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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 Pinto 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 2024
Public Material: GitHub Repository

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
Role of Higher Education in the Era of Automation: A Task-Based Approach
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)