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Birth: April 11, 1990, in Rio Claro (SP) – Brazil
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024 **University of Tübingen**
 Associate researcher – DAAD-Prime Fellow

2022-2023 **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**
 Visiting assistant professor – DAAD-Prime Fellow

2022-2024 **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – Modern Endangered Archives Program**
 Visiting consultant – *DataLab*

2022 **University of Lisbon**
 Appointed assistant professor in Economic & Social History (declined for private reasons)

2022 **Aarhus University**
 Lecturer: “Development Economics: Introduction & Applications”
 Aarhus Summer School 2022

2020 **Jacobs University Bremen**
 Lecturer: “Development Economics”, Spring 2020

2019-2022 **University of Göttingen – Institute for Economic & Social History**
 Postdoctoral researcher

2019 **University of Göttingen – Ibero-American Institute**
 Postdoctoral researcher

EDUCATION

2015-2019 **Ph.D. – Development Economics**
 University of Göttingen
 DFG’s Research Training Group 1723 – Globalization and Development
Thesis: “From bonded laborers to educated citizens? Immigration, labor markets and human capital in São Paulo, Brazil (1820-2010)”
 Committee: Stephan Klasen, Jan Luiten van Zanden, and Holger Strulik
 Date of oral examination: February 15, 2019
Final grade: *Magna cum laude*

2012-2014 **M.A. – Development Economics**
 University of Göttingen
Thesis: “The combined effect of institutions and human capital for economic development: a case study of German immigration to São Paulo, Brazil (1840-1929)”
 Committee: Stephan Klasen and Simon Lange
Final Grade of M.A. Program: 1.6 (A-)

2007-2012 **B.A. – Economics**
 University of São Paulo
Final Grade of B.A. Program: 8.5/10 (B+)

COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

2023	Lecture: <i>Digital Humanities</i> (Francesca Albrezzi, UCLA)
2023	Seminar: <i>Topics in History: Latin America – Research in Latin American History</i> (William Summerhill, UCLA)
2019	Introduction to digital imaging: the basics of capture & edition (Donalis Delgado)
2016	Summer School: <i>Migration Economics</i> (Hillel Rapoport, PSE) – Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics
2016	Summer School: <i>Globalization and Inequality</i> – University of Groningen
2012	<i>Hochschulwinterkurs</i> (Qualification in German language & culture) – University of Duisburg-Essen
2009	Short-term course: <i>Growth, Inequality, and Globalization in Historical Perspective</i> (Jeffrey Williamson, Harvard) – University of São Paulo
2009	Short-term course: <i>Latin American Development in Historical Perspective</i> (Colin Lewis, LSE) – University of São Paulo
2009	Short-term course: <i>The Political Economy of Brazilian Development</i> (Aldo Musacchio, Brandeis) – University of São Paulo

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS & RESEARCH GROUPS

Since 2024	Brazilian Lab, Inequalities Hub – Princeton University Associate Researcher
Since 2024	Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP) – University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Reginal Grant: “Accounting for the countryside: rural & environmental history in the coffee economy of Southeastern Brazil (1890-1990)” Academic & managerial coordinator Principal Investigator Lead Research at <i>Casa Feltrin</i> , <i>Casa da Cultura de Cascalho</i> , and State Forest Edmundo Navarro de Andrade (FEENA)
Since 2024	Brazil Lab: Inequalities Hub – Princeton University Associate researcher
Since 2023	German-speaking Press in Brazil: A Digital Humanities Approach – University of Tübingen Associate researcher & consultant
Since 2021	Grupo de Pesquisa em História e Evolução da Agricultura e Complexos Agroindustriais (GEPHAC) – University of São Paulo Associate researcher
Since 2019	Instituto Histórico e Geográfico de Campinas (IHGGC) International correspondent
Since 2015	Historical Household Budgets Project Associate researcher
2019-2022	Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP) – University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Principal Investigator – Project “Labor, livelihood, and immigration in a Brazilian plantation: the archives of Ibicaba farm”
2018-2022	Centre for Global Migration Studies (CeMig) – University of Göttingen Associate researcher

CONSULTANCIES

Since 2024	DAAD Scholarship Selection Commission – Latin America Invited external expert
Since 2022	DataLab – Modern Endangered Archives Program (UCLA) Senior researcher: data analytics & project management
2019-2024	Scientific Committee – “The bicentenary of German immigration to Brazil” Consortium of German & Brazilian academic researchers
2014-2015	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Data collection, analysis & historical contextualization Coordination: Diego Comin (Dartmouth College) Supervision: Aldo Musacchio (Brandeis University)
2012	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in cooperation with the University of São Paulo Data collection & analysis Project “The untold story: Industrial structural change for poverty reduction since the 1950s – the case of BRICS” Coordination: Dante Aldrichi (University of São Paulo) Supervision: Renato Colistete (University of São Paulo)

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING (VALUES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

Applicant	Cultural Emergency Response
Since 2024	Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP), UCLA – Regional Grant
2022-2024	DAAD-PRIME Fellowship
2023	DAAD Travel & Conference Grant
2019-2022	Modern Endangered Archives Program (MEAP), UCLA – Project Grant
2017	International Colloquium “Ibicaba, 200 Years” Fundraising initiative for scientific event
2015	Economic History Association Funding for presenting at the XVII World Economic History Congress

UNIVERSITY SELF-MANAGEMENT & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

2022-2024	DAAD-PRIME Fellowship Fellowship’s self-management & managerial coordination
2020-2022	Paper Series – Global Migration Studies, Centre for Global Migration Studies, University of Göttingen Member of editorial board
2019-2022	Faculty of Business & Economics – University of Göttingen Representative of non-tenured academic staff at Department’s Board
2015-2018	Chair of Development Economics – University of Göttingen Coordinator of <i>Staff Seminar</i> & of <i>Development Economics Seminar</i>

SCIENTIFIC OUTLETS

Reviewing for (papers):	Journal of Development Economics European Economic Review Plus Hispanic American Historical Review Economic History of Developing Regions Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History
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Journal of Latin American Studies
 História Econômica & História de Empresas
 Estudos Econômicos
 Journal of Indian Ocean World Studies
 Reviewing for (books section):
 The Journal of Economic History
 The Economic History Review
 Tiempo y Economía
 Estudos Econômicos

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

- 2023 **Workshop: “Digital Humanities & new sources of historical data in Latin America” – Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo**
 Co-organized with Julieta Keldjian Etchessarry
- 2023 **Online Symposium: “MEAP in South America: Digital Archives and Contemporary History” – UCLA, Los Angeles / Online**
 Co-organized with Rachel Deblinger, Felipe Bellocq & Charles Walker
- 2022 **Session “Revisiting the Age of Mass Migration in Latin America (1850-1920)” – 19th World Economic History Congress, Paris**
 Co-organized with Blanca Sánchez-Alonso & André Lanza
- 2020 **Book launch “Globalization and the rise of mass education” – Göttingen**
- 2017 **International Colloquium “Ibicaba, 200 Years” – Cordeirópolis, Brazil**

SELECTED CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC TALKS

- 2024 Invited speaker, opening session – Symposium: “Immigration and colonization—the Bicentennial of German immigration to Brazil” – São Leopoldo, Brazil (Scheduled for November 11-14)
 Invited lecturer, “From data to data: Potentialities of Digital Humanities for Economic History”, *Brazilian Congress of Economic & Social History* – Ouro Preto, Brazil (October 01-03)
- 2023 UCLA’s Economic History Seminar – Los Angeles, USA
 UCLA’s International Library Council – Los Angeles, USA
 Resource Use & Specialization in Rural Europe and the Americas Workshop – UC Davis – Davis, USA
 History Colloquium & Latin American History Workshop, UC Davis – Davis, USA.
 Agriculometrics: Quantitative Approaches to Rural & Environmental History – Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2022 XIX World Economic History Congress – Paris, France
 Brazilian Studies Association Meeting (BRASA), Georgetown University – Online
- 2021 14th Brazilian Congress in Economic History – Varginha, Brazil
 7th Annual Meeting of the Danish Economic & Social History Association – Online
 Colloquium of the Institute for Economic & Social History – Göttingen, Germany
- 2019 3rd Congress of Economic & Social History, *Verein für Sozialpolitik* – Regensburg, Germany
 Research Seminar: Economic & Social History, *Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien* – Vienna, Austria
Berliner Forschungskolloquium: Wirtschaftsgeschichte – Berlin, Germany

- 6th Brazilian Workshop in Economic History, University of São Paulo/INSPER – São Paulo, Brazil
 Seminar Series in Economic History – Hermes & Clio, University of São Paulo – São Paulo, Brazil
 4th Rural History, European Rural History Association – Paris, France
 2018 University of London / London School of Economics’ Frontiers in Economic & Social History – London, UK
 XVIII World Economic History Congress – Boston, USA
 Seminar Series in Economic & Social History – Utrecht, The Netherlands)
 Historical Household Budget Project Seminar – Rome, Italy

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2022 Digital Humanities Prize, Science Outreach – *XIX World Economic History Congress*
 2022 Editor’s choice – article in *Economic History of Developing Regions*, Vol. 37 (1)
 2016 Outstanding performance (top-3) in Summer School *Migration Economics*
 2012 Best paper, category Junior Researcher, at the *Brazilian Congress in Economic & Social History*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Portuguese: Native speaker
 English: Full proficiency
 German: Advanced (C1)
 Spanish: Basic (A2)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aarhus University

Development Economics: Introduction & Applications (B.A. level)
 Lecturer & organizer
 Summer School 2022

University of Göttingen

Global Migration (1820-1920): Perspectives from Economic History (M.A. level)
 Lecturer & organizer
 Summer Semester 2021

Introduction to Cliometrics (M.A. level)
 Lecturer & organizer
 Summer Semester 2020

History of Economic Thought (Advanced B.A. & M.A. levels)
 Lecturer & organizer
 Summer Semester 2021
 Winter Semester 2021-2022

Geschichte des ökonomischen Denkens (History of Economic Thought) (Advanced B.A. & M.A. levels)
 Leading T.A.
 Summer Semesters 2019 & 2020
 Winter Semesters 2019-2020 & 2020-2021

Latin American Seminar – Macroeconomics and Policymaking (M.A. level)
 Lecturer & co-organizer
 Summer Semester 2020

Development Economics I – Macro Aspects of Economic Development (M.A. level)

T.A.
Winter Semester 2018-2019
Development Economics II – Micro Aspects of Economic Development (M.A. level)
T.A.
Summer Semesters 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
Development Economics III – Historical Aspects of Economic Development (M.A. level)
T.A.
Winter Semester 2017-2018
Advanced Microeconomics (M.A. level)
T.A.
Winter Semesters 2015-2016 & 2016-2017
Econometrics I (M.A. level)
T.A.
Winter Semester 2013-2014

Jacobs University Bremen

Development Economics Seminar (B.A. level)
Lecturer & organizer
Spring 2020

University of São Paulo

História Econômica Geral (Free translation: Global Economic History) (B.A. level)
T.A.
1st Term 2012

Invited lecturer for sessions of the following disciplines

Lecture Series: Heterodoxy in Economics (University of Göttingen)
“German Historical School of National Economy”
Winter Semesters 2016-2017 & 2019-2020
The philosophy of inequality (University of Göttingen)
“Concepts of inequality in Economics”, January 2018
From “welcome culture” and xenophobia to long-run effects: a comparative study of German and Japanese immigration to Brazil (1820-2000) – Input lecture for delegations from Paderborn and Tohoku Universities, March 2019 (University of Göttingen)

Public lectures & outreach teaching

Symposium “German immigration to São Paulo”
Trabalho, vivências e imigração em uma plantation brasileira (September 09, 2021 – [available online](#), in Portuguese)
Interview series – Martius-Staden Institute
Diálogos Brasil-Alemanha: Passado, Presente e Futuro (August 29, 2022 – [available online](#), in Portuguese)
Symposium Tempo, memória e pertencimento
Immigration history: unknown sources and research agenda for the future (Institute for Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo – [available online](#), in Portuguese)

Block lectures

Digital Humanities for rural history & development. Invited lecturer to block-course at the College of Agriculture of the University of São Paulo (September 13, 2024)
From data to data: Potentialities for Economic History. Invited lecturer to block-course at 2024 Brazilian Congress of Economic & Social History (October 01-03, 2024)

PUBLICATION LIST

Peer-reviewed articles (single-authored)

1. “The same contract that is suitable for your Excellency’: immigration and emulation in the adoption of sharecropping-*cum*-debt arrangements in Brazil (1835-1880) (2024). *The Economic History Review*, Vol. 77 (2).
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ehr.13282>
2. “Like the swing of the pendulum: the history of government-sponsored rural settlements (1820-1920)” (2023). *Economic History of Developing Regions*, Vol. 38 (3).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/20780389.2023.2243035>
3. “Precedents of mass migration: policies, occupations, and the sorting of foreigners in São Paulo, Brazil (1872)” (2022). *Economic History of Developing Regions*, Vol. 37 (1).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/20780389.2021.1911637>
4. “A enormidade de um ‘livrinho’: reflexões sobre a primeira edição (1858) de ‘Os colonos na província [de] St. Paulo, no Brasil’ de Thomas Davatz” (2022). *Anais do Museu Paulista: História e Cultura Material*, Vol. 30.
<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4792-4967>
5. “Imaginando diferentes São Paulos no Império Alemão: perspectivas sobre imigração (1890-1905)” (2021). *Praksis*, Vol. 18 (1).
<https://doi.org/10.25112/rpr.v1i0.2426>
6. “Immigration and the path dependence of education: the case of German-speakers in São Paulo, Brazil” (2018). *The Economic History Review*, Vol. 71 (2).
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ehr.12575>
7. “Imigração alemã e mercado de trabalho na cafeicultura paulista: um estudo quantitativo dos contratos de parceria” (2012). *História Econômica & História de Empresas*, Vol. XV.
<https://doi.org/10.29182/hehe.v15i2.232>

Book chapters

1. Witzel de Souza, B. G., Silva Ferreira, L. M., and Balasubramanian, P. (forthcoming, 2024). “The economics of mass migration”. In Engel, A., and Brugger, E. (eds.) *Kolonialismus und Ökonomie*. De Gruyter: Handbücher zur Wirtschaftsgeschichte.
2. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (forthcoming, 2024) “Imigrantes de língua alemã e seus descendentes: percepções socioculturais e suas modificações no longo-prazo”. In Witt, M. (org.): *Bicentenário da imigração alemã para o Brasil independente*. São Leopoldo: Editora Oikos.
3. Witzel de Souza, B. G., and Faleiros, R. N. (2023). “A contract with many facets: sharecropping and credit interlinkages in Brazilian plantations (1840-1940)”. In Nederveen Meerkerk, E., and Bauer, R. (ed.) *Global Agricultural Workers from the 17th to the 21st Century*. Brill: Studies in Global Social History.
https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004529427_014
4. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2021). “Prefácio: genealogia e ciências sociais: caminhos comuns, destinos diversos”. *Famílias Brasileiras de Origem Germânica*. São Paulo: Instituto Martius-Staden, Editora Oikos.
ISBN: 978-65-5974-033-8
5. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2019). “Organizations matter: German schools and educational performance amid Brazilian plantations (1840-1940)”. In Mitch, D., and Cappelli, G. (eds.) *Globalization and the Rising of Mass Schooling*. Palgrave Macmillan: Palgrave Studies in Economic History.
http://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-25417-9_8

Book / Edited volumes

1. Witzel de Souza, B. G. and Mügge, M. (editors) (2024, forthcoming). *The bicentenary of German-speaking immigration to Brazil: New perspectives from Economic History* (provisional title) – Approved

for Vol. 27 (3) of *História Econômica & História de Empresas* (journal of the Brazilian Association of Researchers in Economic History, ABPHE).

2. Witzel de Souza, B. G., and Gardenal, L. A. S. (2021). *Ibicaba (1817-2017). Entendendo, vivendo e construindo futuros*. Campinas: Editora Pontes, 471 pages¹.
ISBN: 978-65-5637-248-8

Book reviews & scientific commentaries

1. Silva Varolo, F. R., Silva Ferreira, L. M., and Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2022). “International migration and the history of education in the Brazilian countryside. Interview & book review”. *Global Migration Studies – Centre for Global Migration Studies*, Vol. 5.
<https://doi.org/10.47952/gro-publ-109>
2. Witzel de Souza, B. G., and Gardenal, L. A. S. (2021). “Trabalho, vivências e imigração em uma *plantation* brasileira: os arquivos da fazenda Ibicaba – apresentando o projeto”. *Revista do Instituto Histórico, Geográfico e Genealógico de Campinas* – No. 7.
ISBN: 978-65-5637-333-1
3. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2020). *Economic History Review*, Vol. 73 (1): Review of Anne G. Hanley’s *The public good and the Brazilian state: municipal finance and public services in São Paulo, 1822-1930*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ehr.12954>
4. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2020) “Imigração e criminalidade, ontem e hoje”. *Revista do Instituto Histórico, Geográfico e Genealógico de Campinas* – No. 6.
ISBN: 978-65-5637-255-6
5. Witzel de Souza, B. G. (2019). *Tiempo y Economía*, Vol. 6 (2): Review of Sônia Maria de Freitas’ *Vida e obra do Comendador Montenegro. Um lousanense no Brasil. São Paulo: Polo Printer, 2013*.
<https://doi.org/10.21789/24222704.1504>

Outreach (selected)

1. “The challenge of international migration: what a historical example can teach us” (2016/2017). *Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics*, Pune: Veritas.
2. “A vocação internacional de Rio Claro no interior paulista” (2015). *Revista do Arquivo Público e Histórico do Município de Rio Claro* – No. 15.
3. “Construindo ‘Sangbaul’: influências socioeconômicas e culturais dos germânicos em Rio Claro” (2013). *Revista do Arquivo Público e Histórico do Município de Rio Claro* – No. 12.
4. “‘Salve, Salve, Oh Santa Liberdade!’ – Imigração germânica no interior paulista” (2013). *Revista do Arquivo Público e Histórico do Município de Rio Claro* – No. 11.

Working papers (Available upon request)

1. Witzel de Souza, B. G. “Legacies of slavery or a Brave New World? Labor productivity and remuneration in post-abolition Brazil: New evidence from plantation records (1890-1950)”.
2. Witzel de Souza, B. G. Review of José Pérez Meléndez’s *Peopling for profit. Directed migrations and the business of nineteenth-century colonization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3. Witzel de Souza, B. G. “Entre-Mundos, Entre-Tempos: dois perfis biográficos da família von Frankenberg und Ludwigsdorff no interior paulista”.
4. Witzel de Souza, B. G., and Gardenal, L. A. S. “Immigrant entrepreneurship and technological diffusion: Samuel Kleiner (1819-1873) and Swiss steam engines in South American agriculture”.

Ongoing projects

¹ See reviews at [The Journal of Economic History](#), [Hispanic American Historical Review](#), and [História Econômica & História de Empresas](#).

1. From Data to Data (I). Protocols from the *Ibicaba Project*: mechanical cleaning, imaging, and metadata with controlled vocabularies (jointly with Leonardo Gardenal).
2. From Data to Data (II). Researchers' choices and data generation processes in the Humanities and Applied Social Sciences (jointly with Leonardo Gardenal).
3. "For how long still"? Counting yearly workdays and workday lengths in Brazilian agriculture (1890-1970): New micro-evidence from plantation records (jointly with Thales Zamberlan).
4. Migratory responses to war and conflict in global, long-run perspective (1820s-2020s) (jointly with Jörg Baten).

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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