



Personnel



Maik Schneider

Maik T. Schneider accepts the call to the Joseph A. Schumpeter Professorship for Public Economics at the University of Graz. Maik's main research interest is in the field of Public Economics, which he also combines with the field of innovation and economic growth. Furthermore, he has a research focus in the area of political economy. Maik's research addresses key challenges for the future, such as the economic impact of artificial intelligence, on which he recently completed a research project funded by the Leverhulme Trust. His research is regularly published in leading international journals, such as the *Economic Journal*, the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, the *Journal of Economic Growth* and the *European Economic Review*. Maik has a strong international network and is the co-founder and organiser of the annual workshop series "Political Economy: Theory meets Empirics", which has been bringing together leading international researchers in the field of political economy to discuss the latest research for nine years already. Maik studied Industrial Engineering at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and obtained his PhD in economics at the Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg with a scholarship from the German Research Foundation (DFG). He then held an assistant professorship at ETH Zurich and was a visiting scholar at Stanford University. Later in his academic career, Maik held a professorship of economic policy at the University of Bath, UK, before following the call to the Joseph A. Schumpeter Professorship for Public Economics at the University of Graz at the beginning of the winter semester 2023-24.

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Viktoria Rohrer

Viktoria Rohrer successfully passed her PhD viva on March 29. She wrote her dissertation on the "Strategic Dimensions of Mitigation-adaptation Games: Timing and Heterogeneity". Viktoria received for her dissertation and for her viva the highest possible mark (excellent). She received two external reports by Professor Jean-Francois Jacques (University Gustave Eiffel, Paris, France) and Professor Alejandro Caparros (University of Durham, Durham, UK) and was examined by Professor Jean-Francois Jacques in her viva. Her first supervisor was Michael Finus.

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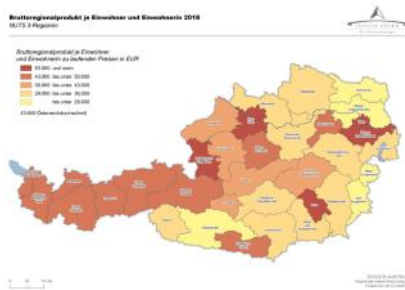
Ebony Granada

Ebony began her PhD at the Institute of Economics under the supervision of Michael Finus in December 2022. After completing her undergraduate studies in Australia, Ebony came to Austria to undertake the Economics masters program at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Her research interests are in game theory and environmental economics which is the general topic of her first project with Michael Finus and Francesco Furini (University of Hamburg). Specifically, they are working on integrating solar geoengineering in international environmental agreements on mitigation.

Michael Finus

Michael Finus' Honorary Professorship at the University of Bath has been renewed in 2023 for a further three years term.

Project



Standort Graz

At the beginning of March 2023 the project "Standort Graz", commissioned by the city of Graz and headed by Michael Steiner, was launched. The Graz metropolitan area is the fastest growing economic area in Austria. The aim of the project is to monitor this area on the basis of selected issues and to communicate the results to decision-makers and the interested public. This serves to pass on science-based observations with regard to regional and urban economic development trends in order to secure the locational quality of Graz and its metropolitan area.

Events



Online Workshop: "Modelling the Covid-19 Pandemic"

The team of the FWF project "Agent-based economic epidemiology" hosted a successful online workshop about the topic "Modelling the Covid-19 Pandemic" on November 23-24, 2022, via WebEx. Presentations were given by external speakers from the WHO, Imperial College, UCL and University of Tokyo, among others, as well as by the project team: Patrick Mellacher talked about modelling the economic and health impact of global vaccine inequality. Simon Plakolb reported about his efforts in creating a model that is able to capture viral evolution in a parsimonious hybrid agent- and equation-based model. Finally, Magdalena Rath gave a presentation about modelling the short- and long-term effects of the Covid-19 lockdowns on gender inequality.

Events continued

Environmental Sustainability and Protection Forum

In the aftermath of the conference “Environmental Protection and Sustainability Forum” held in Graz in September 2022, organized by Stefan Borsky, Michael Finus, Birgit Bednar-Friedl and Karl Steininger, a special issue is launched on “Transboundary and Global Environmental and Resource Problems” in the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management. The deadline for submitting papers is May 31, 2023.



Vienna-Graz-Workshop on Computational Social Choice, March 6-7, 2023

In March the first of an intended series of annual Vienna-Graz-Workshops in Computational Social Choice took place in Graz. The organizers Christian Klamler and Stefan Woltran (Technical University of Vienna), together with the local organizers Andreas Darmann and Daniel Eckert, brought together researchers from Graz and Vienna to discuss with various international guests the application of normative criteria from economics to the new field of social epistemology in general and epistemic democracy in particular. Among the invited international guests were researchers from the University of Amsterdam such as Davide Grossi and Adrian Haret with papers on “Condorcet Markets“, resp. “Deliberation as Evidence Disclosure“, and Zoi Terzopoulou from the recently founded Groupe d’Analyse et de Théorie Economique Lyon-Saint-Etienne with a talk on “Managing and Aggregating Group Evidence under Quality and Quantity Trade-offs“. In very fruitful discussions of the various presentations, the understanding of the surprisingly close connections between the approaches from social choice theory and those from computer science to the exploration of the normative aspects of collective decision making have been deepened and planted the seeds for further cooperation.

Save the dates

- **Economic Policy Forum with Hansjörg Klausinger**

On Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m., the Schumpeter Centre will host an Economic Policy Forum with ao. Univ-Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Klausinger in SZ 15.21.

- **Graz Schumpeter Lectures**

The next Graz Schumpeter Lectures will take place from Monday, November 20 to Thursday, November 23, 2023. The renowned economist Prof. Kaushik Basu could be won as a lecturer.

- **Graz Schumpeter Winter School: Agent-based Economics**

The Graz Schumpeter Centre will host a Winter School on “Agent-based Economics” between January 15-19, 2024. The school will continue the successful Graz Schumpeter School series after a hiatus related to the Covid-19 pandemic. This event will be the first winter school after six summer schools since 2007. We are happy to welcome the following distinguished experts in the field in Graz: Prof. Tiziana ASSENZA, Toulouse School of Economics, Prof. Herbert DAWID, Bielefeld University, Prof. Domenico DELLI GATTI, Catholic University of Milan and Prof. Andrea ROVENTINI, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa)

Editorial Assignments

- **Michael Finus:** Environmental and Resource Economics: Co-Editor
- **Christian Gehrke:** Metroeconomica: Editor, The European Journal of History and Economic Thought: Editorial board member, CEconomia. History, Methodology, Philosophy: Editorial board member, Bulletin of Political Economy: Editorial board member
- **Robert Hill:** Review of Income and Wealth: Editorial board member
- **Christian Klamler:** Theory and Decision: Editorial board member, Mathematical Social Sciences: Editorial board member
- **Hans Manner:** Empirical Economics: Associate editor
- **Ronald Wendner:** Macroeconomic Dynamics: Associate editor, Studies in Microeconomics: Editorial board member

Media Mentions

Michael Steiner

- 29.01.2023 Kleine Zeitung: „Die Welt ist nicht so schlecht, wie wir glauben“ – Essay am Sonntag
- 24.02.2023 ORF Steiermark: „Inflation“, Interview
- 09.03.2023 Kleine Zeitung: „Frühjahrslohnrunde“, Interview
- 19.04.2023 ORF Steiermark heute: „Inflation: Auch Sozialpartner sind gefordert“, Interview
- 19.04.2023 ORF Radio Steiermark: „Inflation: Haushalte unter Druck, auch Konsumenten haben Marktmacht“, Interview

Miriam Steurer

- Grazetta: „Auf dem Bremsweg“, Interview (Grazetta 03, 2023, 4-9)

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