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WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Economist

Austrian Institute of Economic Research WIFO [01/06/2012 – Current]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Visiting Researcher

University of Würzburg [01/07/2019 – 31/10/2019]

Address: Würzburg (Germany)

Visiting Researcher

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) [01/06/2014 – 30/06/2014]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Visiting Researcher

Mendel University Brno [01/06/2013 – 30/06/2013]

Address: Brno (Czechia)

External Lecturer

Institute for Economic Policy and Industrial Economics, WU [01/06/2012 – 28/02/2013]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Research and Teaching Associate

Institute for Economic Policy and Industrial Economics, WU [01/10/2008 – 31/05/2012]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Trainer for Economic Simulation Games

bfi Vienna, Vienna Chamber of Labor [01/06/2008 – 31/01/2010]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in Economics (Doktorat)

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) [01/10/2008 – 31/03/2012]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Level in EQF : EQF level 8

Passed with distinction

Supervisors: Prof. Christoph Weiss, Prof. Klaus Gugler

BSc & MSc in Economics (Diplom)

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) [01/10/2003 – 30/06/2008]

Address: Vienna (Austria)

Level in EQF : EQF level 7

Study abroad

University of Illinois [21/08/2006 – 22/12/2016]

Address: Urbana-Champaign

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):

German

English

LISTENING: C2 **READING:** C2 **WRITING:** C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

Spanish

LISTENING: A2 **READING:** B1 **WRITING:** B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: A2 **SPOKEN INTERACTION:** A2

DIGITAL SKILLS

Information processing - Proficient user / Communication - Proficient user / Content creation: Proficient user / Safety - Proficient user / Problem-Solving: Proficient User / Software: Microsoft Office, STATA, LaTeX

PUBLICATIONS

International Refereed Journals

- "Informal, Formal, or Both? Assessing the Drivers of Home Care Utilization in Austria Using a Simultaneous Decision Framework", with Klaus Nowotny (University of Salzburg & WIFO) and Alexander Braun (Danube University Krems), *Applied Economics*, 2020, 52 (40), 4440-4456.
- "Cooperative Pricing in Spatially Differentiated Markets", with Agnes Kügler (WIFO), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2018, 73, 51-67.
- "(Un)Related Variety and Employment Growth at the Sub-Regional Level", with Peter Mayerhofer (WIFO), *Papers in Regional Science*, 2018, 97(3), 519-547.
- "Does Having the Right Visitor Mix Do the Job? Applying an Econometric Shift-share Model to Regional Tourism Developments", with Oliver Fritz (WIFO), *The Annals of Regional Science*, 2017, 58(3), 469–490.
- "Network Centrality and Market Prices: Empirical Evidence", with Dieter Pennerstorfer (WIFO) and Christoph Weiss (WU), *Economics Letters*, 2016, 139, 79-83.
- "Centrality and Pricing in Spatially Differentiated Markets: The Case of Gasoline", with Dieter Pennerstorfer (WIFO) and Christoph Weiss (WU), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2015, 40, 81-90.
- "Convergence as a heterogeneous process: what can be learnt about convergence in EMU from regional experiences?", with Peter Huber (WIFO), *Empirica*, 2014, 41(2), 129–151.

Working Papers

- "Regionale Unterschiede der ökonomischen Betroffenheit von der aktuellen COVID-19-Krise in Österreich. Ein Strukturansatz auf Ebene der Bundesländer", with Julia Bachtrögler, Oliver Fritz, Michael Klien, Peter Mayerhofer, Philipp Piribauer, Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), *WIFO Working Papers 597/2020*.
- "The Economic Impact of Long-term Care Services", with Gerhard Streicher and Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger, *WIFO Working Paper 580/2019*.
- "Regional Competitiveness Under New Perspectives", with Karl Aiginger (WIFO), *WWWforEurope Policy Paper No. 26*, 2015.

Collective Volumes

- "Standortstruktur wissensintensiver Unternehmensdienste", with Peter Mayerhofer, in Bußjäger, P., Keuschnigg, G., Schramek, C. (eds.): *Raum neu denken. Von der Digitalisierung zur Dezentralisierung*, Wien, new academic press, 2019, 31-54.
- "Die volkswirtschaftlichen Effekte des ORF-Fernsehens", with Oliver Fritz (WIFO), in Mitschka, K., Unterberger, K. (eds.): *"Public Open Space. Zur Zukunft öffentlichrechtlicher Medien"*, Wien, facultas, 2018, 279-282.
- "Regional competitiveness: connecting an old concept with new goals", with Karl Aiginger (WIFO), in Huggins, R., Thompson, P. (eds.): *"Handbook of Regions and Competitiveness"*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2017, 155-191.
- "What Can the EMU's Peripheral Countries Learn from Regional Growth", with Karl Aiginger and Peter Huber (WIFO), in Lacina, L., Rozmahel, P., Rusek, A. (eds.): *Political Economy of Eurozone Crisis: Reforms and their Limits*, Bucovice: Martin Striz Publishing, 2013, 24- 70.

National Journals (2018-2020)

"Medical Care and Demographic Change", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger and Gerhard Streicher, WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2020, 93(8), 609-618.

"Digitalisation in Austria: Progress and Home Office Potential", with Julia Bock-Schappelwein and Agnes Kuegler (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2020, 93(7), 527-538.

"Economic Slowdown Shifted Regional Growth Patterns. Business Development in the Austrian Länder in 2019", with Julia Bachtrögler-Unger, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, Philipp Piribauer (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2020, 93(6), 461-478.

"Public Expenditure on Long-term Care After the Abolition of Asset Recourse in Long-term Inpatient Care", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2020, 93(6), 479-486.

"Regional Employment Effects of the Digital Transformation in Austria", with Peter Mayerhofer, Michael Peneder, Philipp Piribauer and Peter Reschenhofer (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2019, 92(6), 459-469.

"Digital Transformation in Austria: A Status Quo Analysis", with Michael Peneder and Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2019, 92(6), 447-457.

"Sustained Growth Momentum Leads to Easing on Labour Market in all Länder. Business Development in the Austrian Länder in 2018", with Julia Bachtrögler, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, Philipp Piribauer and Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2019, 92(6), 429-445.

"On the Future Need for Caregivers in Inpatient and Mobile Services", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2019, 92(3), 149-157.

"On the Costs of Inpatient Long-term Care in a Comparison of the Austrian Länder", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2019, 92(2), 109-120.

"Impact of Digitisation on the Development of Economic Areas", with Michael Böheim, Elisabeth Christen, Klaus Friesenbichler, and Philipp Piribauer (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2018, 91(12), 881-890.

"Higher Education Institutions as Drivers of Regional Productivity", with Agnes Kügler (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2018, 91(8), 575-583. "Regional Economy Shows Rapid Growth and a Production Boom. Business Development in the Austrian Länder in 2017", with Philipp Piribauer, Oliver Fritz, Peter Huber, Michael Klien, and Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO-Monatsberichte (monthly reports), 2018, 91(6), 427- 445.

Monographs, Research Reports and Other Publications (2018-2020)

"Kurzanalyse zur relativen Betroffenheit der Wiener Wirtschaft von der aktuellen COVID-19-Krise", with Julia Bachtrögl, Oliver Fritz, Michael Klien, Peter Mayerhofer, Philipp Piribauer, Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO study for the City of Vienna, Vienna, 03/2020.

"Ein Modell für einen strukturierten vertikalen Finanzausgleich in Österreich", with Michael Klien, Hans Pitlik, and Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO study for the Austrian Federal States, Vienna, 03/2020.

"Perspektiven der wissenschaftlichen Metropolregion Hamburg – Eine vergleichende Analyse. Anhänge", with Hans Georg Helmstädter, Anna Gehlke, Lukasz Hill, Bernd Klöver, Laura Wallor (CHE Consult), Christoph Badelt, Oliver Fritz, Kathrin Hofmann, Mark Horridge, Jürgen Janger, Peter Mayerhofer, Andreas Reinstaller, Bartłomiej Rokicki, Nicole Schmidt (WIFO), WIFO study for the Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Hamburg, Vienna, 01/2020.

"Geriatrische Versorgung in Wien im Kontext des demographischen Wandels", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger and Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO study conducted for the Medical Chamber for Vienna.

"Eine Zwischenbilanz zu den Wirkungen des Programms der Ländlichen Entwicklung 2014-2020", with Franz Sinabell, Julia Bock-Schappelwein, Matthias Firgo, Klaus S. Friesenbichler, Philipp Piribauer, Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), Ludwig Gerner, Mathias Kirchner, Jochen Kantelhardt, Andreas Niedermayr, Erwin Schmid, Martin Schönhart (BOKU), Christina Mayer (STAT), WIFO Study for the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Vienna, 05/2019.

"Stand der Digitalisierung in Österreich", with Michael Peneder and Gerhard Streicher (WIFO), WIFO Study for the Vienna Chamber of Labour, Vienna, 03/2019.

"Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung in den Bundesländern sowie in Stadt und Land", with Peter Mayerhofer, Michael Peneder, Philipp Piribauer, Peter Reschenhofer (WIFO), WIFO Study for the Austrian Federal States, Vienna 12/2018.

"Aktuelle und künftige Versorgungsfunktion der mobilen Pflege- und Betreuungsdienste in Österreich", with Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger (WIFO), WIFO Study for Hilfswerk Österreich, Vienna, 12/2018.

"Politischer Handlungsspielraum zur optimalen Nutzung der Vorteile der Digitalisierung für Wirtschaftswachstum, Beschäftigung und Wohlstand", with Julia Bock-Schappelwein, Michael Böheim, et al. (WIFO), WIFO Study for the Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs, Vienna, 08/2018.

"Sozialstaat und Standortqualität", with Christine Mayrhuber, Hans Pitlik (WIFO), Alois Guger, and Ewald Walterskirchen, WIFO Study for the Vienna Chamber of Labor (AK Wien), Vienna, 02/2018.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and awards

2013: Edwin-von-Boeventer-Prize (Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung, GfR)

2012: Grant for an excellent PhD Thesis (WU Vienna)

2011-2012: Ranked top 3 among 700 instructors at WU (ProfCheck by WU students' union)

2011: International mobility grant for PhD students (WU Vienna)

2010: Innovative Teaching Award (WU Vienna)

2005-2007: Academic excellence scholarships (WU Vienna)

2006: Study abroad scholarship (WU Vienna, Upper Austrian state government)

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

- Project management
- Research Group coordinator
- Organisation of Academic Workshops

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

- Numerous presentations at international conferences and workshops
- Course instructor at the university and trainer of simulation games
- Vocational trainings in media skills, presentation skills, teaching in English
- Numerous interviews for TV, radio, print media

KEYNOTE TALKS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote talks & invited presentations

University of Würzburg, Brown Bag Seminar: "The Causal Economic Effects of Olympic Games on Host Regions", 07/2019.

ÖROK, 90. StUA-Sitzung, Presentation: "Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung in den Bundesländern sowie in Stadt und Land", 06/2019.

MA23.Talk – Stadt Wien, Presentation: "Beschäftigungseffekte der Digitalisierung auf Wien", 03/2019.

Pensionistenverband Oberösterreich, Studientag Pflege, Presentation: "Pflegebedarf, Herausforderungen, Lösungswege", Linz, Austria, 03/2019.

Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, GÖG-Kolloquium Zukunft Pflegekosten, Presentation: "Öffentliche Pflege- und Betreuungsleistungen in Österreich –mehr als ein Kostenfaktor", Vienna, Austria, 10/2017.

Renner-Institut Steiermark – Presentation: "Herausforderungen der Pflegefinanzierung", Leoben, Austria, 09/2017.

Rechnungshof-Konferenz "Kick-off Prüfungsplanung", Impuls-Referat "Pflege", Vienna, Austria, 06/2017.

DeustoForum Gipuzkoa, Ciclo "Bienestar y Competitividad", Universidad de Deusto, Presentation: "Regional Competitiveness Under New Perspectives", San Sebastian, Spain, 03/2017.

AK Wien: Zur Bedeutung von Wissen und Innovation für Wachstum und Beschäftigung, Presentation: "Wissens-Spillovers und regionale Entwicklung – Welche strukturpolitische Ausrichtung optimiert das Wachstum?", Vienna, Austria, 03/2016.

AK Oberösterreich Fachtagung – Zukunft der Pflege in den Oberösterreichischen Gemeinden – Vöcklabruck, Austria, Presentation: "Mobile und Stationäre Pflege in den Bundesländern: Präsentation der WIFO Studie", Vöcklabruck, Austria, 01/2015.

79th Meeting of the board on social, health, and youth issues of the Austrian Association of Towns (Österreichischer Städtebund), Presentation: "Long-term care services: Status quo and projections of public expenditures", Wiener Neustadt, Austria, 11/2014.

Economics Seminar Mendel University Brno, Presentation: "Spatial Competition among Ski Resorts in Austria", Brno, Czech Republic, 06/2013.

Ökonomenrunde der RTR, Presentation: "Räumlicher Wettbewerb unter Österreichs Skigebieten", Vienna, Austria, 10/2012.

REFEREEING

Refereeing

International Journal of Industrial Organization, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Papers in Regional Science, Empirica, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Research in Transportation Economics, Review of Regional Research, Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie, Czech Journal of Economics and Finance