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## EXPERIENCE (ACADEMIC)

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### RESEARCH

From 2016 –

**Senior Researcher, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna**  
**Science, Technology and Societal Transformation**

*Acquired projects (leading/writing proposal) 2021-2024 [TOTAL AMOUNT: 2 650 000 EUR]*

- ✓ *Principal Investigator, Agri4Agro, Horizon Europe [5 600 000 EUR/IHS 499 000]*
  - *European research project on nanotechnology*
  - *Starting 1 May 2024*
- ✓ *Principal Investigator, RAVE (FWF) [600 000 EUR/IHS:350 000]*
  - *Austrian basic research project on automobility violence*
  - *Output see publications: “Political ontology of Automobility”.*
- ✓ *Senior Researcher, CLIMAS (H2020) [3 000 000/IHS:180 000 EUR]*
  - *European RIA on climate assemblies*
  - *ongoing*
- ✓ *Principal investigator, RiConfigure (H2020) [3 000 000/IHS:500 000 EUR]*
  - *RRI project on Quadruple Helix innovation*
  - *Output publications - “Social labs as an inclusive methodology to implement and study social change: the case of responsible research and innovation”*
- ✓ *Research designer, Social Lab manager, NewHoRRIzon (H2020) [6 900 000/IHS: 900 000 EUR]*
  - *RRI project on mainstreaming RRI*
  - *Output publications - “More democratic research and innovation”; “Improve alignment of research policy and societal values”*
- ✓ *Principal investigator, ENERI (H2020) [3 000 000/IHS: 180 000 EUR]*
  - *Ethics project on Research ethics and integrity*
  - *Output see publications - “What constitutes expertise in research ethics and integrity?”*
- ✓ *Principal investigator, SaFip (FFG) [150 000 EUR/IHS: 13 500]*
  - *Mobility project on the future of automated mobility*
  - *Output see publications – “Autonomous Vehicles: From Science Fiction to Sustainable Future”.*
- ✓ *Principal Investigator, The governance of urban dataspace (CTS) [30 000 EUR/ IHS: 9 500]*
  - *Critical data exploratory project on urban dataspace governance*
  - *Output: “Governing and conceptualizing Urban Data Space: challenges and opportunities”; Conference paper, EU-SPRI Conference Utrecht, 1-3 June 2022*
- ✓ *Principal investigator, “Seating accommodations and public space making” (EIT Urban Mobility KIC [180 000 EUR/IHS 15 000 EUR]*
  - *Mobility project on public space making via creating a bench placing app*
  - *Output: app - <https://hogga.me/contact/>*

### TEACHING

From 2019 –

**Associate Professor, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic**  
**Department of Sociology**

*Science, Technology and Society studies*

*Courses:*

- *Responsible Research and Innovation – an STS (Science Technology and Society Studies) perspective*
- *Towards a Sociology of Excellence*
- *Anthropocene Violence*

TEACHING (VISITING)

2022

**Visiting Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for Studies in Science Policy**

*Science, Technology and Society studies*

*MSc/PhD Course:*

- *Responsible Research and Innovation – a global perspective (GIAN Scheme – funded by the Indian Government)*

ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

2023-

**Guest-editor, *Journal of Responsible Technology***

*Special issue: Participatory action research and technology futures*

2020-2023

**Co-editor, *Journal of the Knowledge Economy*, Springer**

*Responsible for the stream Quadruple Helix Innovation*

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**Past**

TEACHING

From 2003 – 2019

**Associate Professor, Corvinus University of Economics, Budapest**

*Professor of corporate social responsibility at the leading Business University in Budapest, Hungary*

- PhD students: Rita Lukacs; Judit Mihalik

From 2015 – 2018

**Lauder Business School, Vienna**

*Lecturer in Business Ethics and the Philosophy of Science*

From 1994 – 2002

**Assistant Professor (Prae-doc/Post-doc), Corvinus University of Economics, Budapest**

*Lecturing in Philosophy at the leading Business University in Budapest, Hungary*

- Voted Professor of the Year in 1997

From 1991 – 1994

**Assistant Professor (Prae-doc), ELTE University Budapest, Department of Jewish Studies**

*Lecturing in Philosophy and History at the leading social science university in Budapest, Hungary*

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

2014

**Pro-Rector, International Business School, Budapest**

RESEARCH

1997-1998

**Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Netherlands, Wassenaar**

1992-1993

**Researcher, Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, New Jersey, US**

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**EDUCATION/QUALIFICATION**


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Dates	2020-2021
Title of qualification awarded	<b>Habilitation</b>
Principal subjects/occupational skills	Sociology/STS
Name and type of organisation	Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
Dates	2002
Title of qualification awarded	<b>PhD (CSc)</b>
Principal subjects/occupational skills	Philosophy
Name and type of organisation	Rutgers University, NJ, USA [coursework]/Hungarian Academy of Sciences [awarder of title]
Dates	1992-1995
Title of qualification awarded	<b>D.Univ.</b>
Principal subjects/occupational skills	History
Name and type of organisation	Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest
Dates	1985-1991
Title of qualification awarded	<b>MA/BA</b>
Principal subjects/occupational skills	History, Philosophy of Arts, English literature
Name and type of organisation	Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest

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**RECENT PUBLICATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)**


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**Latest publications (2019-2024) and forthcoming****Books (peer-reviewed)**

- [1] (2022) Robert Braun and Richard Randell. *Post-Automobility Futures: Technology, Power, and Imaginaries*. London: Rowman & Littlefield, ISBN 978 1 5381 5885 2.
- [2] (2019) Robert Braun. *Corporate Stakeholder Democracy - Politicizing Corporate Social Responsibility*. Budapest and New York: Central European University Press. ISBN: 978 963 386 292 6

**Peer-reviewed papers/chapters***FORTHCOMING/UNDER REVIEW*

- [1] Randell, Richard and Robert Braun. The Magic Motorways of Futurama: The Imaginary of an Enduring Present, In.: Motorarchland, Milano Politecnico Press. Accepted
- [2] Randell, Richard, Robert Braun et al. Walking in the Spatial Order of Automobility. In.: *The Routledge Handbook on Leisure Walking*. Accepted
- [3] Braun, Robert. AI as the Naive Intelligibility of the Artificial. *TAO*. Accepted
- [4] Braun, Robert et al. Societal Readiness Thinking Tool 2.0: Incorporating critical/radical reflexivity into RRI. *Science and Engineering Ethics*. Under review
- [5] Braun, Robert et al. Governing Urban Data Space: challenges and opportunities, *Data in Brief*. Under review

- [6] Braun, Robert and Richard Randell. Automobility Violence: The Case of Adapting Tobacco Policies. *Applied Mobilities*. Under review
- [7] Braun, Robert and Richard Randell. The Political Ontology of the New Mobilities Paradigm. *Philosophy and Technology*. Under review
- [8] Braun, Robert, Michael Wagreich and Richard Randell. Geoethics in the Anthropocene: Controversies of instituting earth time. *Human Geography*. Under review

*PUBLISHED:*

- [1] (2024) Johannes Starkbaum, Robert Braun, Vincent Blok, Fabian Schroth, Johann Jakob Häußermann, Claudia Colonnello, Eugen Popa, Renate Wesselink and Anna Gerhardus. Responsible innovation across societal sectors: a practice perspective on Quadruple Helix collaboration. *Journal of Responsible Innovation*  
[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1080/23299460.2024.2414531](https://doi.org/10.1080/23299460.2024.2414531)
- [2] (2024). Braun, Robert. Radical reflexivity, experimental ontology and RRI. *Journal of Responsible Innovation* 11(1). [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1080/23299460.2024.2331651](https://doi.org/10.1080/23299460.2024.2331651)
- [3] (2024). Braun, Robert, Randell, Richard, John Kleba. Sociological, Postcolonial and Critical Theory Foundation. Handbook of Engineering Ethics Education. London: Routledge, pp. 165-179.  
[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.4324/9781003464259-12](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003464259-12)
- [4] (2023). Braun, Robert and Randell, Richard. The Political Ontology of Automobility. *Mobility Humanities*.  
[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.23090/MH.2023.01.2.1.022](https://doi.org/10.23090/MH.2023.01.2.1.022)
- [5] (2023) Braun, R., Starkbaum, J. Stakeholders in Research and Innovation: Towards Responsible Governance. In: Blok, V. (eds) Putting Responsible Research and Innovation into Practice. Library of Ethics and Applied Philosophy, vol 40. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-14710-4\\_12](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-14710-4_12)
- [6] (2023) Griessler, Erich, Robert Braun, Merve Yorulmaz, Magdalena Wicher. The drama of Responsible Research and Innovation: The ups and downs of a policy concept. In: Blok, V. (eds) Putting Responsible Research and Innovation into Practice. Library of Ethics and Applied Philosophy, vol 40. Springer, Cham.  
[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-14710-4\\_2](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-14710-4_2)
- [7] (2023) Braun, Robert & Richard Randell. Towards post-automobility: Destituting automobility, *Applied Mobilities*, 8:3, 201-217, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23800127.2022.2071664>
- [8] (2022) Braun, Robert, Loeber, A., Vinther Christensen, M., Cohen, J., Frankus, E., Griessler, E., Hönigsmayer, H. and Starkbaum, J. "Social labs as temporary intermediary learning organizations to help implement complex normative policies. The case of Responsible Research and Innovation in European science governance", *The Learning Organization*, <https://doi.org/10.1108/TLO-09-2021-0118>
- [9] (2022). Braun, Robert and Randell, Richard. Automobility studies. The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible. [https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-98390-5\\_11-1](https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-98390-5_11-1)
- [10] (2022) Marsalek, I., Bernstein, M., Blok, V., Braun, R., Christensen, MV, Cohen, J., Daimer, S., Nieminen, M., Thapa RK., Hofer, M., Unterfrauner, E., Seebacher, LM. The Social Lab as a method for experimental engagement in participatory research. *Journal of Responsible Innovation*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23299460.2022.2119003>
- [11] (2021) Braun, Robert and Richard Randell. The Vermin of the Street: The politics of violence and the nomos of automobility. *Mobilities*, [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1080/17450101.2021.1981118](https://doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2021.1981118)

- [12] (2021) Braun, Robert and Richard Randell. “Getting Behind the Object We Love the Most” Transfers, [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.3167/TRANS.2021.110108](https://doi.org/10.3167/TRANS.2021.110108)
- [13] (2020) Robert Braun and Richard Randell. “Futuramas of the present: The “driver problem” in the autonomous vehicle sociotechnical imaginary.” *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 7, 163. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-020-00655-z>
- [14] (2020) Novitzky, Peter, Michael J. Bernstein, Vincent Blok, Robert Braun, Tung Tung Chan, Wout Lamers, Anne Loeber, Ingeborg Meijer, Ralf Lindner, Erich Griessler. “Improve alignment of research policy and societal values”. *SCIENCE* 369, no. 6499, pp. 39-41 <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abb3415>. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32631886>.
- [15] (2020) Robert Braun, Vincent Blok, Anne Loeber, and Ulrike Wunderle. “COVID-19 and the onlineification of research: kick-starting a dialogue on Responsible online Research and Innovation (RoRI)”. *JOURNAL OF RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION*, pp. 1-9 <https://doi.org/10.1080/23299460.2020.1789387>.
- [16] (2020) Timmermans, Job, Vincent Blok, Robert Braun, Renate Wesselink, and Rasmus Øjvind Nielsen. “Social labs as an inclusive methodology to implement and study social change: the case of responsible research and innovation”. *JOURNAL OF RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION*, pp. 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23299460.2020.1787751>.
- [17] (2020) Robert Braun, Tine Ravn, and Elisabeth Frankus. “What constitutes expertise in research ethics and integrity?” *RESEARCH ETHICS* 16, no. 1-2, pp. pp. 1-16 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1747016119898402>.
- [18] (2020) Robert Braun. “Decades of Digital (Auto)Mobility”. *Budapest Journal of Management* 51, no. 1, pp. 46-54 (2020) <https://doi.org/10.14267/VEZTUD.2020.01.04>
- [19] (2019) Rychnovská, Dagmar and Robert Braun. “Socially responsible innovation in security: critical reflections”. *CRITICAL POLICY STUDIES* 13, no. 3, pp. 366-368 (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2019.1638806>
- [20] (2019) Robert Braun. Autonomous Vehicles: From Science Fiction to Sustainable Future”. In: Marian, Aguiar; Charlotte, Mathieson; Lynne, Pearce (eds.) *Mobilities, Literature, Culture*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 259-280. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-27072-8\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-27072-8_11)
- [21] (2019) Robert Braun. “Privacy, Democracy and Social Fairness”. In: Alonso, Raposo Maria; Ciuffo, Biagio; Adrente, Fulvio (eds.) *The future of road transport: Implications of automated, connected, low-carbon and shared mobility*, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, pp. 101-108. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2760/668964>
- [22] (2019) Robert Braun. Artificial Intelligence: Socio-Political Challenges of Delegating Human Decision-Making to Machines. *IHS Working Paper Series* 6, 24 p. <https://irihs.ihs.ac.at/id/eprint/5043/>

## FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

From 2016-

<https://irihs.ihs.ac.at/view/creators/Braun=3ARobert=3A=3A.html>

From 1990-2016

<https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10033301>

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## OTHER ACADEMIC WORK

### INVITED TALKS (2019-2024)

- 2024, Geoethics in the Anthropocene: Instituting Earth Time, St. Andrews University
- 2024, AI as the Naive Intelligibility of the Artificial, East China Normal University

- 2024, Postquantum: the ontopolitical otherwise, Radboud University
- 2023, Workshop on common mobility data space, Padova
- 2023, The Future of Mobility, Die Presse, Vienna
- 2023, The sociology of AI, Charles University, Prague
- 2023, Prospects of Artificial General Intelligence, EMERGE, Belgrade
- 2022, Ontological Violence, University of Vienna, Department of European Ethnology
- 2022, Annual keynote: The New Normal, Institute for Advanced Studies,
- 2022, The extreme violence of automobility & what to do about it for Just Transition, Glasgow, COP
- 2021, Ontological Trauma, Trauma & Cycling seminar, London
- 2021, Towards the ontopolitics of datafication, Lost in space: Transitions of social interactions in digital and virtual spaces, Linz
- 2020, Urban Data Space Perspective changing with time, CODATA Alumni seminar, Delhi
- 2020, Citizens as drivers of their own mobility, EIT Urban Mobility Talks, Munich
- 2019, Blockchain: social challenges, risks and opportunities, Vienna, Austria
- 2019, Stakeholder inclusion in Mobility, European Commission, Brussels
- 2019, Coding accidents and the imaginary of automobility, University College, London

## NON-PEER REVIEWED/THIRD MISSION PUBLICATIONS

### Research Reports

- (2021) Weyerstrass, Klaus; Auel, Katrin, Braun, Robert; Koenig, Thomas; Pacher, Lea; Latzenhofer, Martin and Rhomberg, Wolfram. *Globalisation – Quo Vadis? Economic, supply and technological sovereignty*. [Research Report] 137 p.
- (2021) Griessler, Erich; Hönigsmayer, Helmut; Braun, Robert and Frankus, Elisabeth New HoRRIZon: D7.3 *NewHoRRIZon Social Lab Manual – Final Version*. [Research Report] 39 p.
- Arrizabalaga, Ezekiel; Bierwirt, Antonia; Braun, Robert; Cohen, Joshua; Birkving, Astrid Lykke; Bühner, Susanne; Vinther Christensen, Malene; Daimer, Stephanie; Frankus, Elisabeth; Loeber, Anne, et al. (2021) *New HoRRIZon: D5.5 Actions and Activities to Realize RRI in Diversity of Approaches*. [Research Report] 163 p.
- (2021) Braun, Robert; Collin Hagan, Kathrine; Gerhardus, Anna; González, Francisco; Häußermann, Jakob; Langkjær, Frederik; Popa, Eugen; Schroth, Fabian and Starkbaum, Johannes. *Quadruple Helix Collaboration in Practice. Insights from the EU Project RiConfigure*. [Research Report] 54 p.

### Blog Post

- (2023) Braun, Robert; Frankus, Elisabeth and Stack, Shauna. *ChatGPT – Curse or blessing?* In: IHS Blog, 27 February 2023 [Blog Post]
- (2022) Braun, Robert. *The pandemic on wheels*. In: IHS Blog, 14 July 2022 [Blog Post]
- (2022) Braun, Robert and Randell, Richard. *Post-Automobility Futures*. In: IHS Blog, 22 June 2022 [Blog Post]
- (2020) Braun, Robert; Gerhardus, Anna; Harold, Sascha; Stack, Shauna and Starkbaum, Johannes *Engagement Goes Virtual*. In: IHS Blog, 8 September 2020 [Blog Post]
- (2020) Braun, Robert and Rychnovská, Dagmar. *Nach der Pandemie*. In: IHS Blog, 28 March 2020 [Blog Post]
- (2019) Braun, Robert. *Critical Automobility Studies*. In: IHS Blog, 9 December 2019 [Blog Post]

- (2019) Braun, Robert; Starkbaum, Johannes and Gerhardus, Anna. *Do we need a reorientation for the innovation imaginary?* In: OPSI Blog. OPSI Observatory of Public Sector Innovation, 17 June 2019 [Blog Post]

### **Image, Audio or Video**

- (2022) Braun, Robert and Randell, Richard. *The Future of Automobility*. [Image, Audio or Video]
- (2022) Gerhardus, Anna; Braun, Robert and Albrecher, Renate *Wie kann man Sitzgelegenheiten im urbanen Raum erfassen und verbessern?* [Image, Audio or Video]
- (2022) Braun, Robert *"The? New? Normal?" Reflecting on normalization as a perpetuation of pre-existing conditions of power*. [Image, Audio or Video]
- (2020) Braun, Robert *Workshop Making Accidents Visible. Lange Nacht der Forschung*. [Image, Audio or Video]
- **Other**
- (5 July 2022) Braun, Robert. *Automobilität: Die Pandemie auf Rädern*. Der Standard.
- (29 April 2021) Braun, Robert *'Normality should be something we make together'*. Research Europe.
- (3 March 2019) Braun, Robert and Starkbaum, Johannes. *Wie sicher sind Automobile für ihr Verkehrsumfeld?* Der Standard. Wien

### **REVIEWING**

- Applied Mobilities
- Mobilities
- Journal of Responsible Innovation
- Transfers
- Journal of Responsible Technology
- Journal of Futures Research
- Journal of Research Ethics
- TAO

### **Research Assessment**

- Swiss Science Fund
- Norwegian Science Fund

### **PHD**

- Supervision:
  - Completed 2 PhDs
- Review/Board
  - University of Pisa
  - Budapest University of Sciences (ELTE, Sociology)
  - Charles University, Prague

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- Hungarian (mother tongue)
- English (full professional proficiency)
- German (intermediate proficiency)

### **SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**

- *Teaching:*
  - 1997 Professor of the Year (Corvinus University, Budapest)

- 2015 Professor of the Year (Lauder Business School, Vienna)
- *Research*
  - 2022 Awarded the biggest individual basic research grant (600 000) by FWF at IHS.
- *Publication*
  - 2019 The book *Corporate Stakeholder Democracy* has been selected as one of the best books by European Management Association in 2019
- *Policy Transfer*
  - Our paper in *Science* as well as a follow-up presentation and discussions with the Commission led to the introduction of the ‘Social Readiness Tool’ (a tool developed in NewHoRRizon) in all Horizon Europe (Cluster 5) proposals from 2025.