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## EDUCATION

PhD 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](#)

Awarded the [Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy dissertation grant](#) and

the [UC Berkeley Fellowship 2022/23](#) of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation.

“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  
and the [SASE / Digit 2022 Early Career Workshop Award](#).

## Journal Publications

3. "Welfare state support during the COVID-19 pandemic: Change and continuity in public attitudes towards social policies in Germany", *European Policy Analysis*, forthcoming.  
(joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Elias Naumann)  
Coverage: [Resolution Foundation](#)
2. "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](#), [Social Europe](#).
1. "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

3. "Causes and Consequences of Unemployment in the COVID-19 pandemic", (SUF edition), 06/2022, <https://doi.org/10.11587/XJNNYA>, AUSSDA, V1,  
(joint with Daniel Schönherr).  
[Technical report](#) by SORA, [summary of findings](#) by Momentum Institut  
Coverage: [ORF](#), [ORF ZIB 1 \(TV\)](#), [Heute](#), [Kleine Zeitung](#), [Salzburger Nachrichten](#), [Vorarlberg Online](#).
2. "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](#).
1. "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

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| 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. SASE / Digit 2022 Early Career Workshop Award   | 2022        |
| 10. IZA Summer School in Labor Economics 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) with Emanuel List 2022 - 2023
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
4. ESRC Research Training and Support Grant (£ 2,330) 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*

12. "[Short-time working: lessons for the next recession](#)", Social Europe, 07/2022 (joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus).
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*

20. [“Junge Jobsuchende haben gute Karten wie lange nicht mehr. Doch die Konjunkturaussichten verdüstern sich. Was kommt da auf uns zu?”](#), Profil, 07/2022.
19. [“Wie in Marienthal Langzeitarbeitslosigkeit abgeschafft wird”](#), Kurier, 05/2022.  
Additional coverage: [Die Presse](#), [Falter](#)
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):**

23. Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU): Welfare State & Inequality (WSI) seminar series
22. UC Berkeley Public Finance Lunch
21. IZA / Sheffield / Econtribute Workshop on Evaluation of Labor Market Policies: New Data and New Approaches
21. SASE Conference at the University of Amsterdam: “Author meets critics” event for “Democratize Work: The case for reorganizing the economy” by Isabelle Ferreras, Julie Battilana, Dominique Méda (Chicago University Press, 2022).
20. Oxford Blavatnik School of Government: Experimental Labor Market Policy: The Need for Statistics in Public Policy
19. Economic Policy Club (Wipol Club)
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. SZEI 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  
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 and prior:**

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)  
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 level) <a href="#">Slides</a>	2022
Statistics for Public Policy (postgraduate level) <i>seminar leader</i>	2022
Quantitative Analysis (postgraduate level) <i>teaching assistant</i>	2021
Social Policy (undergraduate level)	2021 - 2022
Comparative Political Economy (undergraduate level)	2021 - 2022

### *GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim*

Tools for Efficient Workflows, Smooth Collaboration and Optimized Research Outputs  
(PhD level), Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2022  
[Syllabus](#)

### *Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)*

Economic Policy (undergraduate level ) including design of a new syllabus and supervision of teaching assistants Awarded the <i>Scholarship of Teaching &amp; Learning</i> : to adapt the Oxford Tutorial system for a public university <a href="#">Syllabus</a>	2022
Supervision of final theses (undergraduate level)	2021 - 2022
International Macroeconomics (undergraduate level) <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, UK	2021 - 2022
Preparing for Learning and Teaching training at Oxford (PLTO)	2021

## SERVICE

### *Conference or panel organiser*

Founding member: <a href="#">COVID-19 Public Health and Social Measures Network</a>	2021
Co-host of the COVID-19 PHSM Data Coverage Conference	02/2021
Co-host of the <a href="#">COVID-19 PHSM Research Outcome Conference</a>	09/2021
Panel organiser: “Economic impact of COVID-19 responses”	
Panel organiser: “Labour market and social policy responses to the pandemic”	
Media coverage: <a href="#">Nature News</a> , Ö1, Bayerischer Rundfunk	
Co-organiser of the annual <a href="#">Momentum Kongress</a> 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: *Navigating Academia Chats* at DSPI, University of Oxford 2021 - 2022

## **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research associate and 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:*  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HTML, Markdown  
*Version Control:* Git  
*Website Generation:* Hugo, Jekyll  
*Languages:* English (fluent), German (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic), Italian (basic)