

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

03.2017 – 02.2020  
(anticipated)

### Ph.D. Programme in Economics and Social Sciences

Vienna University of Economics and Business

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Lutz

Working title: *“Survey challenges in health research of the generation 50+ in Europe: The consequences of measurement errors and unit non-response”*

10.2014 – 07.2016

### Master’s Degree in Economics | **top of the class**

Vienna University of Economics and Business, major in applied economics

Master’s Thesis: *“The division of labour within households: Fractional Logit estimates based on the Austrian Time Use Survey”*

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jesus Crespo Cuaresma

07.2015 – 12.2015

### Semester Abroad – University of Sydney, Australia | **with distinction**

School of Economics and Department of Political Economy

04.2011 – 09.2014

### Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and Socio-Economics | **top 5%**

Vienna University of Economics and Business, major in economics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01.2019 - present

### International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Predoctoral Researcher

Project: The demography of sustainable human wellbeing

03.2017 - present

### Vienna Institute of Demography (VID), Austrian Academy of Science

Predoctoral Researcher

Project: Age-specific wellbeing- and transfer accounts – Evaluating intergenerational support

06.2018 – 08.2018

### International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Participant “Young Scientist Summer Program”

Project: Health expectancies based on education-adjusted weights

Supervisors: Dr. Sergei Scherbov and Dr. Warren Sanderson

04. 2018

### Paris School of Economics

Visiting Scholar

Project: Subjective economic wellbeing over the life course

01.2017 – 02.2017

**Chamber of Labour for Vienna, Division of Business Economics**  
Research Assistant, Project: Women on boards

03.2016 – 07.2016

**Vienna Institute of Demography (VID), Austrian Academy of Science**  
Student Assistant, Project: The division of labour within households

01.2016 – 02.2016

**Chamber of Labour for Vienna, Division of Business Economics**  
Research Assistant, Project: Employment in the Austrian service sector

07.2014 – 08.2015

**Freelance Journalist in Economics and Business**  
Der Standard, Portfolio Magazine, and Egger&Lerch

12.2014 – 02.2015

**Chamber of Labour for Vienna, Division of Business Economics**  
Research Assistant, Project: Women on boards

## GRANTS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

2019

**Poster Winner at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting**  
Poster titled "The Subjective Cost of Young Children: A European Comparison", 10-13 April in Austin, USA

2018

**Grant from the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research**  
€ 4,000 to participate in the "Young Scientist Summer Program" at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

2018

**Scholarship from the Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand**  
€ 2,500 to attend the workshop "Demographic Analysis with Applications to Aging Societies" at the College of Population Studies in Bangkok

2017

**1st rank out of 112 in the student ranking (cohort of 2014)**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business,  
Master's Programme in Economics

2016

**Merit-based scholarship grant for the academic year 2015/2016**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business

2015

**Foreign Studies Scholarship**  
Julius Raab Foundation

2014

**Merit-based scholarship grant for the academic year 2013/2014**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business

2014

**Placed in the top 5% of students (cohort of 2011)**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business,  
Bachelor's Programme in Economics and Socio-Economics

2013

**Merit-based scholarship grant for the academic year 2012/2013**  
Vienna University of Economics and Business

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 **Spitzer S.:** Biases in health expectancies due to educational differences in survey participation of older Europeans: It's worth weighting for. IIASA Working Paper WP-19-003.
- 2019 Hammer H.; **Spitzer S.;** Vargha L. and Istenič T.: The Gender Dimension of Intergenerational Transfers in Europe. VID Working Paper 07/2019.
- 2019 **Spitzer, S.** and Weber D.: Who is telling the truth? Biases in self-reported physical and cognitive health status of older Europeans. IIASA Working Paper WP-19-002.
- 2018 **Spitzer, S.;** Greulich, A. and Hammer, B.: The subjective cost of young children: A European comparison. VID Working Paper 12/2018.
- 2016 **Spitzer, S.** and Hammer, B.: The division of labour within households: fractional logit estimates based on the Austrian Time Use Survey. AGENTA Working Paper No 4/2016.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Spitzer, S.** and Shaikh, M.: Health misperception and healthcare utilisation of older Europeans
- Spitzer, S.;** Reiter, C. and Weber, D.: How do physical health shocks affect cognition over time?
- Lutz, W.; Striessnig, E.; Dimitrova, A.; Lijadi, A.; Reiter, C.; **Spitzer, S.** and Yildiz, D.: Years of Good Life (YoGL): A wellbeing indicator designed to serve as sustainability criterion

## PRESENTATIONS

- 04.2019 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Austin, USA
- 03.2019 4<sup>th</sup> Austrian Health Economics Association Conference, Vienna, Austria
- 12.2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Human Fertility Database Symposium at the Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna, Austria
- 10.2018 Talk at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany
- 10.2018 Austrian Health Economics Association PhD Workshop, Vienna, Austria
- 10.2018 7<sup>th</sup> Young Economists Conference, Vienna, Austria
- 09.2018 British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Winchester, UK
- 08.2018 Wittgenstein Centre Workshop on Health & Wellbeing, Vienna, Austria
- 08.2018 YSSP Final Colloquium, Laxenburg, Austria

11.2017	AGENTA Final Conference, Vienna, Austria
09.2017	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Liverpool, UK
06.2017	Young Economists' Meeting, Brno, Czech Republic
04.2016	44 <sup>th</sup> GEDIFO, Vienna, Austria

#### ACADEMIC REVIEWS

Vienna Yearbook of Population Research

Special Report „Health, Demography, and Climate Change”  
by the Austrian Panel on Climate Change (APCC)

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German – native
- English – fluent (TOEFL score 116 out of 120)
- Spanish – intermediate
- Portuguese – basic knowledge

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software	Stata, R, Latex, Mendeley, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, MS Office
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Regression analysis</b>, e.g. longitudinal, multi-level, ordered outcomes</li> <li>▪ <b>Demographic methods</b>, e.g. life table construction, Sullivan's method</li> <li>▪ <b>Survey methods</b>, e.g. post-stratification weights</li> <li>▪ <b>Decomposition methods</b>, e.g. Shapley decomposition, relative importance analysis</li> </ul>
Data	EU-SILC Data, SHARE Data, HRS Data, European Time Use Data, AGENTA Data, World Value Survey Data, Austrian Household Budget Survey Data, Austrian Microcensus Data, Austrian Labour Force Survey Data, Austrian Commercial Register Data

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Training Workshop "Demographic Analysis with Applications to Ageing Societies", Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, two weeks in 2018

#### VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT

- Organiser of the Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2019 "Demographic Aspects of Human Wellbeing", Vienna, 11.11. - 12.11.2019
- Organiser of the Wittgenstein Centre Summer Workshop on Health & Wellbeing, Vienna, 27.8.2018
- Coordinator of the VID Colloquium, Vienna Institute of Demography, Vienna
- Coordinator of the WiC Internal Seminar, Wittgenstein Centre, Vienna