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CURRENT POSITION

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Since 2023
CERGE-EI, Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics; Computational Economics, Heterogeneous Agent Macroeconomics,
Wealth Inequality, Consumer Debt, Household Finance, Cognitive Limitations

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of Vienna 2018–2023
Vienna Graduate School of Economics
Supervisors: Michael Reiter and Alejandro Cuñat

BSc in Mathematics, University of Vienna 2018–2023
Specialisation: Financial Mathematics

MSc in Political and Empirical Economics, University of Graz 2016–2018
1st place in SOWI-Ranking of best master's students

BA in Economics, University of Graz 2013–2016

WORKING PAPERS

Quantifying the Effects of Basic Income Programs in the Presence of Automation
(awarded 3rd place at the 30th Young Economist of the Year competition hosted by CES)

Naïve Consumers and Financial Mistakes
with Florian Exler

The Distributional Effects of Tax Evasion

WORK IN PROGRESS

Task-Based Automation with Heterogeneous Agents and Matching Frictions

Wealth Inequality and Political Power

Debt and Savings over the Life-Cycle with Myopic Consumers

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer:

Econometrics: Program Evaluation (MER, CERGE-EI)	Spring 2025, 2026
Econometrics (MAER, CERGE-EI)	Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant:

Introductory Econometrics (MSc, University of Vienna) Lecturer: Nikolaus Hautsch	Winter 2021/22, 2022/23
Dynamic Macroeconomics with Numerics (MSc, University of Vienna) Lecturer: Monika Gehrig-Merz	Spring 2020, 2021
Growth and Business Cycles (MSc, University of Vienna) Lecturer: Gerhard Sorger	Winter 2019/20, 2021/22

Student Assistant:

Tutorial for Econometrics 1 & 2 (BA, University of Graz)	2016–2018
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PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2025

University of Graz (scheduled, invited seminar), Vfs Annual Meeting (Cologne), EEA (Bordeaux), CEF (Santiago de Chile), SYRI Workshop Prague

2024

Austrian Economic Association (NOeG meeting, Vienna), SYRI Workshop Prague, Vfs Annual Meeting (Berlin), CEF (Singapore)

2023

SYRI Workshop Prague, EEA (Barcelona), Norwegian School of Economics (invited seminar), University of Leicester School of Business (invited seminar), CERGE-EI (invited seminar), University LUISS Guido Carli (invited seminar)

2022

Young Economist Conference (Chamber of Labour Vienna), QED Jamboree at the University of Vienna, Austrian Economic Association (NOeG meeting, Vienna), Poster-Session at Vienna Macro Café (IHS, Vienna), Vienna PhD Workshop (CEU, Vienna)

2021

Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG meeting, Vienna)

2020

Young Economist Conference hosted by the Chamber of Labour Vienna

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee:	Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK)	2025
Other:	Organizer Macroeconomic Research Seminar, CERGE-EI	Since 2023

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

COMPETENCES

IT Skills:	R, Matlab, Python, Julia, C++, Kotlin, L ^A T _E X, MS Office
Languages:	German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (elementary), Czech (elementary)

REFERENCES

Michael Reiter Dept. of Economics and Finance IHS, Vienna mreiter@ihs.ac.at	Alejandro Cuñat Department of Economics University of Vienna alejandrocunat@univie.ac.at	Monika Gehrig-Merz Department of Economics University of Vienna monika.merz@univie.ac.at
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