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## EDUCATION

**PhD in Economics**, *The New School, New York, US* since 2020

Thesis on the Political Economy of Climate Change

Supervisor: David Howell

Current GPA: 4.0

**MSc Socio-Ecological Economics & Policy**, *WU Vienna, Austria* 2018-2020

Thesis on Ecological Macroeconomics

Final GPA: 1.0 (Distinction)

**MA Philosophy**, *Fernuniversität Hagen, Germany* since 2020

Thesis on Frankfurt School and French Post-Marxism

Current GPA: 1.1

**BA Liberal Arts and Sciences**, *University College Maastricht, the Netherlands* 2013-2016

Focus on International Relations and Political Theory

Including a semester abroad at *University College London, UK*

Final GPA 8.5/10 (Distinction)

## PUBLICATIONS

Dengler, C. & Strunk, B. (2022, in press). *Feminisms and the Environment*. In: Pellizzoni, Luigi; Leonardi, Emanuele; Asara, Viviana (Eds.): Handbook for Critical Environmental Politics. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Gräbner, C., & Strunk, B. (2020). Pluralism in economics: its critiques and their lessons. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 27(4), 311-329.

Dengler, C. & Strunk, B. (2018). The Monetized Economy Versus Care and the Environment: Degrowth Perspectives on Reconciling an Antagonism. *Feminist Economics* 24(3), 160-183.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

**Young Scholar Prize by the Keynes Society 2021** for my Master thesis 'Of climate and work: labor market dynamics in ecological macroeconomics' (supervised by Armon Rezai).

**Egon Matzner Award for Socioeconomics 2019** together with Corinna Dengler for our paper 'The Monetized Economy Versus Care and the Environment: Degrowth Perspectives on Reconciling an Antagonism'.

**EAEPE Simon Young Scholar Prize 2018** together with Claudius Gräbner for our paper 'Pluralism in Economics: Its critiques and their lessons'.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- New School for Social Research** 2020-2023  
NSSR Prize Fellowship for PhD Students  
Full funding for tuition and living stipend
- Böckler Foundation** 2018-2020  
Scholarship from the German Unions foundation  
Monthly funding, mentoring support and semester abroad funding
- WU Merit & WU Graduation Scholarship** 2019 & 2020  
Small scholarships for outstanding grades (top 1% in my degree)  
Value each 750€

## FELLOWSHIPS

- ZOE Institute for future-fit Economies** since 2018  
The [ZOE Institute](#), based in Bonn, Germany, is a non-profit think tank that aims to contribute to a sustainable economic transformation via consulting and educational work. Since 2018, I have supported them as a research fellow.
- Balaton Group** since 2018  
As a Donella Meadows Fellow, I have been part of the [Balaton Group](#) since 2018. The Balaton Group has been founded by Donella and Dennis Meadows (the authors of the *Limits to Growth* report) in 1982 and brings together researchers and practitioners throughout the globe who work on system dynamics and sustainability.

## TEACHING

- The New School for Social Research** 2021  
*Teaching Assistant* for Till van Treeck for the course 'Political Economy of Distribution and Growth: United States and Germany'.
- University College Maastricht** 2017-2018  
After finishing my BA degree, I worked full-time as a *Junior Teaching Fellow* for two semesters. The work included teaching entire courses (along pre-existing syllabi), which included holding all course sessions, grading, and office hours. Moreover, I conducted admission interviews, second-graded BA theses, and contributed to the remodeling of the Research Methods courses and the introduction of the UCM Methods Lab. The teaching method I used was [problem-based learning](#) (PBL). Courses I taught over the year were:  
- Philosophy of Science  
- Contemporary World History  
- Theory Construction and Modeling  
- Research Methods I & II  
- Research Project
- Exploring Economics Summer Academy** 2018, 2019, 2021  
At the [Summer Academy](#), organized by the Network for Pluralist Economics and the Protestant Academy of Thuringia, I've taught the week-long, semester equivalent course *Ecological Economics and Degrowth* (twice together with Corinna Dengler, once on my own).

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED TALKS, KEYNOTES AND WORKSHOPS (SELECTION, MOST RECENT)

‘Introduction to Ecological Economics’, Ekonsepto Phillipines Climate Change Webinar (December 2021, online)

‘Introduction to Plural Economics - What is it and why do we need it?’, Rethinking Economics Zambia Launch Event (November 2021, online)

‘Warum braucht es Plurale Ökonomik? Gründe, Kritik, Herausforderungen’ [Why do we need Plural Economics? Reasons, Critique, Challenges] together with Claudius Gräbner, Event by Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna (June 2021, online)

‘Herausforderungen einer pluralen Ökonomik: Implikationen für Theorie und Praxis’ [Challenges of plural economics: implications for theory and practice] together with Claudius Gräbner, Klausurtagung [yearly spring convention] of the German Network for Pluralism in Economics (May 2021, online)

‘Post-Keynesianismus: Eine Einführung’ [Post-Keynesianism: an Introduction], guest lecturer in Corinna Dengler’s course at University Vechta (January 2021, online)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

#### 2016-2021

Conference on Sustainability, Work and Growth by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (2021, online)

Workshop De-growth, zero growth and/or green growth? Macroeconomic implications of ecological constraints by IPE Berlin (2021, online)

Post-Keynesian Economic Society (PKES) conference (2021, online)

Second Vienna Conference for Pluralism in Economics (2019, Vienna, Austria)

Association for Socio-Ecological Education and Research (ASEER) conference (2019, Duisburg, Germany)

Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) conference (2018, Berlin, Germany)

European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) conference (2018, Nizza, France)

European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) conference (2017, Budapest, Hungary)

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFEE) Authors Conference in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (2017, Berlin, Germany)

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFEE) conference (2016, Galway, Ireland)

## OUTREACH

### SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK

#### **Post-Growth Economics Network**

since 2017

Founding member

Elected board member 2019-2021, co-chair 2020-2021

PEN Working Paper Series Working Group

#### **Network for Pluralism in Economics**

since 2014

Founding member of PINE Maastricht

Organizing team member for the Second Vienna Conference for Pluralism in Economics Elected board member 2016-2017

### SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

#### **Policy reports and popular science writing**

Kirchengast, G., Kromp-Kolb, H., Steininger, K., Stagl, S., Kirchner, M., Ambach, C., Grohs, J., Gutsohn, A., Peisker, J., Strunk, B. (2019). Referenzplan als Grundlage für einen wissenschaftlich fundierten und mit den Pariser Klimazielen in Einklang stehenden Nationalen Energie- und Klimaplan für Österreich ([Ref-NEKP](#)), Gesamtband, November 2019, 204 S., CCCA Wien-Graz. Verlag der ÖAW, Wien, Österreich.

Kirchner, M. & Strunk, B. (2021). *Maßnahmen: Was kann Klimapolitik leisten?* [Measures: What can climate policy achieve?] In: [Klimasoziale Politik](#). Eine gerechte und emissionsfreie Gesellschaft gestalten.

#### **Blog articles**

Developing Economics 2021: [Pluralism in economics – its critiques and their lessons](#) together with Claudius Gräbner.

Ökonomenstimme 2020: [Kritik an der Pluralen Ökonomik – Was ist dran und warum ist das wichtig?](#) [Critique of plural economics - what is justified and why does it matter?] together with Claudius Gräbner.

Makronom 2020: [Postwachstum in Zeiten von Corona](#) [Post-growth in times of Corona].

Makronom 2017: [Plurale Ökonomik ist sowohl Kritik als auch gelebte Praxis](#) [Plural Economics is critique as well as practice].

Degrowth.info 2017: [How a feminist degrowth approach can alleviate ecological and gender injustices](#) together with Corinna Dengler.

## SKILLS

*Software:* Microsoft Office, Git, LaTeX, R, Zotero

*Languages:* English (fluent), German (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)