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Research interests

History of the family and kinship; inheritance and succession; social history of European elites; history of the Habsburg Empire; history of rents and labour; history of debt and insolvency

Academic employment

10/2021 – current

WISO; University of Vienna

Research assistant

In the project: "[Noble Siblings: Wealth Arrangements & Social Configurations](#)" funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

With Margareth Lanzinger (project coordinator) und Claudia Rapberger

10/2020 – 09/2021

WISO; University of Vienna

University assistant ("prae-doc")

07/2019 – 09/2019

University of Vienna

Researcher (working contract)

On behalf of the research group "Figurations of Inequality"

Education

10/2020 – current

University of Vienna

Doctoral studies in history

Dissertation project: "From Partition to Primogeniture. Noble Inheritance Practices in Upper and Lower Austria, 16th-18th Centuries"

Supervisor: Margareth Lanzinger

03/2018 – 01/2020

University of Vienna

Masters' studies in history

Focus: Economic and social history, history of science; graduation with honours on 10 October 2020;

Master's thesis: „Adelsmacht und Primogenitur. Fideikomnisse und Verwandtschaft in der Habsburgermonarchie ca. 1600-1800“.

10/2014 – 10/2017

University of Vienna

Bachelor studies in history

Graduation with honours 19 October 2017.

10/2014 – 10/2017

University of Vienna

Studies in English and American and Sociology (not finished)

09/2006 – 06/2014

Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

Ingeborg Bachmann Gymnasium

Higher general secondary education (AHS)

Exchanges

05/2023

University of Zürich (UZH), Historical seminary

Conferences, Workshops and Presentations (selection)

05/07 – 05/09/2025

Albacete; ES

03/26 – 03/29/2025

Leiden; NL

09/12 – 09/13/2024

Vienna; AT

10/26 – 10/28/2023

Bolzano; IT

10/12 – 10/14/2023

Hannover; DE

09/19 – 09/22/2023

Leipzig; DE

07/06 – 07/07/2023

Ponte de Lima; PT

04/12 – 04/14/2023

Göteborg; SE

02/27 – 02/28/2023

Vienna; AT

09/15 – 09/17/2022

Vienna; AT

06/15 – 06/16/2022

Vienna; AT

15/10 – 10/17/2021

Lissabon; PT

04/21/2021

Vienna; AT

Congreso Internacional. Familias y cambio histórico

Presentation: "Guardianship in service of the lineage? Agnates as guardians in the Austrian aristocracy, 17th and 18th centuries".

European Social Science History Conference

Presentation: "The widow, the sickly heir and the prodigy. Succession and the Struggle to preserve an Austrian aristocratic household in times of war, debt and familial tensions in the mid-seventeenth century".

Workshop: "Ladies' economy. Noble women as economic agents in the late medieval and early modern period"

Co-organiser and presenter. Presentation: "Mutter gegen Sohn. Eine Adels-witwe bemächtigt sich des familialen Patrimoniums, Ober- und Niederösterreich 1645-1650".

12th conference of the research group "Gender Differences in European Legal Cultures"

Co-organiser and presenter. Presentation: "The oldest brother divides, the youngest chooses first. Practicing noble customs of partible inheritance in 16th century Upper Austria".

"Haushalten mit Verwandtschaft"

(Workshop at the Leibniz University Hannover)

Presentation: "Evaluieren um zu Separieren. Die Wertbemessung von Grundbesitz im oberösterreichischen Adel des 16. und 17. Jahrhunderts".

54th German Historians' Day

Presentation: „Strafe oder Rettungsaktion? Der staatliche und familiäre Umgang mit der Insolvenz eines niederösterreichischen Adelshauses am Vorabend des Reformzeitalters“ within the panel: "Fragile Finances".

VINCULUM Project Scientific Meeting

Presentation: "What could go wrong? The struggle of three Austrian aristocrats to save their family's new 'Majorat' from war, debt and confident widows in the mid-17th century".

European Social Science History Conference

Presentation: "Non-partitioned patrimonies? Sharing Lower and Upper Austrian noble seigneuries in fraternal community, ca. 1600" within the Panel: "Sibling Relations: Early Modern Noble Siblings".

Doctoral Workshop in Economic, Social and Ecological History

Presentation: "Einblicke in den quantitativen Teil einer Dissertation zu den Übergängen in der Erbpraxis aristokratischer Verwandtenverbände in Ober- und Niederösterreich vom späten 16. bis zum 18. Jahrhundert".

"Debt. The Good, the Bad and the Hidden. Bringing Family, Kin, Commerce and Consumption Debts together" (Workshop)

Presentation: "Punishment or bailout? The governmental and familial management of a Lower Austrian noble house's bankruptcy at the eve of the Reform Era".

Doctoral Workshop at University of Vienna

Co-organiser and presenter. Presentation: "Problematiken der Erforschung und wissenschaftlichen Darstellung adeliger Erb- und Transmissionspraktiken am Beispiel der Familie Leonhards IV. von Harrach (1514-1590)".

ESTER Research Design Course 2021

Presentation: "Family, Property and Power. Transformations of Inheritance Practices and Kin Organization among the Nobilities of Upper and Lower Austria, ca. 1500-1800".

Morgenkolloquium of the Department of Economic and Social History

Presentation: "Familie, Besitz und Macht. Transformationen von Erbpraktiken und Verwandtschaftsorganisation im Adel Ober- und Niederösterreichs, ca. 1500-1800".

Teaching

Sum. semester 2024

University of Vienna

Guided Reading (2 SWS)

Title: "Inheritance in 16th to 19th century Europe and beyond".

Memberships

Since 2020

University of Vienna

Since 2020

University of Vienna

Research network "Economy and Society"

Research group "Figurations of Inequality"

Publications

Florian *Andretsch*, Familienplanung für die Ewigkeit. Sukzessionsordnungen in den Fideikommissurkunden niederösterreichischer Adelsgeschlechter des 17. Jahrhunderts, in: Margareth *Lanzinger* (Ed.), Vererben und Erben. Adelige, städtisch-bürgerliche und bäuerliche Kontexte, St. Pölten 2021, 25-54.

Florian *Andretsch*, 'Noble fideicommissa in the Archduchies of Upper and Lower Austria. On the spread, use and regulation of an aristocratic legal institution in the western Habsburg Empire (17th–18th centuries)', in: Maria *Lurdes Rosa* (Ed.), Privilege, memory and perpetuity: Entails and entailment in Europe, ca. 1300–1800, Coimbra 2024, 109–42.