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EDUCATION

DPhil in Social Policy, *University of Oxford* since 2019

Affiliated with the Department of Social Policy and Intervention (DSPI)
and the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) at the Oxford Martin School

Dissertation: “The employment – wage pattern conundrum”

Supervisors: Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Brian Nolan

MSc in Political Economy, *London School of Economics (LSE)* 2015 – 2016

Dissertation on the revival of neo-corporatism (Distinction)

BSc in Economics, *Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)* 2011 – 2015

Thesis on a European unemployment insurance scheme proposal (Distinction)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Markets, Political Economy, Welfare States, Social Policy, Industrial Relations

RESEARCH

in progress

“Employing the unemployed of Marienthal: Evaluation of a guaranteed job program”

(joint with Maximilian Kasy)

Experiment in progress, 2020-2023, registered as [AEARCTR-0006706](#)

[Dashboard](#), [video](#), [code](#)

Selected media coverage (English): [CNN](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Business Insider](#), [Independent](#)

Selected media coverage (German): [Die Zeit](#) 1, 2, [Der Standard](#) 1, 2, 3, 4, [ORF](#) 1, 2, 3, [Kurier](#) 1, 2

TV & radio coverage: [ARTE](#), [ZDF](#), [ORF](#), [Ö1](#) 1, 2

Policy impact: [OECD](#) 1, 2, [ILO](#) 1, 2, [Minister of Labour of Austria](#), [Parliament of Austria](#)

“Reframing active labor market policy: Experimental evidence of training vouchers for unemployed”

(joint with Anna Schwarz)

Experiment in progress, 2021, registered as [AEARCTR-0007141](#), [code](#).

Selected media coverage: [Der Standard](#), [Die Presse](#), [Kurier](#)

Under Review

“[Begging thy coworker - Labor market dualization and the slow-down of wage growth in Europe](#)”, INET Oxford Working Paper No. 2022-04

(joint with Paul Ramskogler and Aleksandra Riedl)

Awarded the [Barnett Prize for the best paper of the year](#) by a research student at DSPI, Oxford.

“Welfare state support during the COVID-19 pandemic: Change and continuity in public attitudes towards social policies in Germany”

(joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Elias Naumann).

Journal Publications

[“Cui bono - business or labour? Job retention policies to prevent mass unemployment in Europe during the Covid-19 pandemic”](#), *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research*, forthcoming. (joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus)

Summary: [LSE EUROPP Blog](#).

[“A Reversing Case within Trajectories of Liberalisation: The revival of neo-corporatism in Austria since 2008”](#), *Momentum Quarterly - Journal for Societal Progress*, 2017, 6(4), 210-229.

Summary: [LSE NETUF Blog](#), [Arbeit und Wirtschaft Blog](#)

Tools and Data

[“Oxford Supertracker: The Global Directory for COVID Policy Trackers and Surveys”](#), 07/2020 (joint with Mary Daly, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Marek Naczyk and Tim Vlandas)

Grant awarded: Research England's Higher Education Innovation Fund and the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account through the University of Oxford's COVID-19 Urgent Response Fund

Coverage: [Nature News](#).

[“A tracker of trackers: COVID-19 policy responses and data”](#), 04/2020

Coverage: Data is Plural, The Grumpy Economist Blog, Grand Bargain Cash Sub Group, LSE, Cornell University, Leiden University, University of Bonn, IZA - Institute of Labor Economics.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Awards

13. Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy dissertation grant award (\$ 7,500) 2022
12. UC Berkeley Fellowship 2022/23 of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation (\$ 6,000) 2022
11. IZA Summer School in Labor Economics travel award 2022
10. SASE/Digit Early Career Workshop travel award 2022
9. Oxford-Santander Academic Travel Award (£ 1,250) 2022
8. Barnett Prize for best paper of the year by a research student at DSPI, Oxford (£ 100) 2021
7. Scatcherd European DPhil scholarship at the University of Oxford (£ 45,000) 2019 - 2023
6. Saven European DPhil scholarship at the University of Oxford (£ 25,000) 2019 - 2023
5. UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) DPhil scholarship (£ 13,000) 2019 - 2023
4. Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) YSI conference scholarship (€ 200) 2016
3. MSc merit scholarship from the Chamber of Labour (€ 4,150) 2015 - 2016
2. BSc merit scholarship from the Vienna University of Economics (€ 400) 2014 - 2015
1. Top League (excellence programme) at the Vienna University of Economics 2011

Grants

9. "Unionization and Firm Performance" from Chamber of Labour (€ 60,000) 2022 - 2023 with Emanuel List
8. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) from WU Vienna (€ 4,725) 2022
"Fostering international knowledge transfer in higher education: Oxford Tutorial meets WU Vienna" with Severin Rapp
7. Public Employment Service (AMS) support for an information pilot (€ 9,000) 2021 - 2026
6. Public Employment Service (AMS) grant to support a survey of unemployed (€ 4,000) 2021
5. Research England's HEIF and ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (£ 10,000) 2020 through the University of Oxford's COVID-19 Urgent Response Fund with Marek Naczyk (PI), Mary Daly, Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Tim Vlandas

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| 4. ESRC Research Training and Support Grant (£ 810) | 2019, 2022 |
| 3. St Edmund Hall College Grant (£ 1050) | 2019, 2021, 2022 |
| 2. Central Bank of Austria (OeNB) grant to investigate wage growth (€ 3,000) | 2019 - 2020 |
| 1. ESRC Overseas Fieldwork funding (£ 600) | 2019 - 2020 |

OUTREACH

Policy Reports

1. [“Tracking Policy Responses to COVID-19: Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions”](#), Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 09/2020 (joint with Mary Daly, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Marek Naczyk and Tim Vlandas).

Columns and Blogs

11. [“Einfach mehr Druck machen? Perspektiven zur Arbeitsmarktreform”](#), Der Standard: Kommentar der anderen, 03/2022 (joint with Philip Rathgeb).
10. [“Arbeitsmarktreform: Mehr Autonomie für Arbeitslose”](#), Die Presse, 01/2022 (joint with Anna Schwarz).
9. [“Labour hoarding during the pandemic: Assessing the impact of job retention schemes in Europe”](#), LSE EUROPP: European Politics and Policy Blog, 06/2021 (joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus).
8. [“A Year of Tracking Government Responses to COVID-19: Challenges and Lessons Learned from the Global Data Collection Efforts Around the World”](#), Shared Statement by the Public Health and Social Measures Trackers participating in the First COVID-19 PHSMs Data Coverage Conference, 03/2021 (joint with Cindy Cheng, Luca Messerschmidt et al.).
7. [“The lockdown tweet that launched a COVID-19 ‘supertracker’”](#), Nature Career Column, 09/2020, <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-020-02760-0>.
6. [“Die soziale Frage als Baustein einer kollektiven europäischen Identität”](#), Debattieren.at – die Plattform für Debatten, 08/2018.
5. [“Ist Österreichs Revival der Sozialpartner nach einem Jahrzehnt am Ende?”](#), Arbeit und Wirtschaft Blog, 01/2018.
4. [“Has Austria’s decade-long revival of neo-corporatism come to an end?”](#), LSE NETUF: New European Trade Union Forum. 12/2017.
3. [“Brighter futures or dashed expectations? The global recovery needs to deliver gains for all”](#), OECD ECOSCOPE Blog, 12/2017 (joint with Dorothée Rouzet).
2. [“Brexit, vielleicht sogar “Öxit” – und was das Problem dabei ist”](#), Der Standard, 06/2016.
1. [“Eine gemeinsame Arbeitslosenversicherung für Europa”](#), Wipol Blog 11/2013.

Selected Interviews and Media Quotes

18. [“Plan B: Zurück in den Job. Wege aus der Arbeitslosigkeit”](#), ZDF (TV documentary), 04/2022.
17. [“Gutscheine statt Zwang für Arbeitslose: Experiment beim AMS zeigt Potenzial”](#), Der Standard, 01/2022.

16. [“Die Arbeitsvollen von Marienthal”](#), Falter, 01/2022.
15. [“European Stories: Helping the Long-term Unemployed”](#), ARTE (TV documentary), 12/2021.
14. [“Dimensionen: Die Nobelpreise 2021: Wirtschaft. Der Arbeitsmarkt als “natürliches” Experiment.”](#), Ö1 (radio) interviewed alongside David Card and Joshua Angrist, 12/2021.
13. [“Das Arbeitslosengeld ist im internationalen Vergleich niedrig”](#), Wiener Zeitung, 11/2021.
Additional coverage: [Kurier](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#).
12. [“Ö1 Saldo: Forschungsprojekt Arbeitslosenversicherung”](#), Ö1 (radio), 10/2021.
11. [“Ö1 Morgenjournal: Budget und Arbeitsmarkt”](#), Ö1 (radio), 10/2021.
10. [“Arbeitslosengeld: Zumutbarkeitsregeln im unteren Mittelfeld”](#), ORF, 10/2021.
Additional coverage: [Die Presse](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), [Oberösterreichische Nachrichten](#).
9. [“Universitäten “Sind wir euch egal?” Was Corona mit den Studierenden gemacht hat”](#), profil (cover story), 10/2021.
8. [“Ist das Arbeitslosengeld zu niedrig oder zu hoch? Wie es andere Länder machen”](#), Der Standard, 09/2021.
7. [“Österreich hat überdurchschnittlich viele Langzeitarbeitslose”](#), Der Standard, 09/2021.
Additional coverage in [Die Presse](#), [Kurier](#), [Wiener Zeitung](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), [Tiroler Tageszeitung](#), [Vorarlberg Online](#).
6. [“Arbeitslose trotz Engagement armutsgefährdet”](#), ORF, 09/2021.
Additional coverage in ORF ZIB 1 (TV), [Heute](#), [Wiener Zeitung](#), [Kleine Zeitung](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), [Vorarlberg Online](#).
5. [“Jobgarantie für Langzeitarbeitslose: Die Arbeiter von Marienthal”](#), Die Zeit, 08/2021.
4. [“Arbeitsplatzgarantie”](#), Renner Institut Steiermark (podcast), 04/2021.
3. [“Die glücklichen Arbeitslosen von Gramatneusiedl”](#), profil, 02/2021.
2. [“Residents of a small Austrian town are being promised work for 3 years in the world’s first universal jobs guarantee experiment”](#), Business Insider, 12/2020.
1. [“Unconditional job guarantee to be trialled in Austria, in world first”](#), Independent, 11/2020.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2022 (including scheduled):

19. Oxford Blavatnik School of Government: Experimental Labor Market Policy: The Need for Statistics in Public Policy
18. Public Employment Service Austria (AMS) (2x)
17. Arbeit Plus keynote: Labour market policies to confront the pandemic, the climate crisis and demographic change
16. Chamber of Labour Austria

2021:

15. ILO: Public Works and Public Employment Programmes: What role in socioeconomic recovery? ([video](#))
14. Oxford Blavatnik School of Government: COVID-19 Government Response analysis seminar
13. COVID-19 PHSM Data Coverage Conference (keynote) ([video](#), [slides](#))
12. Bertelsmann Foundation: Marienthal, the second - a job guarantee as the beginning of a turnaround in labour market policy?
11. ETUI: In-work poverty, labour market policies and social dialogue ([slides](#))
10. SZEF Budapest: In-work poverty & policy responses: Hungary in international perspective
9. Chamber of Labour: Where can Austrian unemployment insurance catch up in international comparison?
8. Diskurs: The Challenge of Long-Term Unemployment - Austria in International Comparison and the Role of Enterprises ([video](#))
7. WU Vienna, Research Institute Economics of Inequality
6. Public Employment Service Austria (AMS)

2020 and prior:

5. OECD: Careers Talk (2x, [video](#))
4. ETUI: Trade union involvement in tackling the effects of the crisis on employment ([slides](#))
3. Netzpolitischer Abend: Tracking Policy Responses to COVID-19 ([video](#))
2. ETUI: Effectiveness of active labour market policies across Europe ([slides](#))
1. Chamber of Labour: OECD Global Economic Outlook and implications for Austria

Conferences and Workshops

2022 (including scheduled):

Advances with Field Experiments at U. Chicago
IZA Summer School in Labor Economics
SASE at U. Amsterdam (2x)
SASE/Digit Early Career Workshop at U. Amsterdam
ISA RC28: Social Stratification and Social Policy for a Post-Covid-19 World at LSE
SPA Annual Conference at U. Swansea BUIRA Annual Conference at U. Birmingham
BUIRA Doctoral Workshop at U. Birmingham
Oxford St Edmund Hall Academic Seminar
Oxford DSPI Social Inequality Research Group
Oxford Economics Firms Working Group

2021:

ESPAnet Annual Conference (2x)
ESPAnet Doctoral Workshop: Stability and Sustainability of Active Labour Market Policies
SPA Annual Conference
PSA Specialist Group Social Policy and Politics
InGRID Expert workshop: Experimental designs in social policy research
Virtual Working Group on Comparative Political Economy and Covid-19
Villa Vigoni Conference: Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe
Global Forum on Democratizing Work
University of Glasgow Symposium
Oxford Labour History Graduate Student Workshop
Oxford DSPI Social Policy and Politics Research Group (2x)

2020:

ESRC Grand Union DTP Thematic Webinar
 Oxford Applied Microeconomics PhD student workshop
 Oxford INET Employment Equity and Growth Research Group
 Oxford DSPI Graduate Student Conference
 Oxford DSPI Social Inequality Research Group
 Oxford DSPI Social Policy and Politics Research Group (2x)

2019 and prior:

ESRC Grand Union DTP Advanced Quantitative Methods Hub Workshop
 INET YSI Political Economy of Europe Working Group
 INET YSI Plenary Conference
 Momentum Kongress (3x)

TEACHING*University of Oxford*

Transparency, Reproducibility and Outreach in Academia (PhD workshop)	2022
Statistics for Public Policy (postgraduate) <i>seminar leader</i>	2022
Quantitative Analysis (postgraduate) <i>teaching assistant</i>	2021
Social Policy (undergraduate)	2021 - 2022
Comparative Political Economy (undergraduate)	2021 - 2022

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

Economic Policy (undergraduate) including design of a new syllabus and supervision of teaching assistants grant awarded to pilot the Oxford tutorial system	2022
Supervision of undergraduate theses	2021 - 2022
International Macroeconomics (undergraduate) <i>teaching assistant</i>	2014 – 2015

Training for higher education

Advancing Teaching and Learning (ATL) programme by the Oxford Centre for Teaching and Learning and Advance HE	2021 - 2022
Preparing for Learning and Teaching training at Oxford (PLTO)	2021

SERVICE*Conference or panel organiser*

Founding member: COVID-19 Public Health and Social Measures Network	2021
Co-host of the COVID-19 PHSM Data Coverage Conference	02/2021
Co-host of the COVID-19 PHSM Research Outcome Conference	09/2021
Panel organiser: “Economic impact of COVID-19 responses”	
Panel organiser: “Labour market and social policy responses to the pandemic”	

Media coverage: [Nature News](#), Ö1, Bayerischer Rundfunk

Co-organiser of the annual Momentum Kongress in Hallstatt, Austria	since 2021
Panel organiser: “Welfare state: the wealth of the republic”	10/2020

Editorial work

Editor of Momentum Quarterly - Journal for Societal Progress	since 2020
Editorials: 2020 , 2021	

University

Founder and Organiser: <i>Navigating Academia Chats</i> at DSPI, University of Oxford	2021 - 2022
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PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lecturer at the Department of Socioeconomics Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)	since 2021
Researcher at the Department of Social Policy, University of Oxford for Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Marek Naczyk, Mary Daly, and Tim Vlandas	2020 - 2021
Consultant at the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB), Vienna	2019 – 2020
Young Associate Economist at the OECD, Paris Office of the Chief Economist in the Economics Department	2017 – 2019
Junior Economist at the International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva	2016 – 2017
Research Assistant at the London School of Economics (LSE) for Sara B. Hobolt and Christopher Wratil	2015 – 2016

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Data Analysis: R (tidyverse, lubridate, broom, etc.), Stata, Excel, Refinitiv Datastream

Markup: L^AT_EX, HTML, Markdown

Version Control: Git

Website Generation: Hugo, Jekyll

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