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- McKinsey Global Institute (2017): A future that works: Automation, employment, and productivity. McKinsey & Company. <https://www.mckinsey.com/~media/mckinsey/featured%20insights/Digital%20Disruption/Harnessing%20automation%20for%20a%20future%20that%20works/MGI-A-future-that-works-Executive-summary.ashx>.
- AAEA (Agricultural & Applied Association) (2021): Call for Papers for a Special Issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy. <http://blog.aaea.org/2020/09/call-for-papers-for-special-issue-on.html>, accessed: 28.10.2021.
- OJEC (Official Journal of the European Communities) (26.4.1980), No. L 108. >Title<. DOI (<https://doi.org/...>) or link, accessed: >date<.
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- Ziliak, S., McCloskey, D. (2008): The Cult of Statistical Significance. How the Standard Error Costs Us Jobs, Justice, and Lives. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Backhaus, K., Erichson, B., Weiber, R., Plinke, W. (2016): Multivariate analysis methods: An Application-Oriented Introduction. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Springer, Berlin/Heidelberg, Germany.

### Journals and chapter in books

- Ackermann, S., Adams, I., Gindele, N., Doluschitz, R. (2018): The role of e-commerce in the purchase of agricultural input materials. Landtechnik 73 (1): 10-19. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lt.2018.3177>.
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- Seppänen, L., Francis, C. (2006): Design of farmer education and training in organic agriculture. In: Kristiansen, P., Taji, A., Reganold, J. (eds.): Organic agriculture – A global perspective. CABI Publishing, Wallingford: 407-420.

### Work reports, university theses and lectures

- Ihli, H.J., Mußhoff, O. (2013): Investment Behavior of Ugandan Smallholder Farmers: An Experimental Analysis. GlobalFood Discussion Papers 21. University Göttingen.
- Sauer, J., Park, T., Graversen, J. (2007): Organic Farming in Denmark – Productivity, technical change and market exit. Paper prepared for presentation at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the GEWISOLA and the 17<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the ÖGA, September 26-28, 2007, Freising/Weihenstephan.
- Science for Environment Policy (2013): Nitrogen Pollution and the European Environment – Implications for Air Quality Policy. In-depth Report. European Commission, University of the West of England, Bristol. [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/research/newsalert/pdf/IR6\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/research/newsalert/pdf/IR6_en.pdf), accessed May 22, 2017.

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