



Dr. Michael Funk
Project Manager

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Area of Expertise

Michael Funk is a Project Manager with Swiss Economics, where he further develops the area of competition policy, telecommunications and media. Previously, Michael was working for the Swiss Competition Commission. His competence lies in competition issues in network markets and in employing empirical methods in antitrust cases. Michael holds a Ph.D. in economics with specialization in Public and Political Economics. Michael was a visiting scholar at the University of Helsinki and the Turku School of Economics.

Work Experience (Selection)

2015 – Project Manager, Swiss Economics
2010 – 2014 Economist at the Swiss Competition Commission, Infrastructure Division
2004 – 2009 Assistant, Chair of Public Finance and Chair for Macroeconomics, University of Fribourg
1997 - 2004 Scientific assistant, ETH Zürich, Archive of Contemporary History

Education and Training (Selection)

2013 Quantitative Methods for Competition Analysis, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
2011 Internal training on Swiss competition policy, Swiss Competition Commission
2010 PhD in Economics (Dr. rer. pol.), University of Fribourg, Switzerland
2007 Visiting Scholar, University of Helsinki and Turku School of Economics, Finland
2002 Master in History (lic. phil.), University of Fribourg

Skills and Competences

Languages

German Mother tongue
English Fluent
French Good working knowledge
Finnish Basics

Social

Team work in multidisciplinary environments; participation and presentations at international conferences; teaching and supervising international students in economics

Organizational

Project leadership, proposal preparation, regulatory strategy development and implementation

Technical

Economic theory, applied econometrics

Computer

MS Office & VBA, Stata, Scientific WorkPlace, Quantum GIS

Publications (Selection)

The deregulation of the political process. Towards and international market for good politics, In G. Brennan and G. Eusepi (Eds.), *The Economics Of Ethics And The Ethics Of Economics. Values, Markets and the State*. Edward Elgar, 2009 (with Reiner Eichenberger).

City Managers and the Efficiency of Finnish Communities, *Kunnallistieteellinen aikakauskirja* 4/2008, (with Heikki Loikkanen and Ilkka Susiluoto).

It's the Challenger, Stupid! Elections and the Theory of Rank Order Tournaments, CREMA Working Paper, 20-2007, (with Reiner Eichenberger).

Political Market Design, working paper May 2009.

The Third Man: An Economic Analysis of Mediation, working paper March 2008.

Strangers in Politics. The Market for Good Politicians in Medieval Italy and its Lessons for Modern Democracy, working paper May 2007 (with Reiner Eichenberger).