

VALENTIN SEIDLER - CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born: April 10, 1973
Citizenship: Austrian
Married, one son
English, German;
Spanish, Portuguese, French,
Italian; Japanese

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), 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 Best Thesis by the Austrian Chamber of Commerce

APPOINTMENTS

- 2019 – Postdoctoral researcher at the [Vienna University of Economics and Business](#).
- 2018 – Lecturer at the [Vienna School of International Studies](#)
- 2010 – Lecturer at the University of Vienna, Department of Development Studies
- 2018 – 19 Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Vienna, Department of Development Studies
- 2011 – 14 Research assistant at the University of Vienna, Department of Development Studies

VISITING POSITIONS

- 2021 Visiting Scholar at the UC Berkeley (Haas School) from February - July 2021
- 2018 – 19 Erwin Schrödinger Fellow at the University of Groningen, [SOM Research Institute](#)
- 2016 – 18 Erwin Schrödinger Fellow at the University of Warwick, [CAGE Research Centre](#)
- 2015 – 16 Fellow at the [International Research Centre for Cultural Studies \(IFK\)](#) in Vienna
- 2014 – 15 Visiting Scholar at the [Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton](#)
- 1999 Exchange student at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2011 Team leader Africa desk, Austrian Red Cross in Vienna
- 2009 Field assessment leader for the International Red Cross (IFRC) related to earthquakes in Italy and Indonesia
- 2006 – 09 Liaison officer to the EU Commission (DG ECHO international humanitarian aid), International Red Cross (IFRC) Office in Brussels
Austrian Red Cross representative to the EU Commission
- 2005 – 06 Head of regional delegation in South East Asia for the Austrian Red Cross with projects in Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- 2004 Financial and administrative delegate in Burkina Faso, Austrian Red Cross
- 2004 Field assessment delegate in Romania, Austrian Red Cross
- 2002 – 04 Project coordinator (water and sanitation) in Mozambique, Austrian Red Cross
- 2002 Financial and administrative delegate in Moldova, Austrian Red Cross
- 2000 – 01 Relief and rehabilitation delegate in Kosovo, International Red Cross (ICRC)

TEACHING AND STUDENT SUPERVISION in English

- 2018 – *Vienna University of Economics and Business*: International Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Development Economics (graduate)
- 2018 – *Vienna School of International Studies*: Development Economics (graduate)
Master thesis supervision in the fields of economic history, development and international political economy
- 2010 – *University of Vienna*: Political economy of development, institutional economics, economic history (graduate and undergraduate)
Master thesis supervision in the fields of development economics, international political economy
- 2018 *University of Witten*: Lecturer at the Oikos Winter School

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. *Administrativ - 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. Shortlisted for the Elinor Ostrom Award in 2015.

Monograph and other publications

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

Seidler, V. (2017). Project VOICES – a status report. *The Overseas Pensioner*, 114: 20-21

Seidler, V. (2016). Overseas officers and development. *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.

Work in Progress

Bureaucratic expertise and state development: Evidence from the British Empire (with Guo Xu, UC Berkeley Haas)

In search of the perfect fit: Knowledge transfers, experimentation in international organizations (with Robbert Maseland, University of Groningen)

Project VOICES: Online archive of searchable interviews, films, photos, letters and other biographical material to promote academic research on the role of British colonial officers in the 20th century in charge of preparing colonies for independence.

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

RESEARCH GRANTS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Austrian Science Fund: 129,300 EUR starting with 01/2022

Austrian National Bank: 125,000 EUR from 08/2019 to 07/2023

The Beit Trust, UK: 3,500 GBP from 01/2017 to 12/2017

Austrian Science Fund (Erwin Schrödinger): 166,400 EUR from 03/2016 to 03/2019

Austrian Science Fund (Erwin Schrödinger): 80,900 EUR not accepted to avoid double funding with Max Kade Foundation

Austrian Academy of Science & Max Kade Foundation (New York): 67,500 USD financing research at the IAS in Princeton from 09/2014 to 07/2015

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- 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)
- 2017 Panel Organizer: Zeitgeschichtetag (Vienna)
Participant: Luncheon of HM Overseas Service Pensioners' Association (London)
- 2017 Paper presentation: Annual Conference of SIOE (Columbia University)
- 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)

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, Austrian Economic Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Digital History (Vienna), Ronald Coase Institute Alumni, Young Science Centre (OeAD Vienna)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient: Word, Excel & MSOffice software, ATLAS.ti, MAXQDA

Intermediate: LaTeX, R, STATA

MEDIA APPEARANCES

I regularly publish articles about in the Austrian daily newspaper *Der Standard* (2019-2021) and present interesting research on *ORF Science* (2018 and 2015)

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

Sample: [Der Standard on corruption in China and in Austria, March 2021](#)

Sample: [ORF Science on role of colonial bureaucrats, April 2018](#)