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## EDUCATION

**PhD Visiting Research Fellowship**, *Harvard University, Cambridge, US* 2022  
Visiting Research with Stephen Marglin

**PhD in Economics**, *The New School, New York, US* since 2020  
Thesis on Labor in a Socio-ecological Transformation  
Supervisor: David Howell  
Current GPA: 4.0

**MSc Socio-Ecological Economics & Policy**, *WU Vienna, Austria* 2018-2020  
Thesis on Ecological Macroeconomics  
Final GPA: 1.0 (Distinction)

**MA Philosophy**, *Fernuniversität Hagen, Germany* since 2020  
Thesis on Frankfurt School and French Post-Marxism  
Current GPA: 1.1

**BA Liberal Arts and Sciences**, *University College Maastricht, the Netherlands* 2013-2016  
Focus on International Relations and Political Theory  
Including a semester abroad at *University College London, UK*  
Final GPA 8.5/10 (Distinction)

**Abitur**, *Gymnasium an der Gartenstraße, Germany* 2013  
Final GPA: 1.1

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Strunk, B., Ederer, S., & Rezai, A. (2022). The role of labor in a socio-ecological transition: combining post-Keynesian and ecological economics perspectives. *European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies: Intervention*, 19(1), 103-118.

Dengler, C. & Strunk, B. (2022, in press). *Feminisms and the Environment*. In: Pellizzoni, Luigi; Leonardi, Emanuele; Asara, Viviana (Eds.): *Handbook for Critical Environmental Politics*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Gräbner, C., & Strunk, B. (2020). Pluralism in economics: its critiques and their lessons. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 27(4), 311-329.

Dengler, C. & Strunk, B. (2018). The Monetized Economy Versus Care and the Environment: Degrowth Perspectives on Reconciling an Antagonism. *Feminist Economics* 24(3), 160-183.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

**Young Scholar Prize by the Keynes Society 2021** for my Master thesis 'Of climate and work: labor market dynamics in ecological macroeconomics' (supervised by Armon Rezai).

**Egon Matzner Award for Socioeconomics 2019** together with Corinna Dengler for our paper 'The Monetized Economy Versus Care and the Environment: Degrowth Perspectives on Reconciling an Antagonism'.

**EAEPE Simon Young Scholar Prize 2018** together with Claudius Gräbner for our paper 'Pluralism in Economics: Its critiques and their lessons'.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**New School for Social Research** 2020-2023  
NSSR Prize Fellowship for PhD Students  
Full funding for tuition and living stipend

**Böckler Foundation** 2018-2020  
Scholarship from the German Unions foundation  
Monthly funding, mentoring support and semester abroad funding

**WU Merit & WU Graduation Scholarship** 2019 & 2020  
Small scholarships for outstanding grades (top 1% in my degree)  
Value each 750€

## TEACHING

**The New School for Social Research** 2021  
*Teaching Assistant* for Till van Treeck for the course 'Political Economy of Distribution and Growth: United States and Germany'.

**University College Maastricht** 2017-2018  
Full-time employment as a *Junior Teaching Fellow* for two semesters. The job included: teaching entire courses, conducting admission interviews, second-grading BA theses, and contributing to the remodeling of the Research Methods courses and the introduction of the UCM Methods Lab. The teaching method I used was [problem-based learning](#) (PBL). Courses I taught over the year were:  
- Philosophy of Science  
- Contemporary World History  
- Theory Construction and Modeling  
- Research Methods I & II  
- Research Project

**Exploring Economics Summer Academy** 2018, 2019, 2021  
At the [Summer Academy](#), organized by the Network for Pluralist Economics and the Protestant Academy of Thuringia, I've taught the week-long, semester equivalent course *Ecological Economics and Degrowth* (twice together with Corinna Dengler, once on my own).

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- The New School, New York, US** since 2021  
Research on the comparative political economy of lousy job incidences with David Howell
- The New School, New York, US** 2021  
Research on economic sociology with Eiko Ikegami
- University of Applied Arts, Vienna, Austria** 2020  
Contracted research for a policy report on SDG 8
- Vienna University of Business and Economics, Vienna, Austria** 2020  
Research fellowship at the Institute for Ecological Economics, writing my master thesis on labor in a socio-ecological transition with Armon Rezai
- Johannes Kepler University Linz, Linz, Austria** 2020  
Research assistance with Claudius Gräbner, editorial work for a book manuscript on *R for Socioeconomic Research*
- Vienna University of Business and Economics, Vienna, Austria** 2020  
Part-time employment (20h/week) as a researcher evaluating the Austrian national climate and energy plan

## ORGANIZATON OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

- Second Vienna Conference for Pluralism in Economics, Vienna, Austria** 2019  
Core organizing team, especially for fundraising and communications, ca. 200 international participants
- Symposium on Economics Teaching in Liberal Arts, Maastricht, the Netherlands** 2015  
Core organizing team, speaker at the opening lecture, ca. 100 international participants
- Global Order Conference, Maastricht, the Netherlands** 2015  
Core organizing team and track coordinator of the 'Global Economy' track, ca. 70 international participants

## FELLOWSHIPS

- ZOE Institute for future-fit Economies** since 2018  
The [ZOE Institute](#), based in Bonn, Germany, is a non-profit think tank that aims to contribute to a sustainable economic tranformation via consulting and educational work. Since 2018, I have supported them as a research fellow.
- Balaton Group** since 2018  
As a Donella Meadows Fellow, I have been part of the [Balaton Group](#) since 2018. The Balaton Group has been founded by Donella and Dennis Meadows (the authors of the *Limits to Growth* report) in 1982 and brings together researchers and practicioners throughout the globe who work on system dynamics and sustainability.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks, Keynotes and Workshops

*Selection, most recent*

‘Introduction to Ecological Economics’, Ekonsepto Philippines Climate Change Webinar (December 2021, online)

‘Introduction to Plural Economics - What is it and why do we need it?’, Rethinking Economics Zambia Launch Event (November 2021, online)

‘Warum braucht es Plurale Ökonomik? Gründe, Kritik, Herausforderungen’ [Why do we need Plural Economics? Reasons, Critique, Challenges] together with Claudius Gräbner, Event by Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna (June 2021, online)

‘Herausforderungen einer pluralen Ökonomik: Implikationen für Theorie und Praxis’ [Challenges of plural economics: implications for theory and practice] together with Claudius Gräbner, Klausurtagung [yearly spring convention] of the German Network for Pluralism in Economics (May 2021, online)

‘Post-Keynesianismus: Eine Einführung’ [Post-Keynesianism: an Introduction], guest lecturer in Corinna Dengler’s course at University Vechta (January 2021, online)

### Conference Presentations

*2016-2022*

Ecological Economics (ESEE) Conference (2022, Pisa, Italy)

Conference on Sustainability, Work and Growth by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (2021, online)

Workshop De-growth, zero growth and/or green growth? Macroeconomic implications of ecological constraints by IPE Berlin (2021, online)

Post-Keynesian Economic Society (PKES) conference (2021, online)

Second Vienna Conference for Pluralism in Economics (2019, Vienna, Austria)

Association for Socio-Ecological Education and Research (ASEER) conference (2019, Duisburg, Germany)

Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) conference (2018, Berlin, Germany)

European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) conference (2018, Nizza, France)

European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) conference (2017, Budapest, Hungary)

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFEE) Authors Conference in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (2017, Berlin, Germany)

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFEE) conference (2016, Galway, Ireland)

## SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

### Post-Growth Economics Network

since 2017

Founding member

Elected board member 2019-2021, co-chair 2020-2021

Editorial Board of the PEN Working Paper Series

### Network for Pluralism in Economics

since 2014

Elected board member of the national network 2016-2017

Organizing team for the Second Vienna Conference for Pluralism in Economics 2019

Founding member of PINE Maastricht in 2014

## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

### Policy reports and popular science writing

Kirchner, M. & Strunk, B. (2021). *Maßnahmen: Was kann Klimapolitik leisten?* [Measures: What can climate policy achieve?] In: [Klimasoziale Politik](#). Eine gerechte und emissionsfreie Gesellschaft gestalten.

Kirchengast, G. et al. (2019). Referenzplan als Grundlage für einen wissenschaftlich fundierten und mit den Pariser Klimazielen in Einklang stehenden Nationalen Energie- und Klimaplan für Österreich ([Ref-NEKP](#)), Gesamtband, November 2019, 204 S., CCCA Wien-Graz. Verlag der ÖAW, Wien, Österreich.

### Blog articles

Developing Economics 2021: [Pluralism in economics – its critiques and their lessons](#) together with Claudius Gräbner.

Ökonomenstimme 2020: [Kritik an der Pluralen Ökonomik – Was ist dran und warum ist das wichtig?](#) [Critique of plural economics - what is justified and why does it matter?] together with Claudius Gräbner.

Makronom 2020: [Postwachstum in Zeiten von Corona](#) [Post-growth in times of Corona].

Makronom 2017: [Plurale Ökonomik ist sowohl Kritik als auch gelebte Praxis](#) [Plural Economics is critique as well as practice].

Degrowth.info 2017: [How a feminist degrowth approach can alleviate ecological and gender injustices](#) together with Corinna Dengler.

## SKILLS

*Software:* Microsoft Office, Stata, R, Python, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Zotero

*Languages:* English (fluent), German (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)