

VALENTIN SEIDLER - CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born: April 10, 1973
Citizenship: Austrian
Status: Married, one son

EDUCATION

- 2011 (Aug.) Doctoral Degree in Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business
Dissertation: *Colonial Legacy and Institutional Development: The Cases of Botswana and Nigeria*, Supervisor: Prof. Andreas Resch, rated excellent
- 2009 (Oct.) B.A. (Political Science, History), Vienna University.
- 2001 (Oct.) Magister Degree (MBA equivalent), Vienna University of Economics and Business
Thesis: *Industrialisierungstheorien am Beispiel Mexikos*, Supervisor: Prof. Andreas Resch, rated excellent, awarded with a prize by the Austrian Chamber of Commerce
- Languages English, German (fluent); Spanish, Italian, French (intermediate); Portuguese, Japanese (basic)

APPOINTMENTS

- 2019 – Postdoctoral researcher and research project leader, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Department of Economics)
- 2018 – Lecturer at the Vienna School of International Studies
- 2010 – Lecturer at the University of Vienna (Department of Development Studies)
- 2018 – 2019 Senior Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Vienna (Department of Development Studies)
- 2011 – 2014 Postdoctoral research assistant at the University of Vienna (Department of Development Studies)

VISITING POSITIONS

- 2018 – 2019 Erwin Schrödinger Fellow at the University of Groningen (Department of Economics)
- 2016 – 2018 Erwin Schrödinger Fellow at the University of Warwick (Department of Economics)
- 2015 – 2016 Fellow at the International Research Centre for Cultural Studies (IFK) in Vienna
- 2014 – 2015 Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton

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NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2006 – 2009 Liaison officer to the EU Commission, International Red Cross Office in Brussels
- 2001 – 2006 Project manager in international humanitarian aid with assignments in Kosovo, Romania, Moldova, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, East Timor, Cambodia and Indonesia; Team leader Africa; Head of Region in South-East Asia

PUBLICATIONS

in refereed journals

- Seidler, V. (2018). Copying informal institutions: The role of British colonial officers during the decolonization of British Africa. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 14(2): 289-312.
- Seidler, V. (2017). Institutional copying in the 20th century: The role of 14,000 British colonial officers. *Journal of Contextual Economics*, 137(1-2), 93-119.
- Seidler, V. (2016). Colonial bureaucrats, institutional transplants, and development in the 20th century. *Administrative - Zeitschrift für Verwaltungsgeschichte*, 1: 155-172.
- Kabbach de Castro L, Gelman M, Seidler V. (2015). Effects of the involvement of counselors to the agreement of shareholders to the values of the firm. *Revista de Administração de Empresas* 55(3): 345-358.
- Seidler, V. (2014). When do institutional transplants work? The relation between institutions, culture and the transplant effect: The case of Borno in northeastern Nigeria. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 10(3): 371- 397. The article was shortlisted for the Elinor Ostrom Award in 2015.

Monograph

- Seidler, V. (2011). *Colonial legacy and institutional development – The cases of Botswana and Nigeria*. ÖFSE Forum 52. Wien: Südwind Verlag.

Other Publications

- Seidler, V. (2017). Project VOICES – a status report. *The Overseas Pensioner*, 114: 20-21
- Seidler, V. (2016). Overseas officers and development today. *The Overseas Pensioner*, 112: 27-31

Working Papers

- Seidler, V. (2011). The role of informal institutions in building the institutional framework of an African state: The case of the Kanuri in Nigeria. *Paper presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics*, 2011, Stanford, USA.
- Seidler, V. (2010). Why did Botswana end up with good institutions: The role culture and colonial rule. *Paper presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics*, 2010, Stirling, UK.

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Work in Progress

Bureaucratic expertise and sector-level economic performance: Evidence from the British Empire (with Guo Xu, Berkeley Haas)

In search of the perfect fit: Knowledge transfers, experimentation and economic performance (with Robbert Maseland, University of Groningen)

REFEREEING

Manuscript evaluation for British Journal of Political Science, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Institutional Economics, Society & Natural Resources, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, IE Working Paper Series

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

Austrian Economic Association, American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Ronald Coase Institute, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Digital History (Vienna), Young Science Centre (OeAD Vienna)

RESEARCH GRANTS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Austrian National Bank (OeNB Anniversary Fund Grant #18157): located at the Department of Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business: 08/2019 to 01/2021.

The Beit Trust, UK: Financial support for interviews with retired colonial officers: 01/2017 to 12/2017.

Austrian Science Fund (FWF Erwin Schroedinger Grant # J3848-G28): Support for research stays in the UK and in the Netherlands including one year at the University of Vienna: 03/2016 to 03/2019.

Austrian Science Fund (FWF Erwin Schroedinger Grant # J3681-G18): Support for research stay at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton: 09/2014 to 07/2015.
Grant not accepted to avoid double funding.

Austrian Academy of Science / Max Kade Foundation, New York: Max Kade Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton: 09/2014 to 07/2015

CONFERENCES AND TALKS (SELECTION, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES)

2018 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of SIOE (HEC Montreal)
Invited speaker: Witten Conference on Institutional Change (Witten)
Invited speaker: Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (Frankfurt)
Panel Organizer: Zeitgeschichtetag (Vienna)

2017 Participant: Luncheon of HM Overseas Service Pensioners' Association (London)

2017 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of SIOE (Columbia University)

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- 2016 Keynote address: Witten Conference on Institutional Change (Witten)
Paper presentation: WINIR conference on Institutions & Human Behavior (Boston)
- 2015 Invited speaker: Institute for International and Regional Studies (Princeton)
Invited speaker: Department of African Studies (Princeton)
Invited speaker: Department of Economics (Groningen)
Public lecture: International Research Centre for Cultural Studies (Vienna)
Paper presentation, Annual Conference of ISNIE (Harvard Law School)
- 2014 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of ISNIE (Duke University)
- 2013 Paper presentation: Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (Innsbruck)
- 2012 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (Krakow University of Economics)
- 2011 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of ISNIE (Stanford University)
- 2010 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of ISNIE (Stirling University)

TEACHING AND STUDENT SUPERVISION

- 2018 – *Vienna School of International Studies*: Master level course on advanced topics in development economics
Supervision of master theses in the field of international economics and economic history
- 2010 – *University of Vienna*: Undergraduate and master level courses, lectures and seminars on introductory and advanced development economics, institutional economics, resource management and international economics
Supervision of master theses (fields of development economics and colonial history) and organization of diploma exams
- 2018 University of Witten: Lecturer at the Oikos Winter School

MEDIA APPEARANCES

I have published articles and blogs informing about my academic research program in *Der Standard* (2020 and 2019) and *ORF Science* (2018 and 2015)

I have been interviewed by *FALTER Podcast* (2018), *ORF ZiB2* (2009), *OÖ Nachrichten* (2009)