

Oliver Picek

Resume

Profile

A macroeconomist from Austria who combines theoretical and institutional knowledge.
Specializations in Euro Area economics and employment policy.
Strong political interest and professional experience in leadership and policy formulation.

Current position

- since October 2018 **Researcher**, *European Trade Union Institute*, Vienna, Austria
 - Unit: Employment, economic and social policies
 - Manages project on job guarantee proposals
 - Expert for the European Economic and Social Committee
- since October 2017 **External Lecturer**, *Vienna University of Business and Economics*, Department of Economics, Vienna, Austria
 - 1-2 courses per semester on international macroeconomics

Education

- 2016 **PhD Economics**, *New School for Social Research*, New York, NY, USA
- 2011 **MA Economics**, *University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria
- 2008–2009 Erasmus Exchange program, *Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne*, Paris, France

Work Experience

- February-October 2018 **Assistant to the Executive Director**, *Austrian Public Employment Agency for Lower Austria*, Vienna, Austria
 - Project management
 - Regional social partners affairs
 - Research coordination and liaison to the research community
- July-December 2017 **Advisor to the Minister**, *Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection*, Vienna, Austria
 - Advising the Minister on economic policy and the labor market
 - Representing his interests internally (towards the labor market department of the ministry) and externally towards the social partners
 - Member of the management committee of the Austrian public employment agency AMS
- January-June 2017 **Post-Doc**, *Vienna University of Business and Economics*, Department of Economics, Vienna, Austria
 - Research on Post-Keynesian disequilibrium models with unemployment
 - Teaching international macroeconomics

- Spring 2016 **Blue Book Trainee**, *European Commission*, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Belgium
- Worked on the Germany, Austria, Cyprus country desk for five months
 - Conducted research on the German current account surplus
 - Wrote and co-authored briefings for the Commissioner and Advisor to the Director
- 2013–2015 **Teaching and Research Assistant**, to Professors *Willi Semmler, Teresa Ghilarducci, and Mark Setterfield*, New School for Social Research (NSSR), New York City, NY, USA
- Taught the section of PhD level Macroeconomics for three semesters, and the section of MA-level Macroeconomics once
 - Taught various introductory undergraduate courses (Macro- and Microeconomics, Political Economy) for six semesters
- 2007–2010 **Research Assistant**, to *Dr. Margit Schratzenstaller*, Fiscal Policy Department, Austrian Institute for Economic Research (WIFO), Vienna, Austria
- Co-authored several policy papers on Austrian taxation issues
 - Presented Financial Transaction Tax research paper to the European Trade Union Institute and a European Greens parliamentary meeting
- Summer 2007 **Research Assistant**, to *Dr. Eckhard Hein*, Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) at the Hans-Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Compiled the data from various sources and created graphs for a financialization paper on the UK and France
- Summer 2006 **Intern**, *BAWAG P.S.K. (Austrian bank)*, Department of Economics & Research, Vienna, Austria
- Updated e-mail briefings, worked with economic data
- Summer 2004 **Intern**, *Kurier (newspaper)*, Vienna, Austria
- Authored and co-authored several newspaper articles in the second-largest Austrian daily newspaper
 - Conducted interviews and participated in press conferences

Languages

German Native

French Intermediate, Level C1/B2

English Fluent, Level C2

Latin School level

Software

Mathematics MATLAB, Mathematica

Statistics R, Excel, E-Views

Typesetting L^AT_EX, Word

Presentation L^AT_EX, PowerPoint