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Research Interests

Political Communication

Science Communication

Computational Social Science

Academic Employment

- 2023 – 2027 **Research Associate (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 digitalization-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*

Prizes and Awards

- 2026 **Top Student Paper Award** Political Communication Division of the International Communication Association (ICA)
- 2024 **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

Research

Journal Articles Roney, C.*, **Wiesner, D.***, Riedl, A. A., & Eberl, J.-M. (2025). *Rally and Recalibrate: Political Dynamics of Audience Expectations of Journalism During Times of Crisis*. The International Journal of Press/Politics, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/19401612251375203>

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- Under Review **Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (Under Review). *Science on the Political Stage: Analyzing Representations of Science in Austrian Parliamentary Discourse*.
- Wiesner A., **Wiesner, D.**, Lecheler, S., & Schäfer, S. (Under Review). *Countering or Deleting Incivility? How User Attitudes Shape Content Moderation Perceptions and Effects*.
- Wiesner, D.** (Under Review). *Who Cites Science? Understanding the Salience of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Debates*.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., Wiesner, A., & Lecheler, S. (Under Review). *Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility and Communicator Trustworthiness*.
- Berghammer, C., Bernhard-Harrer, J., & **Wiesner, D.** (Under Review). *Media discourses on fathers' parental leave in Austria, 1990-2024*.
- Work in Progress **Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M. & Lecheler, S. *The Construction of Epistemic Authority in Parliamentary Debates*.
- Chmielowski, A., & **Wiesner, D.** *The Role of Science Communication in Raising Democratic Awareness*.
- Conference Presentations **Wiesner, D.** (2026, September 8-11). *Who Refers to Science? Understanding the Use of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Debates* [Paper presentation]. ECPR General Conference 2026, Krakow, Poland.
- Wiesner, D.**, Wiesner, A., Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2026, September 8-11). *Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility and Communicator Trustworthiness* [Paper presentation]. ECPR General Conference 2026, Krakow, Poland.
- Chmielowski, A., & **Wiesner, D.** (2026, September 8-11). *Heralds of Democracy: The Role of Science Communication in Raising Democratic Awareness* [Paper presentation]. ECPR General Conference 2026, Krakow, Poland.
- Wiesner, D.** (2026, June 16). *Who Refers to Science? Understanding the Salience of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Debates* [Poster presentation]. Day of Parliamentary Research, Austrian Parliament, Vienna, Austria.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2026, June 16). *Performative reasoning: The strategic use of epistemic authority in parliamentary debates* [Paper presentation]. Day of Parliamentary Research, Austrian Parliament, Vienna, Austria.
- Wiesner, D.**, Eberl, J.-M., Wiesner, A., & Lecheler, S. (2026, June 7). *Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility and Communicator Trustworthiness* [Paper presentation]. 76th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wiesner, D.** (2026, June 5). *Who Refers to Science? Understanding the Salience of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Debates* [Poster presentation]. 76th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Cape Town, South Africa.
- Wiesner, D.**, Wiesner, A., Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2026, May 7). *Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility and Communicator Trustworthiness* [Paper presentation]. Kommunikationswissenschaftliche Tage (KWT) der ÖGK, Salzburg, Austria.
- Wiesner, D.** (2025, September 25). *Who Cites Science? Explaining Scientific Evidence Use in Parliamentary Debates Across Ten European Democracies* [Paper presentation]. 11th Annual Conference of the Austrian Society for Political Science (ÖGPW), Salzburg, Austria.

Wiesner, D., Wiesner, A., Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2025, September 5). *Trust Me, I Cite Science: How Political Communication Drawing on Science Affects Message Credibility* [Paper presentation]. ECREA Political Communication Section Interim Conference, Innsbruck, Austria.

Wiesner, D., Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2025, June 16). *Science on the Political Stage: Analyzing Representations of Science in Austrian Parliamentary Discourse* [Paper presentation]. 75th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Denver, USA.

Stockinger, A., **Wiesner, D.**, Lecheler, S., & Schäfer, S. (2025, June 14). *Countering or Deleting Incivility? How User Attitudes Shape Content Moderation Perceptions and Effects* [Paper presentation]. 75th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Denver, USA.

Wiesner, D., Eberl, J.-M., & Lecheler, S. (2025, April 25). *Implemented, Ignored, or Instrumentalized? Using LLMs to Identify the Use of Scientific Evidence in Parliamentary Speeches* [Paper presentation]. 7th International COMPTExT Conference, Vienna, Austria.

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 (ECREA), 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.

Skills



Academic Teaching Experience

- 2026 winter **Statistical Data Analysis (R)**, University of Vienna
- 2026 winter **Proseminar Research Practice**, University of Vienna
- 2026 winter **Proseminar Research Practice in Digital Media**, University of Klagenfurt
- 2026 summer **Statistical Data Analysis (R)**, University of Vienna
- 2025 winter **Proseminar Research Practice**, University of Vienna
Evaluation Result: 1.10 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2024 winter **Proseminar Research Practice**, University of Vienna
Evaluation Result: 1.07 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2024 summer **Statistical Data Analysis (R)**, University of Vienna
Evaluation Result: 1.26 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)

- 2024 summer **Quantitative Data Collection**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.26 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2023 winter **Statistical Data Analysis (SPSS)**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.27 (1 = excellent, 5 = insufficient)
- 2023 winter **Quantitative Data Collection**, *University of Vienna*
Evaluation Result: 1.31 (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): 1.15

Academic Community Service

Reviewer

International Communication Association (ICA), European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), Public Understanding of Science, Behaviour & Information Technology

Chair

COMPTExT Conference, ECPR General Conference

Discussant

ECPR General Conference, SPARK Workshop

Onboarding Mentor

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

Member of the Curricular Commission 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 COMPTExT 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

Referees

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

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