INSTITUTE FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMY (ICAE)

Institute Profile & Activities 2009 until 2022

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1. Institute and institutional Structure

The Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of the Economy (ICAE) was founded at the end of 2009 at the University of Linz and started with Prof. Walter Ötsch as head of the institute and two post-doc level employees. Over the years and with the establishment of externally funded research projects, the structure, and number of staff has been continuously expanded.

In 2015, Prof. Jakob Kapeller became the head of the institute where, currently, 16 staff members work in the areas of economic, socio-economic, and political-economic analyses. The following figure shows the current structure of the institute with the three fields of work represented.

![Institute organisational Chart](source: Own presentation)

2. Completed and ongoing Research Projects

Since the ICAE was founded, funding for 29 research projects with a total value of 5.9 million euros has been competitively funded both nationally and internationally. Thus, the ICAE has been able to steadily increase its externally funded budget with the help of project grants from 2009 onwards, while the base funding was approximately the same amount from 2010 to 2016 and continued to decrease thereafter. This core funding was and is provided by the City of Linz (until 2016), the Chamber of Labour of Upper Austria, and the Chamber of Labour of Vienna. As a result of recent project acquisitions, project funding has increased significantly, especially as of 2019.
Recent project acquisitions (with details on: start date, funding source, and total funding amounts) refer to:

- **Sustainable Socio-Economic Transition and Economic Reasoning (SETER)**, FWF-Start Prize 2023 (Stephan Pühringer), from 2024; Funding source: FWF; Funding amount: ca. 1.2 million euros;

- **Explicit and Implicit Rules of Competition: Interdisciplinary Research Concept on a Polarising Principle of Social Order**; from 12/2023, Funding source: Austrian Academy of the Sciences; Funding amount: 390,000 euros;

- **Implementation of a Socio-ecological Transformation: The Role of Public Investment (Implementierung einer sozial-ökologischen Transformation: Die Rolle öffentlicher Investition)**; from 07/2022, Funding source: European Macro Policy Network; Funding amount: 200,000 euros;

- **Employment Policy Implications of a Socio-ecological Transformation (Beschäftigungspolitische Implikationen einer sozial-ökologischen Transformation)**; from 01/2023, Funding source: Chamber of Labour Upper Austria; Funding amount: 10,000 euros;

- **Networks of the Rich in Austria (Reichen-Netzwerke in Österreich)**; from 02/2022, Funding source: Chamber of Labour Vienna; Funding amount: 40,000 euros;

- **The Political Economy of the AfD (Die Politische Ökonomie der AfD)**; from 11/2020, Funding source: Otto Brenner Foundation; Funding amount: 27,000 euros;

- **Financial crisis and international imbalances: A stock-flow consistent agent based approach**; from 01/2020, Funding source: OeNB; Funding amount: 200,000 euros;

- **International competitiveness: A multi-level assessment of Austria and other European countries**; from 01/2020, Funding source: OeNB; Funding amount: 100,000 euros;
3. Scientific Publications

The scientific publications (journal articles, book contributions, monographies, and book editions) produced by the staff since 2009 have now grown to 441 national and international publications (as of 31.12.2022).

The focus of the publication activity is the visibility through reviewed contributions in journals and other periodicals (by 31.12.2022 a total of 250) and in particular the international visibility in SSCI/AHCI-ranked journals (by 31.12.2022 a total of 63). Recent publications by institute staff are (selection):

− Pühringer, Stephan; Aistleitner, Matthias; Griesebner, Teresa (2022): Networks of the super-rich in Austria. Evidence from an explorative case study. In: Materialien zu Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft, Nr. 238.

The institute’s publications also include 15 book editions published in the own book series Critical Studies on Markets and Society (Kritische Studien zu Markt und Gesellschaft), which have been published by Metropolis Marburg since 2009. Figure 4 shows the peer-reviewed publications since 2009:

Figure 4: Peer-reviewed Publications, 2009-2022

![Peer-reviewed Publications, 2009-2022](source)

Source: Own presentation
In addition, the ICAE has been publishing an own working paper series since 2010, in which current research results are published. Up to 31.12.2022, 144 working papers were published.

Figure 5: Working Papers, 2010-2022

4. Presentations/Moderations/Panel Discussions

The tasks of the institute's staff also include presentations at conferences, at universities and other events, participation in and moderations of panel discussions, etc. Up to 31.12.2022, a total of 623 such appointments took place.

Figure 6: Number of Presentations etc., 2010-2022

Source: Own survey; for 2020: due to the Corona pandemic, conferences only took place to a limited extent in 2020; the same applies to other event formats
5. Media Echo

In the course of establishing the research work and publishing the results, there was also an increasing media presence, which can be seen in the dissemination of the ICAE’s work in the media.

*Figure 7: Media Presence, 2010-2022*

The main areas of focus here are reports on study results by media editors or own statements in e.g., newspapers and blog media as well as in interviews. Up to 31.12.2022, a total of 312 media appearances or references were made.

6. Organisation and Co-organisation of Conferences

The ICAE has so far organised 38 conferences. These were, on one hand, scientific conferences (‘ICAE Annual Conference’) and political science conferences (‘Summer Academies’): 9 ICAE Annual Conferences and 8 Summer Academies have taken place so far. On the other hand, since 2016 there has been an increase in international cooperation and the ICAE has been the organiser or co-organiser of 21 further conferences. As a result, the institute’s presence at international conferences has increased in recent years, e.g., through the self-organisation of workshops, sessions, etc.

7. Teaching

Since the founding of the institute, the staff have taught courses at the University of Linz and other universities and colleges. The main areas of focus are courses on pluralist economics, political economy, history of economic thought, socio-economics, methods of socio-economics, agent-based modelling, philosophy of science and others.

8. Qualifications and Awards

Research projects and publications at the ICAE are linked with the aim of enabling the staff at the Institute to gain the corresponding qualifications. Since the institute was founded, three staff members have completed three habilitations and three doctorates. Currently, five further doctoral projects are being carried out at the ICAE.
Qualifications

Habilitations


Doctorates


Awards

For their work, employees were able to receive various national and international awards and prizes, a total of 21 by mid-2023, with the 21st award being the highest endowed grant for young scientists in Austria, awarded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

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Department of Public Finance and Infrastructure Policy, TU Vienna |
| 15  | 2019 | Johanna Rath | Förderpreis SOWI  
University of Graz |
| 14  | 2018 | Philipp Heimberger | Eduard-März-Prize  
Society for Plural Economics |
| 13  | 2018 | Claudius Gräbner (with Birte Strunk) | Herbert Simon Prize  
European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy |
| 12  | 2017 | Philipp Heimberger | Kurt Rothschild Prize for Economic Journalism 2017  
Karl-Renner Institute |
| 11  | 2016 | Jakob Kapeller, Bernhard Schütz, Dennis Tamesberger | Kurt Rothschild Prize for Economic Journalism 2016  
Karl-Renner Institute |
Federation of Austrian Industry in Cooperation with the Catholic Private University Linz |
| 09  | 2016 | Claudius Gräbner | Young Researcher Award in Plural Economics 2016  
Institute for Institutional Change, University of Witten-Herdecke |
| 08  | 2016 | Claudius Gräbner | Segnitz-Preis für die beste wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Dissertation 2016  
University of Bremen and Segnitz Society |
| 07  | 2014 | Jakob Kapeller, Bernhard Schütz, Dennis Tamesberger | Best Paper Award 2014  
Progressive Economy Forum in the European Parliament |
| 06  | 2014 | Jakob Kapeller | Appreciation Prize 2014  
Land Upper Austria |
| 05  | 2014 | Philipp Heimberger | Appreciation Prize 2014  
Ministry for Science, Research and Development |
| 04  | 2013 | Bernhard Schütz, Jakob Kapeller | K. William Kapp Prize 2013  
The European Association of Evolutionary Political Economy |
| 03  | 2013 | Jakob Kapeller | Egon-Matzner-Prize for Socio-Economics 2013  
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