

# 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 & Personnel Economics, Vienna, Austria.*
- 09/2018 – 01/2024 **Junior Researcher**, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IHS),  
*Research Group: Labor Markets & 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 Euro-  
pean 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 Mobil-  
ity", Mimeo, *with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer.*
- 2025 "The Global Decline of the Labor Share: Capital Labor Substitution under  
Collective Wage Bargaining", Mimeo.
- 2022 "Robotization, Internal Migration and Rural Decline", IHS Working Paper 41,  
*Awarded with the NOeG-Dissertation Fellowship 2021,*  
Revise & Resubmit at the Journal of Population Economics.
- 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.
- 2024 "Robots at Work? Pitfalls of industry level data", *Journal of Applied Econometrics* 39 (6): 1180-1189, (with *Bittschi B. and Sellner, R.*).
- 2018 "Will the Sustainable Development Goals Be Fulfilled? Assessing present and future global poverty", *Nature Journals: Palgrave Communications* 4, Article Number: 29, (with *Crespo-Cuaresma, J., Fengler, W., Kharas, H., Brottrager, M. and Hofer, M.*),

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## Presentations at Conferences & Seminars

- 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](http://worldpoverty.io)