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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary      Macroeconomics  
Secondary    Computational Economics, Heterogeneous Agent Macroeconomics, Wealth Inequality,  
Consumer Debt, Quantitative Modelling

## EMPLOYMENT

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*since 2023*      Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at CERGE-EI, Prague

## EDUCATION

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*2018 - 2023*      **PhD in Economics**, *Vienna Graduate School of Economics, University of Vienna*  
Supervisors: Michael Reiter and Alejandro Cuñat  
*2018 - 2023*      **BSc in Mathematics**, *University of Vienna*  
Specialisation: Financial Mathematics  
*2016 - 2018*      **MSc in Political and Empirical Economics**, *University of Graz*  
1<sup>st</sup> place in SOWI-Ranking of best master's students  
*2013 - 2016*      **B.A. in Economics**, *University of Graz*

## WORKING PAPERS

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[“Quantifying the Effects of Basic Income Programs in the Presence of Automation”](#)

*(awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the 30<sup>th</sup> Young Economist of the Year competition hosted by CES)*

[“Naïve Consumers and Financial Mistakes”](#) with Florian Exler (*University of Vienna*)

[“The Distributional Effects of Tax Evasion”](#)

## TEACHING

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2024	Econometrics (MAER, English), Lecturer, <i>CERGE-EI</i>
2021 - 2023	Introductory Econometrics (MSc, English), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Nikolaus Hautsch, <i>University of Vienna</i>
2020 – 2021	Dynamic Macroeconomics with Numerics (MSc, English), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Monika Gehrig-Merz, <i>University of Vienna</i>
2019 – 2021	Growth and Business Cycles (MSc, English), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Gerhard Sorger, <i>University of Vienna</i>
2016 - 2018	Tutorial for Econometrics 2 (BA, English/German), Student Assistant, <i>University of Graz</i>
2016 - 2018	Tutorial for Econometrics 1 (BA, English/German), Student Assistant, <i>University of Graz</i>

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> place at the 30 <sup>th</sup> Young Economist of the Year competition hosted by the Czech Economic Society
2021 – 2023	Two-year DOC-Fellowship of the Austrian Academy of Science
2021	Anniversary Fund, Austrian National Bank (project leader: Florian Exler)
2018 – 2021	Three-year Fellowship, Vienna Graduate School of Economics
2018	1 <sup>st</sup> place in SOWI-Ranking (best master's students) at the University of Graz
2015 - 2018	Merit-based scholarships at the University of Graz
2012	Ferdinand-Tremel-Medal for school thesis about the Great Depression
2009	2 <sup>nd</sup> price at the 40 <sup>th</sup> Austrian Olympiad in Mathematics

## PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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2023	Contributed Session at EEA-ESEM Congress 2023 in Barcelona
2022	Young Economist Conference 2022 hosted by the Chamber of Labour Vienna, QED Jamboree at the University of Vienna, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG meeting, Vienna), Poster-Session at the 2022 Vienna Macro Café at the Institute of Advanced Studies (Vienna), Vienna PhD Workshop at the Central European University
2021	2021 Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG meeting, Vienna)
2020	Young Economist Conference 2020 hosted by the Chamber of Labour Vienna
2019	Poster Session at the Vienna Macroeconomics Workshop (IHS), Vienna

## REFERENCES

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**Michael Reiter**

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IHS, Vienna  
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**Monika Gehrig-Merz**

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University of Vienna  
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## COMPETENCES

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**Software:** R, Matlab, LaTeX, C++, Kotlin, python, MS Office

**Languages:** German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (elementary)