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WORK EXPERIENCE

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
RESEARCHER – 01/03/2025 – CURRENT

Social Protection and Inclusion Team
- Distributional impact assessments using EUROMOD microsimulation software
- Quantitive and qualitative examination of individuals in Austria not covered by health insurance
- Technical support for the development and update of the Austrian EUROMOD system and SORESI
- Data analysis and visualization using R, Python, and Stata

OFFICE OF DEPUTY GOVERNOR DR. GABY SCHAUNIG, KÄRNTNER LANDESREGIERUNG – KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
SPECIALIST ADVISOR (FACHREFERENT) IN SOCIAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICS – 01/09/2023 – 28/02/2025

- Use of data analysis techniques to estimate budgetary and social impacts of potential policy decisions
- Creation of interactive dashboards using R Shiny to model changes in social welfare programs
- Advising on the reform of Carinthia's rental subsidy (Wohnbeihilfe) system, as well as exploration of a potential child benefit program (Kindergrundsicherung), with special consideration of vulnerable groups
- Presentation of research findings to politicians and stakeholders.
- Cooperation and collaboration on projects with the Carinthian government's statistics department, social services department, and political offices.
- Use of data from wide-ranging sources, including EU-SILC, Statistik Austria, and internal government records.

LANDESTELLE FÜR STATISTIK, KÄRNTNER LANDESREGIERUNG – KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
STATISTICS INTERN – 01/02/2023 – 30/06/2023

- Data cleaning and data retrieval from databases
- Analysis of regional data from Statistics Austria
- Plotting and analysis of geospatial data, particularly related to the most recent Carinthian Election, tourism, and traffic accidents
- Utilisation of QGIS and R for creating informative graphics
- Conducting demographic forecasts to analyse future childcare needs in Carinthia
- Collaboration and contribution to publications of the statistics department, specifically the 2023 Report on Carinthian Election Results, as well as the 2023 Statistical Brochure on Tourism

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/09/2021 – 30/08/2022 Maastricht, Netherlands
MSC, PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CUM LAUDE) Maastricht University/ UNU-MERIT

- Specialization in Social Protection Policy
- Quantitative evaluation methods such as Propensity Score Matching, Regression Discontinuity Design, and Difference in Differences techniques
- Key Courses: Public Policy Analysis, Public Economics, Quantitative Techniques for Social Protection Policy, Financing Social Protection, Regression Analysis, Introductory Data Science & Statistics, and Research Design
- Training in statistical softwares Stata and R, as well as Excel and QGIS
- Thesis analyzing the impact of homeless shelters on the emergency service needs in American public libraries.
- Use of quantitative methods to analyze over 3000 survey responses

Thesis Exploring the Relationship Between Homeless Shelters and 'Emergency Incidents' in the Public Library: An Analysis of Survey Data Using Ordered Probit Regression

01/09/2016 – 01/06/2020 Toronto, Canada

BA, PHILOSOPHY (WITH HIGH DISTINCTION) University of Toronto

- Philosophy specialisation in ethics and focused in particular on questions of applied ethics surrounding markets, government intervention, and philanthropy
- Recipient of Tracy Scholarship for Ethics, Evelyn McDonald Scholarship, Samuel James Stubbs Fellowship, and T-Holder's Academic Excellence Award.

Field of study Philosophy

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):   **ENGLISH**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
GERMAN	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
ITALIAN	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1

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

SKILLS

statistics ⏐ statistical modeling techniques ⏐ R ⏐ statistical analysis system software ⏐ Survey Design (e.g Lime Survey) ⏐ geographic information systems ⏐ Python (computer programming)