

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Research interests

- History and theories of development and underdevelopment
- Global political economy and uneven development
- Neoliberal transformation and counter-movements in the global South

## Academic career and professional appointments

- 2000–09 Lecturer and Senior Scientist at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Vienna
- 2001–05 Research associate in the project “Transformation and urban processes in Latin America”, Institute for Urban and Regional Research at the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2006–08 Research associate in the project “New instruments and new musicians in the globalization scenario. Promoting and strengthening new actors and new perspectives on civil society facing globalization” (with partner institutions in Latin America and Eastern Europe)
- 2008–09 Research associate in the network „The Making of Neoliberalism“, New York University and Social Science Research Center Berlin
- 2009 Senior Scientist at the Institute of African Studies/International Development, University of Vienna
- Since 2009 Post-doc at the Institute of Sociology, Johannes Kepler University
- 2013–2019 Head of the Department for Policy and Development Research, Institute of Sociology, Johannes Kepler University
- Since 2019 Head of the division “Global Sociology and Development Research”

## Education

- Studies of history, political science, philosophy and non-European history, University of Vienna
- Doctoral thesis “From a National Bourgeoisie to a Transnational Class? Class Formation and Catch-Up Development in Chile 1820–2005” (with excellent success), University of Vienna, Institute of Economic and Social History (2009)

## Reviewer for

Critical Policy Studies, Development and Change, Global Society, Journal of International Relations and Development, Austrian Journal for Development Studies, Momentum Quarterly, Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie, Peripherie

Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research, Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility

### **Research projects and research stays abroad**

- 2001–2004 several research stays in Santiago de Chile, research project „Transformation and Urban Processes“
- 2005 affiliated scholar at the International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, research project „The Making of Neoliberalism: How Neoliberalism Became a Transnational Movement“
- 2005/06 Santiago de Chile, research stay for the dissertation project “Transnational class formation”
- 2012 and 2014 research fellow at the Social Science Research Center Berlin, project group „Modes of Economic Governance“, research project „Transnational Expert-, Consulting- und Lobby/Advocacy-Networks and the Role of Think Tanks“
- 2012 research stay in Buenos Aires, Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento (UNGS), “Financial governance and central bank(er)s in Latin America in periods of crisis”
- 2013 research stay in Santiago de Chile, research project „Transnational Expert-, Consulting- und Lobby/Advocacy-Networks“
- 2015 Research fellow at the Social Science Research Center Berlin, Research Unit "Inequality and Social Policy"
- 2012–2015 research project “Increasing Inequality within and among Nations: Causes, Effects, and Prospective Action”, co-ordinator of work package Redistribution in the non-OECD world (funded by the Hans Böckler Foundation, Germany)
- 02–2017 research stay in Guatemala, project “Neoliberalismo autoritario en Guatemala” in Guatemala, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Instituto de Investigación y Proyección sobre el Estado, Ciudad de Guatemala
- 01/02–2017 research stay in Chile, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago de Chile, in the course of the project “La transformación de las élites en una sociedad emergente – distinción, tolerancia y transnacionalización de las élites empresariales chilenas” (funded by CONICYT)
- 09–2019 research stay at Renmin University of China, School of Philosophy, Beijing
- 01/02–2020 field research in Chile, invited by the Instituto de Historia, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, in the course of the project “Estado, Desempleo y Neoliberalismo”; research stay in Chiloé (Los Lagos), investigation on conflicts between labor and environment around the global salmon industry.

### **Further professional activities**

- General editor (1997–2013) and member of the editorial staff of the *Austrian Journal for Development Studies / Journal für Entwicklungspolitik* (peer reviewed)
- Board member of the Mattersburg Circle for Development Studies at Austrian Universities, vice chair 2005–2007, chairwoman 2007–2019
- Co-editor of the book series *History and Social Studies-International Development*
- Co-editor of the book series *Investigaciones – Research on Latin America*
- Member of the coordinating committee of the Network on Global Capitalism
- Deputy chairwoman of the Institute for Political Economic Studies
- Member of the scientific board of the Master Course of Latin American Studies at the postgraduate center, University of Vienna (2014–2016)
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association Austria
- Member of council of the Social Inequality Section of the Austrian Sociological Association
- Consultant of the Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC) on global political economy (public event series and workshops for an expert audience)

## Selected Publications

### Monographs

- 2008 Internationalismen. Transformation weltweiter Ungleichheit im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Wien: Promedia/Südwind (edited with Susan Zimmermann)
- 2008 Klassiker der Entwicklungstheorie. Von Modernisierung bis Post-Development. Wien: Mandelbaum (edited with Gerald Hödl and Wiebke Sievers)
- 2010 Globale Güterketten. Weltweite Arbeitsteilung und ungleiche Entwicklung. Wien: Promedia/Südwind (edited with Christian Reiner and Cornelia Staritz)
- 2011 Eine Klasse für sich. Besitz, Herrschaft und ungleiche Entwicklung in Chile 1830–2010. Baden-Baden: Nomos
- 2016 Rohstoffe und Entwicklung. Aktuelle Auseinandersetzungen im historischen Kontext. Wien: new academic press (edited with Johannes Jäger and Lukas Schmidt)
- 2016 Handbuch Entwicklungsforschung. Wiesbaden: Springer (co-edited with Gerhard Hauck and Manuela Boatcă)
- 2017 Clases dominantes y desarrollo desigual. Chile entre 1830 y 2010. Santiago de Chile, Colecciones Ediciones Universidad Alberto Hurtado
- 2019 Globale Ungleichheit. Über Zusammenhänge von Kolonialismus, Arbeitsverhältnissen und Naturverbrauch. Wien: Mandelbaum (co-edited with Margarete Grandner)
- Capitalism in Transformation: Movements and Countermovements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. (Co-edited with Roland Atzmüller, Brigitte Aulenbacher, Ulrich Brand, Fabienne Décieux, Birgit Sauer)

### Selected articles in journals and edited books

- Neoliberal Think Tank Networks – an introduction. In: Global Dialogue. Magazine of the International Sociological Association 8 (2), 2018, 8-9, <http://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/neoliberal-think-tank-networks>
- The Atlas network: littering the world with free-market think tanks. In: Global Dialogue. Magazine of the International Sociological Association 8 (2), 2018, 10-11, <http://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/the-atlas-network-littering-the-world-with-free-market-think-tanks>
- El salmón *frontier*: ascenso y caída de la industria global del salmón en Chile. En Ramírez, Martín/Schmalz, Stefan (comp.): ¿Fin de la bonanza? Entradas, salidas y encrucijadas del extractivismo. Buenos Aires: Editorial Biblos Sociedad 2018, 159-173.
- Neoliberal Think Tank Networks in Latin America and Europe: Strategic Replication and Cross-National Organizing (together with Dieter Plehwe). In: Murray, G./Salas-Porras, A. (eds.): Think Tanks and Global Politics – Key Spaces in the Structure of Power. Basingstoke: MacMillan-Palgrave 2017, 159-186.
- Die Weltkarte der Vermögensungleichheit – Reichtum, Vermögen und Wohlstand in globaler Perspektive. In: Dimmel, Nikolaus et al. (Hg.): Handbuch Reichtum. Innsbruck/Wien/Bozen: StudienVerlag 2017, 34-50.
- Ungleicher Tausch – Grundannahmen, Widersprüche und aktuelle Bedeutung eines umstrittenen Theorems. In: Z. Zeitschrift marxistische Erneuerung (27) 105, 2016, 140-157 (with Rudy Weissenbacher)
- Was ist Neoliberalismus? Geschichte, Grundüberzeugungen und Strategien des neoliberalen Denkkollektivs. In: SWS-Rundschau (56) 1, 2016, 6–26.

- Are targeting and universalism complementary or competing paradigms in social policy? Insights from Brazil, India and South Africa. In: International Journal of Labour Research (6) 1, 2014, 75-93 (with Bernhard Leubolt and Debdulal Saha)
- La formación de la sociedad civil neoliberal en América Latina: redes de think tanks e intelectuales de la nueva derecha. En: Ramírez, Hernán (ed.): O neoliberalismo sul-americano em clave transnacional: enraizamento, apogeu e crise. Coleção Estudos Históricos Latino-Americanos – EHILA (E-book Vol. 1). São Leopoldo: Oikos; Editora Unisinos, 2013, 58-78 (with Dieter Plehwe)
- Continuity and Variety of Neoliberalism: Reconsidering Latin America's Pink Tide. In: Revista de Estudos e Pesquisas sobre as Américas (REPAM) 13 (2), 2019, 166-202. (together with Dieter Plehwe) Online: <http://periodicos.unb.br/index.php/repam/index>
- Theorien globaler Ungleichheit. In: Fischer, Karin/Grandner, Margarete (eds): Globale Ungleichheit. Über Zusammenhänge von Kolonialismus, Arbeitsverhältnissen und Naturverbrauch. Wien: Mandelbaum 2019, 142-168. (together with Bernhard Leubolt)
- Soy expansion and countermovements in the Global South: a Polanyian perspective. In: Atzmüller, Roland et al. (eds.): Capitalism in Transformation: Movements and Countermovements in the 21st Century. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 2019, 212-227. (together with Ernst Langthaler)
- “Ganar la batalla de las ideas”: el rol de los *think tanks* en la reconfiguración de la centro-derecha chilena (con Stéphanie Alenda y Andrea Gartenlaub). En: Stéphanie Alenda (ed.): Anatomía de la derecha chilena: Estado, mercado y valores en tiempos de cambio. Santiago: Fondo de Cultura Económica Chile 2020, 119-156.
- Dependenz trifft Güterketten. Zur Überausbeutung von Arbeit im Globalen Süden. In: PROKLA 198, 50 (1), 33-51.
- Development thinking and practice in inter-American perspective. In: Tittor, A./Leubolt, B./Hawkins, D. (eds.): Rethinking the Americas, vol III, Key Topics in Political Economy and Governance. Farnham [u.a]: Ashgate Publishing, forthcoming 2020.

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