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Present Positions

Assistant Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business since 2023
Department of Socio-Economics
& Research Institute Economics of Inequality (INEQ)

Further Affiliations

Munich International Stone Center for Inequality Research (ISI), LMU Munich; Research Fellow
International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics; Visiting Research Fellow
CUNY Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality; Research Fellow
World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics; Research Fellow
German Socio-Economic Panel (DIW); Associated Researcher

Education

Ph.D. in Economics and Social Sciences 2022
Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Vienna), *With Highest Honors*

Visiting Positions
University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Student Researcher
Host: Emmanuel Saez
Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Visiting Researcher
Host: Philippe Van Kerm

M.Sc. in Economics, WU Vienna 2016
Research Track (Mathematical Major), *With Highest Honors*

B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences (Economics Major), WU Vienna 2014

Awards and Honors

Visiting Fellowship 2026
Munich International Stone Center for Inequality Research (ISI, LMU)

International Research Fellowship (IRF), WU Vienna 2023 – 2024

Stephan Koren Dissertation Award 2023

Dr. Maria Schaumayer Dissertation Award 2023

Distinguished Research Fellow, Advanced Research Collaborative 2023
City University of New York, Graduate Center

Marietta-Blau Fellowship, Austrian Ministry of Science and Research 2021

UC Berkeley Fellowship, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation 2021

Kurt Rothschild Award for Economic Journalism 2021
Awarded for research-based contribution to policy debates in Austria

International Mobility Fellowship, Austrian Higher Education Foundation 2021

Ph.D. Fellowship of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) 2020

Award for Outstanding Research Achievements, WU Vienna 2020 & 2022

IARIW Nancy and Richard Ruggles Memorial Award 2018
Awarded by the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth
for the best contribution to the General Conference 2018

Award for Excellent Publication, WU Vienna 2018 & 2019

TALENTA Prize, City of Vienna and WU Vienna 2015

Academic Excellence Scholarship Grant, WU Vienna 2011 – 2016

Merit-Based Scholarship Grant, University of Vienna 2011 – 2012

Visiting Positions

Munich International Stone Center for Inequality Research (ISI, LMU)	03–05/2026
London School of Economics (III)	10–12/2024
German Institute for Economic Research	12/2023
City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center	09–12/2022 & 09–11/2023
Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research	01–03/2022
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics	2021
Austrian Institute for Economic Research	01–03/2020

Research Grants

Large Grants

POSTED. Cross-Border Posting of Workers 2026 – 2028
Principal Investigator. With Alice Kügler and Anna Schwarz.
Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW). €341,302.

Multidimensional Intergenerational Mobility and Pathways to Upward Mobility 2024 – 2027
Principal Investigator and Coordinator. With Alice Kügler and Anna Schwarz.
Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF). €584,435.

Wealth, Income and Consumption Inequality after COVID-19 2023 – 2025
Collaborator. With Tullio Jappelli (PI), Salvatore Morelli (Co-PI),
and Annalisa Scognamiglio. PRIN 2022. €202,400.

Other Grants

Wealth Inequality in Austria 2025 – 2026
PI. Chamber of Labor Vienna. €55,800.

Oskar Grün Career Center Foundation 2025
Funding for the *Research Seminar Economics of Inequality.* €2,500.

The Distribution of Inheritances in Vienna: A Probate-Based Approach 2023 – 2025
PI. City of Vienna, MA 23 (Economics and Statistics Division). With S. Rapp. €49,500.

Research Network Grant – Research Seminar Economics of Inequality
Network Sciences, Chamber of Labor. €37,000. 2026 – 2027
Network Sciences, Chamber of Labor. €24,000. 2025 – 2026
Network Sciences, Chamber of Labor. €17,000. 2024 – 2025

The Geography of Intergenerational Social Mobility in Austria 2022
PI. Public Employment Service Austria. €39,500.

Social Mobility in Multiple Dimensions: Evidence from Register Data 2020 – 2022
PI. Chamber of Labor Vienna. €43,500.

H-WELL, Housing Wealth and the Welfare State 2021
Co-PI. WU Vienna Jubiläumsstiftung. With E. List and S. Waltl. €19,829.

Gender-Specific Burdens of COVID-19 2020
Co-PI. Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF). With K. Mader. €14,454.

SP-INEQ: Regional Income Distribution Dynamics in the United States 2020
Co-PI. Higher Education Foundation (WU Vienna). With M. Moser. €15,700.

AT-VOTE: A Spatial Perspective on Voting 2018
PI. WU Vienna Small Scale Project Grant. €4,980.

Macroeconomic Effects of Income Inequality and Taxation 2015
Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK). €3,000.

Previous Research and Teaching Positions

University Roma Tre
Postdoctoral Researcher, The GC Wealth Project (CUNY Stone Center) 2022 – 2023

Vienna Chamber of Labor
Economist, Department of Economics and Statistics 2019 – 2021
Research Internship 2014

Vienna University of Economics and Business
Research and Teaching Associate, Institute for Economic Geography 2016 – 2019
Institute for Multilevel Governance, Research Assistant 2016
Institute for Ecological Economics, Research Assistant 2014 – 2015
Institute for Heterodox Economics, Research Assistant 2014
Department of Economics, Teaching Assistant 2013 – 2014

OECD, Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development
Research Assistant, Department of Social Policy and Employment 2016

Invited Lectures, Seminars, Workshops & Conference Presentations

Seminars & Invited (Keynote) Lectures[1]

SOFI Stockholm, Labour Economics Seminar ▷ 2027
Paris School of Economics, EU Tax Observatory Seminar ▷ 2026
Munich International Stone Center for Inequality Research (ISI, LMU) 2026
Workshop on Inequality and Tax Policy, American Political Economy eXchange, Yale 2026
Salon des FairErbens, WZB Berlin 2026

LMU Munich, Public Economics Seminar 2025
United Nations University (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki 2025
The World Bank Poverty & Inequality Division, Washington DC 2025
European Commission, Social Situations Monitor Seminar 2025
London School of Economics, Inequality Research Seminar 2025
University of Bamberg, Spring School on the Perceptions of Wealth 2025
University of Zurich, Mobility & Opportunity Workshop 2025
University College London, Quantitative Social Science Seminar 2025
Sapienza Università di Roma, Economics Seminar 2025
LMU Munich, Comparative Inequality Research Seminar 2025
Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Winter School 2025

UCL Stone Center, FairInequality Workshop 2024
University of Duisburg-Essen, Economic Pluralism Conference (Keynote) 2024
UCL & European Commission, Workshop on Spatial Inequalities in Europe 2024
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) Cologne, Seminar 2024

Advanced Research Collaborative Seminar, City University of New York 2023
UMass Boston, Department of Economics Seminar 2023

University Roma Tre, Inequality in Rome Seminar 2022
CUNY Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, Multidimensional Inequalities Seminar 2022
Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, IRSEI Seminar 2022
University of Luxembourg, Economics & Social Sciences Seminar 2022
UC Berkeley, Public Economics Seminar 2022

UC Berkeley, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Seminar 2021
Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna, Economics Seminar 2021

[1] ▷: scheduled.

Conferences (Last Five Years)

▷ 3rd III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London School of Economics	2027
RC28 Spring Meeting, Universidad Pablo de Olavide (Sevilla) • World Inequality Conference 2026, Paris School of Economics • Conference on Inequalities and Opportunities, University of Bari • 82nd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, ISEG Lisbon • RC28 Summer Meeting, New York University (NYU) • The Atkinson Conference on Economic and Social Inequality, Oxford	2026
ISI Wealth Conference, LMU Munich • The III at 10: New Directions in Inequality Research, London School of Economics • European Economic Association (EEA), Bordeaux School of Economics • Eleventh Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), The World Bank • Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Climate Change • Workshop on Inequalities and Opportunities, University of Bari • SPINE – Spring School on Perceptions of Wealth Inequality • RC28 Spring Meeting, University of Milan • III/LIS Comparative Inequality Conference, Luxembourg • ECINEQ Winter School, Canazei	2025
Workshop on Equality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Mobility: A Global Perspective, University of Bari • Workshop on Spatial Inequalities in Europe, UCL • Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference (Special Session on the Geography of Inequality) • World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics	2024
RC28 Summer Meeting, University of Michigan • Tenth Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Aix-Marseille University • Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation • Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London School of Economics • Tackling Inequality: Challenges, Research, and Policies, University of Milan-Bicocca • Workshop on Regional Economic Inequalities, University of Evry – Paris Saclay	2023
6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, Dublin • OECD Workshop on Regional Inequalities • Linking National and Regional Economic Inequalities (LINRI) Workshop • Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP) Annual Conference • Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) • IAB Workshop on Corona: Leveler or Amplifier of Social and Economic Inequality?	2022

Policy Work & Consultancies

Consultant, Second International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP)	since 2026
Consultant on Global Wealth Inequality, The World Bank	2025
Seminar Convener 'Inequality in Europe', European Forum Alpbach	2025
Expert Advisor to The Good Council for Redistribution	2024
City of Vienna, MA 23 (Economics and Statistics Division)	2023

Teaching & Supervision

Graduate (M.Sc. & Ph.D.)

Ph.D. Seminar Economics of Inequality	S26[2], W25[3], S25, W24
Spring School on Perceptions of Wealth, University of Bamberg	2025

[2]S: Summer Term
[3]W: Winter Term

Economics of Distribution – Research & Policy Seminar, M.Sc. Economics	W21, W23, W24, W25
Labor Market Policy, M.Sc. Economics	S22
Income and Wealth Distribution and Taxation, M.Sc. Economics	S21
Spatial Economics, M.Sc. Economics, Specialization Course	W17, S18, W18, W19, W20
International Institutions, Governance & Policy Evaluation	W17

Undergraduate

Economics of Distribution, Specialization Course	Summer and Winter Term, since 2019
Quantitative Research Methods	S22, S21, S20
Reproducible Research using R and LaTeX	W18
Dimensions of Socio-Economic Inequalities	W17, S18, S19, W19
Economic Policy	S18, S19, S20
Economic and Fiscal Policy	S17, S18, S19

Teaching Assistant

Economics of Distribution	2015 – 2016
Economic and Fiscal Policy	2013 – 2014

Supervision and Mentoring

Supervision of Research Assistants
- Graduate Center, City University of New York
- University Roma Tre
- International Inequalities Institute, LSE
- Institute for Economic Geography, WU Vienna
- Research Institute Economics of Inequality, WU Vienna

Master's Theses Advised (WU Vienna)
- Francesca Matera: Wealth Taxation and Redistribution in Low-Growth Economies.
- Simon Gergely Soma: The History of Wealth Taxation in the United States.
- Samuel Ziselsberger: How (Anticipated) Inheritance Impacts Socio-Economic Outcomes.
- Lukas Kafender: Temporary Layoffs and the Design of Unemployment Insurance.
- Clara Himmelbauer: Regional Purchasing Power and the Geography of Income Inequality in Austria.
- Valerie Buttler: Wealth Inequality in Austria – Evidence from Wealth Tax Statistics.
- Sarah Wollitzer: Intra-Generational Earnings Mobility in Austria.
- Sarah Steffani: Affluence and Poverty in the United States.
- Michaela Zalesak: Income Inequality and Electoral Participation.
- Martin Dambauer: The Gender Pay Gap Across Austrian Communities.
- Casper Engelen: Neighborhood Inequality in Austria.
- Isabella Zissler: Development and Inequality: Regional Kuznets Curves Across Austrian Communities.
- Anna Schwarz: Perceptions of Intergenerational Mobility.

Number of Bachelor's Theses Advised: 27

Dissemination Activities

Selected Podcasts, Blogs and Op-Eds

Vermögensfragen. OKTO TV *EingSchenkt.*	2025
Die Erfassung von Vermögensdaten. Podcast *In der Wirtschaft.*	2025
Ungleich verteilt. Wie steht es um Erbschaft, Vermögen und Wohlstand in Österreich? Radio Orange, FAKTory on Air Podcast.	2025
Inequality in Life and Death. How 1/3 of the Population Passes Away Leaving Behind Debt in Vienna. WID.world Blog.	2024
Vermögen und Reichtum. In Besserer Gesellschaft (Podcast).	2024
Die Verschleierung der Verhältnisse. Forbes Magazin.	2024
Wie viel eine Erbschaftssteuer bringen könnte. Die Presse (Op-Ed).	2024
Wie es Österreichs Super-Reiche schaffen, fast keine Steuern zu zahlen. Falter, Nr. 19/2024.	2024
Was bringt das Anti-Teuerungspaket? Die Presse (Op-Ed).	2022
Beyond the Gini Coefficient to Understand Income Inequality Within and Between Regions. Regional Studies Association Blog.	2021
Die Vermögensungleichheit in Europa wird unterschätzt. Die Presse (Op-Ed).	2021
Wirtschaftspolitik gegen die Krise. Falter 40a/20.	2020
Piketty schlägt zurück. Österreichische Gemeindezeitung.	2020
Wealth Inequality in Europe. LSE Blog.	2020
Licht im Dunkeln der Vermögensverteilung. Makronom Blog.	2020

Selected Interviews & Media Coverage

Je höher das Vermögen, desto größer der politische Einfluss Magazin Arbeit & Wirtschaft • Was eine Vermögensteuer bringen könnte – und was nicht Süddeutsche Zeitung • Die wachsende Kluft zwischen Arm und Reich Radio Ö1 (Punkt 1) • Wohlstand messen: Warum Ökonomen auf diese Zahl setzen Kurier • Was bedeutet Wohlstand? (Kurier) • Armutskonferenz für Erbschaftssteuer und höhere Grundsteuer ORF; orf.at/ZIB • Die Erbengesellschaft Radio Ö1, Diagonal • Ausbildung entscheidet über Einkommen ZIB Magazin • Vererbtes Land Radio Ö1, Dimensionen • Gerechtes Budget Radio Ö1, Abendjournal • Ein Plan für ein Budget ohne Drangsalierung der Ärmsten Der Standard • Sparpaket belastet Arme stärker als Reiche Kronen Zeitung	2026
Sehnsuchtsort Mittelschicht Kurier • Wie man mit Reichensteuern viele Milliarden einnehmen könnte Süddeutsche Zeitung • Was wir über die 184 Milliardäre in Deutschland wissen Die Zeit • Vorgegebenes nicht einfach hinnehmen Kurier	2025

Rainer Nowak Talk – So muss die neue Regierung wirtschaften Krone TV (Panel Discussion) • 25 Millionen – Wer sind die Menschen, die Engelhorns Erbe verteilen? ORF Thema (TV Interview) • Was bringt eine Vermögenssteuer? ORF Eco Magazin Spezial (TV Interview) • Neue Studien zur Sinnhaftigkeit von Vermögenssteuern Der Standard • Großer Report: Das erben die Österreicher wirklich Kronen Zeitung • Wer sind die Menschen, die Marlene Engelhorns Millionenerbe verteilen? Der Standard • Generation Erbe Der Standard • Geld, Aktien, Betriebe: Schenkungen in Österreich Der Standard • Millennials werden bislang reichste Generation FOCUS • Von Generation zu Generation Kurier • Was machen wir mit 25 Millionen? Die Zeit • Vermögenssteuern bringen laut Studie bis zu zwölf Milliarden Euro Tiroler Tageszeitung • Neue Befunde zu Steuern auf Vermögen Die Presse • So viele Milliarden vererben die Österreicher in den nächsten Jahren Kurier — 2024

Arm und Reich: Mehrheit schätzt sich falsch ein ORF Topos, 2023 • Gerechtigkeitscheck: Muss Erben teurer werden? Der Standard, 2023 • Steuerreformen als „Entlastung“ – Gemeinschaft als Last? Radio Ö1 Punkt 1 (Radio Interview), 2022 • Vermögenden wird in der Politik mehr Gehör geschenkt Kompetenz, 2021 • Vermögensverteilung: Wer hat, dem wird gegeben Magazin Arbeit & Wirtschaft, 2021 • Radio Ö1 Morgenjournal, May 8 (Radio Interview, 2021) • Homeoffice: Das Zuhause ist für Frauen das schlechtere Büro Der Standard, 2021 • Radio Ö1 Morgenjournal, May 30 (Radio Interview, 2021) • Homeoffice: Mütter arbeiteten deutlich mehr science.ORF, 2021 • Heimarbeit belastet vor allem Mütter orf.at, 2021 • Genderbacklash in der Coronakrise Radio FM4, 2021 • Let the Rich Pay for COVID Arbeit und Wirtschaft, 2021 • Diagonal zur Person Thomas Piketty Radio Ö1 (Radio Interview), 2020 • Die paar Superreichen und die anderen Magazin Arbeit & Wirtschaft, 2020 • Krise verringert Frauenpensionen Wiener Zeitung, 2020 • Zur Superwoman zwangsverpflichtet Wiener Zeitung, 2020 • Männer schummeln beim Einkommen science.ORF, 2018 — earlier

Selected Panels & Public Lectures

New Avenues for Research on Gender and Inequality, Panel at the AMDC User Conference (Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research & Statistics Austria)	2026
Is Inequality Europe's Hidden Strategic Vulnerability?, Panel at European Forum Alpbach	2026
The Wealth Cap Project, Panel at Paris School of Economics	2026
Armut in der Krisengesellschaft, Panel at FAKTory Vienna	2026
Die unsichtbare Spitze, Panel at Chamber of Labor Vienna	2026
Das liebe Geld und der gute Ruf, Panel at Dachstein Dialoge	2026
Vermögenskonzentration – Macht und Demokratie, Panel at Mostviertler Gespräche	2026
Wealth and Inheritances in Europe, SOLV Lecture at WU Vienna	2025
Wie steht es um Erbschaften und Vermögen in Österreich, Panel at FAKTory Vienna	2025
Vermögen und Erbschaften in Österreich, Workshop at Armutskonferenz Salzburg	2024
Vermögen in Österreich, Lecture at Guter Rat für Rückverteilung	2024
Ans Eingemachte: Tax the Rich, Panel at Dekadenz Theater Brixen, IT	2024
Wealth Inequality in Europe, Lecture at University of Duisburg-Essen	2024
The Distribution of Wealth in Europe, Public Lecture at the University of Vienna	2021
It's All About the Money, Panel at Kosmos Theater Vienna	2021
The Gender-Specific Impacts of Shutting Down the Public Services, SOLV Lecture at WU Vienna	2021
Capital in the 21st Century, Panel at Burgkino Vienna	2020

The Taxation of Wealth, Public Lecture at Solidarity Vienna 2020
The Distribution of Income and Wealth, Public Lecture at Workers for Future 2020
Gender and Family Policies in Austria, Panel at Presseclub Concordia Vienna 2019
Capitalism, Inequality and Democracy, Panel at WU Vienna 2019
New Approaches to Economic Challenges, Panel at the Presidential Chancellery Vienna 2016

Service to the Profession and Community

Referee Service

European Research Council (ERC Starting Grant); Labour Economics; Work, Employment and Society; Italian Economic Journal; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of Economic Inequality; Structural Change and Economic Dynamics; Empirica; mda – methods, data, analyses; Environment and Planning A; Applied Geography; Political Geography; PLOS ONE; Theodor Körner Fund; Momentum Quarterly; Eduard März Award; Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft; Young Economists Conference

Organization of Conferences, Workshops and Sessions

Organizing Committee *Reichtumskonferenz* 2027
Conference on Inequality in Affluence held at WU Vienna (Fall 2027).

Workshop on Wealth Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility, WU Vienna
Jointly organized with Per Engzell (UCL) and Isabel Martinez (KOF). Webpage. 2026
Jointly organized with LSE (III) and ZEW Mannheim. Webpage. 2024
Organized in collaboration with the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. Webpage. 2022

Research Seminar Economics of Inequality, WU Vienna since 2023
Organizer. Bi-weekly research seminar held at WU. Seminar Webpage.

Inequality in Rome Seminar Series 2022 – 2023
Organizer. With S. Morelli and G. Rella. Research seminar at University Roma Tre.

Special Sessions on Regional Inequality and on Intergenerational Mobility 2022
6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, Dublin.

Young Economists Conference. Organizing Committee Member 2015 – 2019

Further Roles

ERASMUS Selection Committee, WU Vienna since 2026
Board of Trustees – City of Vienna Jubiläumsfonds since 2025
OECD Working Group on Regional Inequality, Invited Expert 2022
Editorial Board Member, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft 2020 – 2021
Theodor Körner Fund, Scientific Advisory Board 2020 – 2022
COVID-19 Future Operations Clearing Board, Austrian Federal Chancellery 2020
Mentor for Female Economics, VrauWL Mentoring Program 2017 – 2019
Guest Editor Kurswechsel 01/2017 Feminist Economics 2016
Club of Rome Reclaiming Economics Initiative, Invited Expert 2016

Co-Editor of the Book *Die Politische Ökonomie Österreichs*, Mandelbaum Verlag	2015
New Approaches to Economic Challenges, Austrian Federal Chancellery, Invited Expert	2015
Study Commission at WU Vienna, Member of the Student Board	2013 – 2015