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Research Interests

📣 Political Communication ⚙️ Computational SocSci 🇪🇺 European Politics
🧪 Science Communication 📄 Text-as-Data 🇦🇹 Austrian Politics

Skills

🐍 Python 📊 STATA 🧪 Experimental Research
📊 R 📊 SPSS ⚙️ Automated Text Analysis
🔗 L^AT_EX 🖱️ Netlogo 🧠 Large Language Models

Academic Employment

- 2023 – 2027 **Researcher (Prae-Doc)**, *University of Vienna*
Member of the POLCOM Research Group
Conducting research on political communication, focusing on the role of science in political discourses
- 2022 **Research Assistant**, *Centre for European Integration Research (EIF)*
Contributed to research projects on digitization-related policies in the European Union
- 2020 – 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Vienna*
MA courses and lectures on advanced qualitative methods and media innovation
- 2019 – 2022 **Tutorial Lecturer**, *University of Vienna*

Academic Education

- 2023 – 2027 **PhD in Communication Science**, *University of Vienna*
Dissertation: *The Role of Science in Contemporary Political Discourses: Content, Dynamics, Effects*. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Sophie Lecheler & Dr. Jakob-Moritz Eberl
- 2020 – 2023 **MA in Communication Science**, *University of Vienna*
Thesis: *Social Contagion in the Context of Vaccination Willingness: A Simulation Model* (excellent). Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Annie Waldherr
- 2020 – 2022 **MA in Political Science**, *University of Vienna*
Thesis: *Talking About Europe: Communicative Patterns and Sentiment in Austrian Parliamentary Speeches When Talking About the EU* (excellent). Supervisor: Prof. Markus Wagner, PhD
- 2017 – 2020 **BA in Journalism and Communication Science**, *University of Vienna*
- 2014 – 2020 **(MA) Diploma in German Philology and Geography/Economy**, *University of Vienna*
Thesis: *The Subjective Nation? A Socio-Historically Accentuated Politolinguistic Analysis* (excellent). Supervisor: Dr. Manfred Glauninger

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2024 winter **Proseminar Research Practice**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.1 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2024 summer **Statistical Data Analysis (R)**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.3 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)

- 2024 summer **Quantitative Data Collection**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.3 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2023 winter **Statistical Data Analysis (SPSS)**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.3 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2023 winter **Quantitative Data Collection**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.3 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2020 – 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Vienna*
Courses and lectures on advanced qualitative methods and media innovation
- 2019 – 2022 **Tutorial Lecturer**, *University of Vienna*
Courses on research logic and philosophy of science. Evaluation (mean): 1.2

Research

- Journal Articles **Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (forthcoming). *Science on the Political Stage: Analyzing Representations of Science in Austrian Parliamentary Discourse*.
- Stockinger A., **Wiesner, D.**, Schäfer, S., & Lecheler, S. (forthcoming). *Countering or Deleting Incivility? How User Attitudes Shape Content Moderation Perceptions and Effects*.
- Roney, C., **Wiesner, D.**, Riedl, A., & Eberl, J.-M. (forthcoming). *Rally and Recalibrate: Political Dynamics Of Audience Expectations Of Journalism During Times of Crisis*.
- Work in Progress **Wiesner, D.**, Stockinger, A., & Lecheler, S. *Effects of Politicized Science Communication on Science Trust*.
- Georgarakis, G., Hokamp, D., & **Wiesner, D.** *The Association between Partisan Misperceptions and Attitudes against Democratic Deliberation*.
- Berghammer, C., Bernhard-Harrer, J., & **Wiesner, D.** *The representation of paternity leave in the Austrian media discourse*.
- Conference Presentations Roney, C., **Wiesner, D.**, Riedl, A. & Eberl, J.-M. (2024, October 18). *Rally and Recalibrate: Political Dynamics Of Audience Expectations Of Journalism During Times of Crisis* [Paper presentation]. Presentation at the 10th Conference of the International Journal of Press / Politics (IJPP), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2024, October 15). *Science on the Political Stage: Content and Context of Science References in Parliamentary Debates* [Paper presentation]. Studying Parliaments and the Role of Knowledge (SPARK) Workshop, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2024, September 25). *Politicized or neglected? The role of scientific knowledge in parliamentary debates* [Paper presentation]. 10th European Communication Conference (ECRA), Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2024, August 14). *Science on the Political Stage: The Role of Science in Parliamentary Debates* [Paper presentation]. ECPR General Conference 2024, Dublin, Ireland.

Prizes and Awards

- 2024 **Best Teaching Award** for excellent teaching in Communication Science, University of Vienna.
- 2020 – 2023 **4x Performance Scholarships** for top MA Students in Political Science and Communication Science, University of Vienna.

Academic Community Service

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International Communication Association (ICA), Behaviour & Information Technology

Discussant

ECPR General Conference, SPARK

Onboarding Mentor

in the *Buddy Initiative* for new Colleagues at the Department of Communication

Member of the Curricular Working Group for Science Communication

to design the curriculum for the new study module *Science Communication* at the University of Vienna

Member of the Organizing Committee

for the International COMPTTEXT 2025 Conference in Vienna

Public Engagement



United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria

Member and Graduate from the Global Advancement Programme (GAP)



Volunteer Fire Brigade St. Veit im Innkreis, Upper Austria

currently Active Member

2013 – 2020 Deputy Fire Chief

Languages

German Native

English Advanced

Additional Training

Advanced Text Analysis, Dr. Petro Tolochko & Dr. Fabienne Lind, University of Vienna

Text Analysis of Political Speech, Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch, University of Vienna

Linguistic Discourse Analysis, Prof. Dr. Peter Ernst, University of Vienna

Automated Image and Video Analysis, Dr. Felicia Loecherbach, ViDSS

Political Communication Summer School, ECPR, Amsterdam

R Advanced, University of Vienna

Python Advanced, University of Vienna

Academic Writing (English C1), University of Vienna

Research Data Management, University of Vienna

Referees

Prof. Dr. Sophie Lecheler, Department of Communication, University of Vienna

Dr. Jakob-Moritz Eberl, Department of Communication, University of Vienna