

Academic Curriculum Vitae

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University education

3/2011 – 12/15	Johannes Kepler University of Linz Dr. (magna cum laude) Doctoral studies in economics
9/2004 – 10/2010	Johannes Kepler University of Linz MA (with distinction) in Social Economics MA in Economics

Academic Employment

Stephan Pühringer is Deputy Head of the Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of Economy (ICAE) at the University of Linz and Research Fellow at the Institute for Economics at the Cusanus University Bernkastel-Kues, Germany. Currently he is leading the interdisciplinary research project SPACE (www.spatial-competition.com), which is studying the performative impact of competition on the level of institutions, discourses and every-day practices. In the past, he was Research Associate and Lecturer at the Institute for Economics at the Cusanus University, the ICAE, the Institute of Social and Societal Policy at the JKU Linz and Lecturer at the Zeppelin-University of Friedrichshafen, the Catholic University of Linz and the University of Applied Sciences in Burgenland, Austria. Beside his engagement in academic associations Pühringer collaborates in the “Think-Tank-Network Research Initiative”, developing a database of economists’ connections to political think tank networks and co-founded the interdisciplinary research group “Power and Economics” together with sociologists, economists and linguists from Switzerland, France, Germany and Denmark.

Prizes, awards and grants (only as leading investigator)

- *Spatial Competition and Economic Policies* (SPACE, www.spatial-competition.com) (Young Independent Researchers Group funded by the Austrian Science Fund FWF, ~ 2,5 mio €), May 2019-April 2023
- *The Political Economy of Economic Expertise: The Case of the German AfD* (Research Grant funded by the Otto-Brenner-Foundation, ~ 27.000€)
- *Critical Discourse Analysis on Social and Labor Market Policy Reforms in Austria* (Research Grant funded by the Austrian Chamber of Labor, ~ 23.000€), March 2019-February 2020
- *Johannes Schasching Prize* for the promotion of dialogue between the economy and ethics and religion for the dissertation thesis, October 2016, Vienna.
- *On the current state of economics in the German-speaking countries* (Research Grant funded by the Research Institute for Societal Development FGW, ~120.000 €), November 2015-February 2017
- *Distribution and fairness – a political economy perspective* (Research Grant funded by the Austrian Chamber of Labor, ~16.000 €), Sept. 2014-February 2015

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- *Eduard-März-Prize* (best paper award) for the paper „Tsunami, Earthquake and Fever. Economists‘ Framing of the Financial Crisis” at the conference “The Economy in Crisis and the Crisis in Economics”, September 2013, Vienna.
 - *Merit Scholarship* of the JKU Linz 2006, 2010 and 2016

Career Breaks

Parental leaves in 2012 (four months), 2014 (four months), 2017 (five months)

Research Interests:

- Political Economy
- History of Economic and Political Thought
- Performativity of Economics
- Social Studies of Economics
- Socioeconomics
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Think Tank Network Studies

Membership in Academic Associations

- EAEPE: European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (Research Area Coordinator of RA Economic Sociology)
- AS*EER: Society for Socioeconomic Education and Research
- SASE: Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- Arbeitskreis Politische Ökonomie (German Association for Political Economy)
- ASE: Association for Social Economics
- AEA: American Economic Association
- Austrian Sociological Association (ÖGS), Section Economic Sociology

Reviewing activities

- Scientific Award of the Austrian Chamber of Labor
- Reviewing activities for prestigious academic journals and academic publishers: e.g. *Socio-Economic Review*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Constellations*, *Critical Discourse Studies*, *Policy and Society*, *Momentum Quarterly*, *Journal of Language and Politics*, *Palgrave Communications*, *Interdisciplinary Policy Studies*, *Journal of Philosophical Economics*, *Zeitschrift für Diskursforschung*, *Critical Policy Studies*, *International Journal of Social Economics* etc.; Economics edition of Routledge

Publications

10 most important publications

- Beyer, K./Pühringer, S. (2021): Divided we stand? Professional consensus and political conflict in academic economics. *Journal of Economic Issues*, forthcoming
- Pühringer, S./ Rath, J. / Griesebner, T. (2021): The Political Economy of Academic Publishing, *PLoS ONE* forthcoming.
- Kapeller, J./Pühringer, S./Grimm, C. (2021): Paradigms and Policies: The current state of economics in the German-speaking countries, *Review of International Political Economy*, DOI: 10.1080/09692290.2021.1904269, online first
- Aistleitner, M./Pühringer, S. (2021): Exploring the trade narrative in top economics journals. *New Political Economy*, DOI: 10.1080/13563467.2020.1841145, Online first
- Maesse, J./Pühringer, S./Rossier, T./Benz, P. (Eds.) (2021): *Power and Influence of Economists: Contributions to the Social Studies of Economics*. London: Routledge.

- Pühringer, S./Griesser, M. (2020). From the ‘planning euphoria’ to the ‘bitter economic truth’: the transmission of economic ideas into German labour market policies in the 1960s and 2000s. *Critical Discourse Studies*, 17(5): 476-493. DOI/10.1080/17405904.2019.1681283
- Pühringer, S. (2020). Think Tank Networks of German Neoliberalism Power Structures in Economics and Economic Policies in Post-War Germany. In P. Mirowski, D. Plehwe, & Q. Slobodian (Eds.), *Nines Lives of Neoliberalism*. New York: Verso Books, ISBN: 9781788732536
- Pühringer, S. /Bäuerle, L. (2019): What economics education is missing: the real world, *International Journal of Social Economics*, 46(8): 977-991. DOI: 10.1108/IJSE-04-2018-0221
- Ötsch, W./Pühringer, S./ Hirte, K. (2018): Netzwerke des Marktes. Ordoliberalismus als Politische Ökonomie (*Networks of the market. The Political Economy of German Ordoliberalism*). Wiesbaden: Springer VS Verlag. ISBN: 9783658193638
- Ötsch, W./Pühringer, S. (2017): Right-wing populism and market-fundamentalism. Two mutually reinforcing threats to democracy in the 21st century. *Journal of Language and Politics* 16(2), 497-509. DOI: 10.1075/jlp.17027.ots
- Pühringer, S./Hirte, K. (2015): The financial crisis as a heart attack. Discourse profiles of economists in the financial crisis. *Journal of Language and Politics* 14(4), 599-626. DOI: 10.1075/jlp.14.4.06puh

Books

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- Pühringer, S./ Graupe, S./ Hirte, K./ Kapeller, J./ Panther, S. (2020, eds.): Jenseits der Konventionen. Eine Festschrift für Walter Ötsch (*Beyond conventions. A Festschrift for Walter Ötsch*). Marburg: Metropolis-Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-7316-1436-4
- Bäuerle, Lukas, Stephan Pühringer, and Walter Otto Ötsch (2020): Wirtschaft(lich) Studieren (*Studying Economics/Economically*). Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden.
- Ötsch, W./Pühringer, S./ Hirte, K. (2018): Netzwerke des Marktes. Ordoliberalismus als Politische Ökonomie (*Networks of the market. The Political Economy of German Ordoliberalism*). Wiesbaden: Springer VS Verlag. ISBN: 9783658193638
- Kapeller, J./Pühringer, S./Hirte, K./Ötsch, W. (2016, ed.): Ökonomie! Welche Ökonomie?: Stand und Status der Wirtschaftswissenschaften (*What is Economics? On the current state of the dismal science*). Marburg: Metropolis-Verlag.
- Ötsch, W.O./Hirte, K./Pühringer, S./Bräutigam, L. (2015, ed.): Markt! Welcher Markt? Der interdisziplinäre Diskurs um Märkte und Marktwirtschaft (*Markets! Which markets? The interdisciplinary discourse about markets and market economy*) Marburg: Metropolis. ISBN: 9783731611615
- Pühringer, S. (2011): Frei Handeln? Liberales und neoliberales Freiheitskonzept und ihre Auswirkungen auf die Verteilung von Macht und Eigentum. (*Free to Choose? Liberal and neo-liberal conceptions of liberty and their impacts on the distribution of power and property*). Frankfurt/Main: Peter Lang Verlag, ISBN: 978-3631619087

Peer-reviewed publications

- Beyer, K./Pühringer, S. (2021): Divided we stand? Professional consensus and political conflict in academic economics. *Journal of Economic Issues*, forthcoming
- Pühringer, S./ Rath, J. / Griesebner, T. (2021): The Political Economy of Academic Publishing, *PLoS ONE* forthcoming.
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- Pühringer, S. (2019): The “eternal character” of austerity measures in European crisis policies. Evidences from the Fiscal Compact discourse in Austria. In: Ali, T./Lebduskova, E./Power, K. (ed.): *Austerity discourses: An interdisciplinary critical analysis*. London: Routledge, 213-225. ISBN: 1138632546.
- Pühringer, S./Bäuerle, L. (2019): What economics education is missing: the real world, *International Journal of Social Economics*, 46(8): 977-991. DOI: 10.1108/IJSE-04-2018-0221
- Pühringer, S./Ötsch, W. (2018): Neoliberalism and Right-wing Populism: conceptual analogies. *Forum for Social Economics*, 47(2), 192-203. DOI: 10.1080/07360932.2018.1451765.
- Pühringer, S. (2017): The success story of ordoliberalism as guiding principle of German economic policy. In: Joerges, C./ Hien, J. (ed.): *Ordoliberalism: Law and the rule of economics*. Oxford, Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 134-158. ISBN: 9781509919048
- Ötsch, W./Pühringer, S. (2017): Right-wing populism and market-fundamentalism. Two mutually reinforcing threats to democracy in the 21st century. *Journal of Language and Politics* 16(2), 497-509. DOI: 10.1075/jlp.17027.ots
- Hirte, K./Pühringer, S. (2017): Zur Performativität ökonomischen Wissens und aktuellen ÖkonomInnen-Netzwerken in Deutschland. (*The Performativity of economic knowledge and German economists' networks*) In: Maesse, J./Pahl, H./Sparsam, J. (ed.): *Die Innenwelt der Ökonomie. Wissen, Macht und Performativität in der Wirtschaftswissenschaft*. Springer VS Verlag, 363-390. DOI: /978-3-658-10428-3_15
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- Pühringer, S. (2015): “Harte” Sanktionen für “budgetpolitische Sünder”. Kritische Diskursanalyse der Debatte zum Fiskalpakt in meinungsbildenden österreichischen Qualitätsmedien. („*Harsh Sanctions for „budgetary sinners“*“). *Momentum quarterly* 4(1), 23-41. DOI: 10.15203/momentumquarterly.vol4.no1.p23-41
- Pühringer, S. (2015): Markets as “ultimate judges” of economic policies - Angela Merkel’s discourse profile during the economic crisis and the European crisis policies. *On the Horizon* 23(3), 246-259. DOI: 10.1108/OTH-01-2015-0002
- Kapeller, J./Pühringer, S. (2010): The internal consistency of perfect competition. *The Journal of Philosophical Economics*, Volume 3 (2010) Issue 2, S. 134-152. ISSN: 1844-8208

Other publications (selected)

- Pühringer, S./Rath, J./Porak, L. (2021): Talking about competition? Discursive shifts in the economic imaginary of competition in public debates. SPACE Working Paper Series (6). (currently under review)
- Altreiter, C./Gräbner, C./Pühringer, S./Rogojanu, A./Wolfmayr, G. (2021): Theorizing Competition: An interdisciplinary framework. SPACE Working paper series (4). (currently under review)
- Griesser, M./Beyer, K./Pühringer, S. (2021): Für die „Leistungsträger“ und „uns Österreicher“: Eine Mediendiskursanalyse zu Sozialreformen der ÖVP/FPÖ-Regierung 2017-2019 in Österreich. (currently under review)
- Altreiter, C./Gräbner, C./Pühringer, S./Rogojanu, A./Wolfmayr, G. (2020): Theorizing Competition: An interdisciplinary approach to the genesis of a contested concept. SPACE Working paper series (3). (currently under review)
- Aistleitner, M./Pühringer, S. (2020): Exploring the trade (policy) narratives in economic elite discourse. SPACE Working Paper Series (1). (currently under review)
- Maesse, J./Pühringer, S./Rossier, T./Benz, P. (2021): The role of power in the Social Studies of Economics: an introduction. In Maesse, J., Pühringer, S. and Rossier, T. (eds) *Power and Influence of Economists: Contributions to the Social Studies of Economics*, London, Routledge, 1-18.
- Beyer, K./ Griesser, M./ Pühringer, S. (2020). Zwischen Meritokratie und Wohlfahrtschauvinismus. (Between Meritocracy and Welfare Chauvinism), ICAE Working Paper Series, No. 109.
- Ötsch, W./ Pühringer, S. (2019) ‘Marktfundamentalismus als Kollektivgedanke: Mises und die Ordoliberalen’ (*Market fundamentalism as collective thought. On Mises and the ordoliberals*). In Sturn, R. and Pantelic, N. (eds) *Dem Markt vertrauen? Beiträge zur Tiefenstruktur neoliberaler Regulierung*, Marburg, Metropolis-Verlag, pp. 185–210.

- Bäuerle, L./ Pühringer, S./ Ötsch, W.O. (2019) “‘Ohne Effizienz geht es nicht“ Ergebnisse einer qualitativ-empirischen Erhebung unter Studierenden der Volkswirtschaftslehre’ (*‘It is all about efficiency’*), FGW-Studien.
- Ötsch, W.O./ Pühringer, S. (2018) ‘Was ist eine Krise? Wie ökonomische Theorien Wahrnehmung formen’ (*What is a crisis? How economic theories form perceptions*), Kurswechsel, 7-17.
- Beyer, Karl/Pühringer, Stephan (2018): Freiheitliche Flügelkämpfe? (Historische) Konfliktlinien in der FPÖ (*Disputes between party-wings in the history of the Austrian Freedom Party*). Kurswechsel 3/2018, 19-27.
- Pühringer, Stephan/Liedl, Bernd (2018): Ökonomische Expertise und polit-ökonomische Machtstrukturen. (*Economic expertise and political power structures*) In: AK Kärnten (Hg.): Welt aus den Fugen. Wie der Neoliberalismus unser Leben verändert. Wien. ÖGB-Verlag, 41–56
- Pühringer, S. / Egger, J. (2018): Krisenbilder von ÖkonomInnen in der Presse (*Economists‘ images of crises in the media*). In: Ötsch, W. O./ Graupe, S. (eds) Macht der Bilder, Macht der Sprache. Band 37 der Schriftenreihe der Freien Akademie, Falkensee: Freie Akademie, 75–86.
- Beyer, K./Grimm, C./Kapeller, J./ Pühringer, S. (2017): Der deutsche Sonderweg im Fokus. Eine vergleichende Analyse der paradigmatischen Struktur und der politischen Orientierung der deutschen und US-amerikanischen Ökonomie (*Economics as a discipline in Germany and the US: A comparison*). ICAE Working Paper Series, Nr. 71/2017. University of Linz. DOI:10.13140/RG.2.2.26209.20320
- Kapeller, J./Pühringer, S./Grimm, C. (2017): Zum Profil der deutschsprachigen Volkswirtschaftslehre. Paradigmatische Ausrichtung und politische Orientierung deutschsprachiger ÖkonomInnen (*The paradigmatic and political orientation of German-speaking economists*). FGW-Studie 02. Düsseldorf.
- Pühringer, S./ Bäuerle, L./ Engartner, T. (2017): Was denken (zukünftige) ÖkonomInnen? Einblicke in die politische und gesellschaftliche Wirkmächtigkeit ökonomischen Denkens (*What do (future) economists think? Insights into the political and societal impact of economic thought*). GWP, 4/2017, 547-555. DOI10.3224/gwp.v66i4.09
- Pühringer, S. (2016): Still the queens of social sciences? Economists as “public intellectuals” in/after the crisis. Electronic Conference Proceedings “International Conference in Contemporary Social Sciences”, Issue: Theoretical Debates in Social Sciences. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.27464.52484
- Pühringer, S. (2016): Think Tank networks of German neoliberalism Power structures in economics and economic policies in post-war Germany. ICAE Working Paper Series, Nr. 53/2016.
- Pühringer, S./Griesser, M. (2016) Has economics returned to being the “dismal science”? The changing role of economic thought in German labour market reforms. ICAE Working Paper Series, Nr. 49/2016. ICAE Universität Linz. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.2333.2725
- Pühringer, S./Stelzer-Orthofer, C. (2016): Neoliberale Think Tanks als (neue) Akteure in österreichischen gesellschafts- und sozialpolitischen Diskursen. Das Beispiel des Hayek Instituts und der Agenda Austria (Neoliberal Think Tanks as (new) actors in Austrian socio-political discourses. The case of the Hayek Institute and Agenda Austria). *SWS-Rundschau* 56(1), 75-96.
- Pühringer, S. (2015): The strange non-crisis of economics. Economic crisis and the crisis policies in economic and political discourses. Dissertation. Johannes Kepler Universität Linz. URN: urn:nbn:at:at-ubl:1-6494
- Pühringer, S. (2015): Kontinuitäten neoliberaler Wirtschaftspolitik in der Krise. Die Austeritätsdebatte als Spiegelbild diskursiver Machtverwerfungen innerhalb der Ökonomik. (*Continuities of neoliberal economic policies in the crisis*). In: Marterbauer, Markus/Mesch, Michael/Rehm, Miriam/Reiterlechner, Christine (ed.): Das Scheitern des neoklassischen Paradigmas – Wirtschaftspolitik in der EU. Wien: ÖGB Verlag, 159-174. ISBN: 9783990461853
- Aistleitner, Matthias; Fölker, Marianne; Kapeller, Jakob; Mohr, Franz; Pühringer Stephan (2015): Verteilung und Gerechtigkeit: Philosophische Perspektiven (*Distribution and Justice: A Philosophical Perspective*). *Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft* 41(1), S. 71-106.
- Pühringer, S./Hirte, K. (2014): ÖkonomInnen und Ökonomie in der Krise?! Eine diskurs- und netzwerkanalytische Sicht. (*Economists and Economy in the Crisis?! A discourse and network analytical perspective*). *WISO* 37(1), 159-178. ISSN: 1012-3059
- Pühringer, S. (2013): „Arbeitsmarktferne“ Personen – wer sind die? Zu veränderten Exklusionsdynamiken in neokapitalistischen Gesellschaften. (*People “Furthest from the Labor Market“ – Who are they? Altering Exclusionary Dynamics in Neo-capitalist Societies*) *SWS-Rundschau* 53(4), 2013, 361-381. ISSN: 1013-1469

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- Pühringer, S. (2013): The implementation of the European Fiscal Compact in Austria as a post-democratic phenomenon. ICAE Working Paper Series, Nr. 15/2013. ICAE Universität Linz.
- Stelzer-Orthofer, C./Pühringer, S. (2014): Arbeitsmarktpolitische Maßnahmen zur Subventionierungen von Lohnkosten als Mittel zur Armutsvermeidung. (*Wage subsidies as measures to fight poverty*) In: Dimmel, Nikolaus/ Schenk, Martin/ Stelzer-Orthofer, Christine (ed.): Handbuch Armut. Innsbruck, 817-832. ISBN: 9783706552929
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