Moritz Hörl

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EDUCATION

2024 – present **PhD in Economics and Social Sciences**
WU Vienna
Dissertation: *Essays on Social Mobility and Equality of Opportunity*
Committee: Astrid Pennerstorfer (WU), Mark Fabian (Warwick), Jan Stuhler (UC3M)
Research visit: London School of Economics (LSE), October–December 2026

2021 – 2023 **Research Master in Philosophy and Economics**
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Additional coursework at Utrecht University (Mathematics, Econometrics, Microeconomics)

2017 – 2021 **BSc in Economics and Social Sciences** (Major: Economics)
WU Vienna

2017 – 2021 **BA in Philosophy**
University of Vienna

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics Labour Economics · Social Mobility · Inequality · Economics of Education

Philosophy Philosophy of the Social Sciences · Values in Science

PUBLICATIONS

- **Stylized Facts about Attitudes toward Inequality: A Contrast between Income and Wealth**
with Nhat An Trinh, Federico Scalese, and Mihaela Pop
Historical Social Research, Special Issue on Perceptions of Wealth Inequality **Forthcoming 2026**

WORKING PAPERS

- **Thick Concept, Thin Consensus: Normative Judgments in Estimating Inequality of Opportunity**
Revise & Resubmit *Economics & Philosophy*
- **What Do People Mean by Social Mobility? Dimensions, Indicators, and the Great Gatsby Curve**
with Michael Keinprecht
- **Beyond Average Social Mobility: The Distribution of Economic Opportunity**
- **The Intergenerational Mobility Paradox in a Dual Education System**
with Wolfgang Frimmel, Martin Halla, et al.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Who Holds the Key? School Gatekeeping, Parental Discretion and the Effects of Deviating from School-Entry Rules**
with Anna Schwarz
- **Within-Family Inequality**
with Samuel Bowles, Wendy Carlin, et al.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2027 – 2029 **DOC Fellowship, Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)** €104,280
Awarded 2026. Competitive doctoral fellowship for outstanding PhD students across all disciplines.

2026 **LSE III Visiting PhD Grant** £3,500
Opportunity and Mobility Research Programme, International Inequalities Institute, LSE.

2025 **Research Grant, WU Vienna** €7,000
Principal Investigator (with Michael Keinprecht): *What Is Social Mobility? Democratizing the Measurement of Opportunity.*

2025 **INEM Young Scholar Award** $750
Best Paper Award, International Network for Economic Method.

2018 – 2021 **Performance Scholarships, WU Vienna and University of Vienna** €850 p.a. each

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2026 **What Do People Mean by Social Mobility?**
Atkinson Conference on Social and Economic Inequality, Nuffield College, Oxford; Inequalities and Opportunities Conference, Bari

2024 – 2025 **Thick Concept, Thin Consensus**
PPE Society, King's College London (2025); INEM, Bayreuth (2025); WU Vienna (2024)

2025 – 2026 **Beyond Average Social Mobility**
Economics Research Seminar, WU Vienna (2026); Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory, Canazei (2026); EIPE, Erasmus University Rotterdam (2025)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 – 2024 **Research Assistant**, *Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna*
Developed nowcasting models using machine learning in R.

2023 **Research Intern**, *Central Bank of Austria (OeNB), Vienna*
Processed microdata and applied econometric models for firm-level policy analysis.

2020 – 2021 **Student Research Assistant**, *Institute of Social Policy, WU Vienna*
Data collection and literature research.

TEACHING

2026 – present **Introduction to Empirical Inequality Research**, *Undergraduate, WU Vienna*

2025 – present **Economics of Distribution**, *Undergraduate, WU Vienna*

Supervision of Bachelor Theses (3), *WU Vienna*

2022 – 2023 **Teaching Assistant, Empirical Research Methods**, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*
Led tutorials and graded assignments.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee *European Sociological Review*

PUBLIC WRITING

2025 „Was ist gerecht? Chancengerechtigkeit messen heißt auch Werte diskutieren." *Die Presse*, 25 August 2025.
(What is fair? Measuring equality of opportunity also means discussing values.)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.