

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2016 *Dr. phil.* (history, *summa cum laude*)
thesis: [Modeling, Measuring, and Designing Economic Growth. The Neoclassical Growth Model as a Historical Artifact](#); advisers: Mitchell G. Ash, Karl Sigmund (both: University of Vienna).
defense: February 28, 2016; committee: Mitchell G. Ash (University of Vienna), Mary S. Morgan (London School of Economics), Franz X. Eder (University of Vienna).
- 2009 *Mag. phil.* (history, *summa cum laude*), University of Vienna.
- 2007 *Mag. rer.soc.oec.* (economics, *summa cum laude*), University of Vienna (semester-long stays abroad: Universitat Autònoma Barcelona, Københavns Universitet).

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Since 10|2024 Postdoc University Assistant, Department of History, University of Vienna (contact: Anna Echterhölter).
- 04|2016 – 09|2024 [Senior Research and Teaching Fellow \(Oberassistentin\) for Science Studies, Department of Cultural and Science Studies](#), University of Lucerne (contact: Christoph Hoffmann).
- 09|2020 – 07|2022 Research Fellow, Swiss National Fund (SNSF) Postdoc.Mobility with research stays at University Cergy-Pontoise, Leuphana University Lüneburg, University of Utrecht, University of Konstanz.
- 02|2020 – 03|2020 Visiting Professor, [Programme International Minerve](#), Université Lumière Lyon II (contact: Claire Silvant).
- 07|2015 – 03|2016 Research and Teaching Fellow (Assistentin), Department of Cultural and Science Studies, University of Lucerne (contact: Christoph Hoffmann).
- 01|2015 – 07|2015 [Writing-Up Fellow](#), KLI Institute, Austria (contact: Gerd B. Müller).
- 10|2010 – 09|2014 Fellow, [PhD program “The sciences in historical, philosophical, and cultural contexts.”](#) University of Vienna (contact: Mitchell G. Ash).
- 10|2013 – 12|2013 Research Fellow, [Centre for the Philosophy of Natural and Social Sciences](#), London School of Economics (contact: Mary S. Morgan).
- 08|2012 – 12|2012 [Visiting Fellow](#), Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, USA (contact: Kevin D. Hoover, Bruce Caldwell).
- 03|2008 – 05|2008 Research staff member, [Institute for Advanced Studies \(IHS\)](#), Vienna.
- 03|2007 – 12|2009 Research staff member, [Austrian Institute of Economic Research \(WIFO\)](#), Vienna.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 [Grete Mostny Best Dissertation Award, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies](#), University of Vienna.
- 2013 [Samuels Young Scholar Award](#), Society for the History of Economics (HES).
- 2011 Archival Research Grant of the [Center for the History of Political Economy](#), Duke University, USA.
- 2007 [Dr. Maria Schaumayer Prize](#) for master thesis in economics, University of Vienna.
- 2005 Merit grant, Faculty of Economics and Information Science, University of Vienna.

THIRD PARTY FUNDING

- 09|2020 – 07|2022 Postdoc.Mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF, P400PG_190987)
CHF 127.970
- 01|2015 – 07|2015 Writing-up fellowship, KLI Institute, Klosterneuburg, Austria
EUR 14.000
- 08|2012 – 12|2012 Visiting fellowship, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University
USD 12.000
- 10|2010 – 09|2014 PhD Fellowship, Austrian Science Fund (FWF, W1228-G18)
four years of full-time employment

SCIENTIFIC TALKS AND CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

Invited Papers and Comments

- 06|2024 “Mind the Gap: Private Account Books as (Historiographical) Material,” Conference *Recovering the Values of Accounting: The Backbone of Human Decision Making*, University of Lausanne.
- 10|2023 “Merely a Model: Solow’s Growth Model as a Historical Artifact,” SPHERE Laboratory Seminar *Historical, philosophical and anthropological approaches to numbers, measurement and measurability*, Université Paris Diderot.
- 06|2023 “Planning, Foresight, and Coordination: Interventionist Economic Knowledge,” Workshop *Economics Inside and Out: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, University of Nijmegen.
- 06|2023 “Merely a Model: Solow’s Growth Model as a Historical Artifact,” Séminaire romand d’histoire des sciences et des technique, University of Lausanne.
- 09|2022 Discussant on Roundtable *Intellectual History and the History of Economic Thought*, with Emma Rothschild (Harvard University, USA), Béatrice Cherrier (CNRS & CREST & Ecole Polytechnique, Frankreich), Ben Jackson (University of Oxford, UK); organized by the Joint Center for History and Economics (Cambridge, UK; Harvard, USA; and Sciences Po, France), University of Cambridge.
- 06|2022 “Antizipieren, abgleichen, anleiten: Planungswissenschaft in der *mixed economy*,” Colloquium Modern History, University of Konstanz.
- 04|2021 “Concluding Comments,” Conference *Worlds of Management. Transregional Approaches to Management Knowledge since 1945*, University of Vienna (online).

- 02|2021 “How does Economic Knowledge have a Politics?,” with Eric Hounshell, Webinar Series *The Politics of Economics in the Time of COVID-19*, CRASSH (Center for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities), University of Cambridge.
- 09|2019 “Economic Models and Practices of Governance,” Workshop *Doing Debt: Praxeology of Sovereign Debt in the Long 20th Century*, Institut für Geschichtswissenschaften, Humboldt Universität Berlin.
- 07|2018 “Growth and Development,” Workshop *The History of Modern Macroeconomics*, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University.

Other Presentations

- 09|2024 “Counter-planning from the shop floor. Alternative Ökonomien, situiertes Planungswissen und der Lucas Plan,” GWMT annual meeting, Leuphana University Lüneburg.
- 11|2023 “Nur ein Modell: Neoklassisches Wachstum und Solows Modell als historisches Artefakt,” Rethinking Economics Switzerland lecture series “Ökonomie und Geschichte,” University of Lucerne.
- 04|2016 “‘Applying theory’ to data and policy-making? Model construction and circulation: a case study of Leif Johansen’s multi-sector growth model,” Conference *Becoming Applied: the Transformation of Economics after 1970*, Duke University.
- 02|2016 “Input-output models and their affordances for macroeconomic planning,” Winter School *What happens to the data in ‘Big Data’? New Practices of Quantification between Politics, Science and Technology*, University of Namur.
- 07|2015 “Modeling, Measuring, and Designing Economic Growth,” Montréal Summer School in the History of Science and Economics, University of Québec at Montréal.
- 10|2014 “Mathematics and the Language of Economics,” with Roger E. Backhouse, Workshop *Language(s) and Language Practice in Business and the Economy*, Vienna University of Economics and Business.
- 06|2014 “Making Productivity Growth a Measurable Entity,” Workshop *Quantity and Quality*, KLI, Klosterneuburg.

Organization of Workshops and Panels

- 02|2024 Workshop “Haushaltsbücher in der Sammlung Frauennachlässe (Wien): Ein explorativer Workshop,” with Sebastian Felten and Li Gerhalter, University of Vienna.
- 01|2023 Workshop “Historicizing Interventionist Social Knowledge,” with Eric Hounshell, University of Lucerne.
- 09|2022 Workshop “Values and Valuations in the History of Economic Knowledge,” with Monika Wulz, Harro Maas, and Catherine Herfeld, University of Lucerne.
- 12|2021 Double panel “Historicizing Interventionist Economic Knowledge, 1950s-1980s,” with Eric Hounshell, annual meeting of the History of Economics Society (HES), University of Utrecht (online).
- 09|2021 Workshop “Helvetic History of Economics,” with Catherine Herfeld and Harro Maas, University of Lausanne.
- 07|2021 Reading seminar “Wissens- und Wissenschaftsgeschichte des Wohlfahrtsstaates,” with Monika Wulz and Eric Hounshell, annual meeting of the German History of Science Association (GTG/GMWT), University of Vienna (online).
- 09|2017 Workshop “Cultures of Economic Expertise,” with Leon Wansleben and Alexander Lenger, London School of Economics (LSE).
- 04|2017 History of Recent Economics Conference (HISRECO), with Yann Giraud, Pedro Garcia Duarte, and Joel Isaac, University of Lucerne.

- 04|2014 Panel “Contextualized Histories of Social Science Methods and Methodologies,” with Christian Dayé, European Social Science History Conference, University of Vienna.
- 09|2013 Workshop “Fragen der Methodologie in der Historiographie der Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften,” with Christian Dayé, University of Vienna.
- 09|2013 Panel “Die Produktion des ökonomischen Mainstreams 1930-1960. Praktiken, Institutionen und Widerstände,” annual meeting of the German History of Science Association (GWG, GMWT), University of Mainz.

RESEARCH GROUPS

- 2021–2024 Member of the organizing committee of the research network “[Wissen und Wirtschaft](#)” (2022 convenor of the bi-monthly colloquium, online), Chair of Global Economic History, University of Konstanz, previously Center for the History of Knowledge, ETH Zurich.
- 2021–2023 Co-convenor of the discussion group “Epistemologies of Welfare” (monthly meetings, online), with Eric Hounshell (University of Lucerne) and Monika Wulz (ETH Zurich).
- 2015–2021 Member of the research network “[The Sociology of Economic Knowledge.](#)” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).
- 2017–2019 Member of the research network “[The Sociology of Sociology.](#)” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 12|2022–09|2024 Member of the Committee for the Best Final Theses on the Undergraduate, Graduate, and Postgraduate Levels, University of Lucerne.
- 04|2016–09|2024 Co-convenor of the Colloquium of the Chair of Science Studies, University of Lucerne.
- 2003–2005 Elected students’ representative (introductory workshops for first-year-students, member of appointment and curriculum committees), Department of Economics, University of Vienna.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- since 06|2024 Member of the Committee for the Early Career Scholar Award, [Journal of the History of Economic Thought](#) (Cambridge University Press).
- since 09|2023 Member of the editorial board of the series “Cambridge Elements in the History of Economics,” Cambridge University Press.
- since 01|2023 Member of the Ethics Committee, History of Economics Society (HES).
- since 01|2021 Member of the advisory board of [History of Political Economy](#) (Duke University Press).
- since 07|2019 Member of the editorial board of [Journal of the History of Economic Thought](#) (Cambridge University Press).
- 2021 Head of the Commission of the [Joseph J. Spengler Best Book Prize](#) Committee, History of Economics Society (HES).
- 2020 Member of the Commission of the [Joseph J. Spengler Best Book Prize](#) Committee, History of Economics Society (HES).

Book manuscript peer review for Cambridge University Press.

Article peer review for [*Central European History*](#); [*History of Political Economy*](#); [*Journal of the History of the Behavioural Sciences*](#); [*Research in the History of Economic Thought & Methodology*](#); [*Revue d'Économie Politique*](#); [*Science, Technology, and Human Values*](#).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

[Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, der Medizin und der Technik](#) (GWMT)

[Historikerinnennetzwerk Schweiz](#)

Founding member of [HELVHET](#) (History of Economic Knowledge in Switzerland)

[Society for the History of Economics](#) (HES)

[Society for the History of Recent Social Science](#) (HISRESS)

TEACHING

University of Lucerne, Faculty for Cultural and Social Sciences

- Spring 2024 and Fall 2017 Seminar “Paperwork and bureaucratic knowledge” ([*Papierkram und Schreibearbeit: Bürokratisches Wissen*](#)), BA/MA.
- Fall 2023 Seminar “Intervening in the age of the modern social sciences” ([*Intervenieren im Zeitalter der modernen Sozialwissenschaften*](#)), BA/MA, with Eric Hounshell.
- Spring 2023 Seminar “Science stories” ([*Wissenschaftsgeschichten*](#)), BA/MA.
- Spring 2020 Seminar “Scarcity, debt, and crises: cultural analyses of the economic” ([*Knappheit, Schulden, Krisen. Kulturwissenschaftliche Zugriffe auf das Ökonomische*](#)), BA/MA.
- 04|2020 Lecture “Science studies” ([*Wissenschaftsforschung*](#)), BA, as part of the [Ringvorlesung “Integrierte Kulturwissenschaften.”](#)
- Fall 2019 Seminar “Histories of Economic Growth—scientific object, program, and phantasm” ([*Geschichten vom Wirtschaftswachstum – als wissenschaftliches Objekt, Programm und Phantasma*](#)), BA/MA, with Daniel Speich-Chassé.
- Spring 2019 Reading seminar “Michel Foucault, History of Governmentality” ([*Lektüreseminar “Michel Foucault, Geschichte der Gouvernementalität”*](#)), BA/MA.
- Fall 2018 Seminar “Counting society, predicting crises, shaping the future: tools and techniques of planning” ([*Gesellschaft zählen, Krisen vorhersagen, Zukunft gestalten: Steuerungsinstrumente und Planungstechniken*](#)), BA/MA.
- Spring 2017 Seminar “Historicizing the Economy” ([*Hat die Wirtschaft eine Geschichte? Zur Historisierung des Ökonomischen*](#)), BA/MA.
- Fall 2016 Seminar “Computer and power” ([*Computer und Macht*](#)), with Daniel Speich-Chassé, BA/MA.
- Spring 2016 Seminar “What makes a refugee? Who is rich? On the (scientific) making of social facts” ([*Wer ist Flüchtling? Wer ist reich? Zur \(wissenschaftlichen\) Herstellung sozialer Fakten*](#)), BA/MA (funding for innovative teaching by the [Teaching Committee ULEKO](#))
- Fall 2015 Seminar “Ideas, facts, and practices: core texts in science studies” ([*Ideen, Tatsachen, Praktiken: Grundlagentexte der Wissenschaftsforschung*](#)), BA/MA.

Université Lumière Lyon II, BA Social Sciences

- Spring 2020 Lecture series “Histories of Economic Growth—scientific object, program, and phantasm” ([*Geschichten vom Wirtschaftswachstum als wissenschaftliches Objekt, Programm und Phantasma*](#)).

University of Vienna, BA International Development

Spring 2009 Seminar “Introduction Development Economics” (*Einführung in die Entwicklungsökonomie*), with Karin Küblböck and Karin Schönflug.
Fall 2009

Vienna University of Technology, BA Computer Science

Fall 2003 Seminar “Introduction to Economics” (*Einführung in die Wirtschaftswissenschaften*), with Michael Greinecker, Institute of Mathematical Methods in Economics.

SUPERVISION

Adviser for BA theses

“Nivellierungsversagen: Zum Scheitern der Moral in Wirtschaftsunternehmen“ (February 2024)

“Visuelle Repräsentationsformen im statistischen Denken des langen 19. Jahrhunderts. William Playfairs *Commercial and Political Atlas* und Christoph Bernoullis *Beiträge zur Kenntnis und Förderung unseres Nationalwohlstandes*“ (March 2018)

Second referee for MA theses

“Schwellenort *Auslegeordnung ‘Erinnerungskultur Stadt Zürich’*. Erinnerungsarbeit zwischen Verwaltung und Wissenschaft“ (Dezember 2024)

“Comics als erkenntnisgenerierendes System. Analyseinstrumente aus den Comic Studies für die Untersuchung von Tableaus in der Wissenschaftsforschung“ (August 2023)

“Tabletten gegen die Katastrophe. Wie die Jodprophylaxe den Diskurs über die Risiken der Atomkraft prägte“ (February 2021)

“‘Charakterschwach‘ oder doch krank? Psychische Krankheiten in der Geschichte der Eidgenössischen Invalidenversicherung“ (August 2018)

“Strukturen des Europabegriffs. Eine Analyse der diskursiven Begriffsformation im Feld der schweizerischen Europapolitik von 1960 bis 2016“ (August 2017)

“Wie werden fliegende Untertassen wirklich? Untersuchung über Zeugenschaft und deren Interpretationen in Wirklichkeitserzählungen“ (Oktober 2016)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: native

English: fluent

French: intermediate

CAREER BREAKS

04|2018 – 08|2018 Parental leave

Vienna, October 2024