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PAST POSITIONS

1996-1999 Assistant (“Universitätsassistent”) at the Department of Economics
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May – June 2002 Research Visitor at the Research Department of the Bank of Finland

EDUCATION

1988 - 1993 Study of Economics at the University of Vienna

1993 - 1994 Study of Economics at the University of California-San Diego

1994 Graduation, University of Vienna

1994-1996 Post-graduate study in Economics at the Institute for
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2001 Graduation to Doctor of Economics, University of Vienna

WORK IN PROGRESS

Nowcasting economic activity with high-frequency data, digitalization in banking and payments, causal effects of financial innovation on money demand and payment behavior, the effect of peer groups on economic perceptions and decisions

Current Working Papers

“Financial Innovation, Payment Choice and Cash Demand – Causal Evidence from the Staggered Introduction of Contactless Debit Cards” (with M. Brown, N. Hentschel, H Mettler), Oesterreichische Nationalbank Working Paper No. 230.

“How Peer Groups Influence Economic Perceptions” (with M. Knell), 2019, Oesterreichische Nationalbank Working Paper No. 227.

“Banking crises, Bail-ins and Money Holdings” (with M. Brown and I. Evangelou), 2017, Central Bank of Cyprus Working Paper, No. 2017-2.

“Doomed to Disappear? – The Surprising Return of Cash Across Time and Across Countries” (with C. Jobst), 2017, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 12327, September.

“The Role of Card Acceptance in the Transaction Demand for Money” (with K. Huynh, P. Schmidt-Dengler), Oesterreichische Nationalbank Working Paper No. 196.

“Foreign Currency Loans and Loan Arrears of Households” (with E. Beckmann and J. Fidrmuc), OeNB Working Paper No. 181.

PUBLICATIONS

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- “Choosing and Using Payment Instruments: Evidence from German Microdata”, 2013, *Empirical Economics*, 46, 1019–1055 (with U. v. Kalckreuth and T. Schmidt).
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- “Does the Broad Public Want to Consolidate Public Debt? – The Role of Fairness and of Policy Credibility”, 2013, *Kyklos*, 66(1), 102-129.
- “The Impact of the Crisis on Foreign Currency Borrowing of Households in CESEE - Implications for Economic Policy”, 2012, *East-West Journal of Economics and Business*, XV(1-2), 37-47 (with E. Beckmann).
- “The Effect of Raising Deposit Insurance Coverage in Times of Financial Crisis -- Evidence from Croatian Microdata”, 2011, *Economic Systems*, 35, 496-511 (with N. Prean).
- “Euroization: What Factors drive its Persistence? Household Data Evidence for Croatia, Slovenia and Slovakia”, 2010, *Applied Economics*, 43 (21), 2689-2704.
- “Perceived Inflation and the Euro: Evidence from an Austrian Survey”, 2009, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 25, 547–561.
- “The Impact of Central Bank Intervention During Periods of Speculative Pressure - Evidence from the EMS”, 2007, *German Economic Review*, 8 (3), 399-427.
- “The Effectiveness of Central Bank Intervention in the EMS: The Post-1993 Experience”, 2006, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 25 (4), June, 551-674 (with P. Brandner and H. Grech).
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- “How Robust are Money Demand Estimations?”, 2006, A Meta-Analytic Summary of Findings about Income Elasticities”, *Kredit und Kapital*, Vol. 38(4), 515-540 (with M. Knell).
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996-2002 Courses and lectures at the University of Vienna and the Fachhochschule Vienna on macroeconomics, introductory economics, applied econometrics, introductory monetary theory and policy

AWARDS

Young Economists Award 2003 of the Austrian Economic Association

REFEREEING

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