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Born on November 10, 1982 in Egg, Austria
Citizenship : Austrian



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

since 05/2014	Short Term Consultant World Bank Group
2012- 2014	Post-doc Researcher Sorbonne Graduate Business School (IAE de Paris)
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. Michael Klien (in press): Tariff increases over the electoral cycle: A question of size and salience. *Forthcoming in European Journal of Political Economy*. DOI 10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2014.08.004
2. Michael Klien (in press): The political side of public utilities: How opportunistic behaviour and yardstick competition shape water prices in Austria. *Forthcoming in Papers in Regional Science*. DOI 10.1111/pirs.12101
3. 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.
4. 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 journals and working paper series

5. Michael Klien and Thomas Kostal (2010): Lokale Monopole oder strategische Interaktion? Eine empirische Analyse kommunaler Wassergebührenpolitik. *IR - Infrastruktur*

Recht 7(11): 281 – 284.

6. 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).
7. Michael Klien and Philipp Loser (2009): Austrian waste sector. *CIRIEC Working Paper* WP09/10.
8. Michael Klien (2009): Water services in Austria. *CIRIEC Working Paper* WP09/09.

Working papers

9. Michael Klien and Phuong Tra Tran (2014): Public-Private Partnerships in France: Who, Why and Why not?
10. Michael Klien and Mickael Melki (2013): Does electoral turnout affect the intergenerational conflict over the provision of public education?
11. Lisa Chever and Michael Klien (2013): The direct and indirect effect of safety regulation on quality: A cautionary tale from the French "Robien Law".
12. Eshien Chong, Michael Klien and John Moore (2013): Do politicians procure their way to Congress? An empirical analysis of public procurement and elections.
13. Eshien Chong, Michael Klien and Stéphane Saussier (2013): The quality of governance and the use of negotiated procedures: Some (un-)surprising evidence from the European Union.
14. Michael Klien (2013): The dynamics of the political budget cycle: An empirical examination of municipal spending in Austria.
15. Michael Klien (2012): Timing tariff increases over the electoral cycle: An empirical investigation of political decision making.

Participation in conferences and research seminars

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| 2014 | Michael Klien and Mickael Melki: Does electoral turnout affect the intergenerational conflict over the provision of public education? <i>The 2014 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society</i> , Cambridge, UK, 03.04.-06.04. |
| 2013 | Michael Klien: The Austrian water sector. <i>World Bank Regulatory Workshop 'Best practices in water sector regulation in the Danube Region and beyond'</i> in Florence, Italy, 25.11.-27.11. |

- 2013 Eshien Chong, Michael Klien, and Stéphane Saussier: The quality of governance and the use of negotiated procurement procedures: Some (un-)surprising evidence from the European Union. *MaCCI Workshop 'Procurement and Contracts'*, Bad Homburg, Germany, 16.10.-18.10.
- 2013 Eshien Chong, Michael Klien, and Stéphane Saussier: The quality of governance and the use of negotiated procurement procedures: Some (un-)surprising evidence from the European Union. *International Workshop on 'Sustainable Public Procurement: Research Trends and New Challenges'*, Moscow, Russia, 04.10.-05.10.
- 2013 Michael Klien: The Dynamics of the Political Budget Cycle: An Empirical Examination of Municipal Spending in Austria. *17th Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics*, Florence, Italy, 20.06-22.06.
- 2013 Eshien Chong, Michael Klien, and Stéphane Saussier: The Quality of Governance and the Use of Negotiated Procurement Procedures: Some (un-)surprising Evidence from the European Union. *4th annual conference of the Chaire EPPP*, Florence, Italy, 19.06.-20.06.
- 2013 Michael Klien: Timing Tariff Increases over the Electoral Cycles: An Empirical Investigation of Political Decision Making. *The 2013 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Zurich, Switzerland, 03.04.-06.04.
- 2013 Michael Klien: The Austrian water sector. *FSR Seminar "Smart governance & regulation of water services in Europe"* in Florence, Italy, 07.02.-08.02.
- 2011 Michael Klien: The political side of public utilities: How opportunistic behavior and yardstick competition shape water prices. *26th annual congress of the European Economic Association*, Oslo, Norway, 25.08.-29.08.
- 2011 Michael Klien: Political vs managerial control and public service prices: Evidence from Austrian water utilities. *15th Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics*, Palo Alto, USA, 16.06.-18.06.
- 2011 Michael Klien: Political vs managerial control and public service prices: Evidence from Austrian water utilities. *Séminaire Chaire EPPP*, Paris, France, 11.05.
- 2010 Michael Klien and Thomas Kostal: Lokale Monopole oder strategische Interaktion? Eine empirische Analyse kommunaler Wassergebührenpolitik. *Konferenz Kommunales Infrastrukturmanagement (KIM)*, Berlin, Germany, 11.06.
- 2010 Michael Klien: Hybrid Governance Modes and Efficiency of Local Public Services: An Application to Austrian Water Provision. *9th meeting of the European School of New Institutional Economics*, Cargèse, France, 30.05.-04.06.
- 2009 Klien Michael and Philipp Loser: Austrian Waste Sector/ Water Services in Austria. *CIRIEC Discussion Seminar*, Pavia, Italy, 16.04.-17.04.

CONSULTING & CONTRACT RESEARCH

- 2014 **World Bank Danube Water Program**
Analysis of utility performance and regional aggregation.
- 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2014 **Publication Award from Sorbonne Graduate Business School**
For publication in selected peer reviewed journals
- 2011 **Mobility Grant from WU Vienna University of Economics and Business**
Short-term research exchange
- 2010 **WU Top Journal Award from WU Vienna University of Economics and Business**
For publication in selected peer reviewed journals
- 2009 **Junior Research Grant from WU Vienna University of Economics and Business**
Small scale research project on 'Political Competition or Local Monopolies - Analysis of Municipal Pricing Policies in Austria'
- 2005-2007 **Excellence Scholarship from WU Vienna University of Economics and Business**
Annual achievement award

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2012 - *Public Finance*, 3rd year undergraduate course (2x), WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- 2011 - *Public Economics and Infrastructure*, 2nd year graduate course, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- *Public Finance*, 3rd year undergraduate course (2x), WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- *Public Finance*, 2nd year undergraduate course, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- 2010 - *Public Economics and Infrastructure*, 2nd year graduate course, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- *Public Finance*, 2nd year undergraduate course (2x), WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- *Public Finance*, 1st year graduate course, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- 2009 - *Public Economics and Infrastructure*, 3rd year graduate course (2x), WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
- *Public Finance*, 3rd year undergraduate course, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

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