

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data

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Education (Selection)

- Since 04/21 **PHD Candidate** in “Sozialwirtschaft” at the JKU, Linz
- 08/2019 **Summer School** „Exploring Economics“ on Marxism, Neudietendorf, Germany
- 09/18-01/21 **Master Ökonomie (M.A.)**, Cusanus Hochschule, Germany
- 08/2018 **Summer School** „Exploring Economics“ on Ecological Economics, Neudietendorf, Germany
- 08/2017 **Summer School** „Exploring Economics“ on Inequality, Neudietendorf, Germany
- 03/17-11/19 **Sociology (MA.)**, Universität Vienna, Austria
- 03/15-06/18 **Economics (B.Sc.)**, Wirtschaftsuniversität, Vienna (WU), Austria
- 09/14-09/16 **Sociology (BA.)**, Universität Vienna, Austria

Work Experience

- Since 09/23 **PhD scholarship („Doc-Team“)** from ÖAW (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften), JKU Linz
- Since 03/23 **Lecturer** at FH Campus for “The socio-ecological transition and sustainable management”
- Since 03/21 **Lecturer** at FH BFI Wien for “Asymmetric Crisis”, “Research practice” and “International macro-economics”
- 06/2020 **Lecturer** at Cusanus Hochschule, “Macht, Subjekt, Kritik bei Foucault“
- 03/20–12/23 **Research Assistant** at “SPACE” (Spatial Competition and Economic Policy), HBS Project on “Infrastructure policy” and AK project on “railway industries”, JKU Linz
- 03/20-03/19 **Student Assistant** at “The Certificate Project of the Network for Pluralism in Economics”
- 11/18- 09/19 Organisation of the „**Herbstakademie der Cusanus Studierendenschaft e.V.**“, Bernkastel-Kues, Germany

- 08/18- 03/19 Organisation of the „**2nd Conference on Pluralism in Economics**“, Vienna
- 02-10/2018 **Researcher-Assistent** at “**UNICEF/Asylkoordination**” in a project on accompanied minor refugees
- 01/17-09/18 **Student Assistant** at the department for Economics (WU), Vienna
- 08-09/2016 Internship in Controlling at **Roemmers** in **Buenos Aires**, Argentina
- 2015 **Editor** at „Progress“ (Issue 1/2015, 2/2015, 2/2016, 3/2016)
- 03-06/2017 **Researcher-Assistent** at “SI-ALT” inquiry (2016)
- 09/14-01/16 **Waitress** at Cafe Menta, Vienna

Conferences (Selection)

- 10/2024 **HPMA-Conference**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Reinventing Competitiveness”, Vienna, Austria
- 09/2024 **EAEPE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Reinventing Competitiveness”, Bilbao, Spain
- 06/2024 **SASE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Unravelling implicit and explicit rules of competition” (written with Susanna Azevedo and Theresa Hager), Limerick, Ireland
- 09/2023 **EAEPE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “The charm of emission trading: Ideas of German Public economists” (written with Rouen Reinke), Leeds, England
- 10/2022 **Momentum Congress**, Presentation of “Wettbewerbsfähige Nachhaltigkeit – Die Lösung unserer Probleme?“, Hallstatt, Austria
- 09/2022 **EAEPE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Reinventing Competitiveness”, Neaples, Italy
- 07/20212 **SASE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Reinventing Competitiveness” and of “Winning urban competition with a social agenda. The competition imaginary in Viennese urban development plans” (written with Susanna Azevedo, Georg Wolfmayr, Carina Altreiter and Stephan Pühringer), Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 11/2021 **Young Economists Conference**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Governing the Ungovernable”, Linz, Austria
- 10/2021 **Momentum Congress**, Presentation of “Der Wert von Arbeit“, Hallstatt, Austria
- 09/2021 **EAEPE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Governing the Ungovernable”, online
- 07/2021 **SASE**, Presentation of the Working Paper “Governing the Ungovernable”, online
- 03/2021 **IMPRS (Max Planck Institute)**, First Doctoral Conference, Presentation of the Working Paper “-Governing the Ungovernable”, online
- 10/2020 **Momentum Congress**, Presentation of “Der größte Trumpf Europas – Eine

Rekonstruktion des Denkens über die Wirtschaft der Europäischen Kommission“ (master thesis), online

- 10/2019 **Momentum Congress**, Presentation of “Der Wert des Widerspruchs”, Hallstatt, Austria
- 08/2019 **Workshop at “Klimacamp”**, “The TINA-narrative”, Leipzig, Germany
- 07/2019 **Workshop at “Attac-summer-academy”**, for the Network for Pluralism in Economics, “Economics – What can be said in public discourses?”
- 07/2019 **Workshop at “Fridays-For-Future Summer-academy”**, for the Network for Pluralism in Economics, “Growth, BIP and Welfare”, Dortmund, Germany
- 02/2019 **Workshop at “GSÖBW”**, “Chantal Mouffe and the Pluralism debate”, Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- 10/2018 **Momentum Congress**, Presentation of Bachelor Thesis (Economics), Hallstatt, Austria
- 08/2018 **Scholar** at „Europäisches Forum Alpbach“, Alpbach, Austria
- 03/2018 **Writing Workshop** “Ecological Economics” (Workshop Topic: EU-Policy Discourse on Digitalization), Vienna, Austria
- 09/2017 **Presentation of the bachelor thesis** at „Studentischen Kongress für Soziologie“, Chemnitz, Germany

Awards

- 09/ 2024** **REPE Best-paper award** with Rouven Reike for “The contribution of qualitative methods to economic research in the polycrisis.” In: *Revolutionary Political Economy*.
- 06/2024** **JKU Young Researchers Award** for “Political sovereignty in tension with global capitalist accumulation: The case of the European socio-economic strategy.” In: *Critical Policy Studies*

Relevant Publications

Porak, L. und Pühringer, S. (2025): The discursive power of economics in the neoliberal era. In: Handbook of Critical Discourse Studies. SAGE. (forthcoming)

Reinke, R. und Porak, L. (2025): The charm of emission trading. Ideas of German economists on economic policy in times of crisis. *Journal of Economic Issues* (forthcoming)

Degen, S., Müller, H., Porak, L und Winkin, M. (2024): Vergesellschaftung zukunftsweisend gestalten. In: Vergesellschaftung und die sozial-ökologische Frage. Oekonom Verlag.

Porak, L. und Reinke, R. (2024): The contribution of qualitative methods to economic research in the polycrisis. *Revolutionary Political Economy*. Vol. 5, 31-49.
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43253-024-00116-2>

Porak, L. (2023b): Political sovereignty in tension with global capitalist accumulation: The case of the European socio-economic strategy. *Critical Policy Studies*, 1–24.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2023.2274542>

Porak, L. (2023a): Wettbewerbsfähige Nachhaltigkeit: eine Historisch-Materialiste Policy Analyse der Europäischen Grünen Transformation. In: Momentum Quaterly (forthcoming)

Altreiter, C.; Azevedo, S.; Porak, L.; Pühringer, S.; Wolfmayr, G. (2022): Winning Urban Competition with a Social Agenda. The competition imaginary in Viennese Urban Development plans. In: Urban research and practice.

Porak, L.; Schröter, G. (2021): Strategie für einen Wandel der ökonomischen Lehre und warum es diese braucht. In: Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen. Vo. 34. No. 4.

Porak, L. (2021): Governing the Ungovernable. Recontextualizations of ‚Competition‘ in European Policy Discourse. In: SPACE Working Paper Series, No. 13.

Piétron, D.; Porak, L.; Thieme, S. (2020): Plurale Ökonomik – Eine kurze Einführung. In: Thielscher, Christian (Hg.): [*Wirtschaftswissenschaften verstehen*](#). Wiesbaden: Springer Verlag, S. 189–205.

Pühringer, S.; Porak, L.; Rath, J. (2020): [Talking about Competition? Discursive shifts in the economic imaginary of competition in public debates](#). In: SPACE Working Paper Series, No. 6.

Languages

- German – Native
- English – Fluent
- Spanish – Conversational
- French – Basic