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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 Europe
- 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 Glauning

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2024 winter **Proseminar Research Practice**, *University of Vienna*
- 2024 summer **Statistical Data Analysis (R)**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.4 (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: 1.2 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2023 winter **Quantitative Data Collection**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.4 (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



Publications

- 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*.
- Georgarakis, G., Hokamp, D., & **Wiesner, D.** (forthcoming). *The Association between Partisan Misperceptions and Attitudes against Democratic Deliberation*.
- 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

- 2020 – 2023 **4x Performance Scholarships** for top MA Students in Political Science and Communication Science, University of 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**
Deputy Fire Chief (2013 – 2020)
Active Member (currently)

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
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
Prof. Dr. Annie Waldherr, Department of Communication, University of Vienna
Prof. Markus Wagner, PhD, Department of Government, University of Vienna