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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health economics (health behaviour) • Demographic economics • Ageing • Measuring health • Data reliability

RESEARCH POSITIONS

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| University of Vienna | 07/2020 - present |
| • Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer, Department of Demography | |
| International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) | 01/2019 - 06/2020 |
| • Research assistant, World Population Programme | |
| Vienna Institute of Demography (VID) | 03/2017 - 06/2020 |
| • Research scientist, Economic Demography group | |
| Chamber of Labour for Vienna | 12/2014 - 02/2017 |
| • Several short-term consultancy contracts, Division of Business Economics | |

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. with specialisation in Economics and Demography | 03/2017 - 04/2020 |
| • Vienna University of Economics and Business | |
| • Thesis: <i>Health measures and healthcare utilisation in ageing populations</i> | |
| • Supervisors: Prof. Wolfgang Lutz and Prof. Alexia Prskawetz | |
| Master's Degree in Applied Economics | 10/2014 - 08/2016 |
| • Vienna University of Economics and Business | |
| • Thesis: <i>The division of labour within households</i> | |
| • Supervisors: Prof. Jesus Crespo Cuaresma and Dr. Bernhard Hammer | |
| Semester abroad | 07/2015 - 12/2015 |
| • University of Sydney, Australia | |
| Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Socio-Economics | 04/2011 - 09/2014 |
| • Vienna University of Economics and Business | |

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH VISITS & INVITATIONS

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| Hertie School, Berlin, Germany | 9/2022 |
| University of Hohenheim, Hohenheim, Germany | 5/2022 |
| Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway | 10/2021 |
| Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany | 10/2018 |
| Paris School of Economics, Paris, France | 04/2018 |

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Spitzer S. and Reiter C. (2023): Demographic change, health care, and long-term care. In M. Getzner, L. Plank, & A.-T. Renner (Eds.), *Handbook of Social Infrastructure*. Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

Spitzer S. and Shaikh M. (2022): [Health misperception and healthcare utilisation among older Europeans](#), *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*

Spitzer S., Di Lego V., Kuhn M., Roth C., and Berger C. (2022): [Socio-economic environment and survival in patients after ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction \(STEMI\): A longitudinal study for the City of Vienna](#), *BMJ Open*

Spitzer S., Shaikh M., and Weber D. (2022): [Older Europeans' health perception and their adaptive behavior during the COVID-19 pandemic](#), *European Journal of Public Health*

Scherbov S., **Spitzer S.**, and Steiber N. (2022): [Thresholds for clinical practice that directly link handgrip strength to remaining years of life: Estimates based on longitudinal observational data](#), *BMJ Open*

Spitzer S., Greulich A., and Hammer B. (2022): [The subjective cost of young children: A European comparison](#), *Social Indicator Research*

Lutz W., Striessnig E., Dimitrova A., Ghislandi S., Lijadi A., Reiter C., **Spitzer S.**, and Yildiz D. (2021): [Years of good life is a well-being indicator designed to serve research on sustainability](#), *PNAS*

Hammer, B., **Spitzer S.**, and Prskawetz, A. (2021): [Age-specific income trends in Europe: The role of employment, wages, and social transfers](#), *Social Indicator Research*

Spitzer S. (2020): [Biases in health expectancies due to educational differences in survey participation of older Europeans: It's worth weighting for](#), *The European Journal of Health Economics*

Spitzer S., Di Lego V., Greulich A., and Muttarak R. (2020): [A demographic perspective on human wellbeing: Concepts, measurement and population heterogeneity](#), *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*

Hammer H., **Spitzer S.**, Vargha L., and Istenic T. (2020): [The gender dimension of intergenerational transfers in Europe](#), *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing*

Reiter C. and **Spitzer S.** (2020): [Wellbeing in Europe: Decompositions by country and gender for the population 50+](#), *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*

Spitzer S. and Weber D. (2019): [Reporting biases in self-assessed physical and cognitive health status of older Europeans](#), *PLOS ONE*

EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

Spitzer S., Di Lego V., Greulich A., and Muttarak R. (Eds.) (2021): [Demographic aspects of human wellbeing](#), *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*

TEACHING, MENTORING & SUPERVISION

Teaching at the University of Vienna

2021 - present

- Advanced quantitative data analysis and microeconometrics (Master level)
- Mortality, health and ageing (Master level, with Marc Luy)
- Human capital and economic demography (Master level)
- Scientific working (Master level, with Ester Lazzari and Nicholas Gailey)
- Statistics for social scientists II (Master level)

Mentor of female economics students

2020 - 2021

- *VrauWL* mentoring programme for female economics students

Supervision of PhD theses 2022
The causal effect of schooling on obesity and diabetes in low- and middle-income countries, Lili Liwin, Co-supervision with Daniela Weber at the Young Scientist Summer Programme of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Supervision of Master theses 2023
The impact of 'dirty' cooking on child mortality, Isabell Roitner-Fransecky, University of Vienna

AWARDS & HONOURS

Invited Population Europe Expert 2022

Dr. Maria Schaumayer Foundation Award 2021

Emerging Scholar Award 2021
at the Aging & Social Change Eleventh Interdisciplinary Conference

Award for Outstanding Research Achievements 2020
from the Vienna University of Economics and Business

Honourable mention at the AK Science Award 2020
on *Challenges in public healthcare and long-term care*

Poster winner at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2019 2019
Poster titled *The subjective cost of young children: A European comparison*

1st rank out of 112 in the student ranking (cohort of 2014) 2017
Vienna University of Economics and Business,
Master's Programme in Economics

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Kaiserschild Advance Grant, 2023
The effect of parenthood on human capital and income trajectories over the life course
€ 9,600, Co-PI

Mobility grant for Ph.D. candidates 2020
from the Vienna University of Economics and Business
to visit the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

Grant from the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research 2018
€ 4,000 to conduct research on the reliability of popular health measures during the *Young Scientist Summer Programme* at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Scholarship from the Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand 2018
€ 2,500 to attend the workshop *Demographic analysis with applications to ageing societies* at the College of Population Studies in Bangkok

Merit-based scholarship grant 2016
Vienna University of Economics and Business

Foreign Studies Scholarship 2015
Scholarship from the Stipendienfond (scholarship fund) Julius Raab to study at the University of Sydney, Australia

Merit-based scholarship grant 2014
Vienna University of Economics and Business

Merit-based scholarship grant 2013
Vienna University of Economics and Business

MEDIA COVERAGE & DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

2022	Radio Ö1 • Die Presse • Der Falter • Der Standard • Kronen Zeitung • Daily Mail • ORF ZIB Magazin (TV Interview) • Ö1 Mittagsjournal • Tiroler Tageszeitung • Heute • Portal Hospital Brasil • Gazzetta • Poradnik Zdrowie • Femme Actuelle • ÖAW SciencePop • ORFat • Kurier • Salzburger Nachrichten • Puls24 • Wiener Zeitung • Der Standard • PopDigests • Mein Bezirk • Voice Philly • Kurier • APA • VOL.at • Radio Wien Stadtjournal • ORFat • New Business • Vienna.at • Kronen Zeitung • Newsweek • News18 • ScienceDaily • Studium.at • IIASA News • WIC Fact Sheet • The Hill • European Demographic Data Sheet • Kurier • SciTechDaily • Hello Zdrowie • Clarin • Mediafax • News Medical • Mdienoticias • Irytas • Mint Lounge • Deine Apotheke • Wiener Zeitung • ygeiamou • Kurier • medinlive.at • Zeitung der Arbeit • MedMedia • Dolomiten • Der Standard • Ö1 Nachrichtenjournal • Hindustan Times
2021	Kurier • OEAW ScienceBites Video • European Researchers' Night European Demographic Data Sheet
2020	Wiener Zeitung • Population Europe PopDigest • Nexus Blog
2019	Die Presse • Nutraingredients.com • ScienceDaily • MedicalXpress • Generational Economy • IIASA News • Generational Economy • Nemokennislink.nl

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

OeAW Study Foundation Workshop, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria <i>Where do demographers get their data from?</i>	2022
Research Seminar in Economics, University of Hohenheim, Hohenheim, Germany <i>Parental leave and smoking behaviour: Causal evidence from 14 European countries</i>	2022
Department of Economic Seminar, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway <i>Biased health perception and health behaviour: An overview of Europe and China</i>	2021
500 Women Scientists, IIASA, Laxenburg, Austria <i>Women in leadership in a COVID-19 world</i>	2021
Socioeconomics Research Seminar, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria <i>How healthy are you really? Health misperception and healthcare utilisation among older Europeans</i>	2020
European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, Austria <i>Who is telling the truth? Biases in self-reported physical and cognitive health status of older Europeans</i>	2019
Bildungsverein Offene Gesellschaft, Salzburg, Austria <i>Kinderarmut verstehen (Understanding child poverty)</i>	2019
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany <i>The subjective cost of young children: A European comparison</i>	2018
Gesellschaftspolitisches Diskussionsforum, Vienna, Austria <i>Atypical employment: Trends, facts, myths</i>	2017

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2022	European Health Association Conference, Oslo, Norway • Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, US
2021	International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India (online) • Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Innsbruck, Austria (online) • Austrian Health Economics Association Conference, Vienna, Austria • Population Association of America Annual Meeting, St. Louis, US (online)
2020	Global Meeting on Population and the Generational Economy, Honolulu, Hawaii, US (online) • European Population Conference 2020, Padova, Italy (cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic) • European Health Economics Association 2020 Student-Supervisor Conference, Rotterdam, The Netherlands (online) • Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG), Vienna, Austria
2019	International Workshop on the Socio-economics of Ageing, Lisbon, Portugal • Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, US • Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna, Austria • National Conference on Health Economics, Lisbon, Portugal (talk given by co-author Mujaheed Shaikh) • German-Austrian-Swiss Demographer's Meeting, Vienna, Austria (talk given by co-author Daniela Weber) • Austrian Health Economics Association Conference, Vienna, Austria
2018	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Winchester, UK • European Population Conference, Brussels, Belgium (talk given by co-author Bernhard Hammer) • Austrian Health Economics Association PhD Workshop, Vienna, Austria • Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna, Austria • YSSP Final Colloquium, Laxenburg, Austria • Wittgenstein Centre Workshop on Health and Wellbeing, Vienna, Austria • Young Economists Conference, Vienna, Austria
2017	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference, Liverpool, UK • Wittgenstein Centre Conference, Vienna, Austria • Young Economists' Meeting, Brno, Czechia

ACADEMIC SERVICES & INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

EDITORSHIP

Vienna Yearbook of Population Research	2021-present
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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

Wittgenstein Centre Conference on <i>Demographic aspects of human wellbeing</i> , Vienna, Austria	2019
Wittgenstein Centre Workshop on Health and Wellbeing, Vienna, Austria	2018
Wittgenstein Centre Colloquium Series, Vienna, Austria	2017-2020
Wittgenstein Centre Internal Seminar Series, Vienna, Austria	2017-2020

COMMITTEES

Selection Committee "Master programme Global Demography" at the University of Vienna	2021-present
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REFeree ACTIVITIES

Health Economics • Demography • Social Science & Medicine • Ageing & Society • Vienna Yearbook of Population Research • Special Report on *Health, Demography, and Climate Change* by the Austrian Panel on Climate Change • 5th Asian Population Association Conference • Fondazione Cariplo Programme • Wittgenstein Centre Conference on *Demographic Aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Consequences*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Digital and computational demography , one week Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany	2020
Multistate Models: Analysis from event histories and panel data , one week Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany	2020
Data visualization – the art/skill cocktail , one week International Advanced Studies in Demography Research Training Program Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany	2020
Microsimulation for multidimensional population projections , half day International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria	2019
Demographic analysis with applications to ageing societies , two weeks College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand	2018

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION PARTNERS

- Australian National University, Australia
- Paris School of Economics, France
- Bocconi University, Italy
- Xi'an Jiaotong University, China
- Hertie School Berlin, Germany
- Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary
- University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- University of Hohenheim, Germany
- Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Japan