



Prof. Axel Börsch-Supan, Ph.D.

Current Positions:

Director, Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (MEA) at the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (MPISOC), Munich.

Professor, Chair for the Economics of Aging at the Technical University of Munich (TUM).

Scientific Coordinator, Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) and Managing Director of SHARE-ERIC.

Date of Birth: December 28th, 1954.

Citizenship: German.

Marital Status: Married to Martina Börsch-Supan, Ph.D., born Meuer, three children.



School Education:

Elementary school: Grundschule Darmstadt-Eberstadt und Budenheim, 1960-1964.

Secondary school: Rabanus-Maurus-Gymnasium Mainz, general qualification for university entrance (Abitur: in German, Mathematics, Latin, Greek), February 1973.

Military Service: June 1973 – September 1974.

University Education:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, Economics, Ph.D. June 1984, dissertation "Housing Demand in the United States and West Germany: A Discrete Choice Analysis" (Advisor: Prof. Daniel McFadden, final grade general examinations: excellent).
- University of Bonn, Mathematics with minor in Econometrics, Diplom March 1980, thesis "Stability and step size control for the solution of parabolic partial differential equations with finite difference methods" (Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Trottenberg, final grade: excellent).
- Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Mathematics, Vordiplom December 1976.
- Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Economics, Zwischenprüfung June 1976.

Scholarships:

- Fellow of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of M.I.T. und Harvard University, 1982-1984.
- Sloan Foundation Fellowship, 1983.
- Doctoral Fellowship of the Studienstiftung, 1981-1982.
- Scholarship of the Department of Economics at M.I.T., 1981-1982.
- USA-Stipend of the Studienstiftung, 1980-1981.
- Fellowship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (German National Fellowship Foundation), 1972-1980.

Academic Career:

- Director, Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging, 2001-2011.
- Professor (Full, C4) of Economics, esp. Macroeconomics and Public Policy, Faculty for Economics and Statistics, University of Mannheim, 1991-2011.
- Professor (Associate, C3) of Economics, esp. Macroeconomics, Faculty of Economics and Statistics, University of Mannheim, 1989-1991.
- Professor (Substitute, C4) at the Chair of Economic Theory, esp. Urban Economy, Department of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Dortmund, 1988-1989.

- Professor (Assistant, C2) of Economics, Department of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Dortmund, 1987-1988.
- Professor (Assistant) of Public Policy, J.F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1984-1989 (1987-1989 on leave).

Other Academic Affiliations:

- Advisory Board, Study of Living Conditions and Health in Brazil (ELSI-Brazil), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 2011.
- Scientific Advisory Board, Chinese Health, Aging and Retirement Longitudinal Study (CHARLS), Peking University, Beijing, China, since 2010.
- Scientific Advisory Board, The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, since 2009.
- Advisory Board, Japanese Study of Aging and Retirement (JSTAR), Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, since 2009.
- Member, MacArthur Foundation Aging Societies Network, Chicago, since 2008.
- Scientific Advisory Board, Korean Longitudinal Study on Aging (KLoSA), Seoul, Korea, since 2008.
- Adjunct Researcher, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, since 2005.
- Coordinator, Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), Mannheim/Munich, since 2002.
- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cambridge, Massachusetts, since 1990.
- Deputy Speaker, Collaborative Research Program on the Political Economy of Reforms, SFB884, University of Mannheim, 2010-2012.
- Supervisory Board, Center of European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, 2005-2011.
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Kiel Institute of Economics (Weltwirtschaftsinstitut), Kiel, 2000-2011.
- Member of the Board, German Economic Association (Verein für Socialpolitik), Frankfurt/Main, 1998-2002, 2007-2010.
- Speaker, Collaborative Research Program on Behavioral Economics and Finance, SFB504, University of Mannheim, 2003-2009.
- Research Professor, Center of European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, 1991-2007.
- Board Member, Zentrum für Methoden, Analysen und Umfragen (ZUMA), Mannheim, 1998-2003.
- Deputy Speaker, Collaborative Research Program on Behavioral Economics and Finance, SFB504, University of Mannheim, 1997-2003.
- Managing Director, Institute of Economics and Statistics, University of Mannheim 1997-2001.
- Fellow, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, 1991-2001.
- Resident Fellow, McKinsey Global Institute, Washington, D.C., 1995-1996.
- Chairman, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Mannheim, 1994-1995.
- Visiting Research Associate, Econometrics Lab, University of California at Berkeley, 1992.
- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1985-1990.

Honors:

- Corresponding Member, Austrian Academy of Sciences (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften), since 2015.
- Member, German Academy of Natural Sciences Leopoldina, since 2000.
- Member of the Social Science Class, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, since 1998.
- Heidelberg Club International Award for Contributions to Humanity in the Field of Gerontology, 2005.
- Distinguished Harris German-Dartmouth Visiting Professorship, 2001.

Public Policy Advice:

- European Commission, European Statistics Advisory Committee (ESAC), Brussels, since 2014.
- Speaker of the Leopoldina Working Group on Population-Wide Social and Epidemiological Longitudinal, Halle, since 2014.
- Expert Group on Demographic Change, German Federal Government, Berlin, since 2011.
- Leopoldina - Standing Commission on Demographic Change, Halle, since 2010.
- Pioneer Global Asset Management, Independent Director, Milan/Munich, since 2007.
- Bundesbank, Scientific Advisory Committee, Frankfurt/Main, since 2006.
- European Commission: Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, Brussels, since 2006.
- Member in the Council of Advisors to the Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology, Berlin, since 1999; Chairman, 2004-2008.
- OECD, Paris, since 1996.
- The World Bank, Washington, D.C., since 1993.
- World Economic Forum (WEF), Global Aging Committee, 2009-2011; Global Social Security Committee, Davos, 2012-2015.
- The German President's Forum on Demographic Change, 2005-2009, 2014-2015.
- McKinsey & Co., Frankfurt/Main, Paris, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., 1995-2008.
- Leopoldina Expert Group on Public Health, Halle, 2012-2014.
- U.S. National Academies of Science, Committee on Long-Term Implications of Aging on the U.S. Economy, Washington, D.C., 2011-2012.
- U.S. National Research Council, Washington, D.C., 2001 and 2009.
- European Central Bank, Advisory Committee on Panel Data Collection, Frankfurt/Main, 2006-2008.
- Empirica, Economic and Social Science Consultancy, Bonn/Berlin, 1987-2008.
- U.S. Department of State (Secretary Condoleezza Rice), Washington, D.C., 2007.
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Bonn/Berlin, 2006-2007.
- Commission Security in Old Age of the Ministry for Social Affairs, Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, 2006-2007.
- European Commission: Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Brussels, 2004-2007.
- Enquete Commission Demographic Change of the Landtag Hessen, Wiesbaden, 2003-2007.

- Enquete Commission Demographic Change of the Landtag Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, 2004-2006.
- Ministère de Finances et des Comptes publics, Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Industrie et du Numérique (Nicolas Sarkozy), Paris, France, 2005.
- Ministero dell'Economia e Finanza (MEF) (Giulio Tremonti), Roma, Italy, 2005.
- Global Aging Commission, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C., 2001-2005.
- U.S. Senate, Social Security Reform Committee, Washington, D.C., 2004.
- Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin, 2000 and 2003.
- Moore Capital Group, London, 2003.
- German Social Security Reform Commission, Co-Chairmen of the Pension Reform Group, Federal Ministry for Work and Social Affairs, Berlin, 2002-2003.
- Enquete Commission for Demographic Change of the Bundestag, Bonn, 2002.
- National Bank of Greece, Athens, 1999-2001.
- Federal Ministry for Family and Elderly, Bonn, 2000.
- German Insurance Association e. V., GDV Berlin, 1998-1999.
- Association of Private Bausparkassen, Bonn, 1989.
- Federal Ministry for Regional Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Bonn, 1986-1989.
- Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986-1988.
- Ifo Institute – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich e. V., Munich, 1981-1986.

Outside Offers:

- Member of the Max-Planck-Society and Director at the Max-Planck-Society and Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich, 2011, accepted.
- Professor (Full), Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York City, 2011, declined.
- Professor (Full, C4) of Economics, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, in association with the presidency of the Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), 2000, declined.
- Professor (Full), Chair of Economics, University of St.Gallen and Co-Director of the Institute for Empirical Economic Research, 1994, declined.
- Professor (Full, C4) of Macroeconomics and Economic Policy, University of Mannheim, 1991, accepted.
- Professor (Full, C4) of Economic Policy, University of Konstanz, 1991, declined.
- Professor (Full), Chair of Economics, University of Vienna, 1991, declined.
- Professor (Associate, C3) of Economics, esp. Macroeconomics, 1988, accepted.
- Professor (Associate, C3) of Econometrics and Statistics, University of Hamburg 1988, declined.
- Professor (Assistant, C2) of Economics, University of Dortmund, 1987, accepted.
- Professor (Assistant) of Public Policy Harvard University, 1984, accepted.
- Professor (Assistant) of Economics, Yale University, 1984, declined.
- Professor (Assistant) of Economics, Boston College, 1984, declined.

Editorships and Referee Duties:

- American Economic Review
- Econometrica
- Economic Journal
- Economics of Education Review
- Empirical Economics
- Journal of Econometrics
- Journal of Economic Literature
- Journal for the Economics of Aging (editorial board)
- Journal of Human Resources
- Journal of Pension Economics and Finance (editorial board)
- Journal of Population Economics
- Journal of Public Economics
- Journal of Life Course Studies (editorial board)
- Journal of the American Statistical Association
- Quarterly Journal of Economics
- Regional Science and Urban Economics (associate editor)
- The Review of Economics and Statistics
- Zeitschrift für die gesamte Staatswissenschaft

Memberships:

- Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft, since 1996.
- European Society for Population Economics, since 1988 (Council Member 1994-1995).
- European Economic Association, since 1985.
- Verein für Socialpolitik (Committees for Econometrics, Economic Theory, Population Economics, and Public Finance; Council Member 1998-2002, 2007-2010), since 1985.
- American Economic Association, since 1980.
- Econometric Society, since 1980.

Research Areas:

- Economics of demographic change.
- Pensions and retirement behavior.
- Household savings behavior.
- Macroeconomics of population aging and financial markets.
- Housing markets.
- Panel data and discrete choice econometrics.