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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, PhD in Social Policy 2019 - present
Supervisors: Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Brian Nolan

London School of Economics (LSE), MSc in Political Economy, 2016
Dissertation on the revival of neo-corporatism (Distinction)

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), BSc in Economics 2015
Thesis on a European unemployment insurance scheme (Distinction)

Visiting Positions

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Sloan School of Management spring 2023
Institute of Work and Employment Research (IWER)
Host: Nathan Wilmers

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics fall 2022
Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)
Host: Emmanuel Saez

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Markets, Social Policy, Industrial Relations, Policy Evaluation

RESEARCH

Working Papers

[“Employing the unemployed of Marienthal: Evaluation of a guaranteed job program”](#)
(joint with Maximilian Kasy).

[“Begging thy coworker - Labor market dualization and the slow-down of wage growth in Europe”](#), (joint with Paul Ramskogler and Aleksandra Riedl), INET Oxford Working Paper.

Work in Progress

[“Reframing Active Labor Market Policy: Field Experiments on Barriers to Program Participation”](#), (joint with Anna Schwarz).

“Worker Organization and Firm Performance: New Evidence from Union Membership Registries”, (joint with Emanuel List).

Journal Publications

[“Capturing the COVID-19 Crisis through Public Health and Social Measures Data Science”](#), (joint with Cindy Cheng, Amélie Desvars-Larrive, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Thomas Hale, Alex Howes, Luca Messerschmidt, Angeliki Nika, Steve Penson, Anna Petherick, Hanmeng Xu, Alexander John Zapf, Yuxi Zhang, and Sophia Alison Zweig), *Scientific Data*, 2022, 9, 520.

“Welfare state support during the COVID-19 pandemic: Change and continuity in public attitudes towards social policies in Germany”, *European Policy Analysis*, (joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus, and Elias Naumann), 2022, 8(3), 297–311.

“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*, (joint with Bernhard Ebbinghaus), 2022, 28(1), 47-64.

“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.

Tools and Data

“Causes and Consequences of Unemployment in the COVID-19 pandemic”, (joint with Daniel Schönherr), 06/2022, <https://doi.org/10.11587/XJNNYA>, AUSSDA, V1.

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

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Awards

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| Innovation in Politics Award (joint with Marienthal Job Guarantee project team) | 2023 |
| WU International Research Fellowship (€ 6,000) | 2023 |
| Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy dissertation grant award (\$ 7,500) | 2022 |
| UC Berkeley Fellowship 2022/23 of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation (\$ 6,000) | 2022 |
| SASE / Digit 2022 Early Career Workshop Award | 2022 |
| IZA Summer School in Labor Economics travel award | 2022 |
| Oxford-Santander Academic Travel Award (£ 1,250) | 2022 |
| Barnett Prize for best paper of the year by a research student at DSPI, Oxford | 2021 |

Scholarships

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| Scatcherd European DPhil scholarship at the University of Oxford (£ 45,000) | 2019 - 2023 |
| Saven European DPhil scholarship at the University of Oxford (£ 25,000) | 2019 - 2023 |
| UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) DPhil scholarship (£ 13,000) | 2019 - 2023 |
| Institute of New Economic Thinking (INET) YSI conference scholarship (£ 200) | 2016 |
| MSc merit scholarship from the Chamber of Labour (€ 4,150) | 2015 - 2016 |
| BSc merit scholarship from the Vienna University of Economics (€ 400) | 2014 - 2015 |

Large grants (≥ € 100,000)

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| Co-PI for “Labor Unions and Firm Productivity” (€ 249,000) from the Central Bank of Austria (OeNB) with Emanuel List (PI) | 2023 - 2025 |
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Medium grants (≥ € 10,000 - < € 100,000)

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| PI for “Reframing training for job-seekers” (€ 59,400) from Public Employment Service (AMS) with Anna Schwarz | 2022 - 2026 |
| PI for “Unionization and Firm Performance” (€ 60,000) from Chamber of Labour with Emanuel List | 2022 - 2023 |
| Research England’s HEIF and ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (£ 10,000) through the University of Oxford’s COVID-19 Urgent Response Fund with Marek Naczyk (PI), Mary Daly, Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Tim Vlandas | 2020 |

Small grants (< € 10,000)

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| DSPI Student Support Fund, University of Oxford (£ 200) | 2023 |
| St Edmund Hall Graduate College Grant, University of Oxford (£ 1,000) | 2023 |
| Co-PI for 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 | |
| St Edmund Hall MCR Academic Endeavours Grant, University of Oxford (£ 325) | 2022, 2023 |
| PI for “Training vouchers for job seekers” (€ 9,000) | 2021 - 2026 |
| from Public Employment Service (AMS) with Anna Schwarz | |
| PI for a survey of job seekers (€ 4,000) | 2021 |
| from Public Employment Service (AMS) with Anna Schwarz | |
| ESRC Research Training and Support Grant (£ 2,330) | 2019, 2022 |
| St Edmund Hall College Grant, University of Oxford (£ 1050) | 2019, 2021, 2022 |
| PI for “Wage growth in Europe” from the Central Bank of Austria (OeNB) (€ 3,000) | 2019 - 2020 |
| ESRC Overseas Fieldwork (£ 600) | 2019 - 2020 |

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2023: European Parliament, European Commission, MIT IWER, MIT Sloan ESWG, University of Oslo, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Bard College, Johannes Kepler University Linz, University of Graz, Territoires zéro chômeur de longue durée, German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Ministry of Labour and Economy (Austria), Public Employment Service Austria.

2022: OECD / IZA, United Nations, UC Berkeley Economics, UC Berkeley IRLE, UC Berkeley IES, FEPS, IZA / Sheffield / Econtribute, SASE, Oxford BSG, Economic Policy Club, Public Employment Service Austria, Arbeit Plus, Chamber of Labour Austria.

2021: OECD, ILO, Oxford BSG, Covid-19 PHSM, Bertelsmann Foundation, ETUI, SZEF, Chamber of Labour, Diskurs, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Public Employment Service Austria, Netzpolitischer Abend.

Conferences and Workshops

2023: SOLE, LERA, EALE, ESPAnet.

2022: AFE U. Chicago, IZA Summer School, SASE (2), ISA RC28, ESPAnet, BUIRA (2), Oxford (3).

2021 and prior: ESPAnet, ESPAnet Workshop, ESPAnet Working Group, SPA, PSA, InGRID: Experimental designs in social policy research, Villa Vigoni Conference, Global Forum on Democratizing Work, University of Glasgow Symposium, Oxford (7), ESRC (2), INET YSI.

ENGAGEMENT

Reports and Book Chapters

“Unemployment and Labor Market Policy”, (joint with Dennis Tamesberger). In: *Handbook of Social Infrastructure*. Edward Elgar Publishing. forthcoming.

“Das Recht auf Arbeit. Wirtschaftliche und soziale Auswirkungen einer Jobgarantie”, (joint with Maximilian Kasy). In: Elisabeth Kaiser, Marcus Schober (Eds.), *Beschäftigung für alle. Die Zukunft der Arbeit*, 92-100, Vol. 4, Vienna: ÖGB Verlag, 2023.

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

Selected Interviews and Media Quotes

My research appears regularly in the media and I have given in total over 50 interviews during my PhD studies.

Print

[“What happens when jobs are guaranteed?”](#), The New Yorker, 12/2022.

[“Abschied vom Ramsch-Modell”](#), Der Spiegel, 12/2022.

[“Unconditional job guarantee to be trialled in Austria, in world first”](#), Independent, 11/2020.

TV

[“European Stories: Helping the Long-term Unemployed”](#), ARTE (TV documentary), 12/2021.

[“Plan B: Zurück in den Job. Wege aus der Arbeitslosigkeit”](#), ZDF (TV documentary), 04/2022.

[“Experiment Jobgarantie: Was uns ein Pilotprojekt für Langzeitarbeitslose lehrt”](#), ORF, ECO Magazin (TV), 02/2023.

Radio

[“The many benefits of a guaranteed job program \(with Max Kasy and Lukas Lehner\)”](#), Pitchfork Economics Podcast, 01/2023.

[“Sozialexperiment: Mit Jobgarantie gegen Arbeitslosigkeit”](#), Deutschlandfunk Nova (radio), 01/2023.

[“Dimensionen: Die Nobelpreise 2021: Wirtschaft. Der Arbeitsmarkt als “natürliches” Experiment.”](#), Ö1 (radio) interviewed alongside David Card and Joshua Angrist, 12/2021.

Policy impact

My research has achieved documented impact. Following my provision of expert opinions and presentations to the [UN](#), [OECD 1, 2, 3](#), [ILO 1, 2](#), European Parliament, and European Commission, € 23 million was allocated by the EU for job guarantee pilots and [€ 750 million](#) proposed. [Summary](#).

My investigation into non-take-up of social programs has led the public employment service in Austria to implement a state-wide rollout of the intervention to reduce stigma and inequalities in access to training that has benefited to date over 50,000 job seekers.

TEACHING

University of Oxford

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| Statistics for Public Policy (postgraduate level) <i>Seminar Leader</i> | 2022 |
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| Quantitative Analysis (postgraduate level) <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2021 |
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| Social Policy (undergraduate level) <i>Seminar Leader</i> | 2021 - 2022 |
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| Comparative Political Economy (undergraduate level) | 2021 - 2022 |
| <i>Seminar Leader</i> | |

University College London (UCL) / National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM)

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| Tools for Efficient Workflows (GitHub, Markdown, Docker) (PhD level) | 2023 |
| <i>Course Convenor, Syllabus</i> | |

GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim

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| Tools for Efficient Workflows, Smooth Collaboration and Optimized Research Outputs | 2022 |
| <i>Course Convenor, Syllabus (PhD level)</i> | |

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

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| Economic Policy (undergraduate level) | 2022 |
| <i>Course Convenor, Syllabus</i> | |

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| Supervision of final theses (undergraduate level) | 2021 - 2022 |
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| International Macroeconomics (undergraduate level) | 2014 – 2015 |
| <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | |

Training for higher education

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

Reviewer: Applied Economics, Belgian Science Policy Office, Competition & Change (2), European Journal of Social Security, Journal of European Social Policy, Momentum Quarterly, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft (2).

Organizer: WZB Workshop on the Welfare State and Causality, UC Berkeley IES panel, ESPAnet panel, Covid-19 PHSM Conference (2).

Founder: Seminar series on the hidden curriculum at Oxford, COVID-19 PHSM Network.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), <i>Researcher</i> | 2021 - present |
| Cover for the administrative duties of an assistant professor for 1 semester | |

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| University of Oxford, Department of Social Policy, <i>Researcher</i> | 2020 - 2021 |
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| Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB), Vienna, <i>Consultant</i> | 2019 – 2020 |
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| OECD, Paris, <i>Economist</i> | 2017 – 2019 |
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| International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva, <i>Economist</i> | 2016 – 2017 |
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| London School of Economics (LSE), <i>Research Assistant</i> | 2015 – 2016 |
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SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Data Analysis: R, Stata, Python

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