



## Mario Holzner

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2001 – CURRENT Vienna, Austria  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (SINCE 2019) AND ECONOMIST THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)**  
Responsibility for general management, finances and personnel. Coordinating economic policy development and communication with a focus on European economic policy. Working inter alia on issues of infrastructure investment in greater Europe, proposing a European Silk Road.

**Address** Rahlgasse 3, 1060, Vienna, Austria | **Website** [www.wiiw.ac.at](http://www.wiiw.ac.at)

03/2009 – 06/2021 Vienna, Austria  
**LECTURER UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Lecturing applied econometrics in the economics bachelor and diploma degree programme.

**Business or Sector** Education

04/2000 – 08/2000 Vienna, Austria  
**PROJECT ASSISTANT THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)**

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10/2000 – 09/2001 Austria  
**SOCIAL WORKER NATIONAL SERVICE IN A REFUGEE CENTRE OF VOLKSHILFE ÖSTERREICH**

08/1998 – 09/1998 Austria  
**RESEARCH INTERNSHIP RAIFFEISEN ZENTRALBANK (RZB) RESEARCH TEAM FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

07/1997 – 08/1997 Austria  
**RESEARCH INTERNSHIP RAIFFEISEN ZENTRALBANK (RZB) RESEARCH TEAM FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

09/1996 – 09/1996 Austria  
**INTERN THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BROADCASTING (ORF)**

07/1996 – 07/1996 Austria  
**INTERN RAIFFEISEN ZENTRALBANK (RZB) DEPARTMENT FOR SECURITIES SETTLEMENT**

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

10/2016 – CURRENT Vienna, Austria  
**PH.D. (HISTORY)** University of Vienna

07/2016 Barcelona, Spain  
**SUMMER SCHOOL** Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Recent Developments in Forecasting and Forecasting Computer Lab summer school courses

Training in investment and finance, external and internal accounting, controlling as well as tax law for nonprofit organisations

03/2002 – 11/2005 Vienna, Austria

**PH.D. (ECONOMICS)** Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

**Field of study** Economics | **National classification** Dr. rer. soc. oec.

10/1994 – 01/2002 Vienna, Austria

**MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)** Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

**Field of study** Economics | **National classification** Mag. rer. soc. oec.

01/1998 – 06/1998 Netherlands

**SOCRATES/ERASMUS STUDENT MOBILITY PROGRAMME** Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Field of study** Economics

## ● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **GERMAN, CROATIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● **PUBLICATIONS**

### Complete list of publications

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## ● **NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

### Advisory bodies and editorial boards

1. Board Member of the Austrian Society for European Politics (OeGfE)
2. Board Member of the Research Center for the History of Transformations (RECET)
3. Board of Trustees member of the Austrian Centre for Public Administration Research (KDZ)
4. Member of the programme committee of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (CFA/ÖFZ)
5. Member of the International Advisory Board of the Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade (IEN)
6. Member of the Editorial Board of the 'Economic Systems' journal
7. Member of the Editorial Board of the 'Croatian Economic Survey' journal
8. Member of the Editorial Board of the 'Economic Thought and Practice' journal
9. Member of the Editorial Board of the 'stanovništvo' journal
10. Visiting Scholar of the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business
11. Member of the Pezinok Group on Strategic Autonomy
12. Reviewer for the Anniversary Fund of Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)
13. Refereeing for Cambridge Journal of Economics, Eastern European Economics, Economic Modelling, Economic Systems, Empirica, Europe-Asia Studies, Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Post-Communist Economies, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, The World Economy

## Policy advice

1. Co-initiator and co-designer of a research-based alternative **European Covid-19 recovery programme** investing in public health, transport infrastructure, energy and decarbonisation with a European value added in response to the Covid-19 crisis, in collaboration with the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) in Düsseldorf and the Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques (OFCE) in Paris, 2020
2. Initiator and architect of the **European Silk Road initiative** - a comprehensive, research-based policy proposal for a European high-speed-railway transport network, complementary to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), 2018-2022
3. Team of economic advisors of the Former President of the Republic of Croatia Stjepan Mesić
4. Advisor of Ukraine-war task forces at the Austrian social partners and the City of Vienna
5. DG GROW fellow 2023

## ● **PROJECTS**

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### **Complete list of projects**

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## ● **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

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### **Organisational skills**

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Coordinating a research network within the framework of the World Bank Global Development Network South East Europe.

Coordinating a research network within the framework of the wiiw research project 'Measuring the costs of protection in the Southeast European Countries', financed by the Jubilee Fund of the Austrian National Bank.

## ● **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

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### **Communication and interpersonal skills**

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Ranked as No. 5 most central person in the Twitter-follower-network of economists in German-speaking countries according to the German Economic Institute (IW Köln) in 2018.

At wiiw enjoying work in a multicultural environment; elected to the workers' council of the institute in 2004 and 2008. Involved in many projects with other research institutes and universities.

Did social work with refugees and providing housing guidance for immigrants during my National Service in a refugee centre of Volkshilfe Österreich.

Webmaster of the Balkan Observatory website and mailing list ([www.balkan-observatory.net](http://www.balkan-observatory.net))

## ● **OTHER SKILLS**

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### **Other skills**

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- Yacht master licence for motorised and sailing crafts in coastal waters
- Short range maritime radio operator certificate
- SLR and DSLR photography