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Education

2018 – 2023 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Vienna, with distinction (Committee: Bernhard Kittel (supervisor), Examinors: Bernhard Ebblinghaus, Christoph Reinprecht, Jörg Flecker).

Thesis: [Explaining preferences for redistributive taxation](#).

2014 – 2017 MA degree in Sociology, University of Vienna, with distinction.

Thesis: [What the eye does not see, the heart does grieve over](#). Income-tax-perceptions in Austria. A sociological perspective.

2011 – 2015 BA degree in History, University of Vienna, with distinction.

2011 – 2014 BA degree in Political Science, University of Vienna, with distinction.

Academic Positions

2024 – Post-doctoral researcher, LMU Munich, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Chair for Quantitative Social Research (Katrin Auspurg).

2023 – 2024 Post-doctoral researcher, FU Berlin, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Institute of Sociology, Chair for Social Stratification and Survey Methodology (Stefan Liebig).

2022 – 2023 Co-PI of the "Work and Corona" Project, University of Vienna, Faculty of Social Sciences, Research Platform Governance and Digital Practices.

2020 – 2023 Part of the Austrian Corona Panel Project (ACPP).

2018 – 2022 University assistant (prae-doc), University of Vienna, Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics, Department of Economic Sociology.

2017 – 2018 Project Staff, University of Vienna, Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics, Department of Economic Sociology.

Cupesse - Culural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship, EU FP7-SSH-2013-1, collaborative project.

2014–2017 Student Assistant, University of Vienna, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science.

Research Grants & Awards

Postdoc Support Fund for Networking and Mobility at the LMU, 2025 & 2026, EUR 4,000

LMU Mentoring Program for Promoting the Careers of Young Scientists. Mentor: Fabian Pfeffer, 2025 & 2026, EUR 2,500

Online Survey Module from the Innovation Sample of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-IS), "Digital platform usage and life satisfaction", 2022 (together with Licia Bobzien, Roland Verwiebe, and Ulrich Kohler).

Theodor Körner Prize for the dissertation project "Explaining preferences for redistributive taxation." Theodor Körner Fonds for the promotion of Science and Art, 2021, EUR 5,000.

'Digifonds' of the Austrian Chamber of Labor, Project "WoCo" (Work & Corona): Data and analyses on the transformation of work, 2021-23, EUR 125,602 (Co-PI together with Lukas Schlögl and Licia Bobzien).

Eduard März Prize for "Individuals' perceived impact of Covid-19 on inequality and its consequences for redistributive tax preferences." Young Economists Conference, Inequalities in space and time, 2020, EUR 1,000 (first author, co authors: Laila Schmitt, Monika Mühlböck and Bernhard Kittel)

FWF Stand-Alone Project "Austrian Coronapanel", 2020-22, EUR 362,019 (Project proposal co-author, principal investigator: Bernhard Kittel).

Small Research Grant from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics (University of Vienna), "Learning to be taxed fairly? Preferences for redistribution and status quo bias", 2019, EUR 2,000 (together with Réka Szendrő).

Online Survey Module from the Platform for Surveys, Methods and Empirical Analyses (PUMA), "Income, tax perceptions and fairness norms. A survey experiment", 2018, (together with Bernhard Kittel).

Refereed Journal Publications

Fabian Kalleitner and Licia Bobzien. How Much Is My Home Worth? Subjective Housing Wealth and Life Satisfaction in Germany. Part of the Special Issue "Perceptions of Wealth Inequality" in *Historical Social Research*. Forthcoming. [[Accepted manuscript](#)].

Licia Bobzien, Roland Verwiebe, and Fabian Kalleitner. 2025. [Visualizing Age-Specific Digital Platform Usage in Germany](#). *Socius*, 11. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, 11.

Fabian Kalleitner, Lukas Schlogl, and Licia Bobzien. 2025. [How much for whom? Explaining preferences for welfare benefits to short-time workers and the unemployed](#). *Journal of European Social Policy*, 35(1), 83–97.

Fabian Kalleitner, and Licia Bobzien. 2024. [Taxed Fairly? How Differences in Perception Shape Attitudes towards Progressive Taxation](#). *European Sociological Review*, 40(3), 535–548.

Fabian Kalleitner, and Sandra Bohmann. 2023. [The Inequity Z: Income Fairness Perceptions in Europe across the Income Distribution](#). *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, 9.

Fabian Kalleitner, David W. Schiestl, and Georg Heiler. 2022. [Varieties of Mobility Measures: Comparing Survey and Mobile Phone Data during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 86(4), 913–931. [Prev. [Working Paper](#)].

Monika Mühlböck, Fabian Kalleitner, Nadia Steiber, and Bernhard Kittel. 2022. [Scarring Dreams? Young People’s Vocational Aspirations and Expectations During and After Unemployment](#). *Social Inclusion*, 10(2), 252–264.

Monika Mühlböck, Fabian Kalleitner, Nadia Steiber, and Bernhard Kittel. 2022. [Information, Reflection, and Successful Job Search: A Nudging Experiment](#). *Social Policy & Administration*, 56(1), 48–72. [Prev. Working Paper @SSRN #3576740].

Fabian Kalleitner, Monika Mühlböck and Bernhard Kittel. 2022. [What’s the Benefit of a Video? The Effect of Nonmaterial Incentives on Response Rate and Bias in Web Surveys](#). *Social Science Computer Review*, 40(3), 700–716.

Bernhard Kittel, Fabian Kalleitner, and David W. Schiestl. 2021. [Avoiding a public health dilemma: Social norms and trust facilitate preventive behaviour if individuals perceive low COVID-19 health risks](#). *PLoS ONE*, 16(12), e0260171. [Prev. [Working Paper](#)].

Licia Bobzien and Fabian Kalleitner. 2021. [Attitudes towards European Financial Solidarity during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Evidence from a Net-contributor Country](#). *European Societies*, 23, 791–804.

Bernhard Kittel, Sylvia Kritzing, Hajo Boomgaarden, Barbara Prainsack, Jakob-Moritz Eberl, Fabian Kalleitner, Noëlle Lebernegg, et al. 2021 [The Austrian Corona Panel Project: Monitoring Individual and Societal Dynamics amidst the COVID-19 Crisis](#). *European Political Science*, 20, 318–344. [Prev. Working Paper @SSRN #3654139].

Bernhard Kittel, Fabian Kalleitner and Panos Tsakoglou. 2019. [The Transmission of Work Centrality Within the Family a European Cross-regional Perspective](#). *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 682(1), 106–124.

Under Review

Sandra Bohmann and Fabian Kalleitner. Subjective Inequity Aversion: Unfair Inequality, Subjective Well-Being, and Preferences for Redistribution. [Working Paper](#).

Licia Bobzien, Fabian Kalleitner, and Lukas Schlogl. Technology, Migrants or Offshoring: How the Perceived Source of Labour-Market Risks Shapes Policy Demands. [Working Paper](#).

Fabian Kalleitner, Nikita Kvir, and Dimitri Prandner. The Decline of the Austrian Middle Class and the Rise of Far-Right Populism.

In Progress

Fabian Kalleitner, Jule Adriaans, Ole Brüggemann, Cristóbal Moya and Sandra Bohmann. Agreeing in Principle, Disagreeing on Policy: How Beliefs About the Gender Pay Gap Shape Fairness Concerns and Policy Preferences.

Fabian Kalleitner. Subjective Relative Income and the Priming Effect of Endpoint Anchors. Understanding Relative Income Perceptions as Social Comparisons.

Fabian Kalleitner. Perceived Tax Burdens and Just Tax Progressivity.

Fabian Kalleitner, Laila Schmitt, Monika Mühlböck, and Bernhard Kittel. Individuals' perceived impact of COVID-19 on inequality and its consequences for redistributive tax preferences.

Fabian Kalleitner, Cristóbal Moya, and Stefan Liebig. From Mixed Findings to Precise Estimates: The Effect of Retirement on Life Satisfaction.

Filippo Andrei, Fabian Kalleitner, and Bernhard Kittel. The Politics of Fiscal Adjustment: Public Support for Tax and Welfare Reform in Times of Fiscal Stress.

Other Publications

Nicolas Albacete, Pirmin Fessler, Fabian Kalleitner, and Peter Lindner. 2021. [How has COVID-19 affected the financial situation of households in Austria?](#) *Monetary Policy & the Economy*, Q4/20–Q1/21, 111–130.

Sylvia Kritzing, Fabian Kalleitner, and Julia Partheymüller. 2021. [Das Austrian Corona Panel Project \(ACPP\)](#). In: *Österreichisches Jahrbuch für Politik 2020*. Böhlau, 27–40.

Bernhard Kittel and Fabian Kalleitner. 2020. [Wirtschaft](#). In: Eva Flicker and Michael Parzer (Ed.), *Forschungs- und Anwendungsfelder der Soziologie*. 3rd Edition. Facultas, 282–295. ([Library Online Access](#)).

Fabian Kalleitner, Anna Fassel, and Simone T. Feichter. 2019. [Zeugnisse des Umbruchs und der Kontinuität. Staatswissenschaftliche Dissertationen und deren Beurteilungen 1938–1948](#). In: Christoph Reinprecht und Andreas Kranebitter (Ed.), *Die Soziologie und der Nationalsozialismus in Österreich. Sondierungen und Perspektiven*. Transcript, 223–244.

Fabian Kalleitner and Bernhard Kittel. 2018. [Das Einkommenssteuerverständnis in Österreich. Wissen und Zustimmung zur progressiven Besteuerung](#). In: Max Haller (Ed.), *Aktuelle Probleme der Finanzsoziologie. Die Fragestellungen von Rudolf Goldscheid heute*. LIT, 275–291.

Data Publications, Software, & Blog Posts

Data

Bernhard Kittel, Sylvia Kritzing, Hajo Boomgaarden, Barbara Prainsack, Jakob-Moritz Eberl, Fabian Kalleitner, Noëlle Lebernegg, et al. 2020. Austrian Corona Panel Project. Available at AUSSDA: ([SUF](#); [OA](#)).

Software

Fabian Kalleitner, Licia Bobzien, and Lukas Schlögl. Work and Corona Dashboard. Available at the WoCo project website (inkl. code): woco.univie.ac.at/dashboard/.

Blog posts (selection) & teaching materials

Fabian Kalleitner and Lukas Schmoigl. 2026. CO₂ Footprint of Austrian Households. An Interactive Isotype Data Visualization [Example](#). [Github Repo](#).

Fabian Kalleitner and Daniel Weitzel. 2022. Computational Social Sciences Lecture 3.3. Applications of CSS data management. [MOOC instruction video](#).

Fabian Kalleitner, Lukas Schlögl, Licia Bobzien. 2022. Wer soll wie viel bekommen? Unterstützungsleistungen bei Kurzarbeit und Arbeitslosigkeit. [WoCo-Blog #3](#).

Fabian Kalleitner, David Schiestl, Bernhard Kittel. 2020. Die normative Macht der „anderen“: Verhaltensregeln in der Krise und ihre Einhaltung. [ACPP Blog #49](#).

Fabian Kalleitner, Licia Bobzien. 2020. Europäische Solidarität während der COVID-19-Pandemie? Die öffentliche Meinung zur europäischen Krisenfinanzierung. [ACPP Blog #46](#).

Fabian Kalleitner, Laila Schmitt. 2020. Neue Steuern zur Finanzierung der Kosten der Krise? Steuerpräferenzen in Zeiten von Corona. [ACPP Blog #28](#).

Fabian Kalleitner. 2020. Wahrnehmung der Corona-Krise und ihre Konsequenzen. [ACPP Blog #1](#).

Conferences & Invited Talks (selected)

The Tax-Welfare Nexus: Explaining Support for Reform in Times of Fiscal Stress. *Conference of the Academy of Sociology (AS)*, Mainz, Germany, 10/10/2025.

Informing about gender inequality: Beliefs about the gender pay gap and support for gender equality policies. *CSR Colloquium Department of Sociology* (invited talk), Zurich, Switzerland, 08/04/2025.

When are pensions just? *Forschungsnetzwerk Alterssicherung (FNA) Jahrestagung* (invited talk), Berlin, Germany, 30/01/2025.

Learning to be Taxed Fairly? Preferences for Redistributive Taxation and Status Quo Bias. *ECSR Conference*, Barcelona, Spain, 13/09/2024.

Robots, Migrants, or Offshoring: How the Structure of Risk Perceptions Explains Policy Preferences. *Max Planck Online Workshop in Comparative Political Economy (MAX CPE)*, Online, 19/06/2024.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Inequality Perceptions and its Consequences for Tax Preferences. *Analytical Sociology Seminar*, Venice, Italy, 23/11/2023.

Subjective inequity aversion. Unfair inequality, subjective well-being, and preferences for redistribution. *10th ECINEQ Meeting*. Aix-Marseille Université, Aix-en-Provence, France, 10/07/2023.

Work and Corona. *Closing event of the Austrian Corona Panel Project (ACPP)*. Invited talk, Presidential Chancellery of Austria, Vienna, Austria, 29/06/2022.

Inequity aversion: Unfair inequality, utility, and preferences for redistribution. *In_equality Conference 2022*, Konstanz, Germany, 11/04/2022.

Learning to be Taxed Fairly? Preferences for Redistribution and Status Quo Bias. *American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting 2021*, USA (online), 08/08/2021.

Learning to be Taxed Fairly? Preferences for Redistribution and Status Quo Bias. *ISA RC28 Spring Meeting 2021*, Turku, Finland (online), 04/06/2021.

Teaching Experience

LMU Munich

- Research Designs (with Katrin Auspurg), MA-level [2024WS, 2025WS]
- MA and BA Project Seminar, BA/MA-level [2025S, 2025WS]
- Sociology of Labor Markets, BA-level [2025S, 2026S]
- Justice Theories in Modern Empirical Social Science, BA-level [2024WS, 2025WS]

FU Berlin

- Inequality and Preferences for Redistribution, MA-level [2023WS]
- Working with the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), MA-level [2023WS]
- Inequalities and Social Stratification in Labor Markets, MA-level [2023S, 2024S]
- From Research Question to Research Design, MA-level [2023S]

University of Vienna

- Sociology of Labor Markets, MA-level [2018–2022]
- Inequality in the Long Run (with P. Aigner & M. Adelsberger), MA-level [2020S]
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences, BA-level [2020 (online)]
- Introduction to Economic Sociology, MA-level [2021S, 2021WS]

Supervision: 4 M.A. theses (2 at FU Berlin, 2 at LMU Munich) and >10 B.A. theses (all at LMU Munich)

Service to the Profession

2025- Mentor for Graduate and Doctoral Students at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Ment15 Program), LMU Munich

2024- Member of the 'Working Group Income' of the Austrian Socio-Economic Panel

2022-2025 Member of the Austrian Social Science Archive (AUSSDA) User Advisory Board

2024 Member of the Examination Committee (Prüfungsausschuss) of the Department of Sociology, FU Berlin.

2020-2022 Elected member of the faculty advisory board ('Fakultätskonferenz') of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics, University of Vienna.

Peer Review: Acta Politica, European Journal of Social Security, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Field Methods, Governance, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of European Public Policy, Österreichischen Zeitschrift für Soziologie, Politics and Governance, Science and Public Policy, Social Science and Medicine, Soziale Welt, The Sociological Quarterly, Work and Occupations, Zeitschrift für Sozialreform.