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WORK EXPERIENCE

THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW) – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
SENIOR ECONOMIST – 2013 – CURRENT

Research Focus: economics of innovation and technical change, labour markets, skills and skills mismatch, digitisation and digital skills, changes in employers' skill and qualification requirements (using web-based sources), entrepreneurship, inequality, migration and mobility, and refugee integration.

UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
LECTURER – 2015 – 2017

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (IFG) – LINZ, AUSTRIA
PROJECT ASSISTANT – 2013 – CURRENT

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS – LINZ, AUSTRIA
LECTURER – 2002 – 2019

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY (JNIAS) – NEW DELHI, INDIA
VISITING FELLOW – 2012 – 2013

THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW) – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
RESEARCHER – 2010 – 2012

THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW) – VIENNA, AUSTRIA
RESEARCHER – 2006 – 2008

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS – LINZ, AUSTRIA
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – 2006 – 2008

INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND REGIONAL POLICY, INTEREG, JOANNEUM RESEARCH GRAZ – GRAZ, AUSTRIA
RESEARCHER – 2005 – 2006

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (PIDS) – MANILA, PHILIPPINES
VISITING RESEARCHER – 2003 – 2004

JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY – LINZ, AUSTRIA
RESEARCH ASSISTANT – 1999 – 2002

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2001 – 2009 Maastricht, Netherlands
PH.D. (ECONOMICS) University of Maastricht

Website <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/> | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8

2008 – 2009 Amsterdam, Netherlands
M.SC. (CONTEMPORARY ASIAN STUDIES) University of Amsterdam

Website <https://www.uva.nl/en> | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8

Website <https://www.jku.at/> | Level in EQF EQF level 8

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **GERMAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

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

SKILLS

Stata (Software for Statistics and Data Science) | Non-Linear Control (MATLAB) | LaTeX (very good) | Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

PUBLICATIONS

Complete list of publications

Link <https://wiiw.ac.at/files/staff/list-of-publications/list-of-publications-sandra-m-leitner-s-657.pdf>

PROJECTS

Complete list of projects

Link <https://wiiw.ac.at/files/staff/list-of-projects/list-of-projects-sandra-m-leitner-s-657.pdf>

CONSULTING PROJECTS

05/2025 – 06/2025

Independent Consultant - World Bank

- Developed and applied a dynamic labour supply and demand model for the six Western Balkan countries, assessing labour shortages both in total and differentiated by skill levels.
- Conducted scenario-based analysis (baseline, activation, GDP growth) to identify the 'switchover point' from labour surplus to shortage.
- Delivered policy-relevant insights using demographic, labour market, and macroeconomic data to support workforce and skills planning.