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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2017–2024 **Priv.-Doz. (Habilitation), Applied Computer Science**, *TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)*, Graz, Austria.

Thesis: Transparency, Privacy, and Fairness in Recommender Systems

2012–2017 **Dr.techn. (Ph.D.), Computer Science**, *TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)*, Graz, Austria, *with distinction*.

Thesis: Modeling Activation Processes in Human Memory to Improve Tag Recommendations Supervisors: Prof. Stefanie Lindstaedt (TU Graz) & Prof. Tobias Ley (Tallinn University), advisor: Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex (TU Graz)

2009–2012 **Dipl.Ing. (MSc.), Computer Science**, *TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)*, Graz, Austria, with distinction.

Thesis: Combining Computer-Supported, Collaborative Learning with E-Assessment: Enhancing a Wiki System with Flexible Assessment Methods

Supervisors: Assoc.Prof. Christian Gütl (TU Graz), advisor: Assoc.Prof. Mohammad Al-Smadi (TU Graz)

2006–2009 **BSc., Computer Science**, *TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)*, Graz, Austria.

Thesis: Peer Assessment in Computer Science and Modern Technologies to Build a Flexible E-Learning System around It

Supervisor: Assoc.Prof. Christian Gütl (TU Graz), co-author: Joachim Maderer

2001–2006 Matura, Manufacturing Computer Science, College of Industrial Engineering (BULME), Business Informatics, Graz, Austria, with distinction.

Matura project: Implementation of a medical practice management system with online user administration

Professional Positions Held

since 2024 **Lecturer**, *University of Graz, Business Analytics and Data Science Center (BANDAS)*, Graz, Austria.

Teaching focus: relational databases, query languages, business analytics and digitalization

since 2022 **Lecturer and Senior Researcher**, *TU Graz, Institute of Human-Centred Computing (HCC)* (formerly called Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)), Graz, Austria. *Venia docendi:* scientific subject Applied Computer Science (since June 2024)

Teaching focus: relational databases, data management and data science, NoSQL databases, scientific writing with focus on recommender systems, trustworthy AI, data science, and machine learning

since 2021 Research Area Manager, Know Center Research GmbH, FAIR-AI, Graz, Austria.

Research focus: trustworthy AI, reproducibility in machine learning, differential privacy in recommender systems, long-term dynamics of algorithmic fairness, popularity bias in recommender systems and information retrieval, responsible machine learning and data science

Research visit: XAI group of Prof. Nava Tintarev, Maastricht University, The Netherlands (November 2021); funded by the Provincial Government of Styria

- 2017–2021 **Deputy Research Area Manager**, Know Center Research GmbH, FAIR-AI (formerly called Social Computing), Graz, Austria.
 - Research focus: psychology-informed recommender systems, social data science, multi-domain recommender systems, data platforms, microservice-based software architectures, machine learning
- 2012–2017 **Ph.D. Candidate and Researcher**, Know Center Research GmbH, FAIR-AI (formerly called Social Computing) and TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS), Graz, Austria.
 - Research focus: cognitive-inspired recommender systems, social tagging and data science
- 2010–2012 **Research Project Assistant**, *TU Graz, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science (ISDS)*, Graz, Austria.
 - Research focus: collaborative Web systems, e-assessment, learning analytics, Web technologies

University Courses Taught

- since 2024 **Data Management**, *TU Graz*, 4 ECTS, Bachelor Software Engineering & Management, Computer Science, Information & Computer Engineering. *Role:* lecturer (~500 students)
- since 2024 **Foundations of Digitalization**, *University of Graz*, 4 ECTS, Bachelor Business Administration, Economics, Sociology.
 - Role: lecturer responsible for course content on relational databases (~500 students)
- since 2024 **Privatissimum**, *TU Graz*, Doctoral school, Trustworthy AI and recommender systems. *Role:* mentoring Ph.D. students (~1 to 2 students)
 - 2024 **Case Studies Business Analytics**, *University of Graz*, Guest lecture, AI reproducibility. *Role:* guest lecturer on reproducibility of Al-driven research (~50 students)
- since 2023 **Databases**, *TU Graz*, 3 ECTS, Bachelor Information & Computer Engineering, Master Computational Social Systems, Electrical & Audio Engineering. *Role:* lecturer (~100 students)
- since 2023 **Introduction to Scientific Writing**, *TU Graz*, 2 ECTS, Bachelor Information & Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Software Engineering & Management.

 **Role: offering seminar topics on trustworthy AI and recommender systems (~1 to 10 students)
 - Journalism and Public Relations, *FH Joanneum*, Guest lecture, News recommender systems. *Role:* guest lecturer on news recommender systems for journalists (~50 students)
 - 2016 **Science 2.0**, *TU Graz*, 3 ECTS, Master Software Engineering & Management, Computer science.
 - Role: course assistant responsible for the exercises (~50 students)
 - 2014 **Recommender Systems**, *PUC Chile*, Practical assignment, Content-based recommender systems.
 - Role: guest course assistant responsible for one exercise (~50 students)
 - 2014 **Web Science & Web Technology**, *TU Graz*, 3 ECTS, Bachelor Software Engineering & Management, Master Information & Computer Engineering. *Role:* course assistant responsible for the exercises (~200 students)
- 2011–2012 **Information Search & Retrieval**, *TU Graz*, 5 ECTS, Master Software Engineering & Management, Computer Science, Information & Computer Engineering. *Role:* course assistant responsible for the exercises (~100 students)
 - 2009 Data Structures & Algorithms, TU Graz, 1.5 ECTS, Bachelor Biomedical Engineering, Technical Mathematics, Software Engineering & Management, Computer Science, Information & Computer Engineering.
 - Role: student assistant (tutor) responsible for one exercise group (~30 students)

- Student Supervision, Mentoring, & Examination Committee Member
- since 2025 **Master's thesis and internship**, *Know Center Research GmbH and University of Vienna*, Anja Rejc: Cognitive Biases and Trustworthy AI.
- since 2025 **Master's thesis**, *TU Graz*, Juergen Stumpf: *Regulation and Governance of AutoML Tools in Industrial Settings*, Co-supervision with Prof. Stefan Thalmann, University of Graz.
 - 2025 **Master's thesis**, *TU Graz*, Valentin Forster: *Detecting Price Anomalies Indicative of Antitrust Violations with Machine Learning*, Co-supervision with Dr. Juergen Fleiss, University of Graz.
 - 2025 **Examination committee chairperson**, *TU Graz*, Thomas Zenkl: *The Trouble with Algorithms: Conceptualizing Algorithmic Breaching Experiments*, Master's exam with Prof. Juliane Jarke, University of Graz, and Assoc.Prof. Bernhard Wieser, TU Graz.
- since 2024 **Ph.D. thesis**, *TU Graz*, Florian Atzenhofer-Baumgartner: *Recommender Systems in Digital Humanities*, Co-supervision with Prof. Georg Vogeler, University of Graz.
- since 2024 **Master's thesis**, *TU Graz*, Andrea Forster: *Popularity Bias in Point-of-interest Recommender Systems*, Co-supervision with Prof. Stefan Thalmann, University of Graz.
 - 2024 **Examination committee chairperson**, *TU Graz*, Sara Skardelly: *Environmental (In)justice: Vienna as Best Practice?*, Master's exam with Prof. Juliane Jarke, University of Graz, and Assoc.Prof. Bernhard Wieser, TU Graz.
 - 2024 Internship, Know Center Research GmbH, Adrian Marangoni: Fairness in Al for Mobility.
 - 2024 Master's thesis and internship, TU Graz, Ioana Serban: Bias in Public Datasets.
 - 2024 Bachelor thesis, TU Graz, Gregor Autischer: Practical Aspects of Al Certification.
 - 2023 **Bachelor thesis**, *TU Graz*, Harald Semmelrock: *Reproducibility in Machine Learning-based Research*.
 - 2023 **Bachelor thesis**, *TU Graz*, Michael Pöchlinger: *Metrics to Measure Dataset Quality and Bias in Data*.
 - 2023 **Internship**, *Know Center Research GmbH*, Gökay Yildirim: Popularity Bias in Recommender Systems.
 - 2022 **Bachelor thesis and Master's project**, *TU Graz*, Gregor Mayr: *Calibration in Recommender Systems*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
- since 2020 **Ph.D. thesis**, *TU Graz*, Peter Müllner: *Privacy in Recommender Systems*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
- since 2020 **Ph.D. thesis**, *TU Graz*, Tomislav Duricic: *Sparsity and Interpretability of Graph-based Recommender Systems*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
 - 2020 **Master's thesis**, *TU Graz*, Mario Wagner: *Diversity-Aware Recommendation of Tweets*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
 - 2019 **Master's thesis**, *TU Graz*, Peter Müllner: *Studying Non-Mainstream Listening Behavior For Music Recommendations*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
 - 2016 **Bachelor thesis**, *TU Graz*, Andreas Punz: *Detection and Analysis of Communities on Twitter*, Co-supervision with Assoc.Prof. Elisabeth Lex, TU Graz.
 - Scientific Event Organization & Conference Session Chairing
 - 2025 **CLARIAH Hackathon**, Efficient Similarity: A Hackathon for Advanced Search in Cultural Heritage 3-days hackathon at Department of Digital Humanities at University of Graz, Graz, Austria, Role: co-organizer.
 - 2025 **UMAP Workshop**, *Hybrid AI for Human-Centric Personalization Workshop co-located with UMAP'25*, New York City, United States, *Role:* co-organizer.

- 2025 **ReproAl Workshop**, Reproducibility and Al Workshop co-located with "Yes, we are open" Weizenbaum Institute Conference, Berlin, Germany, Role: co-organizer.
- 2025 **STS Workshop**, Fairness and Artificial Intelligence workshop at the 23rd Conference on Critical Issues in Science, Technology and Society Studies, Graz, Austria, Role: co-organizer.
- 2024 **CRBAM Workshop**, Fair recommendations for cyclists workshop at 8th Cycling Research Board Annual Meeting (CRBAM), Zurich, Switzerland, Role: co-organizer.
- 2022 **DIH Süd Workshop**, Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Süd workshop on recommender systems and trustworthy AI, Graz, Austria, Role: co-organizer.
- 2020 **BigData Summer Academy**, *Know Center Research GmbH summer academy on recommender systems*, Graz, Austria, *Role:* co-organizer.
- 2018 ACM CIKM, Recommendation track of ACM CIKM'18, Turin, Italy, Role: session chair.
- 2017 **RSBDA Workshop**, Second workshop on recommender systems and big data analytics (RSBDA) at i-KNOW'17, Graz, Austria, Role: co-organizer.
- 2016 **RSBDA Workshop**, First workshop on recommender systems and big data analytics (RSBDA) at i-KNOW'16, Graz, Austria, Role: co-organizer.
- 2015 **i-KNOW**, Social Computing track at i-KNOW'15, Graz, Austria, Role: session chair.
- 2013 i-KNOW, Science 2.0 track at i-KNOW'13, Graz, Austria, Role: session chair.

Awards & Honours

- 2024 Outstanding Reviewer Award, ACM UMAP'24, Cagliari, Italy.
- 2022 Mind-the-gap Award, TU Graz Gender & Diversity department, Graz, Austria, worth 450€.
- 2018 **Ph.D. Thesis Award**, *Chamber of Labor Styria*, Graz, Austria, worth 650€.
- 2015 Best Demo Honourable Mention, Demo track at i-KNOW'15, Graz, Austria.
- 2014 Best Poster Award, Poster track at Hypertext'14, Santiago, Chile.

Project Grants & Research Funding

- 2025–2027 **HorizonEurope**, *Linked User-driven Multidisciplinary Exploration Network (LUMEN)*, 415k€ for Know Center (83k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* key researcher.
 - 2025 **FFG BASIS**, *Pro'K'ress*, 174k€ for Know Center (85k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* project lead.
 - 2025 **FFG FemTech**, *Internship Grant*, 8.5k€ for FAIR-AI at Know Center, *Role:* (co)-supervisor.
- 2024–2025 **OpenWebSearch Third-Party Call**, *Trustworthy Access to Knowledge from the Indexed Web (TILDE)*, 100k€ for Know Center (33k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* key researcher.
- 2024–2025 **FFG Al4Green**, *Strategic Al Roadmap for Mobility (SAIROM)*, 50k€ for Know Center (25k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* key researcher.
- 2024–2025 **Styrian AI Future Fund**, *FairRecSys*, 74k€ for TU Graz (37k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* co-PI.
- 2023–2026 **FFG COMET Research Center**, *Know Center Research Center for Trustworthy AI*, 20.4M€ for Know Center (3.4M€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* research area manager for FAIR-AI.
- 2022–2026 **FFG COMET Module**, *Data-Driven Immersive Analytics (DDIA)*, 3.7M€ for Know Center (350k€ for FAIR-AI), *Role:* key researcher for subproject on recommendations and LLMs.
- 2022–2025 **FFG FemTech**, *Radreisen4All*, 150k€ for FAIR-Al at Know Center, *Role:* key researcher.
- 2022–2023 **FFG FemTech**, *Internship Grant*, 8.5k€ for FAIR-AI at Know Center, *Role*: (co)-supervisor.
- 2020–2023 **FFG COMET Module**, *Data-Driven Artifical Intelligence (DDAI)*, 3.7M€ for Know Center (700k for FAIR-AI), *Role:* key researcher for subproject on explainable and private AI.
- 2020–2023 **Erasmus**+, *Cogsteps*, 130k€ for FAIR-AI at Know Center and TU Graz, *Role:* key researcher.

- 2020–2022 **Horizon2020**, *Trusted Secure Data Sharing Space (TRUSTS)*, 730k€ for Know Center (138k€ for Social Computing), *Role:* task lead.
- 2020–2022 **Horizon2020**, *TRIPLE*, 377k€ for Know Center (120k€ for Social Computing), *Role:* co-task lead.
- 2020–2022 **Horizon2020**, *Al4EU*, 147k€ for Know Center (73.5k€ for Social Computing), *Role:* co-task lead
- 2019–2022 **FFG COMET Research Center**, *Know Center Research Center for Big Data Analytics*, 20.4M€ for Know Center (3.4M€ for Social Computing), *Role*: deputy research area manager for Social Computing.
- 2019–2021 **FFG BASIS**, *Automated Marketing and Loyalty System for Retailers and Stores (Jolioo)*, 120k€ for Social Computing at Know Center, *Role:* researcher for recommender systems.
- 2018–2020 **FFG BASIS**, *Studo App Sales Offensive*, 120k€ for Social Computing at Know Center, *Role:* researcher for recommender systems.
- 2018–2020 **Styrian Health Fund**, *Health-Literacy und Diversity (HeLi-D)*, 75k€ for Know Center (37.5k€ for Social Computing), *Role:* work package lead.
- 2018–2020 **OpenAIRE Tender Call**, *OpenAIRE Matchmaker*, 75k€ for Know Center, *Role:* researcher.
- 2015–2018 **FFG Lighthouse**, *Data Market Austria (DMA)*, 286k€ for Know Center (170k€ for Social Computing), *Role:* researcher for recommender systems.

Selected Media Reactions & Scientific Dissemination to the Public

- 2025 **HTS Highlights**, *Trustworthy AI for the Medicine of the Future*, News Article on trustworthy AI in healthcare in the highlights report of the Humantechnology Styria hub, *Language*: English.
- 2024 **Trend**, *Der Al Act Chance für Europa*, News Article on legal aspects of trustworthy Al, *Language*: German.
- 2024 **MediaFutures**, *Transparency, privacy and fairness in recommender systems*, News article on trustworthiness aspects of recommender systems, *Language*: English.
- 2023 **DerStandard**, *Wie Recruiting mit KI in Zukunft auch ohne Diskriminierung möglich ist*, News article on fair AI in the labor market, *Language*: German.
- 2022 APA Science, Digitale Stereotype, News article on fairness in AI, Language: German.
- 2022 **APA Science**, *Wie digitale Stereotype aus der Welt geschafft werden sollen*, News article on popularity bias in recommender systems, *Language*: German.
- 2022 **TU Graz**, Research and Teaching for Equal Opportunities, News article about the winners of the TU Graz Mind-the-gap gender and diversity award, Language: English.
- 2021 **BiomedCentral**, Algorithm-Generated Music Recommendations: Low Accuracy for Fans of Beyond-Mainstream Music, News article on beyond-mainstream users in music recommender systems, Language: English.
- 2021 **BackstagePro**, *Studie zeigt: Metal- und Hip-Hop-Fans haben bei Empfehlungs-Algorithmen das Nachsehen*, News article on beyond-mainstream music in recommender systems, *Language:* German.

Additional Technical, Leadership, & Gender Mainstreaming Qualifications

- 2023 **Leadership**, *Wolfgang Eder HR development*, Future team lead certificate, Know Center Research GmbH team lead programme on gender- and diversity-sensitive leading strategies.
- 2022-2025 **FFG Femtech**, *Key researcher for FFG Femtech project including a Femtech internship*, gender- and diversity-sensitive recommender systems in Radreisen4All project.

- **Gender & Diversity Award**, *TU Graz Gender, Diversity and Equal Opportunity*, Awarded for my research on fairness, diversity, and gender and popularity bias in recommender systems.
- **Teaching**, *TU Graz Teaching Academy*, Advanced teaching certificate, Didactics and communication skills for gender- and diversity-sensitive teaching and mentoring techniques.
- **Summer school**, *Recommender systems summer school*, Participant, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- **Teaching**, *TU Graz Teaching Academy*, Basic teaching certificate, Didactics and teaching skills on university lecturing and supervising students.
- **Summer school**, Computational Social Science summer school on methods for analyzing multimedia data, Participant, Berlin, Germany.

Membership and Activities in Professional Associations

- since 2024 Austrian Standards, Committee for AI standardization, Role: committee member.
- since 2023 **Big Data Value Association Task Force**, *Ethical and Trustworthy Artificial and Machine Intelligence (ETAMI) task force of the Big Data Value Association (BDVA)*, *Role:* member.
- since 2023 Know Center Research GmbH, Works Council of Know Center Research GmbH, Role: substitute member.
- since 2021 **Frontiers in Big Data**, *Editorial board of Recommender Systems Section*, *Role:* review editor and research topic editor.
- since 2014 **ACM**, *Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)*, *Role:* member (since 2017: professional member).

Research Talks at International Conferences & Events

- **HabilTalk**, Invited talk on transparency, privacy, and fairness in recommender systems as part of the HabilTalk series of TU Graz, Graz, Austria.
- **RecSys**, Contributing talk on popularity bias simulation studies at RecSys, Bari, Italy.
- **OEGGF**, Contributing talk on fair AI in the labor market at the 10. Tagung der Oesterreichischen Gesellschaft für Geschlechterforschung (OEGGF), Graz, Austria.
- **Al-Know**, Contributing talk on evaluation and certification of trustworthy Al at Al-Know, Graz, Austria.
- **MediaFutures**, Invited talk on trustworthy recommender systems and research/industry collaborations at MediaFutures SFI, Bergen, Norway.
- **Wissenschaftsforum**, *Invited speaker and panelist on fair AI in the labor market at the Wissenschaftsforum*, Cologne, Germany.
- **ECIR**, Contributing talk on recommendations-as-a-service at ECIR, Dublin, Ireland.
- **BIAS**, Contributing talk on recommendation calibration at BIAS@ECIR, Dublin, Ireland.
- **EBDVA**, Invited panelist and speaker on trustworthy AI and EU AI Act as part of the European Big Data Value Forum, Prague, Czech Republic.
- **ECIR**, Contributing talk on popularity bias mitigation in news recommender systems at *ECIR*, Stavanger, Norway.
- **BIAS**, Contributing talk on fairness in multimedia recommender systems at BIAS@ECIR, Stavanger, Norway.
- **DataWeek**, *Invited panelist and speaker on breaking silos in data innovation in Europe as part of BDVA Data Week*, online due to COVID-19.
- **Science4Future**, Contributing talk on fairness in AI at Science4Future@TUGraz, Graz, Austria.

- 2020 ECIR, Contributing talk on music recommendations at ECIR, online due to COVID-19.
- 2019 **REVEAL**, Contributing talk on recommender systems in data markets at REVEAL@RecSys, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2019 **EUROCSS**, Contributing talk on network polarization at *EUROCSS*, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2018 **CIKM**, Contributing talk on social recommendations at CIKM, Turin, Italy.
- 2018 **WebConf**, Contributing talk on semantic context in tag recommendations at WebConf, Lyon, France.
- 2018 **EUROCSS**, Contributing talk on confirmation bias in hashtag recommendations *EUROCSS*, Cologne, Germany.
- 2017 **UMAP**, Contributing talk on recommendation frameworks at *UMAP*, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 2017 **WebConf**, Contributing talk on hashtag recommendations at the WebConf, Perth, Austria.
- 2017 **UMAP**, Contributing talk on the TagRec tag recommendation evaluation framework *UMAP*, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 2017 **EUROCSS**, Contributing talk on imbalances in social tagging systems and recommendations *EUROCSS*, London, England.
- 2016 **Hypertext**, Contributing talk on cognitive models in tagging at Hypertext, Halifax, Canada.
- 2015 **RecSys**, Contributing talk on recommendation evaluation at RecSys, Vienna, Austria.
- 2015 **WWW**, Contributing talk on recommendations in social tagging systems at *WWW*, Florence, Italy.
- 2015 **CSSWS**, Contributing talk on activation processes in humany memory for tag recommendations at *CSSWS*, Cologne, Germany.
- 2015 **i-KNOW**, Contributing talk on tourism recommender systems at *i-KNOW*, Graz, Austria.
- 2014 **WWW**, Contributing talk on cognitive-inspired recommendation at WWW, Seoul, Korea.
- 2013 **i-Semantics**, Contributing talk on a Web framework for social semantic services at *i-Semantics*, Graz, Austria.
 - Selected Research Community Services, Open Software, & Datasets
- 2022-2023 **Journal Special Issue Editor**, *Frontiers in Big Data Reviews in Recommender Systems*, (co-) editor of 10 review articles in the field of recommender systems.
- since 2021 **Journal Review Editor**, Frontiers in Big Data Recommender Systems Section.
- since 2020 **Senior Program Committee Member**, *ECAI*, *RecSys* (reproducibility track), *ECIR* (reproducibility track), *ECTEL*.
- since 2020 **Open Datasets**, LFMUserGroups User Groups to Study Popularity Bias in Music Recommendation, FairRecSys Datasets for Studying Popularity Bias in Recommender Systems, LFMBeyMS Beyond-Mainstream Users in the Last.fm Dataset.
- since 2017 **Reviewing for Journals and Books**, *TORS*, *Journal of HCI*, *TIST*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Applied Soft Computing*, *EPJ Data Science*, *HUMANIZE*, *TWEB*, *TCSS*, *PlosOne*, *JSS*, *TKDE*, *IR Journal*, *SNAM*, *AJSE*, *TLT*, *Computers & Education*, *Systems & Software*.
- since 2015 **Reviewing for Workshops and Symposia**, *BIAS*, *IronGraphs*, *MURS*, *PsyIAS*, *HAAPIE*, *MORS*, *INTRS*, *Perspectives*, *RDSM*, *SOAPS*, *AFEL*, *SNAMS*, *MSM*.
- since 2014 **Reviewing for Conferences**, SIGIR, ECAI, ECIR, ICWE, CIKM, WWW, IUI, HT, EuroCSS, RecSys, WebSci, OpenSym, UMAP, ECTEL.
- since 2013 **Open Software Projects**, TagRec Tag Recommendation Evaluation Framework, FairRecSys Scripts for Studying Bias in Recommender Systems, LearningLayers Technical Infrastructure.

International Research Projects Participated

- 2025–2027 **HorizonEurope**, *Linked User-driven Multidisciplinary Exploration Network (LUMEN)*, Led by CNRS, *Role:* key researcher.
- 2024–2026 **HorizonEurope**, Enhancing Trust, Integrity and Efficiency in Research through next-level Reproducibility (TIER-2), Led by Know Center Research GmbH, Role: key researcher.
- 2024–2025 **FFG BASIS**, *Prognosen von Ressourcenbedarfen (Pro'K'ress)*, Led by DaphOS, *Role:* key researcher for privacy-preserving machine learning and recommender systems.
- 2024–2025 **OpenWebSearch Third-Party Call**, *Trustworthy Access to Knowledge from the Indexed Web (TILDE)*, Led by University of Passau, *Role:* key researcher.
- 2024–2025 **FFG Al4Green**, *Strategic Al Roadmap for Mobility (SAIROM)*, Led by University of Graz, *Role:* key researcher.
- 2024–2025 **Styrian AI Future Fund**, *FairRecSys*, Led by TU Graz, *Role:* co-PI.
- 2023–2026 **FFG COMET Research Center**, *Know Center Research Center for Trustworthy AI*, Led by Know Center Research GmbH, COMET-funded research projects conducted with e.g., SGS, *Role:* research area manager for FAIR-AI.
- 2022–2026 **FFG COMET Module**, *Data-Driven Immersive Analytics (DDIA)*, Led by Know Center Research GmbH, research conducted with partners, e.g., University of Stuttgart, *Role:* key researcher for subproject on recommendations and LLMs.
- 2022–2025 **FFG FemTech**, *Radreisen4All*, Led by Cyclebee, *Role:* key researcher.
- 2020–2023 **FFG COMET Module**, *Data-Driven Artifical Intelligence (DDAI)*, Led by Know Center Research GmbH, research conducted with partners, e.g., TU Delft, *Role:* key researcher for subproject on explainable and private AI for users.
- 2020–2023 Erasmus+, Cogsteps, Led by University of Zagreb, Role: key researcher.
- 2020–2022 **Horizon2020**, *Trusted Secure Data Sharing Space (TRUSTS)*, Led by Leibniz University Hannover, *Role:* task lead.
- 2020–2022 Horizon2020, TRIPLE, Led by CNRS, Role: co-task lead.
- 2020–2022 Horizon2020, AI4EU, Led by Thales SIX GTS France SAS, Role: co-task lead.
- 2019–2022 **FFG COMET Research Center**, *Know Center Research Center for Big Data Analytics*, Led by Know Center Research GmbH, COMET-funded research projects conducted with e.g., DiePresse, *Role:* deputy research area manager for Social Computing.
- 2019–2021 **FFG BASIS**, Automated Marketing and Loyalty System for Retailers and Stores (Jolioo), Led by Jolioo GmbH, Role: researcher for recommender systems.
- 2018–2020 FFG BASIS, Studo App Sales Offensive, Led by Moshbit GmbH, Role: researcher.
- 2018–2020 **Styrian Health Fund**, *Health-Literacy und Diversity (HeLi-D)*, Led by University of Graz, *Role:* work package lead.
- 2018–2020 **OpenAIRE Tender Call**, *OpenAIRE Matchmaker*, Led by OpenAire, *Role*: researcher.
- 2015–2018 **Horizon2020**, *Analytics for Everyday Learning (AFEL)*, Led by University of Galway, *Role:* co-task lead.
- 2015–2018 Horizon2020, MoreGrasp, Led by TU Graz, Role: researcher for recommender systems.
- 2015–2018 **FFG Lighthouse**, *Data Market Austria (DMA)*, Led by Research Studios Austria, *Role:* researcher for recommender systems.
- 2012–2016 FP7, Learning Layers, Led by Tallinn University, Role: Ph.D. candidate.
- 2012–2014 **FP7**, *Organic Lingua*, Led by University of Alcala, *Role:* researcher.
- 2010–2012 FP7, ALICE, Led by University of Milano-Bicocca, Role: researcher.

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List of Publications (* indicates equal contributions)

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Journal Articles

- [1] Robin Burke, Gediminas Adomavicius, Toine Bogers, Tommaso Di Noia, Dominik Kowald, Julia Neidhardt, Özlem Özgöbek, Maria Soledad Pera, Nava Tintarev, and Jürgen Ziegler. De-centering the (traditional) user: Multistakeholder evaluation of recommender systems. *International Journal on Human Computer Studies*, 2025. URL https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2501.05170.
- [2] Harald Semmelrock, Tony Ross-Hellauer, Simone Kopeinik, Dieter Theiler, Armin Haberl, Stefan Thalmann, and Dominik Kowald. Reproducibility in machine-learning-based research: Overview, barriers, and drivers. *Al Magazine*, 46(2), 2025. URL https://doi.org/10.1002/aaai.70002.
- [3] Armin Haberl, Jürgen Fleiß, Dominik Kowald, and Stefan Thalmann. Take the aTrain: Introducing an interface for the accessible transcription of interviews. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*, 2024. URL https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbef.2024.100891.
- [4] Dominik Kowald, Sebastian Scher, Viktoria Pammer-Schindler, Peter Müllner, Kerstin Waxnegger, Lea Demelius, Angela Fessl, Maximilian Toller, Inti Gabriel Mendoza Estrada, Ilija Simic, Vedran Sabol, Andrea Truegler, Eduardo Veas, Roman Kern, Tomislav Nad, and Simone Kopeinik. Establishing and evaluating trustworthy Al: Overview and research challenges. Frontiers in Big Data, Research Topic on Towards Fair Al for Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, 2024. URL https://doi.org/10.3389/fdata.2024.1467222.
- [5] Dominik Kowald, Deqing Yang, and Emanuel Lacic. Editorial: Reviews in recommender systems. Frontiers in Big Data, 6, 2024. URL https://doi.org/10.3389/fdata.2024.1384460.
- [6] Peter Müllner, Elisabeth Lex, Markus Schedl, and Dominik Kowald. ReuseKNN: Neighborhood reuse for differentially private KNN-based recommendations. ACM TIST, 14(5), 2023. URL https://doi.org/ 10.1145/3608481.
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