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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Senior Economist

**WIFO - Austrian Institute of Economic Research** [ 2014 – Current ]

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Structural Change and Regional Development • Construction Sector • Public Procurement • Public Finance • Applied Econometrics

### Post-Doc Researcher

**Sorbonne Graduate Business School (IAE de Paris)** [ 2012 – 2014 ]

**Address:** 21 rue Broca, 75240 Paris (France)

### Assistant Lecturer

**Vienna University of Economics and Business, Public Finance Institute** [ 2008 – 2012 ]

**Address:** Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna (Austria)

- Research area: public sector

- Lecturer on public finance and infrastructure economics

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Doctorate in Economics

**Vienna University of Economics and Business** [ 2008 – 2012 ]

**Address:** Vienna (Austria)

**National classification :** Dr. rer. soc. oec

### Diploma in Economics

**Vienna University of Economics and Business** [ 2003 – 2008 ]

**Address:** Vienna (Austria)

**National classification :** Mag. rer. soc. oec.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s):

**German**

**English**

**LISTENING: C1 READING: C1 WRITING: C1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C1**

**SPOKEN INTERACTION: C1**

**French**

**LISTENING: B2 READING: B2 WRITING: B2**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION: B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION: B2**

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed publications

- Klien, M., Melki, M., Pickering, A. (forthcoming): Voter turnout and intergenerational redistribution. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jce.2020.07.004>.
- Klien, Michael & Michaud, David (2019): Water utility consolidation: Are economies of scale realized?, *Utilities Policy*, vol. 61(C).
- Chever, L., Klien, M. (2018): Trading service quality for safety: a cautionary tale from the French 'Robien law' on elevator safety, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 53(1), p. 20-36.
- Klien, M., (2015): The political side of public utilities: How opportunistic behaviour and yardstick competition shape water prices in Austria. *Papers in Regional Science*, 94(4),p. 869-890.
- Klien, M. (2014): Tariff increases over the electoral cycle: A question of size and salience, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 36, p. 228-242.
- Klien, M. (2014): Corporatization and the behavior of public firms: How shifting control rights affects political interference in water prices, *Review of Industrial Organization*, 44(4), p. 393–422.
- Leibrecht, M., Klien, M., Onaran, Ö. (2011): Globalization, welfare regimes and social protection expenditures in Western and Eastern European countries, *Public Choice*, 148(3), p. 569– 95.

## OTHER RELEVANT RESEARCH

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### Other relevant research

- Klien, M., Salvetti, M.(2019): Water Governance in CEE. In Porcher, S., Saussier, S. (eds): *Facing the Challenges of Water Governance*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Klien, M., Pitlik, H., Firgo, M., Famira-Mühlberger, U. (2020): Ein Modell für einen strukturierten vertikalen Finanzausgleich in Österreich (A Model for a Structured Vertical Financial Equalisation Scheme in Austria) [WIFO study, commissioned by Verbindungsstelle der Bundesländer, Vienna].
- Pitlik, H., Klien, M., Loretz, S. (2018): Ausgabendynamik in den Budgets der Gebietskörperschaften im Lichte einer aufgabenorientierten vertikalen Finanzmittelverteilung. (Public Expenditure Dynamics in Federal and Sub-central Budgets in Light of a Task-orientated Vertical Revenue Assignment).
- Pitlik, H., Klien, M., Schiman, S. (2017): Stabilitätskonforme Berücksichtigung nachhaltiger öffentlicher Investitionen. (Stability-oriented Accounting of Sustainable Public Investment).

## CONSULTING AND COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

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### Consulting and commissioned research

2019 - World Bank Advisory on Portuguese Water Infrastructure  
International comparison of PENSAAR 2020.

2017 - World Bank Global Study Water Utility Aggregation  
Analysis of economic consequences of utility aggregations.

2014 - World Bank Danube Water Program  
Analysis of utility performance and sectoral trends.

2013 - OECD Regional Development Policy Division  
Case study on water provision in Stuttgart.

2013 - Thüga Consortium  
Re-evaluation of German electricity benchmarking. With Klaus Gugler and Stephan Schmitt.

2012 - OECD Regional Development Policy Division  
Local public enterprises – concepts and trends. With Stéphane Saussier.

2012 - Energie-Control Austria (Austrian Energy Regulator)  
Report on benchmarking methods for Austrian power grids. With Klaus Gugler and Stephan Schmitt.