

# Dr. Leonard Geyer

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Labour market and social policy researcher experienced in managing national and EU-funded research projects. Specialised in (active) labour market policy, platform work, youth employment, labour mobility, and industrial relations. Skilled in policy evaluation, including by quantitative, qualitative and mixed research methods. Proven record in translating research into policy recommendations.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2019 - today

### Researcher, Employment and Labour Mobility Research Team

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research  
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#### Principal Tasks

Conduct research, coordinate projects, and facilitate trainings on employment, labour market, and social policy topics — with a particular focus on youth employment, platform work, the posting of workers, industrial relations, (active) labour market policies, and anti-poverty measures.

#### Project management

- Lead the European Centre's team in evaluating the use of ALMP for young people since 2019 and leveraging this analysis to formulate evidence-based, forward-looking policy recommendations for the Horizon Europe project [NEXT-UP](#). Funding period 01/2025 – 06/2028.
- Co-lead an international consortium researching industrial relations and the use of workers' personal data in the platform economy ([GDPower](#)). Co-funded by DG EMPL from 10/2023- 09/2025.
- Led two survey studies on working conditions in the platform economy based on novel survey data ([Rider Survey](#), [Driver Survey](#)) funded by the Chamber of Labour Vienna between 2021-2024.

#### Contributions to other projects (selection)

- Analysed the buffering effect of the Austrian tax-benefit system on child poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic for the [CovChild](#) project funded by the Jubiläumsfonds of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB) from 01/2023 – 10/2024.
- Co-authored a study simulating the costs and benefits of a [job guarantee for long-term unemployed](#) for the Chamber of Labour Vienna (03/2021-05/2021) and a study on the [costs and distributional effects of higher unemployment benefits](#) for the Chamber of Labour Upper Austria (10/2021-12/2021).
- Evaluated [ESF support for social inclusion](#) (TO9) in Austria through desk research, focus groups and the analysis of output and result indicators from 2019-2020.
- Analysed data, conducted interviews and co-authored reports for several projects on posted workers, including third-country nationals ([Posting.Stat](#), [Con3Post](#), [FELM](#)).
- Co-authored reports, moderated events and reviewed expert contributions for several [Peer Reviews](#) funded by DG EMPL and the ESF's [Thematic Network Employment](#).

2010-2018

### Previous short-term positions

Summer University Bayreuth: Taught EU studies course for international students

CEPS/LSE Consult: Contributed to an evaluation of European Youth Initiative

Internships and student assistant jobs at Ramboll Management Consulting, the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), the European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA) and the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 04/2015 – 05/2022 **PhD Political Economy** EQF 8  
 Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany  
 ▪ Thesis: The Political Economy of Active Labour Market Policy for Young People,  
 ▪ Supervisors: Thomas Rixen (FU Berlin), Michael Gebel (Bamberg University) and  
 Giuliano Bonoli (IDHEAP)  
 ▪ Grade: Magna Cum Laude
- 10/2012 – 09/2013 **MSc Political Economy of Europe** EQF 7  
 London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE), London, UK
- 09/2008 – 06/2012 **BA European Studies** EQF 6  
 Maastricht University, Maastricht, NL

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	German				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B1	B1	A2	A2	A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

**Communication skills** ▪ Very good written and oral communication skills gained from working in international environments

**Digital skills** ▪ Very good command of STATA and R  
 ▪ Very good command of the policy simulation tool EUROMOD/SORES  
 ▪ Very good command of Word, Excel and PowerPoint

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Academic publications (peer reviewed)**
- Geyer, L. & Groß-Wohlgemuth, F. (2025). [The buffering effect of the Austrian tax-benefit system on child poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Euromod Working Paper Series, EM 02/25.
  - Geyer, L., Vandaele, K. & Prinz, N. (2024). [Riding together? Why app-mediated food delivery couriers join trade unions in Austria](#). *Economic and Industrial Democracy*. Vol. 45(3), 835-858.
  - Danaj, S., Naz Kayran, E. & Geyer, L. (2023). [The motility of posted workers during the COVID-19 pandemic: policies, trends and worker experiences in Austria](#). *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol. 43 No. 3/4, pp. 323-338.
  - Geyer, L. (with Durazzi, N.) (2022). [The politics of social inclusion in collective skill formation systems: actors, coalitions, and policies](#). In Emmengger, P. & Bonoli, G. (Eds). *Collective Skill Formation in the Knowledge Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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  - Geyer, L. (with Durazzi, N.) (2022). [Social inclusion and collective skill formation systems: Policy and politics](#). *Journal of European Social Policy*. 32(1), 105-116.

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- Geyer, L. (2022). [The Political Economy of Active Labour Market Policy for Young People](#). Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.
- Premrov, T. Geyer, L. and Prinz, N. (2021). [Arbeit für Alle? Kosten und Verteilungswirkung einer Jobgarantie für Langzeitbeschäftigungslose in Österreich](#). *Materialien zu Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft* Nr. 225.
- Geyer, L. (with Durazzi, N.) (2020). [Social inclusion in the knowledge economy: Unions' strategies and institutional change in the Austrian and German training systems](#). *Socio-Economic Review*. 18(1), 103-124.
- Leonard Geyer (with S. Kajnc) (2011). Cooperating below the top: comparison of pre- and post-Lisbon rotating Presidencies channels of cooperation in Brussels, *International Issues & Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs* 20(4), pp. 28-52.

#### Applied research

- Geyer, L., Bilitza, N. & Danaj, S. (2025). [Country Report Austria. GDPower – Recovering workers' data to negotiate and monitor collective agreements in the platform economy](#). Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Geyer, L., Kayran, E.N., Danaj, S. (2024). [Research Design and Data Recovery Protocol. GDPower – Recovering workers' data to negotiate and monitor collective agreements in the platform economy](#). Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Geyer, L. Prinz, N. & Bilitza, N. (2024). [Driver Survey - Arbeitsbedingungen und kollektives Handeln im plattformbasierten Personenverkehrssektor und darüber hinaus. Abschlussbericht](#). Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Danaj, S., Kayran, E. N., Zólyomi, E., Prinz, N. & Geyer, L. (2023). [INFO-POW: Assessment of the channels of information and their use in the posting of workers. Country report Austria](#). Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Danaj, S., Zólyomi, E., Kayran, E.N., & Geyer, L. (2023). [Third-country Companies and Workers in the European Construction Sector: A Regulatory, Quantitative, and Qualitative Analysis](#). Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Prinz, N. & Geyer, L. (2023). [Happy Meals, Happy Riders? Working conditions of app-mediated food delivery workers in Austria](#), *Research Note* 2023/1. Vienna: European Centre.
- Geyer, L. & Prinz, N. (2022). [Arbeitnehmer\\*innen-Vertretung in der Gig-Economy: Erfahrungen von Fahrradzusteller\\*innen in Österreich](#) [Workers' representation in the gig-economy. Experiences of food delivery riders in Austria]. Vienna: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.
- Geyer, L., Premrov, T. & Danaj, S. (2022). [Posted Workers from and to Austria. Facts and Figures](#). Leuven: POSTING.STAT project VS/2020/0499.
- Premrov, T. Geyer, L. and Prinz, N. (2022). [Verteilungswirkung und Kosten einer Anhebung der Nettoersatzrate des Arbeitslosengeldes in Österreich](#). Vienna: European Centre.
- Raitano, M., Karagiannaki, E., Premrov, T., Geyer, L., Fuchs, M., Bloise, F., Costa-Font, J., Ludicone, F., De Micheli, B. (2021). [Study on Intergenerational Fairness](#). Final Report. Brussels: European Commission
- Geyer, L., Simmons, C., Zólyomi, E. (2021). [Homelessness: Examining data and data collection methods](#), Policy Brief 2021/2. Vienna: European Centre.
- Fuchs, M., Sandu, V., Zólyomi, E., Simmons, C., Geyer, L., Rodrigues, R. & Birta, M. (2021). [Mapping trends and policies to tackle homelessness in ten European countries](#), Policy Brief 2021/4. Vienna: European Centre.
- Zólyomi, E., Fuchs, M., Simmons, C., Geyer, L., Sandu, V., Rodrigues, R. & Birta, M. (2021). [Mapping trends and policies to tackle homelessness in Europe](#), European Centre Report. Vienna: European Centre.
- Danaj, S. & Geyer, L. (2020). [Here, not to stay – The posting of third-country nationals between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, and Austria](#), Policy Brief 2020/6. Vienna: European Centre.

- Durazzi, N. & Geyer, L. (2020). [Apprenticeships: a public option](#). *Social-Europe*.
- Geyer, L., Danaj, S. & Scoppetta, A. (2020). [The impact of COVID-19 on the posting of workers and their workplace safety](#). *Research in the time of COVID-19*. Vienna: European Centre
- Danaj, S., Geyer, L., Cukut Krilić, S., Toplak, K. & Vah Jevšnik, M. (2020). *From Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria via Slovenia: Migration and Posting of Third Country Nationals in the EU. A Regional Case Study*, European Centre Report. Vienna: European Centre.
- Geyer L., Boehler C., Müllauer A., Kapferer E., Koch A. (2020) *ASTAHG Alpine Space Transnational Governance on Active and Healthy Ageing – Report on the AHA Governance Model*. Vienna: ASTAHG project / European Centre, 2020
- Scoppetta, A., Davern, E. and Geyer, L. (2019). [Job carving and Job crafting](#). European Commission. ESF Transnational Platform. Brussels: European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
- Scoppetta, A. and Geyer, L. (2019). [Socially innovative Entrepreneurship](#). Paper (on behalf of AEIDL/European Commission). Brussels: ESF Transnational Platform.
- Leonard Geyer (with others) (2016). [Assessment of the Youth Employment Initiative, In-depth analysis](#). EP Policy department for budgetary affairs.
- Leonard Geyer (with Margherita Bussi) (2013). [Youth Guarantees and recent developments on measures against youth unemployment](#). ETUI Background Analysis.

#### Conference participations

- International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA) conference 2024
- ESPAnet Austria (2019) and Europe (2022)
- Council of European Studies (CES) annual conference (2017, 2021, 2023)
- GOVPET Graduate Workshop 2018
- SASE 2016
- ECPR Graduate Student Conference 2016

#### Memberships

- Council for European Studies (Political Economy and Welfare network), ESPAnet, ILERA

#### Reviewer

- Socio Economic Review, Regulation & Governance, Journal of Social Policy, Economic and Industrial Democracy, Competition & Change, ETUI Working Paper series, Empirica, Youth and Globalization,

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