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### WORK EXPERIENCE

- Since August 2012 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Teaching on the Undergraduate and Graduate Level (Average Teaching Evaluation 4.8 out of 5 Points (College Average 4.5)), Research, Organization of Conferences and Participation in National and International Conferences.*
- August 2016 – January 2018 **Chair Department of Finance and Economics**, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Curriculum Planning, Development and Evaluation of Faculty, Recruitment of New Faculty, Liaison between the Dean of the College of Business and Faculty.*
- January 2011 – May 2012 **Center Manager**, Center for Technology and Economic Development, New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
*Administrative Leadership of the Center including Recruitment of Researchers, Project Acquisition, Project Management, Research, Support of Doctoral Students.*
- August 2008 – December 2010 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Salem College, Winston-Salem, USA  
*Teaching on the Undergraduate Level (Average Teaching Evaluation 3.6 of 4 Points (College Average: 3.1)), Research, Organization of an Exchange Program with UDLAP, Mexico.*
- August 2007 – May 2008 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics**, Elon University, Elon, USA,  
*Teaching on the Undergraduate Level (Average Teaching Evaluation 4.5 of 5 Points (College Average: 3.8)), Research.*
- January 2007 – May 2007 **Adjunct Professor of Economics**, Salem College, Winston-Salem, USA  
*Teaching on the Undergraduate Level (Average Teaching Evaluation 3.7 of 4 Points (College Average: 3.2)), Organization of a Research Symposium.*
- March 2005 – September 2006 **Project Manager**, Baloise Holding, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, Austria  
*Support in a variety of M&A-Projects, Project Management, Process Optimizations, Creation of Business Cases for internal Leadership-Programs.*
- August 2003 – February 2005 **Management Trainee**, Baloise Holding, Switzerland, Belgium  
*Trainee-Stages in the Departments of Asset Management, Sales Development, Management Development und Process Optimizations.*

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### EDUCATION

- March 2005 – June 2008 University of Basel, Dissertation in Political Economy. „Veto Power and Wealth: The Political Economy of the Development of Swiss Social Security. “
- June 2006 American Institute of Economic Research, Great Barrington, MA, USA: PhD Seminar on Institutional Economics; Reception of a Research Award.
- October 2000 – January 2003 University of St. Gallen, Political Economy, lic.rer.publ. HSG: 30% Economics, 30% Public and International Law, 30% Political Science, 10% English Language.
- April 2002 – June 2002 Exchange Term at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Geneva.
- October 1997 – October 1999 University of St. Gallen, Bachelor Level: Management, Economics, Public and Private Law, Accounting, Statistics, IT, Psychology, Sociology, English.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

- Citizenship Switzerland and Sweden
- Marital Status Married, two children in preschool

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## OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

### *Current Projects and Articles under Review*

Akoz, K., Barber, B., Jensen, J. & Zenker, C. "Revisiting the Democracy-Private Investment Nexus: Does Inequality Matter?" *Review and Resubmit at Journal of Comparative Economics*.

Akoz, K., Arin, K. & Zenker, C.: "Political Consequences of Ethnic/Racial Tension: Theory and Evidence from the US." *Under Review*.

Arin, K., Lagos F. & Zenker, C.: "Race or Religion: The Origins of Prejudice. "

Bodmer, F. & Zenker, C. "The Swiss Reform of Equalizing Grants: Unintended Consequences of Simplifying the System."

Dariel, A., Kephart, C., Nikiforakis, N., & Zenker, C. "Motherhood and the Willingness to Compete."

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### *Publications*

Anbarci, N., Arin, K., Kuhlenkasper, T., & Zenker, C. "Revisiting Loss Aversion: Evidence from Professional Tennis". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. Forthcoming.

Dariel, A., Kephart, C., Nikiforakis, N., & Zenker, C. "Emirati women do not shy away from competition: evidence from a patriarchal society in transition." *Journal of Economic Science Association*. Forthcoming

Anbarci, N., Arin, K., Okten, C., & Zenker, C. (2016) "Is Roger Federer more loss averse than Serena Williams?," *Applied Economics* 49 (35), 3546-3559.

Zenker, Christina (2015). Veto Power and Wealth: Analysis of the Development of the Swiss Old Age Security. *Journal of Economics Library*, 2 (2).

Zenker, C. & Smith, F. (2014). Still staying away: Women and the economics major – evidence from two Southern liberal arts colleges. *Econometrics Letters*, 1 (2)

Zenker, C. & Gentinetta, K. (2009). Die AHV – Eine Altersvorsorge mit Alterungsblindheit (publication on Social Security reforms in Switzerland). Zurich, Switzerland: *NZZ Verlag*.

Zenker, C. (2009). Switzerland in the current financial crisis. In James Ciment (Ed.), *Booms and Busts: An Encyclopedia of Economic History from Tulipmania of the 1630s to the Global Financial Crisis of the 21st Century*. Armonk, NY: *M.E.Sharpe*