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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### Senior Economist

**Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)** [ 1994 – Current ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Policy advice and academic research in the fields risk pooling, insurance services, capital based old age provision, European Economic and Currency Union, and applied econometrics

#### Head of Working Group on National Accounts and Economic Statistics

**Austrian Statistical Society** [ 2017 – Current ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Coordination of presentations and board member

#### Lecturer

**University of Vienna** [ 2017 – Current ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Courses in Economic Policy

#### Lecturer

**Universität Graz** [ 2017 – 2017 ]

**City:** Graz

**Country:** Austria

Course in Econometrics

#### Course Director OECD Seminar on Forecasting

**Joint Vienna Institute** [ 2000 – 2000 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Design and coordination of the course on macroeconomic forecasting

## Editor

***Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)*** [ 1999 – 2002 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Monatsberichte of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research und Austrian Economic Quarterly

## Lecturer

***Vienna University of Economics and Business*** [ 1994 – 2016 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Courses in corporate finance, monetary policy, and econometrics

## Lecture

***Joint Vienna Institute*** [ 1994 – 2000 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Courses in macroeconomic forecasting and econometrics

## Lecture

***Institute for European Studies*** [ 1992 – 1995 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Courses in Micro- und Macroeconomics

## Assistant professor

***Institut for Advanced Studies (IHS)*** [ 1990 – 1993 ]

**City:** Vienna

**Country:** Austria

Courses in macroeconomics, economic policy advice and academic research in the fields European Economic and Currency Union and applied econometrics

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Visiting Scholar

***Department of Economics der University of Strathclyde*** [ 01/2006 – 06/2006 ]

**Address:** Glasgow (United Kingdom)

### Visiting Scholar

***Department of Econometrics and Business Statistics of the Monash University*** [ 02/2015 – 07/2015 ]

**Address:** Melbourne (Australia)

### Research Fellow

***Konjunkturinstitutet, Stockholm*** [ 01/1996 – 06/1996 ]

**Address:** Stockholm (Sweden)

## Post Graduate Course in Economics

*Institut for Advanced Studies (IHS)* [ 1988 – 1990 ]

**Address:** Vienna (Austria)

## PhD in Economics (cum laude)

*Universities of Graz and Vienna* [ 1987 – 1994 ]

**Address:** Graz, Vienna (Austria)

**Thesis :** Thesis: The Effects of Exchange Rate Policy on the Wage and Price Formation in Austria

## MA in Economics

*University of Graz* [ 1981 – 1987 ]

**Address:** Graz (Austria)

**Thesis :** Thesis: Financial Pressures in the Austrian Public Pension System

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s):

**German**

**English**

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

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2**

**SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2**

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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**Microsoft Office / TEX / Various econometric and mathematical software**

## COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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### Communication skills

Regular contact with print media, radio- and TV-stations

International and national presentations of research

Teaching at Universities

Worker representative at WIFO

## ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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Project management in mid-sized national research projects (volumes up to 120.000 €)

## NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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### Occupational skills

- Referee for Canadian Journal of Administrative Services; Economics Bulletin, Economic Modelling, Empirica; Empirical Economics; Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of International Forecasting; Journal of the Economics of Ageing; Labour Economics; Panoeconomicus; Review of International Economics; Review of World Economics, Schmollers Jahrbuch; Schweizerische Zeitschrift f. Volkswirtschaft und Statistik; World Economy; Zeitschrift für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften.
- Statistics Austria, Member of Advisory Board on National Accounts (since 2020)
- Austrian Commission for Old Age Provision (Deputy member, since 2019)
- Landwirtschaftskammer Burgenland Reinhold Polster Foundation Award, 2017
- Austrian Fiscal Council (Expert member, since 2014)
- Austrian Pension Commission (Deputy member, 2012-2016)
- Member of Editorial Board Empirica (Journal of European Economics), since 2008
- Vienna University of Economics and Business Best-Paper-Award, 2003
- Civil Service at Odilienverein for the Care of Blind Persons in Styria, Graz, 1987-1988
- Alumni in Social and Economic Sciences Award, University of Graz, 1988
- Hans-Vollmann-Award, Karl Kummer Institute Styria, 1987

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Die Folgen staatlicher Wechselbürgschaften und Beteiligungsgarantien auf Inlandsbeschäftigung und Leistungsbilanz (Current Account and Employment Effects of Public Guarantees by Aval and Participation Guarantees)**

[2018]

Im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Finanzen

### **Evaluation of export promotion system**

#### **Project management by WIFO**

The Austrian export credit guarantee system has been active since 1995 and shows a balanced budget. The use of public credit guarantees can overcome asymmetric information between creditors and borrowers and improve the access to bank credit finance, also lowering financing costs. The results of applying a matching estimator to Austrian firms using guarantees by aval show a significantly higher growth in employment and turnover as well as lower financing costs. A similar analysis of performance guarantee by aval does not reveal clear-cut results. Users of participation guarantees by aval and of G4-participation guarantees do not differ significantly from the control group as regards their employment, turnover, and per-capita wage growth as well as their financing costs at domestic business locations. During the financial market crisis, guarantees by aval proved to be a flexible and suitable instrument to keep up trust among market participants. Between the years 2000 and 2009 public guarantees for foreign acquisitions and direct investments covered around one-fifth of Austria's stock of active foreign direct investment. Ongoing income from active foreign direct investments improves the income balance of the current account.

Report published on the Homepage of the Ministry of Finance.

## **Pension Systems in the EU – Contingent Liabilities and Assets in the Public and Private Sectors** [2011]

European Parliament; Contract IP/A/EMPL/FWC/2008-002/C1/SC5

Collaboration within a consortium under the lead of IZA Bonn:

This study provides an overview of the different pension systems across EU Member States and describes contingent liabilities and assets in the public and private sectors. Therefore, the study assesses both the recent development of the pension schemes and the current stay of play. As a result, good practices are identified and sound features commended which are to be implemented across the EU. Key elements of an adequate and sustainable pension scheme include, for example, a higher labour market participation rate, most notably amongst older workers, a higher retirement age and an appropriate mix of pension pillars.

Report published on the Homepage of the European Parliament.