



Programme



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“Equality in Times of Economic Slowdown”
&
4th ATHEA PhD Workshop
“Health Economics and Health Policy in Austria and Beyond”

Vienna, 26th and 27th February 2026

Conference Venue

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Thursday 26 February

11:00-12:00	PhD Workshop
12:00-13:15	Registration Cold Lunch
13:15-13:30	Welcome
13:30-14:30	Parallel Sessions 1
14:30-14:45	Transfer Break
14:45-15:45	Plenary I
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:15	Parallel Sessions 2

Thursday 26 February 13:30-14:30 | Parallel Sessions 1

Analysis of survey data | Lecture Room E02

A primary data collection approach to mental health reference unit cost development in Austria:
 Findings and learnings from the STREAMLINE project

Sophie Diexer, Medizinische Universität Wien

No country for cool homes: The association of summer energy poverty and health in Austria

Maximilian Kabas, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien

Bridging the wait gap: The role of private out-of-pocket funding in accelerating MRI access in Austria

Susanne Mayer, Medizinische Universität Wien

(The health of) children and adolescence | Seminar Room 101

Applying a multi-criteria decision analysis framework for the optimization of a complex parenting
 intervention in Southeast Europe: A cost-consequences analysis of the FLOURISH factorial trial

Judit Simon, Medizinische Universität Wien

School health examinations

Katrin Zocher, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz

Parental cancer diagnosis and children's educational outcomes

Claudia Reiter, Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)

Thursday 26 February 14:45-15:45 | Plenary I – Keynote

Mind the gaps! Why coverage policy matters in good times and bad | Lecture Room E02

Keynote Speaker:

- **Sarah Thomson**, WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Financing

Thursday 26 February 16:15-17:15 | Parallel Sessions 2

Supply and demand in healthcare utilization: Analysis of administrative data | Lecture Room E02

Compensating wage differentials and the health cost of job strain

Alexander Ahammer, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz

Hospital crowding and patient outcome

Wolfgang Frimmel, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz

Does ownership matter in emergency medical services?

Anna-Theresa Renner, Technische Universität Wien

Health economic evaluation | Seminar Room 101

Economic evaluation of automated breast ultrasound (ABUS) in the Hungarian breast cancer screening pathway

Timea Helter, Med-Econ Kft.

Costing in health economic evaluation guidelines – international evidence to inform an Austrian reference case

Christoph Strohmaier, Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment GmbH (AIHTA)

Development of national health economic evaluation guidelines: International best practices and implications for Austria

Diana Sziváková, Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment GmbH (AIHTA)

Friday 27 February

09:00-10:20	Parallel Sessions 3
10:20-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50-11:50	Plenary II
11:50-12:00	Transfer Break
12:00-13:00	Parallel Sessions 4
13:00	Lunch

Friday 27 February 09:00-10:20 | Parallel Sessions 3

Medicines | Lecture Room E02

Improving access, containing costs, impacting equity? Analysing priorities in pharmaceutical policies implemented in European countries since 2020

Sabine Vogler, Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG)

Pushed to vaccinate? The impact of COVID-19 certificates on vaccine uptake

Petra Tschuchnig, Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics (IRDES)

Incentivising innovation and ensuring access: An access-based pricing model for newly authorised medicines

Maximilian Salcher-Konrad, Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG)

A pill a day, keeps the doctor away – and also public budgets healthy?

Peter Schneider, Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG)

(Access to) treatment options | Seminar Room 101

Exploring barriers and facilitators to health care access among patients with atrial fibrillation in Austria and Germany

Lea Koisser, Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)

Assessing integrated care for opioid use disorder – evidence from a case-control study using patient surveys and registry data

Miriam Reiss, Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)

Reducing breast cancer recurrences with CDK4/6 inhibitor treatment of HR-positive, HER2-negative early stage breast cancer from a societal perspective

Stephanie Reitzinger, Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)

Understanding preferences for telemedicine among Long Covid patients in Austria

Agata Łaszewska, Medizinische Universität Wien

Friday 27 February 10:50-11:50 | Plenary II – Policy Dialog

Equality in times of economic slowdown | Lecture Room E02

Input Statement and Discussion:

- **Thomas Czypionka**, *Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)*
- **Stefan Eichwalder**, *Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz*
- **Sarah Thomson**, *WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Financing*

Friday 27 February 12:00-13:00 | Parallel Sessions 4

Ageing | Lecture Room E02

The causal effect of retirement on cognitive functioning: Exploring the role of gendered employment histories

Thomas Arnhold, Internationales Institut für Angewandte Systemanalyse (IIASA)

How do rising care needs impact the formal and informal care sectors and existing inequalities? Comparing Austria and Spain

Ulrike Famira-Mühlberger, Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (WIFO)

Gender differences in cognitive decline among older adults and the role of digital inclusion: Evidence from European countries

Daniela Weber, Internationales Institut für Angewandte Systemanalyse (IIASA)

Health policy and health services research in Austria and Europe | Seminar Room 101

Linking environmental and clinical data: Assessing the predictive value of wastewater signals for unplanned hospital admissions

Stephanie Lackner, Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG)

Midwifery in Europe – a comparison of regulation and scope of practice across six countries

Monika Riedel and Eva Raschhofer, Institut für Höhere Studien (IHS)

Impact of biosimilar policies on availability, affordability and accessibility of biological therapies

Melanie Walther, Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG)

PhD Workshop

Thursday 26 February

11:00-11:10	Registration Welcome
11:10-12:00	Paper 1

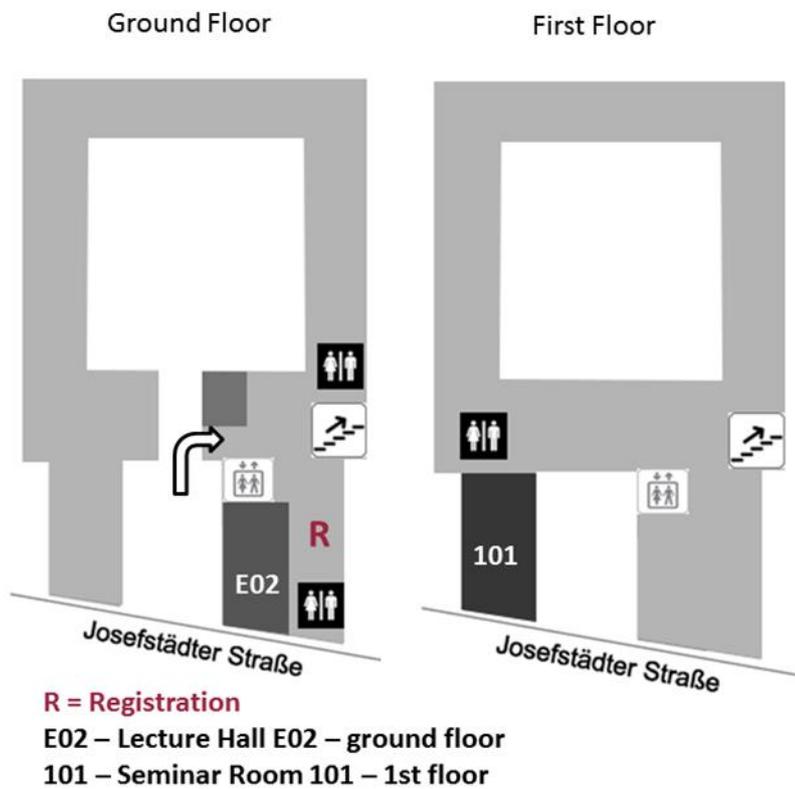
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Paper 1 | Seminar Room 101

How teams substitute workers: Evidence from the healthcare sector
Niccolò Borri, Central European University

Discussant: Alexander Ahammer, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz

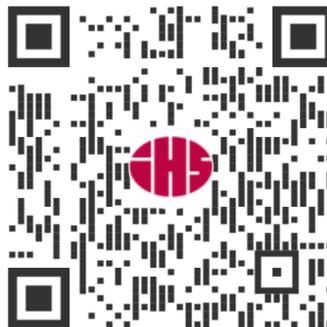
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