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WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Economist

Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) [11/2005 – Current]

Address: Arsenal, Objekt 20, 1030 Vienna (Austria)

Academic research and consulting of national and international policy makers in the field of Industrial Economics, Innovation and International Competition.

Areas of research

- Firm demography and performance
- Industrial economics, industrial policy and competitiveness
- European integration
- Development economics
- Investment surveys

Selected recent activities

- Research Group Coordinator (Dec. 2016 - June 2019)
- Study lead at WIFO of "Import competition and industrial competitiveness: Evidence for the EU and Austria", financed by the Anniversary fund of the OeNB.
- Keynote speaker at Businesseurope Workshop (Single Market Committee) hosted by the Federation of Austrian Industries (IV) in Vienna in October 2018 on 'Priorities for the Single Market'.
- Keynote speaker at a Private Sector Development Workshop hosted by the World Bank in Kampala (Uganda) in May 2018 on 'Innovation and Structural Change'.

External lecturer

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Wien), Institute of Macroeconomics [03/2014 – Current]

Address: Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna (Austria)

- Lecture in development economics (Bachelor/Master level), organisation of two day workshops with development practitioners (e.g., <https://www.wu.ac.at/economics/vw-zentrum/events/vergangene-veranstaltungen/detail/economic-development-days-2017/>)

Visiting researcher

Sant'Anna Scuola Universitaria Superiore Pisa [11/2019 – 11/2019]

Address: Piazza Martiri della Libertà 33, 56127 Pisa (Italy)

- Research

Visiting researcher

The Ratio Institute [03/2016 – 04/2016]

Address: Sveavägen 59, 11359 Stockholm (Sweden)

- Research

Visiting researcher

Sheffield University Management School, Institute of Work Psychology [10/2014 – 12/2014]

Address: Conduit Road, South Yorkshire S10 1 FL Sheffield (United Kingdom)

- Research

Staff (JPO) of 'South Asia Finance and Private Sector Development'

The World Bank Group [11/2009 – 10/2011]

Address: 1818 H Street, 20433 Washington DC (United States)

- Key contributions to the design of an investment lending project in Bangladesh (PSD, Special Economic Zones; Report No: 53729-BD)
- Lead in the design, management, and analysis of firm level surveys (Co-Task-Team-Leader of Enterprise Surveys);
- Policy consulting; drafting of official documents and reports. Country focus on Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.

Doctoral student / research assistant

Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) [10/2004 – 10/2005]

Address: Arsenal, Objekt 20, 1030 Vienna (Austria)

- Contributions to projects in the fields innovation in the mobile phone industry and telecom regulation

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PHD in economics

University of Graz, Austria, Department of Economics [2003 – 2006]

Address: Graz (Austria)

Level in EQF : EQF level 8

Thesis title: '**Innovation and Competition in Mobile Telephony in the EU**'

Empirical research that directly contributed to debates about innovation policy and sector specific regulation

Masters in Business Administration

University of Graz [1998 – 2003]

Address: Graz (Austria)

Level in EQF : EQF level 7

Accounting and Control

Bachelor of Arts majoring in Economics

University of Paisley (University of West Scotland) [2000 – 2001]

Address: (United Kingdom)

Level in EQF : EQF level 6

International economics and finance

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):

German

English

LISTENING: C2 **READING:** C2 **UNDERSTANDING:** C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

Dutch

LISTENING: B2 **READING:** B2 **UNDERSTANDING:** B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: B1 **SPOKEN INTERACTION:** B1

Italian

LISTENING: B1 **READING:** B1 **UNDERSTANDING:** B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: B1 **SPOKEN INTERACTION:** B1

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

Good communication skills gained through my experience as a university lecturer and various management positions

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

- Coordination of national and international projects and interaction with the client
- Lead of multicultural teams
- Coordination of the organisational unit (incl. HR, budgeting and strategic development)
- Organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

Job-related skills

- Designing, drafting and dissemination of policy reports at an international quality level
- Academic publishing in international peer-reviewed journals
- Numerous presentations at international conferences
- Extensive management experience
- Referee for academic journals in the field of industrial organisation (e.g., World Development; Small Business Economics; Industry and Innovation, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Economics and Statistics).

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office / Stata: statistical software for data science / SAP / SPSS / Matlab / EViews / R

TRAINING (SELECTION)

Training (selection)

- ‘Measuring Causal Effects in the Social Sciences’, Coursera (2014), Course held by Anders Holm (University of Copenhagen).
- ‘Essid’ in Dubrovnik (2007), The Economics of Science, Summer School, Scientific Organiser: Bocconi University
- ‘European Science Days’ in Steyr (2006), Science and Education, Summer School, Scientific Organiser: Harvard University
- A variety of World Bank training courses (e.g., Fundamentals of the Bank’s Operations, Public Procurement; 2009-2011)
- Dutch language course and NT2-II certificate (“tweede moedertaal”), University of Groningen

PUBLICATIONS

Selected publications, August 2020

- Friesenbichler, Klaus, Hölzl, Werner, “High-growth firm shares in Austrian regions: the role of economic structures”, Regional Studies, forthcoming.
- Friesenbichler, Klaus, Glocker, Christian, Hölzl, Werner, Kaniovski, Serguei, Kügler, Agnes, Reinstaller, Andreas, Streicher, Gerhard, Stehrer, Robert, Stöllinger, Roman, Leitner, Sandra, Hanzl-Weiss, Doris, Reiter, Oliver, Adarov, Amat, Bykova, Alexandra, Siedschlag, Iulia, Di Ubaldo, Mattia, Studnicka, Zuzanna, “Drivers and Obstacles to Competitiveness in the EU: The Role of Value Chains and the Single Market”, Background documents for the European Semester, European Union, 2017, <https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/28183/attachments/1/translations/en/renditions/native>.
- Friesenbichler, Klaus, Peneder, Michael. “Innovation, competition and productivity in developing countries – Evidence from Eastern Europe and Central Asia”, Economics of Transition, 24 (3), 2016, 535-580.
- Böheim, Michael, Friesenbichler, Klaus “Exporting the competition policy regime of the European Union: Success or Failure? Empirical evidence for acceding countries”, Journal of Common Market Studies, [54\(3\)](#), 2016, 569–582.
- Clarke, George, Friesenbichler, Klaus, Wong, Michael, „Do Indirect Questions reduce Lying About Corruption? Evidence from a Quasi-Field Experiment”, Comparative Economics Studies, 57(1), 2015, 103-135.
- Friesenbichler, Klaus, Clarke, George, Wong Michael, “Price Competition and Market Transparency: Evidence from a Random Response Technique”, Empirica - Journal of European Economics, 41, 2014, 5-21.