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Current Position

Postdoctoral Researcher

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY

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Linz, Austria

Nov. 2021 - PRESENT

Professional Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY

Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler University;

Linz, Austria

Nov. 2020 - October 2021

Research Associate

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY

Department of Economics, Johannes Kepler University; Christian Doppler Laboratory "Aging, Health and the Labor Markets";

Linz, Austria

April. 2015 - October 2020

Education

2015-2020 **Economics**, PhD, Johannes Kepler University

2012-2015 **Economics**, Master of Science, Leopold Franzens University Innsbruck

2008-2012 **Management and Economics**, Bachelor of Science, Leopold Franzens University Innsbruck

Research

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Exiting Primary Care Providers" in *Health Economics*, 2024, Vol. 33, Issue 5, pp 1033-1054; [\[Link\]](#)

"Health care utilization of refugees" with Thomas Schober, in *International Migration Review*, 2022, Vol. 56, Issue 3, pp 810-842 [\[Link\]](#)

"The Company you keep - Health Behavior among Work Peers" with Gerald J. Pruckner and Thomas Schober, in *European Journal of Health Economics*, 2020, Vol. 21, Nr. 2, pp 251-259; [\[Link\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS

"Effect of physician's gender on patients health care" with Gerald J. Pruckner and Flora Stiftinger, 2024, R&R in *Journal of Health Economics*; [\[Link\]](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Austrian Healthcare System: Changes and Challenges" with Alexander Ahammer and Rene Wiesinger, in Baltagi, B.H. and Moscone, F. (Ed.): *The Sustainability of Health Care Systems in Europe* (Contributions to Economic Analysis, Vol. 295); [\[Link\]](#)

REPORTS

"Kindergesundheit in (Ober-)Österreich" with Gerald J. Pruckner, 2024, report for the *Forschungsbeirat* including: Abteilung für Gesundheit des Landes Oberösterreich, Österreichische Gesundheitskasse (ÖGK), Ärzt:innenkammer für Oberösterreich (AEKOOE), Kepler Universtitätsklinikum GmbH (KUK), and Oberösterreichische Gesundheitsholding; [\[Link\]](#)

"Pädiatrisches Pilotprojekt in Kirchdorf" with Gerald J. Pruckner and Thomas Schober, report for the Österreichische Gesundheitskasse, Ärzt:innenkammer für Oberösterreich, and Pyhrn-Eisenwurzen Klinikum Kirchdorf;

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Effect of Child Nudging on Health Outcomes: Results from School Health Examinations" with Johanna Reuter (Johannes Kepler University); Contribution: Empirical strategy and data analysis, Data curation, Writing the manuscript.

“The Systematic Shortcomings of Opportunistic Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy” with Matthias Bolz (Kepler University Hospital), Marina Casazza (Kepler University Hospital), Josef Huemer (Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), and Gerald J. Pruckner (Johannes Kepler University)

“Investigating Stroke Risk Profiles in Austria and Their Sensitivity to Climate Change” with Anna Heidbreder (Kepler University Hospital), Raimund Helbok (Kepler University Hospital), Gerald J. Pruckner (Johannes Kepler University), Patrizia Spiandorello (Kepler University Hospital), Jeanette Tas (Kepler University Hospital), Milan Vosko (Kepler University Hospital);

“The effect of first-time stroke on labor market participation” with Matthew Forrest Boersig McPhillips (Johannes Kepler University), Dominika Kocanova (Johannes Kepler University), and Gerald J. Pruckner (Johannes Kepler University);

Third Party Funded Project

ISAAC

Euro 249,880

LINZ INSTITUTE FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE, JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY

2025-2026

Title: Investigating Stroke Risk Profiles in Austria and Their Sensitivity to Climate Change; **Principals:** Raimund Helbok (Kepler University Hospital) and Gerald J. Pruckner (Johannes Kepler University); **Departments:** Department of Neurology and Department of Health Economics, Johannes Kepler University; **Team:** Anna Heidbreder, Raimund Helbok, Gerald J. Pruckner, Patrizia Spiandorello, Jeanette Tas, Milan Vosko, Katrin Zocher

Services to the Profession

2022-2024

Chair of the Early Career Committee of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA)

2024

Organizer: *EuHEA Online Workshop “The European Job Market for Economics”* with speakers David Schindler (Chair EMJE, Tilburg University) and Luisa Wallossek (University of Oslo); September 19, 2024.

Co-Organizer: *EuHEA Conference “The EuHEA PhD-student & Supervisor conference 2024* in Luzern; together with local host Stefan Boes (University of Lucerne) and his team; August 28-30, 2024.

2023

Co-Organizer: *Workshop “9th Workshop of the DGGÖ Committee Gesundheitsökonomie”* in Linz; together with Simon Reif (ZEW Mannheim); November 30 - December 1, 2023.

Organizer: *EuHEA Online Workshop “Make it reproducible and publish it!”* with speakers Bruce Hollingsworth (Lancaster University) and Jan Marcus (Free University in Berlin); October 18, 2023.

Co-Organizer: *EuHEA Conference “The EuHEA PhD-student & Supervisor conference 2023* in Bologna; together with local host Davide Dragone (University of Bologna) and his team; September 7-8, 2024.

Co-Organizer: *EuHEA Online Workshop “Modelling the Demand for and Supply of Health Services”* with speaker Luigi Siciliani (University of York); together with Francesco Longo (University of York); April 26, 2023.

Honors & Awards

2020	JKU Young Researchers’ Award , for outstanding academic achievements during the doctoral studies from the Johannes Kepler University; Euro: 500	JKU
2017	Dissertation Fellowship , from the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) for the project “Health Care Utilization of Refugees”. Euro: 4,000	NOeG

Skills

Programming Languages Stata, LaTeX, R, Python (basics)
German (native), English (fluent), Italian (basics)

Presentation

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2024**
 - Croatian Health Economics Workshop, Dubrovnik [May]
 - Spanish Health Economics Conference, Teneriffe [June]
 - European Health Economics Association (EUHEA) Conference, Vienna [July]
 - EuHEA PhD-Student and Supervisor Conference, Lucerne [August]
 - Operations Research (OR) in Health Care & Disaster Management, Vienna [scheduled October]
- 2023**
 - EuHEA PhD-Student and Supervisor Conference, Bologna [September]
- 2022**
 - 14. DGGÖ, Annual Meeting, Hamburg [March]
 - European Health Economics Association (EUHEA) Conference, Oslo [July]
- 2019**
 - EuHEA PhD-Student and Supervisor Conference, Galway [September]
 - International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Conference, Basel, [July]
 - 11. DGGÖ, Annual Meeting, Augsburg [March]
 - Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA), Annual Conference, Vienna [March]
- 2018**
 - 10. DGGÖ, Annual Meeting, Hamburg [March]
 - Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Annual Meeting, Vienna [May]
 - European Health Economics Association (EUHEA), Conference 2018, Maastricht [July]
- 2017**
 - Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Annual Meeting, Linz [May]
 - International Health Economics Association (iHEA), Conference, Boston [July]
- 2016**
 - European Health Economics Association (EuHEA), Conference, Hamburg
- 2015**
 - Austrian Health Economics Association (ATHEA), Annual Conference, Graz
 - 10th DIBOGS-Workshop, Bielefeld

Teaching

LECTURER

- 2024**
 - Course: Gesundheitsökonomie, BSc level at the JKU
 - Seminar: Health Seminar, MSc level at the JKU
 - Course: Health Economics II, MSc level at the JKU
 - Course: Economics of Transformation, BSc level at the JKU and University of Applied Arts Vienna
- 2023**
 - Seminar: Public Finance, Environment and Health, BSc level at the JKU
- 2022**
 - Course: Health Economics II, MSc level at the JKU
- 2021**
 - Intensifying course: Einführung Mikroökonomie; BSc level at the JKU
- 2020**
 - Intensifying course: Einführung Mikroökonomie; BSc level at the JKU
- 2019**
 - Intensifying course: Einführung Mikroökonomie; BSc level at the JKU

THESIS ADVISOR

Supervision of Bachelor and Master theses in the area of health economics and applied econometrics.

References

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