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Personal Website

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business 2021–2024
Thesis: *Role of Higher Education in the Era of Automation: A Task-Based Approach*
Exchange Semester: HEC Lausanne (Université de Lausanne)

Bachelor of Science, Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business 2018–2021
Thesis: *Educational Gender Gap: Differences Between the USA and Austria Since 1970*

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, University of Vienna 2021–2023

Predoctoral Researcher, Economics, University of Zurich 2024–2026
Graduate coursework: Labor Economics, Causal Inference, Real Analysis
GRE, QR 170, V 154, AW 4.5

WORKING PAPERS

1. **The Effects of Minimum Wage Increases on Poverty and Food Hardship**
with Lukas Lehner, Zachary Parolin, and Rafael Pintro Schmitt
Under review at AEJ: Applied Economics
IZA Discussion Paper No. 18142, 2025
2. **Subjective Wealth Inequality: Perceptions and Fairness Evaluations**
with Gonzalo Franetovic, Clara Löffler, Marvin Memmen, Cristóbal Moya, and Laila Schmitt

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1. **Predoctoral Researcher**, University of Zurich 2024–2026
PI: Anne Brenøe
 - Prepared and implemented large-scale randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in Switzerland, contributing to experimental design, field operation and organization with stakeholders.
 - Programmed and deployed complex experimental surveys in Qualtrics using JavaScript and HTML
 - Conducted econometric analyses of survey and administrative datasets; developed reproducible, well-documented code used in long-term research projects.
 - Participated at conferences, attended labor- and microeconomic seminars and presented own research in front of UZH Faculty
2. **Research Assistant**, Bocconi University 2023–2024
PIs: Zachary Parolin & Lukas Lehner
 - Analyzed U.S. microdata (CPS, ASEC, MORG) to study wage and poverty dynamics.
 - Implemented stacked Difference-in-Differences model following recent econometric advances.
 - Contributed to analysis and manuscript preparation for *The Effects of Minimum Wage Increases on Poverty and Food Hardship*.

(a) PIs: Franziska Disselbacher & Severin Rapp

- Collected and digitized historical bequest data from archives to construct a new dataset on wealth distribution in Vienna.

(b) PI: Alyssa Schneebaum

- Conducted literature review on the latest Diff-in-Diff estimators and implemented Callaway & Sant'Anna's estimator in empirical applications.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Statistics with R, Vienna University of Economics and Business
Public Material: GitHub Repository

2024

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Seed Funding , Stone Center Munich	2025
Prof. Ewald Nowotny Mobility Grant , Austrian National Bank	2023
Swiss Mobility Grant , Université de Lausanne	2022
Merit Scholarship , Vienna University of Economics and Business	2021
Merit Scholarship , Vienna University of Economics and Business	2020

CONFERENCES

Young Economists Conference , Vienna	Sept 2024
<i>Role of Higher Education in the Era of Automation: A Task-Based Approach</i>	
Slides from Talk	
Wealth Inequality Conference (Stones Center) , Munich	Oct 2025

Subjective Wealth Inequality: Perceptions and Fairness Evaluations

ACTIVITIES

Oxford University , Replication Game: LLMs in RCT Settings	2025
Spring School , SPINE: Subjective Wealth Inequality: Perceptions and Fairness Evaluations	2025
London School of Economics , Advanced Econometrics Summer School (Grade A)	2023
Vice Chair , Academy of Economic Policy	2022–2024
Participant , Academy of Economic Policy	2021–2022

SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES

Advanced: Stata, R, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, GitHub, JavaScript, HTML

Basic: Python, VS Code, GeoDa, QGIS

Languages: German (Native), English (C1), French (B1)