

# Curriculum Vitae: **Thomas Schober**

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## Academic positions

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**Auckland University of Technology** *since Nov. 2021*  
Senior Researcher at the New Zealand Policy Research Institute ([nzpri.aut.ac.nz](https://nzpri.aut.ac.nz)).

**Johannes Kepler University Linz** *Mar. 2013 — Oct. 2021*  
Researcher at the Department of Economics and member of the Christian Doppler Laboratory for Aging, Health and the Labor Market ([www.cdecon.jku.at](http://www.cdecon.jku.at)). Until 2014 member of the Austrian Center for Labor Economics and the Analysis of the Welfare State ([www.labornrn.at](http://www.labornrn.at)).

**University of Sydney** *Mar. 2019 — Apr. 2019*  
Visiting Researcher at the School of Economics.

**Vienna University of Economics and Business** *Oct. 2012 — Feb. 2013*  
Researcher at the Institute for Public Sector Economics.

**Johannes Kepler University Linz** *July 2008 — Sep. 2012*  
Research assistant (until 2010) and researcher at the Department of Economics.

## Education

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**Ph.D. in Economics** *Oct. 2014*  
Joint PhD Program in Economics at the Universities of Innsbruck and the JKU Linz. Thesis: Health Economics and the Quest for Causality, supervised by Gerald Pruckner and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer.

**Master degree in Social Economics** (Mag. rer. soc. oec.) *Apr. 2010*  
Program in Social Economics (*Sozialwirtschaft*) at the JKU Linz. Thesis: Gender wage inequality and economic growth, supervised by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer.

## Publications

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### Articles in refereed journals

Iusitini, Leon, Gail Pacheco, and Thomas Schober (2024). “Assessing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on childhood vaccine uptake with administrative data”. *SSM - Population Health* 26.

Meehan, Lisa, Gail Pacheco, Thomas Schober, et al. (2024). “Literacy and numeracy skills and life-course outcomes: Evidence from PIAAC and linked administrative data”. *The Australian Journal of Labour Economics* 27.1, pp. 27–72.

- Meehan, Lisa, Gail Pacheco, and Thomas Schober (2023). “Basic reading and mathematics skills and the labour market outcomes of young people: Evidence from PISA and linked administrative data”. *Economic Record* 99, pp. 473–491.
- Breyer, Friedrich, Normann Lorenz, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2022). “Looking into the black box of ‘medical innovation’: rising health expenditures by illness type”. *European Journal of Health Economics* 23.9, pp. 1601–1612.
- Halla, Martin, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2022). “Paying adolescents for health screenings works”. *American Journal of Health Economics* 8.4, pp. 534–548.
- Hill, Andrew J, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2022). “Childhood Obesity and Health Care Utilization: Empirical Evidence from Austrian Administrative Data”. *Childhood Obesity*.
- Schober, Thomas and Katrin Zocher (2022). “Health-care utilization of refugees: evidence from Austria”. *International Migration Review* 56.3, pp. 810–842.
- Pruckner, Gerald J, Nicole Schneeweis, Thomas Schober, and Martina Zweimüller (2021). “Birth order, parental health investment and health in childhood”. *Journal of Health Economics* 76.
- Ahammer, Alexander and Thomas Schober (2020). “Explaining variations in health care expenditures – What is the role of practice styles?” *Health Economics* 29.6.
- Pruckner, Gerald J, Thomas Schober, and Katrin Zocher (2020). “The company you keep: health behavior among work peers”. *The European Journal of Health Economics* 21, pp. 251–259.
- Schober, Thomas (2020). “Effects of a measles outbreak on vaccination uptake”. *Economics and Human Biology* 38.
- Pruckner, Gerald J and Thomas Schober (2018). “Hospitals and the generic versus brand-name prescription decision in the outpatient sector”. *Health Economics* 27.8, pp. 1264–1283.
- Sanwald, Alice and Thomas Schober (2017). “Follow your heart: Survival chances and costs after heart attacks – an instrumental variable approach”. *Health Services Research* 52.1, pp. 16–34.
- Halla, Martin, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2016). “Cost savings of developmental screenings: Evidence from a nationwide program”. *Journal of Health Economics* 49, pp. 120–135.
- Schober, Thomas and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (2011). “Gender wage inequality and economic growth: Is there really a puzzle? – A comment”. *World Development* 39.8, pp. 1476–1484.

### **Working papers**

- Pruckner, Gerald J and Thomas Schober (2025). “Evaluating hospital performance”. *Johannes Kepler University Linz, Department of Economics Working Paper 2503*.
- Baumgartner, Simon, Alex Stomper, Thomas Schober, and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (2022). “Banking on Snow: Bank Capital, Risk, and Employment”. *IZA Discussion Paper 15519*.
- Frühwirth-Schnatter, Sylvia, Martin Halla, Alexandra Posekany, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2014). “The quantity and quality of children: A semi-Parametric Bayesian IV approach”. *IZA Discussion Paper 8024*.

### **Non-refereed publications**

- Pacheco, Gail, Lisa Meehan, and Thomas Schober (2023). “Curriculum changes must tackle the lifelong consequences of NZ’s alarming literacy and numeracy declines”. *The Conversation*.
- Pruckner, Gerald J and Thomas Schober (2017). “Ökonomische Anreize für einen gesunden Lebensstil – wissenschaftlicher Mythos oder ernsthafte Reformoption?” *Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspolitik* 02/2017.
- (2015). “Kosten und Nutzen des Gesundheitssystems – (Un-)befriedigende Antworten aus der Gesundheitsökonomie?” *Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspolitik* 02/2015.
- Schnalzenberger, Mario, Rudolf Winter-Ebmer, and Thomas Schober (2011). “Kündigung unter Strafe – Beschäftigungsförderung für Ältere in Österreich”. *Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft* 37.3, pp. 461–470.
- Böheim, René and Thomas Schober (2010). *Instrumente der Arbeitsmarktförderung: Übersicht der Maßnahmen, Beschreibung der Effekte*. Amt der Salzburger Landesregierung, Landesamtsdirektion.

## Research reports

- Meehan Lisa Schober, Thomas (2024). *The costs of crime victimisation in Aotearoa: Evidence from the NZ Crime & Victims Survey linked to administrative data*. Auckland, NZ: NZ Policy Research Institute.
- Meehan, Lisa, Gail Pacheco, and Thomas Schober (2022a). *Literacy and numeracy skills and life-course outcomes: Evidence from PIAAC and linked administrative data*. Auckland, NZ: NZ Work Research Institute.
- (2022b). *Reading and mathematics skills and the life-course outcomes of young people in NZ: Evidence from PISA and linked administrative data*. Auckland, NZ: NZ Work Research Institute.
- Bacher, Johann, Christina Koblbauer, Thomas Lankmayer, Gerald J Pruckner, Sandra Rigler, Thomas Schober, and Dennis Tamesberger (2016). *Psychische und physische Gesundheitsbeeinträchtigungen im Jugendalter*. Study for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (Sozialministerium).
- Halla, Martin, Gerald J Pruckner, and Thomas Schober (2016). *Programmevaluierung: Gesundheits-Check Junior*. Study for the Austrian Social Insurance Authority for Business (Sozialversicherungsanstalt der gewerblichen Wirtschaft).
- (2013). *Evaluierung des Vorsorgeprogramms Selbständig Gesund*. Study for the Austrian Social Insurance Authority for Business (Sozialversicherungsanstalt der gewerblichen Wirtschaft).
- Schober, Thomas and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (2011). *Ältere Arbeitnehmer, gesundheitliche Einschränkungen und Übergänge in den Ruhestand*. Study for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (Sozialministerium).

## Research grants

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**The costs of crime victimisation in Aotearoa: Evidence from the NZ Crime & Victims Survey linked to administrative data.** Principal investigator in the research project funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Justice.

2024

**Digital Transformation of Health Care - Measuring and Improving the Efficiency of Hospitals.** Principal investigator in the research project funded by the Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank. 2020 — 2024

## Conference & seminar presentations

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*2024:* Conference of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA), Vienna. Australian Health Economics Society (AHES) Conference, Sydney. Auckland University (AUT) Research Week, Auckland.

*2023:* Virtual Health Information Network (VHIN) Webinar. Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Economists, Auckland University of Technology. Nuremberg Research Seminar in Economics, University of Erlangen–Nuremberg. Workshop: “Social policy and the labour market in turbulent times: (no) need for change?”, Institute for Employment Research (IAB).

*2022:* Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Economists, Victoria University of Wellington.

*2021:* Essen Health Economics Seminar, University of Duisburg-Essen.

*2020:* 5th Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA) Conference, Vienna.

*2019:* Workshop on the Economics of Human Development, University of Sydney. Conference of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Basel.

*2018:* Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Vienna. Conference of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA), Maastricht. Health economists meeting at the Austrian Public Health Institute. Impfgespräche 2018, Austrian Social Ministry, Vienna.

*2017:* Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Linz. 12th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Boston.

*2016:* Conference of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA), Hamburg. 2nd Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA) Conference, Vienna. Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Bratislava.

*2015:* 11th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Milan. 29th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Izmir. Empirical Economics and Econometrics Seminar, University of Innsbruck. Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA) Spring Meeting, Vienna.

*2014:* 10th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Dublin. 28th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Braga.

*2013:* Austrian Center for Labor Economics and the Analysis of the Welfare State Workshop, University of Innsbruck.

*2012:* Austrian Center for Labor Economics and the Analysis of the Welfare State Workshop, Vienna University of Economics and Business.

# Teaching experience

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## **Health Economics II**

Course for master students with a focus on economic evaluation of health policies, theoretical and empirical research on health behavior.

## **Treatment Evaluation**

Course and intensifying course for master students on econometric methods for the evaluation of (public) policies.

## **Health Economics**

Part of the graduate program designed for medical professionals and business executives in the healthcare sector. The course was taught in German (Title: Gesundheitsökonomie).

## **Microeconomics**

Intensifying course on introductory microeconomics with a focus on the behavior of consumers and firms and their interaction on markets. The course was taught in German (Title: Ökonomische Entscheidungen und Märkte).