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Born on November 10, 1982 in Egg, Austria
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CURRENT POSITION

Researcher, Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public-Private Partnerships, Public Procurement, Economics of Regulation, Water Economics, Industrial Organization, Political Economy, Applied Econometrics, as well as Public Finance and Public Sector Economics in general.

EDUCATION

- 2012 **Doctorate in Economics**
WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Dissertation defended on November 29, 2011
Title: *'Institutional and Political Aspects of Public Infrastructure Provision'*
Supervisor: Prof. Gabriel Obermann
Jury : Dr. Markus Leibrecht, PD
 Prof. Christoph Weiss
 Prof. Klaus Gugler
Dissertation awarded with distinction.
- 2008 **M.Sc. Economics (Magister der Volkswirtschaftslehre)**
WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Title: *'Globalization and the Structure of Public Spending'*

PAST POSITIONS

04/2018	Visiting Researcher
02/2018	Austrian Parliamentary Budget Office
05/2017	Short Term Consultant
12/2016	Global Study Water Utility Aggregation, World Bank Group
04/2016	Short Term Consultant
05/2014	Danube Water Program, World Bank Group
2012- 2014	Post-doc Researcher Sorbonne Graduate Business School (IAE de Paris)
05/2012	Consultant
08/2011	Efficiency measurement and utility regulation - Austrian Energy Regulator
2008- 2012	Research and Teaching Assistant in Economics WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
05/2011	Visiting Scholar Sorbonne Graduate Business School (IAE de Paris)
2007- 2008	Student Assistant WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

1. Lisa Chever, Michael Klien (2018): Trading service quality for safety: a cautionary tale from the French 'Robien law' on elevator safety, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*. 53(1): 20-36
2. Michael Klien (2015): The political side of public utilities: How opportunistic behaviour and yardstick competition shape water prices in Austria. *Papers in Regional Science*. 94(4):869 - 890
3. Michael Klien (2014): Tariff increases over the electoral cycle: A question of size and salience. *European Journal of Political Economy*. 36: 228-242.

4. Michael Klien (2014): Corporatization and the behavior of public firms: How shifting control rights affects political interference in water prices. *Review of Industrial Organization* 44(4): 393 – 422.
5. Markus Leibrecht, Michael Klien, and Özlem Onaran (2011): Globalization, welfare regimes and social protection expenditures in Western and Eastern European countries. *Public Choice*, 148(3): 569 – 595.

Publications in policy reports and working paper series

6. Michael Klien and Maria, Salvetti (2018): Water services in selected Central and Eastern European countries. EUI RSCAS; 2018/08; Florence School of Regulation.
7. Michael Klien (2017): Statistical analysis : global study on the aggregation of water supply and sanitation utilities. WSS GSG Utility Turnaround Series. Washington, D.C.
8. Silvia Rocha-Akis, Jürgen Bierbaumer-Polly, Martina Einsiedl, Alois Guger, Michael Klien, Thomas Leoni, Hedwig Lutz, Christine Mayrhuber (2016): Umverteilung durch die öffentlichen Haushalte in Österreich
9. Hans Pitlik, Michael Klien, Margit Schratzenstaller, Christina Seyfried (2015): Umfassende Steuerhoheit der österreichischen Bundesländer
10. Marianne, Audette-Chapdelaine, Michael Klien and Maria Salvetti (2014): Water LPEs in Cities: Three Case Studies. EPPP DP No. 2014-13.
11. Michael Klien and Stéphane Saussier (2014): Local Public Enterprises: A Taxonomy. EPPP DP No. 2014-12.
12. Michael Klien and Thomas Kostal (2010): Lokale Monopole oder strategische Interaktion? Eine empirische Analyse kommunaler Wassergebührenpolitik. *IR - Infrastruktur Recht* 7(11): 281 – 284.
13. Michael Klien, Markus Leibrecht, and Özlem Onaran (2009): Globalization and the Structure of Public Spending in the Western and Eastern EU Member States. *Discussion Papers SFB International Tax Coordination*, 30. Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU).

14. Michael Klien and Philipp Loser (2009): Austrian waste sector. *CIRIEC Working Paper* WP09/10.

15. Michael Klien (2009): Water services in Austria. *CIRIEC Working Paper* WP09/09.

Current working papers

16. Michael Klien and David Michaud: Utility consolidations: Review of existing evidence and lessons from Central and Eastern Europe.

17. Eshien Chong, Michael Klien and Stéphane Saussier: The use and abuse of discretionary procurement procedures: Evidence from the European Union.

18. Eshien Chong, Michael Klien and Stéphane Saussier: The quality of governance and the use of negotiated procedures: Some (un-)surprising evidence from the European Union.

19. Michael Klien and Mickael Melki: Voter Turnout and Intergenerational Redistribution.

20. Michael Klien and Phuong Tra Tran: Public-Private Partnerships in France: Who, Why and Why not?

21. Eshien Chong, Michael Klien and John Moore: Do politicians procure their way to Congress? An empirical analysis of public procurement and elections.

22. Michael Klien: The dynamics of the political budget cycle: An empirical examination of municipal spending in Austria.

CONSULTING & CONTRACT RESEARCH

2017 **World Bank Global Study Water Utility Aggregation**
Analysis of economic consequences of utility aggregations.

2014 **World Bank Danube Water Program**
Analysis of utility performance and sectoral trends.

2013 **OECD Regional Development Policy Division**
Case study on water provision in Stuttgart.

2013 **Thüga Consortium (largest network of German municipal energy and gas providers)**
Methodological re-evaluation of German electricity benchmarking. With Klaus Gugler and Stephan Schmitt.

- 2012 **OECD Regional Development Policy Division**
Local public enterprises – concepts and trends. With Stéphane Saussier.
- 2012 **Energie-Control Austria (Austrian Energy Regulator)**
Appraisal report on benchmarking methods for Austrian power grids. With Klaus Gugler and Stephan Schmitt.
- 2012 **Industriellenvereinigung Oberösterreich (Industry Association)**
Budgetary analysis regarding public expenditure for growth and sustainable development. With Thomas Kostal.

LANGUAGES, IT KNOWLEDGE & INTERESTS

Languages

German : Mother tongue
English : Fluent
French : Advanced

Software

Office : Latex, MS-Office
Statistical software : Python, EViews, Stata, MATLAB, R

Interests

Squash, Running and Skiing, Travel, Movies, Computer games