*New Actors in Health Financing – Implications for a Donor Darling*, OECD Development Centre Policy Brief 33, December 2006 (with F. Zimmermann).

*Is there a Role for Private Health Insurance in Developing Countries?*, Discussion Paper 517, German Institute for Economic Research, October 2005 (with J. Jütting).

*Unemployment in Germany and the Eurosclerosis Debate – Can the Hartz Reforms Induce Higher Employment?* Discussion Paper 48, Chair of Public Policy, Potsdam University, 2005.

Zygmunt Bauman: Globalisation - The Human Consequences (book review in German), *WeltTrends*, Journal for International Politics and Comparative Studies, No. 48, Autumn 2005.

## AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

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- **SOKRATES** stipend for traineeship at the OECD Development Centre (Sep. to Dec. 2004)
- **German Academic Exchange Service** (DAAD), scholarship for exchange programme, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Aug. 2003 to May 2004) and short-term scholarship to finalise Master Thesis, research stay in Washington, DC (Nov. to Dec. 2002)
- **ERASMUS** scholarship, study exchange with the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble, sponsored by the European Union (Sep. 2001 to Mar. 2002)

## OTHER EMPLOYMENTS / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Centre for International Co-operation and Development**, University of Pavia, Lecturer on Development Economics, graduate level (2007)

**Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris**, Lecturer on Development Economics, graduate level (2006-2007)

**Dept. of Economics, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**, Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Micro-economics, undergraduate level (2003-2004)

**American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)**, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. Visiting Fellow (Nov. to Dec. 2002)

**Radio Campus Grenoble, France**. Freelancer: weekly broadcast covering current political events in Germany (Jan. to Mar. 2002)

**Dept. of Social Sciences and Economics, Potsdam University**, Academic Advisor for international graduate students, Master of Public Management Programme (2000-2001)

## REFERENCES

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Louka Katseli, former Director of the OECD Development Centre: [Louka.Katseli@gmail.com](mailto:Louka.Katseli@gmail.com)

Gary J. Reid, Lead Public Sector Management, World Bank PREM: [greid@worldbank.org](mailto:greid@worldbank.org)

Harald Fuhr, Pro-rector of the University of Potsdam: [hfuhr@rz.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:hfuhr@rz.uni-potsdam.de)