

Dr. Jobst Heitzig – short CV

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Summary

Dr. Jobst Heitzig is a Senior Researcher at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and co-speaker of its flagship project *copan – coevolutionary pathways*. He holds a PhD in mathematics from Hannover University and has worked as a scientific officer with the German National Statistical Office, as a data warehouse analyst with the German Development Bank KfW, and as a freelance statistical software trainer with SAS. He was a project lead of an EIT Climate-KIC project on Power Grid Stability (SWIPO), and has published on dynamical systems theory, environmental economics, social choice, complex networks theory, game theory, statistical methods, general topology, confidentiality protection, and combinatorics. He has supervised a number of master's theses and is currently involved in the supervision of six PhD theses and two Postdoctoral Researchers.

Current position

2010– Senior Researcher, *Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research*,
Research Domain *Transdisciplinary Concepts & Methods*.
Co-Speaker of flagship project *copan – coevolutionary pathways*.

Previous work experience

2007–2009 IT Systems Analyst, *KfW Bankengruppe (German Development Bank)*.
Data warehousing, internal IT consulting, software development.

2002–2007 Scientific Officer, *German National Statistical Office*.
Development of methods for statistical privacy protection, trainer for statistical software.

Education

2002 PhD in Mathematics, Leibniz-Universität Hannover, grade “ausgezeichnet”

1995 Pre-diploma in Physics, Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Current research interests

- Conceptual models of global long-term nature-society coevolution (with the copan team)
- Dynamical systems theory of sustainable management and transient behaviour (with T. Kittel, J. Donges, K. Böltz and others)
- Modelling coalition formation on networks (with U. Kornek and S. Auer)
- Dynamical systems approaches to game equilibria and coalition formation (*collaborators sought!*)
- Consensus-finding, randomization and bargaining in group decision making (with F. Simmons, Portland Community College)
- Modelling divestment and related social tipping via agent-based models and adaptive networks (with B. Ewers, J. Kolb, J. Donges and others) Quantification of responsibility in multi-agent situations with uncertainty (with N. Botta)
- Stabilization of energy systems via demand-side management (with S. Auer, F. Hellmann and P. Schultz)
- Decentral conditional commitment mechanisms for forming bottom-up cooperation
- Information-theoretic identification and quantification of couplings in nonlinear multivariate data (with J. Runge)
- Bayesian inference for geo-archives (with B. Goswami) and spatial interpolation (with V. Stolbova, A. Rheinwald, B. Goswami)

- Multi-level models of climate policy (with O. Edenhofer)

Publications

ISI journal articles (published / in press / accepted / under minor revision)

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