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## Education:

1999-2004: Matura at Gewerbeoberschule Bruneck, Italy  
2004-2010: Study of Computer Science at the University of Innsbruck (MSc.)  
2010-2014: Study of Computer Science at the University of Innsbruck (Ph.D.)

## Awards:

Aug. 2010: Amazon Research Grant  
Sep. 2010: Scientific price of the Austrian Society for Human Genetics  
Feb. 2012: Aktion D. Swarovski & Co 2011, Research Funding  
Apr. 2013: Amazon Research Grant  
May 2015: Best Paper Award, 38th International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microelectronics (MIPRO)

## Employments:

2006-2008: Scientific Software Developer at the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC), Italy  
2008-2009: Scientific Software Developer at the Research Laboratory of the Department of Urology, Innsbruck Medical University  
2009-2010: Project member at the Division of Genetic Epidemiology, Innsbruck Medical University  
2010-2014: Scientific Assistant at the Division of Genetic Epidemiology, Innsbruck Medical University  
Since 2014: Postdoc at the Division of Genetic Epidemiology, Innsbruck Medical University

## Publications

- 1     2007   Fuchsberger C, Miksch S, Forer L, Pattaro C: *Analyzing Populations with Visual and Analytical Methods to Identify Family Clustered Diseases*. In: **Proc. of the 12th World Congress on Health (Medical) Informatics** (Medinfo'2007). Brisbane, Australia, pp. P317 (1-2).
  
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- 3     2008   Fuchsberger C, Falchi M, Forer L, Pramstaller P: *PedVizApi: a Java API for the interactive, visual analysis of extended pedigrees*. **Bioinformatics**, 2008; Vol. 24(2), pp. 279- 281.
  
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- 5     2011   Schönherr S\*, Forer L\*, Weissensteiner H, Kronenberg F, Specht G, Kloss-Brandstätter A: *A feedback guided interface for elastic computing*. In: **Proceedings of the 23rd Workshop Grundlagen von Datenbanken (GvDB 2011)**, Obergurgl, Austria, 2011. CEUR-WS.org, Vol. 733, online urn:nbn:de:0074-733-4.
  
- 6     2011   Jacquemont S, Reymond A, Zufferey F, Harewood L, Walters RG, Kutalik Z, Martinet D, Shen Y, Valsesia A, Beckmann ND, Thorleifsson G, Belfiore M, Bouquillon S, Campion D, de Leeuw N, de Vries BB, Esko T, Fernandez BA, Fernández-Aranda F, Fernández-Real JM, Gratacòs M, Guilmatre A, Hoyer J, Jarvelin MR, Frank Kooy R, Kurg A, Le Caignec C, Männik K, Platt OS, Sanlaville D, Van Haelst MM, Villatoro Gomez S, Walha F, Wu BL, Yu Y, Aboura A, Addor MC, Alembik Y, Antonarakis SE, Arveiler B, Barth M, Bednarek N, Béna F, Bergmann S, Beri M, Bernardini L, Blaumeiser B, Bonneau D, Bottani A, Boute O, Brunner HG, Cailley D, Callier P, Chiesa J, Chrast J, Coin L, Coutton C, Cuisset JM, Cuvellier JC, David A, de Freminville B, Delobel B, Delrue MA, Demeer B, Descamps D, Didelot G, Dieterich K, Disciglio V, Doco-Fenzy M, Drunat S, Duban-Bedu B, Dubourg C, El-Sayed Moustafa JS, Elliott P, Faas BH, Faivre L, Faudet A, Fellmann F, Ferrarini A, Fisher R, Flori E, Forer L, Gaillard D, Gerard M, Gieger C, Gimelli S, Gimelli G, Grabe HJ, Guichet A, Guillin O, Hartikainen AL, Heron D, Hippolyte L, Holder M, Homuth G, Isidor B, Jaillard S, Jaros Z, Jiménez-Murcia S, Joly Helas G, Jonveaux P, Kaksonen S, Keren B, Kloss-Brandstätter A, Knoers NV, Koolen DA, Kroisel PM, Kronenberg F, Labalme A, Landais E, Lapi E, Layet V, Legallic S, Leheup B, Leube B, Lewis S, Lucas J, Macdermot KD, Magnusson P, Marshall C, Mathieu-Dramard M, McCarthy MI, Meitinger T, Antonietta Mencarelli M, Merla G, Moerman A, Mooser V, Morice-Picard F, Mucciolo M, Nauck M, Coumba Ndiaye N, Nordgren A, Pasquier L, Petit F, Pfundt R, Plessis G, Rajcan-Separovic E, Paolo Ramelli G, Rauch A, Ravazzolo R, Reis A, Renieri A, Richart C, Ried JS, Rieubland C, Roberts W, Roetzer KM, Rooryck C, Rossi M, Saemundsen E, Satre V, Schurmann C, Sigurdsson E, Stavropoulos DJ, Stefansson H, Tengström C, Thorsteinsdóttir U, Tinahones FJ, Touraine R, Vallée L, van Binsbergen E, Van der Aa N, Vincent-Delorme C, Visvikis-Siest S, Vollenweider P, Völzke H, Vulto-van Silfhout AT, Waeber G, Wallgren-Pettersson C, Witwicki RM, Zvolinski S,

Andrieux J, Estivill X, Gusella JF, Gustafsson O, Metspalu A, Scherer SW, Stefansson K, Blakemore AI, Beckmann JS, Froguel P: *Mirror extreme BMI phenotypes associated with gene dosage at the chromosome 16p11.2 locus.* **Nature**, 2011, doi: 10.1038/nature10406.

- 7     2012   Schönherr S\*, Forer L\*, Weißensteiner H, Kronenberg F, Specht G, and Kloss-Brandstätter A: *Cloudgene: a graphical execution platform for MapReduce programs on private and public clouds.* **BMC Bioinformatics**, 13(1):200, Jan. 2012
- 8     2012   Lamina, C., Forer, L., Schönherr, S., Kollerits, B., Ried, J. S., Gieger, C., Peters, A., et al. (2012): Evaluation of gene-obesity interaction effects on cholesterol levels: a genetic predisposition score on HDL-cholesterol is modified by obesity. **Atherosclerosis**, 225(2), 363-9. doi:10.1016/j.atherosclerosis.2012.09.016
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- 10    2014   Summerer M, Horst J, Erhart G, Weißensteiner H, Schönherr S, Pacher D, Forer L, Horst D, Manhart A, Horst B, Sanguanersri T, Kloss-Brandstätter A: *Large-scale mitochondrial DNA analysis in Southeast Asia reveals evolutionary effects of cultural isolation in the multi-ethnic population of Myanmar.* **BMC Evolutionary Biology** 2014 (1), 17
- 11    2014   Forer L, Lipic T, Schönherr S, Weißensteiner H, Davidovic D, Kronenberg F, Afgan E: *Delivering Bioinformatics MapReduce Application in the Cloud* **Proceedings of 37th International ICT Convention MIPRO**, 2014, Croatia
- 12    2015   Titze S, Schmid M, Köttgen A, Busch M, Floege J, Wanner C, Kronenberg F, Eckardt K, Prokosch H, Bärthlein B, others (2015). *Disease burden and risk profile in referred patients with moderate chronic kidney disease: composition of the German Chronic Kidney Disease (GCKD) cohort.* **Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation**, 30(3), 441-451
- 13    2015   Jing J, Kielstein JT, Schultheiss UT, Sitter T, Titze SI, Schaeffner ES, McAdams-DeMarco M, Kronenberg F, Eckardt K, Köttgen A, others (2015). *Prevalence and correlates of gout in a large cohort of patients with chronic kidney disease: the German Chronic Kidney Disease (GCKD) study.* **Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation**, 30(4), 613-621.
- 14    2015   Forer L, Afgan E, Weißensteiner H, Davidovic D, Specht G, Kronenberg F, Schönherr S (2015). *Cloudflow - A framework for MapReduce pipeline development in Biomedical Research.* **Proceedings in 38th International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microelectronics (MIPRO)**, 172-177. **(Best Paper Award)**
- 15    2015   Raschenberger J, Kollerits B, Titze S, Köttgen A, Bärthlein B, Ekici AB, Forer L, Schönherr S, Weissensteiner H, Haun M, others (2015). *Association of relative telomere length with cardiovascular disease in a large chronic kidney disease cohort: The GCKD study.* **Atherosclerosis**, 242(2), 529-534.
- 16    2015   Kloss-Brandstätter A, Weissensteiner H, Erhart G, Schäfer G, Forer L, Schönherr S, Pacher D, Seifarth C, Stöckl A, Fendt L, others (2015). *Validation*

*of Next-Generation Sequencing of Entire Mitochondrial Genomes and the Diversity of Mitochondrial DNA Mutations in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma. PloS one*, 10(8), e0135643.

- 17    2015    Spjuth O, Bongcam-Rudloff E, Hernandez GC, Forer L, Giovacchini M, Guimera RV, Kallio A, Korpelainen E, Kandula MM, Krachunov M, others (2015). *Experiences with workflows for automating data-intensive bioinformatics. Biology direct*, 10(1), 1-12.
- 18    2015    Raschenberger J, Kollerits B, Titze S, Köttgen A, Bärthlein B, Ekici AB, Forer L, Schönherr S, Weissensteiner H, Haun M, others (2015). *Do telomeres have a higher plasticity than thought? Results from the German Chronic Kidney Disease (GCKD) study as a high-risk population. Experimental gerontology*, 72(), 162-166.
- 19    2016    Weissensteiner H, Pacher D, Kloss-Brandstätter A, Forer L, Specht G, Bandelt HJ, Kronenberg F, Salas A, Schönherr S (2016). *HaploGrep 2: mitochondrial haplogroup classification in the era of high-throughput sequencing. Nucleic Acids Res.* 2016 Apr 15. pii: gkw233.
- 20    2016    Weissensteiner H\*, Forer L\*, Fuchsberger C, Schöpf B, Kloss-Brandstätter A, Specht G, Kronenberg F, Schönherr S (2016). *mtDNA-Server: next-generation sequencing data analysis of human mitochondrial DNA in the cloud. Nucleic Acids Res.* 2016 Apr 15. pii: gkw247.
- 21    2016    Forer L, Afgan E, Weißensteiner H, Davidovic D, Specht G, Kronenberg F, Schönherr S (2016). *Cloudflow - enabling faster biomedical pipelines with MapReduce and Spark. Scalable Computing - Practice and Experience* 17(2), 103–114. DOI: 10.12694/scpe.v17i2.1159.
- 22    2016    McCarthy S, Das S, Kretzschmar W, Delaneau O, Wood AR, Teumer A, Kang HM, Fuchsberger C, Danecek P, Sharp K, Luo Y, Sidore C, Kwong A, Timpson N, Koskinen S, Vrieze S, Scott LJ, Zhang H, Mahajan A, Veldink J, Peters U, Pato C, van Duijn CM, Gillies CE, Gandin I, Mezzavilla M, Gilly A, Cocca M, Traglia M, Angius A, Barrett JC, Boomsma D, Branham K, Breen G, Brummett CM, Busonero F, Campbell H, Chan A, Chen S, Chew E, Collins FS, Corbin LJ, Smith GD, Dedoussis G, Dorr M, Farmaki AE, Ferrucci L, Forer L, Fraser RM, Gabriel S, Levy S, Groop L, Harrison T, Hattersley A, Holmen OL, Hveem K, Kretzler M, Lee JC, McGue M, Meitinger T, Melzer D, Min JL, Mohlke KL, Vincent JB, Nauck M, Nickerson D, Palotie A, Pato M, Pirastu N, McInnis M, Richards JB, Sala C, Salomaa V, Schlessinger D, Schoenherr S, Slagboom PE, Small K, Spector T, Stambolian D, Tuke M, Tuomilehto J, Van den Berg LH, Van Rheenen W, Volker U, Wijmenga C, Toniolo D, Zeggini E, Gasparini P, Sampson MG, Wilson JF, Frayling T, de Bakker PI, Swertz MA, McCarroll S, Kooperberg C, Dekker A, Altshuler D, Willer C, Iacono W, Ripatti S, Soranzo N, Walter K, Swaroop A, Cucca F, Anderson CA, Myers RM, Boehnke M, McCarthy MI, Durbin R, Abecasis G, Marchini J (2016). *A reference panel of 64,976 haplotypes for genotype imputation. Nature Genetics*. DOI: 10.1038/ng.3643

## Book Chapters

- 1    2010    Forer L, Schönherr S, Weißensteiner H, Specht G, Kronenberg F, Brandstätter A. *Cloud Computing - Bringing computational power to medical genetics*. In Zlatko Trajanoski, editor, **Computational Medicine: Tools and Challenges**,

## Presentations and Posters

- 1    2010    **10. Jahrestagung der ÖGH in Wien**, 24.09.2010, Wien, Österreich
- 2    2011    **European Society of Human Genetics Conference 2011**, 2011-05-27 – 2011-05-31, Amsterdam, Nederland
- 3    2011    **23. Workshop Grundlagen von Datenbanken**, 2011-06-1 – 2011-06-03, Obergurgl, Austria
- 4    2011    **12th Annual Bioinformatics Open Source Conference**, 2011-07-14 - 2012-07-17, Wien, Austria
- 5    2011    **11. Jahrestagung der ÖGH in Salzburg**, 30.09.2011, Salzburg, Austria
- 6    2012    **13th Annual Bioinformatics Open Source Conference**, 2012-07-13 – 2012-07-14, Long Beach, USA
- 7    2012    **imzML Workshop: Improved Data Sharing and Data Analysis**, 2012-09-23 - 2012-09-27, Rauischholzhausen, Germany
- 8    2013    **Workshop of Genetic Epidemiology 2013**, 2013-04-10 – 2013-04-12, Grainau, Germany
- 9    2013    **Hadoop and NGS Data Processing Hackathon III**, 2013-06-04 - 2013-06-05, Pula, Italy
- 10   2014    **Hadoop and NGS Data Processing Hackathon IV**, 2014-04-01 - 2014-04-02, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 11   2014    **Workshop of Genetic Epidemiology 2014**, 2014-05-07 – 2014-05-09, Grainau, Germany
- 12   2014    **37th International ICT Convention MIPRO**, 2014-05-29, Opatija, Croatia
- 13   2015    **Workshop on e-Infrastructures for Massively Parallel Sequencing**, 2015-01-19 – 2015-01-20, Uppsala, Sweden
- 14   2015    **3th Bioinformatics Workshop in Galaxy Training Network: Bioinformatics Methods in Genomics**, 2015-03-02 – 2015-03-03, Zagreb, Croatia
- 15   2015    **38th International ICT Convention MIPRO**, 2015-05, Opatija, Croatia