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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### Professor of Economics

*Munich University of Applied Sciences* [ 01/03/2022 – Current ]

City: Munich

Country: Germany

#### Senior Economist

*Austrian Institute for Economic Research WIFO* [ 01/06/2012 – 31/12/2021 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

#### Visiting Researcher

*University of Würzburg* [ 01/07/2019 – 31/10/2019 ]

Address: Würzburg (Germany)

#### Visiting Researcher

*Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)* [ 01/06/2014 – 30/06/2014 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

#### Visiting Researcher

*Mendel University Brno* [ 01/06/2013 – 30/06/2013 ]

Address: Brno (Czechia)

#### External Lecturer

*Institute for Economic Policy and Industrial Economics, WU* [ 01/06/2012 – 28/02/2013 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

#### Research and Teaching Associate

*Institute for Economic Policy and Industrial Economics, WU* [ 01/10/2008 – 31/05/2012 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

#### Trainer for Economic Simulation Games

*bfi Vienna, Vienna Chamber of Labor* [ 01/06/2008 – 31/01/2010 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### PhD in Economics (Doktorat)

*Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)* [ 01/10/2008 – 31/03/2012 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Level in EQF: EQF level 8

Passed with distinction

Supervisors: Prof. Christoph Weiss, Prof. Klaus Gugler

### BSc & MSc in Economics (Diplom)

*Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)* [ 01/10/2003 – 30/06/2008 ]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Level in EQF: EQF level 7

### Study abroad

*University of Illinois* [ 21/08/2006 – 22/12/2016 ]

Address: Urbana-Champaign

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **German**

Other language(s):

### English

**LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2**

### Spanish

**LISTENING A2 READING B1 WRITING B1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2**

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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Information processing - Proficient user / Communication - Proficient user / Content creation: Proficient user /  
Safety - Proficient user / Problem-Solving: Proficient User / Software: Microsoft Office, STATA, LaTeX

### International Refereed Journals

"The Causal Economic Effects of Olympic Games on Host Regions", *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2021, 88, 103673.

"Informal, Formal, or Both? Assessing the Drivers of Home Care Utilization in Austria Using a Simultaneous Decision Framework", with Klaus Nowotny (University of Salzburg & WIFO) and Alexander Braun (Danube University Krems), *Applied Economics*, 2020, 52 (40), 4440-4456.

"Cooperative Pricing in Spatially Differentiated Markets", with Agnes Kügler (WIFO), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2018, 73, 51-67.

"(Un)Related Variety and Employment Growth at the Sub-Regional Level", with Peter Mayerhofer (WIFO), *Papers in Regional Science*, 2018, 97(3), 519-547.

"Does Having the Right Visitor Mix Do the Job? Applying an Econometric Shift-share Model to Regional Tourism Developments", with Oliver Fritz (WIFO), *The Annals of Regional Science*, 2017, 58(3), 469-490.

"Network Centrality and Market Prices: Empirical Evidence", with Dieter Pennerstorfer (WIFO) and Christoph Weiss (WU), *Economics Letters*, 2016, 139, 79-83.

"Centrality and Pricing in Spatially Differentiated Markets: The Case of Gasoline", with Dieter Pennerstorfer (WIFO) and Christoph Weiss (WU), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2015, 40, 81-90.

"Convergence as a heterogeneous process: what can be learnt about convergence in EMU from regional experiences?", with Peter Huber (WIFO), *Empirica*, 2014, 41(2), 129-151.

### Working Papers

"Regionale Unterschiede der ökonomischen Betroffenheit von der aktuellen COVID-19-Krise in Österreich. Ein Strukturansatz auf Ebene der Bundesländer", with Julia Bachtrögler, Oliver Fritz, Michael Klien, Peter Mayerhofer, Philipp Piribauer, Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), *WIFO Working Papers* 597/2020.

"The Economic Impact of Long-term Care Services", with Gerhard Streicher and Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger, *WIFO Working Paper* 580/2019.

### Collective Volumes

"Standortstruktur wissensintensiver Unternehmensdienste", with Peter Mayerhofer, in Bußjäger, P., Keuschnigg, G., Schramek, C. (eds.): *Raum neu denken. Von der Digitalisierung zur Dezentralisierung*, Wien, new academic press, 2019, 31-54.

"Die volkswirtschaftlichen Effekte des ORF-Fernsehens", with Oliver Fritz (WIFO), in Mitschka, K., Unterberger, K. (eds.): *"Public Open Space. Zur Zukunft öffentlich-rechtlicher Medien"*, Wien, facultas, 2018, 279-282.

"Regional competitiveness: connecting an old concept with new goals", with Karl Aiginger (WIFO), in Huggins, R., Thompson, P. (eds.): *"Handbook of Regions and Competitiveness"*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2017, 155-191.

"What Can the EMU's Peripheral Countries Learn from Regional Growth", with Karl Aiginger and Peter Huber (WIFO), in Lacina, L., Rozmahel, P., Rusek, A. (eds.): *Political Economy of Eurozone Crisis: Reforms and their Limits*, Bucovice: Martin Striz Publishing, 2013, 24- 70.

## National Journals (2019-2021)

"Digitalisation in Austria: Progress, Digital Skills and Infrastructure during COVID-19", with Julia Bock-Schappelwein, Agnes Kügler and Nicole Schmidt-Padickakudy, WIFO Reports on Austria, 2021(9).

"Stärkung der Unabhängigkeit des Wirtschaftsstandortes Österreich bei kritischen Produkten", with Michael Klien, Michael Böheim, Andreas Reinstaller, Peter Reschenhofer and Yvonne Wolfmayr, WIFO Research Briefs, 2021(9).

"Digitalisierung in Österreich: Fortschritt, digitale Skills und Infrastrukturausstattung in Zeiten von COVID-19", with Julia Bock-Schappelwein, Agnes Kügler and Nicole Schmidt-Padickakudy, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2021m 94(6), 451-459.

"Regionale Konjunktorentwicklung im Zeichen der COVID 19-Krise. Die Wirtschaft in den Bundesländern 2020", with Julia Bachtrögler-Unger, Sabine Ehn-Fragner, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, Gerhard Streicher, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2021, 94(6), 433-450.

"Ärztliche Versorgung und der demographische Wandel", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger and Gerhard Streicher, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2020, 93(8), 609-618.

"Digitalisierung in Österreich: Fortschritt und Home-Office-Potential", with Julia Bock-Schappelwein and Agnes Kuegler (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2020, 93(7), 527-538.

"Verschiebung der regionalen Wachstumsmuster durch Abkühlung der Konjunktur. Die Wirtschaft in den Bundesländern 2019", with Julia Bachtrögler-Unger, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, Philipp Piribauer (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2020, 93(6), 461-478.

"Öffentliche Ausgaben für Pflege nach Abschaffung des Regresses in der stationären Langzeitpflege", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2020, 93(6), 479-486

"Regionale Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung in Österreich", with Peter Mayerhofer, Michael Peneder, Philipp Piribauer and Peter Reschenhofer, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2019, 92(6), 459-569.

"Digitalisierung in Österreich: eine Standortbestimmung", with Michael Peneder and Gerhard Streicher, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2019, 92(6), 447-457.

"Dank anhaltendem Wachstum Entspannung auf dem Arbeitsmarkt in allen Bundesländern. Die Wirtschaft in den Bundesländern 2018", with Julia Bachtrögler, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, Philipp Piribauer and Gerhard Streicher, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2019, 92(6), 429-445.

"Zum künftigen Bedarf an Pflegepersonal in den stationären und mobilen Diensten", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2019, 92(3), 149-157.

"Zu den Kosten der stationären Pflege im Bundesländervergleich", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger, WIFO-Monatsberichte, 2019, 92(2), 109-120.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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### Honours and awards

2013: Edwin-von-Boeventer-Prize (Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung, GfR)

2012: Grant for an excellent PhD Thesis (WU Vienna)

2011-2012: Ranked top 3 among 700 instructors at WU (ProfCheck by WU students' union)

2011: International mobility grant for PhD students (WU Vienna)

2010: Innovative Teaching Award (WU Vienna)

2005-2007: Academic excellence scholarships (WU Vienna)

2006: Study abroad scholarship (WU Vienna, Upper Austrian state government)

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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### Organisational skills

- Project management
- Research Group coordinator
- Organisation of Academic Workshops

## COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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### Communication and interpersonal skills

- Numerous presentations at international conferences and workshops
- Course instructor at the university and trainer of simulation games
- Vocational trainings in media skills, presentation skills, teaching in English
- Numerous interviews for TV, radio, print media

## KEYNOTE TALKS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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### Keynote talks & invited presentations

University of Würzburg, Brown Bag Seminar: "The Causal Economic Effects of Olympic Games on Host Regions", 07/2019.

ÖROK, 90. StUA-Sitzung, Presentation: "Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung in den Bundesländern sowie in Stadt und Land", 06/2019.

MA23.Talk – Stadt Wien, Presentation: "Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung auf Wien", 03/2019.

Pensionistenverband Oberösterreich, Studientag Pflege, Presentation: "Pflegebedarf, Herausforderungen, Lösungswege", Linz, Austria, 03/2019.

Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, GÖG-Kolloquium Zukunft Pflegekosten, Presentation: "Öffentliche Pflege- und Betreuungsleistungen in Österreich – mehr als ein Kostenfaktor", Vienna, Austria, 10/2017.

Renner-Institut Steiermark – Presentation: "Herausforderungen der Pflegefinanzierung", Leoben, Austria, 09/2017.

Rechnungshof-Konferenz "Kick-off Prüfungsplanung", Impuls-Referat "Pflege", Vienna, Austria, 06/2017.

DeustoForum Gipuzkoa, Ciclo "Bienestar y Competitividad", Universidad de Deusto, Presentation: "Regional Competitiveness Under New Perspectives", San Sebastian, Spain, 03/2017.

AK Wien: Zur Bedeutung von Wissen und Innovation für Wachstum und Beschäftigung, Presentation: "Wissens-Spillovers und regionale Entwicklung – Welche strukturpolitische Ausrichtung optimiert das Wachstum?", Vienna, Austria, 03/2016.

AK Oberösterreich Fachtagung – Zukunft der Pflege in den Oberösterreichischen Gemeinden – Vöcklabruck, Austria, Presentation: "Mobile und Stationäre Pflege in den Bundesländern: Präsentation der WIFO Studie", Vöcklabruck, Austria, 01/2015.

79th Meeting of the board on social, health, and youth issues of the Austrian Association of Towns (Österreichischer Städtebund), Presentation: "Long-term care services: Status quo and projections of public expenditures", Wiener Neustadt, Austria, 11/2014.

Economics Seminar Mendel University Brno, Presentation: "Spatial Competition among Ski Resorts in Austria", Brno, Czech Republic, 06/2013.

Ökonomenrunde der RTR, Presentation: "Räumlicher Wettbewerb unter Österreichs Skigebieten", Vienna, Austria, 10/2012.

### Refereeing

International Journal of Industrial Organization, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Papers in Regional Science, Empirica, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Research in Transportation Economics, Review of Regional Research, Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie, Czech Journal of Economics and Finance