

# *Curriculum vitae*

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MSc (Public Health)  
BSc, MSc (Zoology/Biology)  
Postgraduate Certificate (Science Communication)

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## *Professional Experience*

*since November 2017*

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, MEDICAL JOURNALIST**  
Cochrane Austria, [www.medizin-transparent.at](http://www.medizin-transparent.at)

Department for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology  
Danube University Krems, Austria

*December 2013  
– October 2017*

**MEDICAL JOURNALIST**  
Cochrane Austria, [www.medizin-transparent.at](http://www.medizin-transparent.at)

Department for Evidence-based Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology  
Danube University Krems, Austria

*August 2013  
– June 2014, until the  
publication was discontinued*

**MANAGING EDITOR**  
Terra Mater Magazine (English edition)

Red Bull Media  
Vienna, Austria

*Winter Semesters 2012/13,  
2013/14, 2014/15*

**EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY LECTURER IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**  
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme for Intervention Research

Institute for Organisational Development, Group Dynamics  
and Intervention Research  
University of Klagenfurt, Austria

*March 2007 – August 2013,  
until the publication was  
discontinued*

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**  
genosphären – Magazine for Genomic Research in Austria

Austrian Ministry for Science and Research &  
PR Agency “Science Communications”

*March 2004  
– December 2006*

**RADIO EDITOR (HEALTH & MEDICINE)**  
Ö1 Radiodoktor

ORF Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

*January 2003 - 2015*

**FREELANCE SCIENCE JOURNALIST (LIFE SCIENCES, HEALTH & MEDICINE)**

Universum Magazin, ZEIT Wissen, Der Standard, Handelsblatt,  
Tagesspiegel, Technology Review, heureka - Wissenschaftsmagazin des  
Falter, [science.ORF.at](http://science.ORF.at) (selection)

*January 2003 - 2015*

**FREELANCE SCIENCE PR CONSULTANT**

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Molecular Biotechnology,  
Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Wien Museum (selection)

## *Further Professional Activities*

Member of **JOURNALISTENBÜRO SCHNITTSTELLE**,  
a professional self-organised association of 23 freelance science journalists, [www.jb-schnittstelle.de](http://www.jb-schnittstelle.de)

Member of **WISSENSCHAFTSPRESSEKONFERENZ**,  
the German Science Journalists' Association

Regular **CONFERENCE VISITS**,  
e.g. Cochrane Colloquium 2015, WissensWerte - the yearly forum for science journalists in Germany

Extensive **RESEARCH TRIPS**  
to China, India, Singapore und South Africa

Continuing **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION** related to Public Health (2014, 2015)

- Medical Statistics for Non-Statisticians, [Danube University Krems](#)
- Summer School 2015: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Global and Public Health - Vaccination Politics, [Berlin School of Public Health, Charité](#)
- Massive Open Online Courses (selection):
  - Improving the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents: From Evidence to Action, [LSHTM](#)
  - Ebola in Context: Understanding Transmission, Response and Control, [LSHTM](#)
  - Epidemiology: The Basic Science of Public Health, [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#)
  - Introduction to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, [Johns Hopkins University](#)

## *Education and Training*

*September 2016*  
– *September 2017*

### **MSc IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

[London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#)

Final project: *Barrier analysis of the Austrian mammography policy*

*October 2015*  
– *December 2016*

### **MSc IN ZOOLOGY**

[University of Vienna](#)

Grade Point Average 1.0 (high distinction)

Final project: *Embryological wax models of the 19<sup>th</sup> century*

*October 2015*

### **BSc IN ZOOLOGY**

[University of Vienna](#)

Grade Point Average 2.0

*October 2002*  
– *September 2003*

### **POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION (JOURNALISM, PR)**

[Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies at Austrian Universities](#)

Graduation as “Academically Accredited Science Communicator”

Grade “good”

October 1994  
– June 2002

## **DIPLOMA STUDIES IN BIOLOGY/ZOOLOGY**

**University of Vienna**

Foundational courses e.g. in zoology, human biology, microbiology, genetics, botany, palaeontology and in chemistry, physics, mathematics, statistics

Specialisation in comparative anatomy, developmental biology/embryology, vertebrate biology, Australian mammals, history of science

Credits transferred to BSc and MSc Zoology curriculum

### **STUDY AND WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD:**

**Macquarie University** in Sydney, Australia

2000/01 (12 months): research assistant working on “Toxoplasmosis in Australian marsupials”, teaching assistant in Zoology

1997/98 (8 months): exchange student, research assistant

**Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History** in Washington DC, USA

1999 (6 weeks): internship at the “Otto Orkin Insect Zoo” including public tarantula presentations and animal care

1994–1998

### **SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE RELATED TO SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATION**

**Zoo Schönbrunn** in Vienna, Austria

Summer internship as author of a handbook for rock-wallaby keeping and as animal carer (2 months)

**Wildlife Conservation Project** in Fethiye, Turkey

Summer internship in loggerhead turtle protection (1 month)

**ZickZack and FM4, ORF Austrian Broadcasting Corporation** in Vienna, Austria

Summer internship in radio reporting (2 months)

thereafter sporadic freelance work as reporter

June 1994

**MATURA** (Secondary School Leaving Exam)

**Bundesgymnasium 19** in Vienna, Austria

Matura awarded with “high distinction”

September  
– November  
1992

### **HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE**

**Lycée David d’Angers** in Angers, France