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WORK EXPERIENCE

RESEARCHER – EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH – 8 Aug 2022 – Current – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Social Protection and Inclusion Team

- Comparative research on different social policy topics with quantitative and qualitative methods
- Analysing comparative data on the social and financial situation of persons with disabilities for the annual European DisabilityExpertise (EDE) European Semester and synthesis reports
- Examining the effects of tax-benefit policy reforms (basic social security for children, minimum pension increase) with EUROMOD
- Analysing the effect of COVID-19 labour market changes on child poverty in Austria and the mitigating effect of (hypothetical) policy measures as well as automatic stabilisers
- Technical support for the development and update of the Austrian EUROMOD system and SORESI (web-based tool to simulate the social impact of policy reforms in Austria)
- Data wrangling of EU-SILC survey data with STATA & R to be used as input data for EUROMOD
- Developing project proposals and coordinating submissions

(Parental leave 08/2025–06/2026)

UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT (RESEARCH & TEACHING) – JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY – 3 Sep 2018 – 7 Aug 2022 – LINZ, AUSTRIA

Institute of Politics and Social Policy

- Modelling time-series and cross-sectional effects of political and socioeconomic variables on social policy reforms with R
- Developing new indicators for the comparison of public expenditures on disaggregated family policy instruments (OECD SOCX) and to compare the congruence of voters' social policy demands and parties' policy supplies (AUTNES)
- Compiling a new dataset containing time point and content of parental leave reforms, to analyse the effect of strategic timing
- Merging several public datasets on social policies with datasets containing political and socioeconomic indicators to enable cross-country and time-series analyses for interdisciplinary research projects
- Dissemination of research results at Austrian and international conferences and in peer-reviewed research articles
- Coordinating meetings and teaching schedules of the joint Master Programme in Comparative Social Policy with Tampere University
- Developing new course materials and independent teaching of several courses, such as 'introduction to R for social scientists'

PROJECT MANAGER – ARBEIT PLUS - SOCIAL INTEGRATION ENTERPRISES AUSTRIA – 1 Jun 2017 – 31 Jul 2018 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

- Planning and managing of joint activities with ministries, regional networks, academic institutions and European project partners
- Project acquisition and planning (Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs and Interreg Central Europe)
- Implementing the Social(i)Makers project on improving Central Europe's Social Innovation capabilities
- Developing, promoting and implementing a survey on the needs of Austrian stakeholders in the field of Social Innovation
- Supporting arbeit plus's positioning and advocacy with desk research in the field of EU and Austrian labour market policies

ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE – AUSTRIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION – 28 Apr 2016 – 27 Apr 2017 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Social Policy Division (V/B/3 & V/B/4)

- Joint development and coordination of the "aws Social Business Call" including impact assessment (WFA)
- Editing and coordination of research and educational publications (Sozialbericht 2015-2016, Sozialschutz in Österreich ...)
- Analysing socioeconomic data (EU SILC, microcencus, structure of earnings survey) and summarising findings for background information
- Advisory board member of the research project: 'Men and Reconciliation of Work and Family: Supporting the Path to Gender Equal Distribution of Parental Leave and Working Time'
- Substitute Austrian representative at the Indicators Sub-Group of the EU Commission's Social Protection Committee

RESEARCH TRAINEE – EUROFOUND – EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS – 1 Sep 2014 – 28 Feb 2015 – DUBLIN, IRELAND

Working Conditions and Industrial Relations Unit

- Analysing and summarising data of the European Company Survey and the European Working Conditions Survey for EU institutions and national governments
- Compiling and editing the SPSS syntax of the 3rd European Company Survey overview report
- Comparing paternity and parental leave systems in EU member states and take-up rates for the European Observatory of Working Life
- Managing and analysing contributions of the network of correspondents
- Visualising data and proofreading of info sheets on working conditions in Europe
- Organising an expert seminar with researchers, social partners, national governments and the European Commission to map the European industrial relations

STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT – VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS (WU) – 1 Apr 2014 – 30 Jun 2014 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Institute for Sociology and Social Research

- Preparing and conducting an online survey on the role of NPOs and the economisation in the civil society
- Analysing qualitative data collected in interviews with civil society stakeholders
- Literature review on the relationship and cooperation between activists and established civil society organisations

PROJECT RESEARCH ASSISTANT – VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS (WU) – 1 Jul 2013 – 31 Jan 2014 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

NPO Competence Centre

- Conducting, transcribing and analysing semi-structured interviews with civil society actors
- Desk research on civil society and democratic quality of Austria for the CIVICUS Civil Society Index Rapid Assessment

TRAINEE – BDV AUSTRIA - ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRIA – 4 May 2012 – 6 Sep 2012 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

- Literature research on impact analysis of social enterprises and active labour market instruments as preparation for bdv's positioning
- Managing communication with member organisations and external stakeholders

STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT – GESIS – LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES – 1 Jul 2011 – 31 Jan 2012 – MANNHEIM, GERMANY

Department for Monitoring Society and Social Change

- Analysing time use data collected by the German Federal Statistical Office
- Cleaning and preparing data of physical reactions and emotions collected with an ambulatory assessment gadget

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1 AUG 2018 – 31 OCT 2025 Linz, Austria
PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (DR. RER.SOC.OEC) Johannes Kepler University

- Independent analyses of EU and OECD social policy systems with a focus on family policy
- Developing new measurements and indicators to analyse different aspects of the family policy-making process (demands & supply, output, outcome)
- Completion of several courses on quantitative and qualitative data analysis (time-series cross-sectional, multi-level models, categorical data, policy experiments, case studies)

Final grade 1 "sehr gut" (grading system 1-5) |

Thesis The politics of family policy making: the objectives of family policies and the effect of parties', female ministers', and voters' socio-cultural positioning

1 AUG 2012 – 29 JUN 2016 Linz, Austria, Tampere, Finland, Vilnius, Lithuania
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES - JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME "COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY AND WELFARE" Johannes Kepler University & University of Tampere & Mykolas Romeris University

- Comparative analyses of Austrian, Lithuanian, and Finnish welfare systems
- Policy fields: labour market policy, family policy, pension policy, and gender

- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- Supranational Social Policy-Making

Final grade 1 "sehr gut" (grading system 1-5) |

Thesis Political ideas and the use of part-time work as policy instrument: the effect of ideas on the design of policies affecting the job quality of part-time employees in Austria and the Netherlands

31 AUG 2008 – 30 JAN 2012 Heidelberg, Germany
BACHELOR OF ARTS - POLITICAL SCIENCE (75%) AND PHILOSOPHY (25%) University of Heidelberg

- Comparative Politics
- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- International comparison of social policy systems
- Ethics and social philosophy

(Parts of the bachelor's degree completed at the University of Mannheim and Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg)

Final grade 1.5 "sehr gut" (grading system 1-6) | **Thesis** Does the civil society increase countries' democratic quality?

FURTHER TRAINING

2022 EUROMOD Training
2019 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research
- Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences

2017 Academy on Social and Solidarity Economy: The Future of Work (ITCILO)
2017 Summer School on Methods for Computational Social Science 2017 (GESIS)
2015 Radio Fro Basisworkshop
2015 Alpbach Summer School 'European Health Care and Social Systems in Transition' (Medical University of Vienna)
2014 Summer School on Gender Economics and Society (Collegio Carlo Alberto, ITCILO)
2014 E-learning course on 'sustainable and fair procurement' (Südwind)
2008 Level 2 Induction Award in Supporting People with a Learning Disability

HONOURS AND AWARDS

30 OCT 2026
ÖGPW Early Career Award 2026 – Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW)

Awarded for the PhD thesis "The politics of family policy making: the objectives of family policies and the effect of parties', female ministers', and voters' socio-cultural positioning"

28 AUG 2025
JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize 2025 – Journal of European Social Policy and the European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet)

Awarded for the article "Which family types benefit from the hidden welfare state? The objectives of family taxation in Europe"

1 SEP 2016
Honourable mention AK OÖ research prize 2016 – Chamber of Labour Upper Austria (AK OÖ)

Honourable mention for the Master's thesis "Political ideas and the use of part-time work as policy instrument"

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **GERMAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Data

R (proficient) | EUROMOD (proficient) | STATA (proficient) | Git (intermediate) | MAXQDA (intermediate) | Python (beginner)

Text

Office suits: Open office, Microsoft office | Quarto (proficient) | R Markdown (intermediate) | LaTex (intermediate) | zotero (proficient)

Web

Wordpress (beginner) | html (beginner) | Shiny web apps (beginner)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles (peer reviewed)

Groß-Wohlgemuth, F. (2026). Which family types benefit from the hidden welfare states? Distributional patterns of family-related income tax systems in Europe. *Journal of European Social Policy*, *0*(0). https://doi.org/10.1177/09589287261477231

Wiß, T., & Wohlgemuth, F. (2023). The politics of disaggregated family policy: The role of party ideology and women's political representation in governments. *Social Policy & Administration*, 1–18. https://doi.org/10.1111/spol.12934

Walenta-Bergmann, C., & Wohlgemuth, F. (2023). Representing Society? Development of Austrian Party-Voter Issue Salience in Social Policy. *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft*, *52*(1), 1–17. https://doi.org/10.15203/ozp.4016.vol52iss1

Policy reports

European Commission: Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, Kalavrezou, N., Groß-Wohlgemuth, F., Zólyomi, E. & Birtha, M. (2026). *European Semester 2025 mainstreaming disability equality*, Publications Office of the European Union, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2838/8641612

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 02/25.

Birtha, M., & Groß-Wohlgemuth, F. (2025). *European Semester 2024 mainstreaming disability equality.* European Commission Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers Directorate D — Equality and Non-Discrimination Unit D4 — Disability

Fuchs, M., Zólyomi, E., Geyer, L. & Groß-Wohlgemuth, F. (2025). *The Effects of the COVID-19 crisis on child poverty and material deprivation in Austria*, Policy Brief 2025/1. Vienna: European Centre

Birtha, M., Zólyomi, E., Wohlgemuth, F. & Gjylsheni, S. (2023). *Targeted measures for persons with disabilities to cope with the cost-of-living crisis*. European Parliament Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Directorate-General for Internal Policies PE 754.127.

Fuchs, M. & Wohlgemuth F. (2023). *Simulation der Anhebung der Richtsätze der Ausgleichszulage,* Final Report (de). Vienna: European Centre.

Fuchs, M. & Wohlgemuth F. (2023). *Simulation der Einführung einer Kindergrundsicherung in Österreich – 2022*, Final Report (de). Vienna: European Centre.

Geyer, L., Wohlgemuth, F., Scoppetta, A. & Birtha, M. (2023). *Peer Review Moldova Report: Social Assistance Benefit – The design of the social assistance benefit in Moldova: Improving targeting and supporting employment*. Vienna: European Centre.

Cabrita, J., & Wohlgemuth, F. (2015). *Promoting Uptake of Parental and Paternity Leave Among Fathers of the European Union*. Office for Official Publications of the European Communities.

Eurofound (2015). *Third European Company Survey – Overview report. Workplace practices – Patterns, performance and well-being*. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union (Contributor)

Boehmer, S., Biletta, I., Aumayr-Pintar, C., Wohlgemuth, F. & Bremermann, M. (2025). *Public sector is focus of industrial action.* Eurofound Research Report.

Wohlgemuth, F., & van Houten, G. (2014). W*orking conditions and job quality in the human health, residential care and social work sectors. Main findings from the 5th European Working Conditions Survey*. In: European Commission. EU Employment and Social Situation Quarterly Review - December 2014. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union: p.59f.

More-Hollerweger, E., Simsa, R., Kainz, G., Neunteufl, F., Grasgruber-Kerl, R., & Wohlgemuth, F. (2014). *Civil Society Index. Rahmenbedingungen für die Zivilgesellschaft in Österreich*. Vienna.

Technical reports

Fuchs, M., Gross-Wohlgemuth, F. & Conforti, D. (2026). *EUROMOD country report – Austria – 2022-2025*, Mazzon, A. (ed.), Publications Office of the European Union. https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2760/7895717

Fuchs, M. & Wohlgemuth, F. (2024). *EUROMOD Country Report Austria 2021-2024*. Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

Fuchs, M., Geyer, L. & Wohlgemuth, F. (2023). *EUROMOD Country Report Austria 2020-2023*. Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

Fuchs, M., Geyer, L. & Wohlgemuth, F. (2022). *EUROMOD Country Report Austria 2019-2022*. Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

PROJECTS

1 JUN 2026 – CURRENT
Study on the use of Distributional Impact Assessment and social checks in EU Member States

Role: Researcher & national expert
Task: Coordinate and implement interviews with Austrian ministries on their use of DIA; and drafting policy recommendations based on interviews from all EU Member States.

CURRENT
Peer Reviews and Mutual Learning Activities in Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Role: Core team member
Task: Faciliation and reporting

MAR 2024 – CURRENT
European Disability Expertise II

Role: Senior Expert
Task: Coordination and preparation of annual country reports and synthesis report on the social situation of persons with disabilities in EU Member States, in particular analysis of EU-SILC and EU-LFS data.
Funding: European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

AUG 2022 – CURRENT
Technical support for the development and update of EUROMOD

Role: Austria national team member
Task: Annual modelling of Austrian tax-benefit policies for the simulation of tax-benefits in EUROMOD; Annual creation of EUROMOD micro input data based on the latest EU-SILC data; Support for maintaining and extending EUROMOD
Funding: European Commission, JRC Seville

AUG 2022 – CURRENT
Social reform microsimulation Austria - SORESI

Role: Modeller
Task: Annual update and extension of simulated Austrian tax-benefit policies; Annual creation of SORESI specific input data based on Austrian SILC data
Funding: Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

JAN 2023 – OCT 2024
The effect of COVID-19 on poverty and material deprivation of children in Austria

Role: Researcher
Task: Analysing the effects of policy measures and existing tax-benefit policies during COVID-19 on the financial poverty of children in Austria; Simulating the potential effects of alternative policy measures to counter child poverty in Austria
Funding: Jubiläumsfonds der Oesterreichischen Nationalbank (OeNB)

JUN 2023 – SEP 2023
Targeted measures for persons with disabilities to cope with the cost-of-living crisis

Role: Researcher
Task: Collecting and analysing policy measures supporting households with persons with disabilities during COVID-19 and the subsequent cost of living crisis in Austria and Germany
Funding: European Parliament, Committee on Petitions (PETI)

DEC 2022 – MAY 2023
Simulation of an increase of the minimum pension top-up in Austria

Role: Researcher
Task: Modelling and analysing the distributional and fiscal effects of increasing the Austrian minimum pension top-up benefit with EUROMOD
Funding: Caritas Austria

AUG 2022 – APR 2023
Simulation of an introduction of a basic security for children in Austria 2022

Role: Researcher
Task: Modelling and analysing the distributional and fiscal effects of implementing the policy proposals for basic security for children in Austria with EUROMOD
Funding: Volkshilfe Austria

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

24 APR 2025 – 25 APR 2025
ESPAnet Austria 2025

Paper presentation "The buffering effect of the Austrian tax-benefit system on child poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic"

20 FEB 2025
Annual Seminar Euroepan Disability Expertise 2025

Report presentation "Mainstreaming disability equality – trends and policies relevant to disability" with Magdi Birtha

4 APR 2024 – 5 APR 2024
ESPAnet Austria 2024

Paper presentation: "Exploring cross-country differences in family taxation to identify (implicit) family policy objectives of fiscal welfare in Europe"

11 SEP 2023 – 13 SEP 2023
Joint conference of D-A-CH political science associations (DVPW, ÖGPW, SVPW) "Dreiländertagung"

Paper presentation: "Exploring cross-country differences in family taxation - do they fit to country's family ideals?"

23 JUN 2022 – 25 JUN 2022
12th Annual Conference - European Political Science Association (EPSA)

Paper presentation: "Contextual electoral cycles in family policy making: Strategic timing of leave policies?"

24 NOV 2021
AuPSA Political Science Day 2021

Paper presentation: "Converging Social Policy Public and Party Issue Salience in Austria? Developing a Salience Congruence Indicator"

20 JUN 2021 – 24 JUN 2021
27th International Conference of Europeanists CES

Paper presentation: "Representing Society? Social Policy Attitudes of Political Representatives and their Electorate in Austria"

1 SEP 2020 – 3 SEP 2020
European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet) Online PhD seminars

Paper presentation: "Contextual electoral cycles in family policy-making. Strategic timing of policy changes of parental, maternity and paternity leave instruments"