

# Karim Bekhtiar

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

- 09/2018 – 01/2024 **Doctorate in Economics**,  
*Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria.*  
PhD Program in Economics with specialization in Empirical Labor Economics  
Supervisor: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Rudolf Winter-Ebmer  
Graduated with honors (GPA 4.0)
- 09/2015 – 07/2018 **Master studies in Economics**,  
*Vienna University of Economics and Business.*  
Master-programm in Economics with mathematical focus.  
Graduated with honors (GPA 3.76)
- 09/2011 – 08/2015 **Bachelor studies in Business, Economics and Social Sciences**,  
*Vienna University of Economics and Business.*  
Bachelor-programm with focus in economics

### Professional Experience

- since 02/2024 **Post-Doctoral Researcher**, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IHS),  
*Research Group: Labor Markets and the World of Work, Vienna, Austria.*
- since 09/2025 **Lecturer**, JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY,  
*Department of Economics, Linz, Austria.*
- 09/2018 – 01/2024 **Junior Researcher**, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IHS),  
*Research Group: Labor Markets and Social Policy, Vienna, Austria.*
- 2016 – 2017 **Data-Scientist**, WORLD DATA LAB/POPULATION.IO, Vienna, Austria.
- 2015 – 2017 **Teaching & Research Assistant**, VIENNA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS  
AND BUSINESS, *Institute for Macroeconomics, Vienna, Austria.*
- 2014 – 2017 **Various Internships**, *Grameen Bank (Dhaka, Bangladesh), Center for European Economic Research ZEW (Mannheim, Germany), Austrian Nationalbank OeNB – Economic Analysis Division (Vienna, Austria).*

### Current Working Papers

- 2025 "Mitigating Mobility Frictions: The Effects of Cash-on-Hand on Labor Mobility", Mimeo, *with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer.*
- 2025 "The Global Decline of the Labor Share: Capital Labor Substitution under Collective Wage Bargaining", Mimeo.
- 2019 "Risky assets in Europe and the US: risk vulnerability, risk aversion and economic environment", ECB Working Paper Series 2270, *(with Pirmin Fessler and Peter Lindner).*

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## Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2025 "The Decline in Manufacturing Employment and the Rise of the Far-Right in Austria", *Journal of Public Economics* 242: 105315.
- 2025 "Robotization, Internal Migration and Rural Decline", *Journal of Population Economics* 38: 60,  
*Awarded with the NOeG-Dissertation Fellowship 2021.*
- 2024 "Robots at Work? Pitfalls of industry level data", *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 39 (6): 1180-1189, *(with Benjamin Bittschi and Richard Sellner)*.
- 2018 "Will the Sustainable Development Goals Be Fulfilled? Assessing present and future global poverty", *Nature Journals: Palgrave Communications* 4, Article Number: 29, *(with Jesus Crespo-Cuaresma, Wolfgang Fengler, Homi Kharas, Michael Brottrager and Martin Hofer)*,  
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## Policy Reports and Other Work

- 2025 "Auswirkungen der Anhebung des Mindestlohns auf 12 Euro auf individuelle Beschäftigungsbewegungen und betriebliche Lohnstrukturen", *with Holger Bonin, Susanne Forstner, Ingo Isphording, Felix Schröter and Rudolf Winter-Ebmer*.
- 2021 "Evaluation des Sozialbetrugsbekämpfungsgesetzes: Sozialbetrug durch Scheinunternehmen im Bauwesen", *with Gerlinde Titelbach*.
- 2019 "Mobilität und Persistenz im Niedriglohnsektor", *with Gerlinde Titelbach*.
- 2017 "Technologischer Fortschritt und Ungleichheit: eine empirische Analyse der Entwicklung in Österreich 2008-2014", *Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft* 43(3): 405–437, *with Wilfried Altzinger, Wolfgang Polt, Timon Scheuer, Maximilian Unger and Stella Zilian*.

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## Presentations at Conferences & Seminars

- 2025 ESPE 2025 (University of Naples Federico II), 3rd Vienna Micro Workshop (University of Vienna), Research Seminar (University of Bratislava), Austrian Labor Economics Workshop (Central European University Vienna).
- 2024 EPCS 2024 (University of Business and Economics, Vienna), GGDC 2024 (University of Groningen), EALE 2024 (Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen), VfS 2024 (Technical University, Berlin).
- 2023 Austrian Labor Market Workshop (Chamber of Labor, Vienna), Research Seminar (Université de Fribourg), 14th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Workshop on Regional Economics (WIFO Vienna), NOeG 2023 (University of Salzburg), EEA/ESEM 2023 (Barcelona School of Economics), PhD Seminar (University of Innsbruck).

- 2022 13th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Workshop on Regional Economics (WIFO Vienna), NOeG 2022 (University of Vienna), EALE 2022 (University of Padova), RWI Workshop on Causal Inference with Spatial Data (RWI Essen), PhD Workshop (CEU Vienna), Research Seminar (JKU Linz), PhD Seminar (University of Innsbruck).

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## Grants & Awards

- 2024 **Grant**, ANNIVERSARY FUND OF THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BANK  
*What Determines Skill Shortage? The Role of Employer Recruitment, Market Structure and Public Policy (Grant Number 19026).*  
*Joint work with Daniel Schäfer & Rudolf Winter-Ebmer,*  
Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2021 **Award**, NOeG DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP 2021.
- 2021 **Grant**, ANNIVERSARY FUND OF THE AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BANK  
*Technological Change, Internal Migration and the Depopulation of Rural Areas (Grant Number 18462).*  
*Joint work with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer.*

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## IT skills

Word Processing  $\LaTeX$ (advanced), Microsoft Office (advanced)  
Data Analysis R (advanced), Stata (advanced), Python (intermediate)

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## Languages

German (Native speaker), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

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## Additional Qualifications

- 2016 **Co-developer**, WORLD POVERTY CLOCK,  
a project of the World Data Lab/population.io in Vienna.  
accessible under [worldpoverty.io](https://worldpoverty.io)