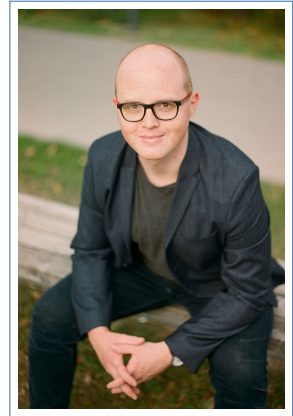


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Curriculum Vitae

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„I want to enable exchange between science and society.“

Work Experience

- 2022 – now **Science writer**, *Freelancer*, Vienna, Austria.
- 2020 – 2022 **Science writer**, *Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA)*, Klosterneuburg, Austria.
Writing *press releases*, *science stories*, and *dossiers* on the research done at ISTA in both English and German. Coordinating media request and the production of *video* and photo material. Administration of the Institute's customer relations management system and its digital asset management system.
- 2019 – 2020 **Event manager**, *Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA)*, Klosterneuburg, Austria.
Organizing the Science-Industry Talk in 2019 and 2020, the TWIST Talk series for networking between science and industry, the *Top Models in Science summer camp* for teenagers, as well as several other events.
- 2017 – 2018 **Theoretical research assistant**, *Brukner Group, IQOQI*, Vienna, Austria.
Theoretical research for my Master's thesis.
- 2014 – 2015 **Experimental research assistant**, *Aspelmeyer Group, University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria.
Building experimental quantum optics setups, characterizing nano-membranes, digitally designing parts of the experiment, and programming simulations.

Education

- 2018 – 2019 **Master of Arts in Science and Technology Studies**, *University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria.
Studies on the interactions and mutual influences of science, technology, and society.
- 2016 – 2018 **Master of Science in Physics**, *University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria.
Specialization on fundamental quantum information theory. Master's thesis on indefinite causal structures in quantum theory with Prof. Časlav Brukner. Graduation with distinction.
- 2012 – 2016 **Bachelor of Science in Physics**, *University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria.
Bachelor's thesis on computational simulation of phonon thermodynamics with Prof. Georg Kresse. Including an Erasmus+ exchange semester at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. Graduation with distinction.

Voluntary Experience

- 2020 – now **Main organizer**, *Science Communication Meetup*, Vienna, Austria.
Coordinating meetups and building a community of young science communicators that meets with established people in science communication and science education for networking.
- 2021 – now **Copy editor and proofreader**, *Science for the People Magazine*, US.
Copy editing and proofreading various pieces for the *Science for the People Magazine*.
- 2019 – 2020 **Internal and external communication**, *Klimavolksbegehren*, Vienna, Austria.
Creation, coordination, and mailing of the internal and external newsletters.
- 2018 – 2019 **Main organizer**, *INSIST Group*, Vienna, Austria.
The INSIST Group at the Institute of Science and Technology Studies at the University of Vienna provides a platform for interdisciplinary networking among students. There, I organized a variety of small events for students.
- 2015 – 2019 **Main organizer**, *THINK Conference*, Vienna, Austria.
For five years, I served as the principal organizer in the team of the annual *THINK Conference*, which provides young people with a platform for interdisciplinary scientific exchange. Since 2017, I also served first as the vice-president and then as the president of the THINK Association. I was responsible for overseeing tasks and meetings, finding locations, mailing invitations, maintaining the website, and managing the THINK Association.
- 2017 **Main organizer**, *Shut Up and Contemplate! Symposium*,
Faculty of Physics of the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.
Principal organizer in the team of the *Shut Up and Contemplate! Symposium* on Philosophy, Science and Society. For this event, I managed the official coordination, directed colleagues, hosted a public session, and organized the printing of advertisement materials.

Communication and Writing

- 2021 – 2022 *Undergraduate Certificate in Creative Writing: Creative Non-Fiction* from the University of Cambridge.
- 2015 – 2022 Conference presentations at the THINK Conferences.
- 2017 Hosting a public session at the Shut Up and Contemplate! Symposium.

Further Skills

- Software Office applications, InDesign, Illustrator, Affinity, Darktable, WordPress, L^AT_EX.
- Photography Semi-professional event and portrait photography.
- Design Digital design and professional printing of posters, flyers, business cards, etc.

Scholarships

- 2013 – 2018 Six times awarded the merit scholarship of the University of Vienna.
- 2017 Lower Austria merit scholarship for my bachelor's degree.
- 2014 Lower Austria TOP-Stipendium scholarship for the exchange semester.

Languages

German (native)

English (fluent, 8.5/C2 IELTS)