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## **Current positions and affiliations**

**Since 8/2022**

**Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Salzburg (PLUS)**

**1/2022-10/2023**

**Vice-Chair of the Department Sociology & Human Geography at PLUS**

## **Previous positions**

**3/2016 – 7/2022**

**Assistant Professor of Urban and Social Geography at the University of Salzburg (PLUS),  
Department of Geography and Geology  
*Working Group "Social Geography"*  
(tenure track position)**

**6/2016-2022**

**Member of the Doctorate school „On the move: people, objects, signs“**

**2015**

**Research Associate at the Faculty for Architecture / Urban and Spatial Planning,  
University of Applied Sciences Erfurt (Germany)  
*Department Urban and Spatial Planning  
Working Group "Urban and Spatial Sociology"***

**7/2014-2/2015**

**Evangelische Werkschule Naundorf (Saxony)  
*Teacher for Geography and „Applied Geography“***

**3/2013-8/2013**

**Research Assistant at University of Graz  
*Working Group "Human geography and Didactics"***

**2007-2011**

**Research Assistant at Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography (IfL), Leipzig  
*Department Regional Geography of Europe, Production of space***

## **Education**

**7/2022**

**Habilitation in Geography, University of Salzburg  
*Thesis: „New geographies in an age of digitalization“***

**2/2015**

**Ph.D., Geography, University of Leipzig, (Graduation: Dr.phil.)  
*Thesis: „Production of spaces in South-eastern Europe“***

**2012**

**Scholarship from the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for Postgraduate studies**

**1999-2006**

**Study of Geography, Political Science and Economics at the University of Münster and at the University of Ljubljana**

## **Visiting positions**

**2007-2010**

**Visiting lecturer at University of Münster, Germany**

*Institute for Geography*

## **Current research activities, projects**

- **Evaluierung der Wohnungsvergaberichtlinien in der Stadt Salzburg** (Project coordinator and PI) // Duration: 2024-2025 // Project Sponsorship: City of Salzburg
- **Platform capitalism and socio-spatial inequalities of housing.** // ongoing since 2021 // Network of critical geographers

## **Completed research projects:**

**Retirement Migration.** Infrastructure from an Asian-European Comparative Perspective // Duration: 2022-2024 // (Together with K. Shinozaki, W. Aschauer, D. Karabegovic)

**„Mindergenutzter Wohnraum. Strukturen und Motivation von Wohnungen ohne Hauptwohnsitz.“** (Project coordinator and PI) // Duration: 2021-2022 // Project Sponsorship: City of Salzburg

**EU COST-Action** (European cooperation in science and technology) ENGAGER (CA 16232) (Substitute Austria) (Member of the Management Committee) // Duration: 2017-2021  
Project Sponsorship: European Commission

**„Ambiguous suburban spaces: Comparative analysis of local trajectories and changing everyday practices in Austria and Ukraine“** (Project coordinator) // Duration: 2019-2021 // Project Sponsorship: OeAD – Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research

**“Mikrostudie zu Auswirkungen von Kurzzeitvermietungen in Salzburg-Altstadt/Nonntal — SBGAirbnb Mikrostudie“** (Project coordinator and PI) // Duration: 2018-2019 // Project Sponsorship: City of Salzburg

**„Wissenschaftliche Untersuchung von Kurzzeitvermietungen (Airbnb) in der Stadt Salzburg“** (Project coordinator and PI) // Duration: 2018-2019 // Project Sponsorship: The Austrian Association of Cities and Towns

**“Between gentrification and decay - Sociospatial change and persistence in residential areas of selected urban regions in Central and Eastern Europe”** // Duration: 2007-2011

Project Sponsorship: German Research Association, DFG //(Principal investigator)

**„Raumproduktionen im südöstlichen Europa: Entstehung, Wirkmächtigkeit und Alltag der Sofioter Gated Communities.“ (Ph.D. scholarship) // Duration: 2012 // Sponsorship: German Academic Exchange Service**

**University Dialogue with Southern Europe 2013/2014: (Greek-German Seminar in Athens) // Duration: 2013 // Project Sponsorship: German Academic Exchange Service**

### **Review activities of manuscripts in scientific journals and research projects**

Cities – The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning

City – Analysis of Urban Change, Theory, Action

City, Territory and Architecture

Czech and Slovak Social Work

European Urban and Regional Studies

Environment and Planning A

Housing Studies

Housing, Theory and Society

Habitat International

Journal of Urban Affairs

Journal of International Housing Policy

International Planning Studies

International Journal of Urban Sciences

Urban Studies

Europa Regional

sub\urban – Zeitschrift für kritische Stadtforschung

Berichte. Geographie und Landeskunde

Mitteilungen der Österreichischen Geographischen Gesellschaft

Hungarian National Research and Innovation office

ÖAW – Austrian Academy of Sciences

OEAD – Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research

### **Memberships**

Geographieverband Österreich – Vorstandsmitglied, Kassier

VDGH – Verband der Geographen an deutschen Hochschulen

AK Stadtzukünfte

Geocompass Salzburg

### **Media coverage (since 2019)**

WDR Podcast „Politikum“: Wohnungsnot durch Airbnb:

<https://www1.wdr.de/mediathek/audio/wdr5/wdr5-politikum/audio-wohnungsnot-durch-airbnb-treffen-ohne-gemeinsamkeit-100.html>

DER SPIEGEL: <https://magazin.spiegel.de/SP/2020/50/174316791/index.html>

DER STANDARD: <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000097792301/tiroler-landeshauptmann-platter-will-registrierungspflicht-fuer-airbnb>

SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN: <https://www.sn.at/salzburg/politik/salzburg-rezepte-leere-altstadt-152190727>

**SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN:** <https://www.sn.at/salzburg/politik/fast-jede-elfte-wohnung-in-der-stadt-salzburg-wird-nicht-voll-genutzt-137153500>

**SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN:** <https://www.sn.at/salzburg/politik/airbnb-und-co-so-entziehen-sie-dem-wohnungsmarkt-in-salzburg-immobilien-65430028>

**ORF:** <https://salzburg.orf.at/v2/news/stories/2963644/>