

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

**PhD. in Political Science**, viva passed on 19.10.2016 with no changes (*examiners:* Prof. Michael Keating, University of Edinburgh; Dr. Leah Bassel, University of Leicester)

*Dissertation title:* Immigration and collective identity. A longitudinal comparison of Stateless Nationalist and Regionalist Parties in South Tyrol (I), Basque Country (ES), Corsica (FR), Scotland (UK) and Wales (UK)

University of Leicester, Department of Politics and International Relations (United Kingdom)

*Supervisors:* Prof. Laura Morales, University of Leicester; Dr. Rob Ford, University of Manchester

**Master in European Integration**, December 2008 (only pass/fail system, not graded). Courses in Economics, Law, Politics, Sociology, with a special focus on Human Rights, Minority protection, Social and Regional cohesion, EU Law and European Integration, Federalism and Regionalism. Karl-Franzens University Graz, Faculty of Law and Political Science (Austria)

**Magister Artium in German and English Literatures and Linguistics** (4 years pre-Bologna Degree), January 2006 (grade 1.5, grade scale 1-4).

Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Faculty of Languages and Literatures (Germany)

### Exchange student (2004)

University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Humanities (Denmark)

**Various Postgraduate Training Courses:** ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques 2011 (Courses on Qualitative Research Methods and Discourse Analysis), ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2012 (Course on Analyzing Political Language), ECPR Standing Group Summer School on Political Parties 2012.

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano – EURAC (I)  
September 2008 – currently  
(maternity leave from June 2016 – December 2016)

(PhD) Researcher, Institute for Minority Rights

- Participation in various research projects
- Administrative tasks: Coordinator of the Summer School on “Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management” from 2008 to 2015 ([www.eurac.edu/summerschool](http://www.eurac.edu/summerschool)); (in cooperation with University of Graz (A), University of Middlesex (UK), Université du Québec à Montréal

(CAN) and many others); Editorial assistant of the “European Diversity and Autonomy Papers” Administrator of the Interreg IV Italy-Austria project MigrAlp ([www.eurac.edu/migralp](http://www.eurac.edu/migralp));

- Co-founder of MiTe - – Migration and Territory Young Researchers Network – part of IMISCOE Standing Committee on the Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies

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## **RESEARCH SUBFIELDS AND INTERESTS**

Comparative politics: sub-state political institutions and political parties

Migrant/Ethnic studies: theories, discourse and policies on immigrant integration; collective identity;

Regionalism and federalism; national minorities; Stateless Nationalist and Regionalist Parties;

Qualitative text analysis.

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## **AWARDS**

2015 Euroregio Trentino – South Tyrol – Tyrol, Young Researcher’s Award (€2.000)

2012 ASEN (Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism) PhD Scholarship (£ 1.500)

2009 – 2013 Autonomous Province of South Tyrol PhD Scholarship (€24.000)

Travel Grants from the University of Leicester for fieldwork in Scotland (£ 500) and Corsica (£ 335)

Support for Participation in the ECPR Methods Winter School from the University of Leicester (€ 504)

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## **VISITING PERIODS IN RESEARCH CENTRES**

European University Institute (I) – Department of Political and Social Science  
January – June 2015

Supervision: Prof. Rainer Bauböck

University of Corsica (FR) – Department of Politics  
April – May 2013

Supervision: Prof. André Fazi

University of Edinburgh (UK) – Department of Politics and International Relations  
October – November 2012

Supervision: Prof. Nicola McEwen

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## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Journal Articles**

Alice Engl, Verena Wisthaler, “Divergenz trotz Kooperation. Der politische Diskurs zu Flüchtlingen und Asylwerbenden in der Europaregion Tirol - Südtirol –Trentino“, *Politika - Das Südtiroler Jahrbuch für Politik 2016*, Edition Raetia, Bozen, 2017, p. 149-172.

Verena Wisthaler, “South Tyrol: the Importance of Boundaries for Immigrant Integration”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Vol. 42, Issue 8, 2016, p. 1271 – 1289, 10.1080/1369183X.2015.1082290.

Verena Wisthaler, Sanjay Jeram, Arno van der Zwet (eds.), “Friends or foes? Migrants and sub-state nationalists in Europe”, Special Issue of *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Vol. 42, Issue 8, 2016, 10.1080/1369183X.2015.1082286.

Verena Wisthaler, "Immigration in Südtirol: Regionale Integrationspolitiken und lokale Entscheidungsprozesse", *Politika - Das Südtiroler Jahrbuch für Politik 2014*, Edition Raetia, Bozen, 2015, p. 75-104.

Verena Wisthaler, "Identity politics in the educational system in South Tyrol (I): balancing between minority protection and the need to manage diversity." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, Volume 13 Special Issue: Education and Nationalism, December 2013, p. 358 – 372.

Verena Wisthaler, "Politische Partizipation von Personen mit Migrationshintergrund in den Südtiroler Gemeinden", *Politika - Das Südtiroler Jahrbuch für Politik 2016*, Edition Raetia, Bozen, 2016, p. 181-196.

### **Book chapters:**

Johanna Mitterhofer, Verena Wisthaler, „L'integrazione degli immigrati stranieri nelle terre alte: 'Il Sudtirolo'”, *Per forza o per scelta. L'immigrazione straniera nelle Alpi e negli Appennini*, a cura di Membretti Andrea, Kofler Ingrid e Viazzo Pier Paolo, Aracne, 2017.

Besonderer Teil zu Südtirol, in Rainer Hofmann, Doris Angst, Emma Lantschner, Günther Rautz und Detlev Rein (Hrsg.), *Handkommentar zum Rahmenübereinkommen zum Schutz nationaler Minderheiten*, Nomos, Baden-Baden, 2015, p. 394-398; 411-413; 434-439.

Verena Wisthaler, "Landesbericht Italien" Rainer Hofmann, Doris Angst, Emma Lantschner, Günther Rautz und Detlev Rein (Hrsg.), *Handkommentar zum Rahmenübereinkommen zum Schutz nationaler Minderheiten*, Nomos, Baden-Baden, 2015, p. 137-152.

Verena Wisthaler, "Integration und politische Teilnahme: Südtiroler Gemeinden zwischen rechtlichem Handlungsspielraum und praktischer Umsetzung", Alber Elisabeth and Carolin Zwilling (eds.), *Gemeinden im Europäischen Mehrebenensystem: Herausforderungen im 21. Jahrhundert*, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2014, p. 353-374.

Verena Wisthaler, "The Right to Education for Minorities: An Overview on Existing Recommendations from The Hague to Geneva", *European Yearbook on Minority Issues*, Vol. 8, 2009, p. 123-148.

### **Working Papers**

Verena Wisthaler and Heidi Öst, "Minorities and immigration - frameworks of exclusion and inclusion in Åland and South Tyrol compared", *Report from the Åland Islands Peace Institute*, No. 2 – 2014, [http://www.peace.ax/images/stories/pdf/Report\\_2\\_2014\\_online.pdf](http://www.peace.ax/images/stories/pdf/Report_2_2014_online.pdf).

### **Book reviews**

Verena Wisthaler, Political Discourse and National Identity in Scotland, Murray Leith and Daniel P. J. Soule, Edinburgh University Press, 2012, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, Vol. 15, Issue 1, 2015, p. 209-210.

Verena Wisthaler, Diversity Management in Spain: New Dimensions, New Challenges. Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Manchester University Press, 2013, *LSE book review blog*, 2014 <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2013/12/10/book-review-diversity-management-in-spain-new-dimensions-new-challenges/#comments>.

Verena Wisthaler, Participation, Representation and Identity. The Right of Persons Belonging to Minorities to Effective Participation in Public Affairs: Content, Justification and Limits. Annelies Verstichel, Antwerp, Oxford, Portland: Intersentia, 2009, ISBN: 978-9050958400 (Hardback), in *European Yearbook of Minority Issues*, Vol. 9, 2010, p. 773-777.

### **Research Reports**

Verena Wisthaler, Johanna Mitterhofer, *Zusammenleben in Vielfalt in Südtirol. Ein Überblick über*

*Integrations- und Inklusionspolitiken in Südtiroler Gemeinden*, Bozen 2016.

Verena Wisthaler und Heidi Flarer, *Zusammenleben und Vielfalt in Brixen. Ein Forschungsbericht über Vor(ur)teile und Herausforderungen zum Zusammenleben verschiedener Sprachen, Kulturen und Religionen in der Gemeinde Brixen*, Brixen 2014.

### **Manuscripts in progress**

Tiziana Caponio, Gaia Testore, Verena Wisthaler, “Intergovernmental relations and immigrant integration. A case study of Piedmont and South Tyrol – Italy” [submitted for a special issue edited by Ilke Adam, published by Regional and Federal Studies]

Alice Engl and Verena Wisthaler, “Towards a Euro-regional migration polity? Comparing the political debates on refugees and asylum seekers in the European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino”

Verena Wisthaler, “One story or four tales? Immigrant integration and devolution in the UK”, paper presented at the author’s workshop, 13-15 September 2017, University of Konstanz.

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### **RESEARCH PROJECTS and OTHER GRANTS FUNDED**

“Tackling the refugee crisis in Europe: The Euroregion Trentino – South Tyrol – Tyrol. An analysis of the institutional framework” – (Co-Investigator), funded by the Euroregion Trentino – South Tyrol - Tyrol. 1.10.2015 – 31.03.2016; €6.000.

“Living together in Brixen. A study of the attitudes towards integration in a South Tyrolean municipality” (Principal Investigator), funded by the municipality of Brixen. 01.09.2012 – 30.09.2014; €2.500.

EURAC Summer School on “Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Management” (Principal Investigator), funded by the Department of National Minorities and European Integration, Region Trentino – South Tyrol. 01.04.2011 – 30.11.2011; €15.505.

### **Participation in Other Research Projects**

Researcher and Administrator of “Migralp”, funded by Interreg IV Italy-Austria, directed by Dr. Roberta Medda-Windischer, EURAC (Principal Investigator) in collaboration with Zentrum für MigrantInnen in Tirol ZEMIT; 01.10.2008 – 31.10.2011; €783.850.

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### **PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES and PANEL ORGANIZATIONS (2013 – 2017)**

Verena Wisthaler, “When subnational regions take over: a global perspective on regional policy variance in the field of immigrant integration”, The dynamics of regional migration governance, Migprosp – Conference, 25-26 May 2017, EUI – Florence.

Verena Wisthaler and Núria Franco-Guillén, Panel Coordinators of the Panel “Immigration and the sub-state level: Challenges from two different sources of cultural diversity”, 12th IMISCOE Annual Conference 2015, Geneva.

Verena Wisthaler, “The discourse on immigration and the construction of the migrant in minority regions. How to differentiate most from the state level?”, EUI – Migration Working Group, 26.05.2015.

Verena Wisthaler and Núria Franco-Guillén, Panel Coordinators of the Panel “Citizenship and Immigration Policies: How do they challenge the relation between centre and periphery?” Section Development Studies, ECPR Graduate Student Conference, 3-5 July 2014, Innsbruck.

Verena Wisthaler, Co-organization of the Panel “Immigration und regionale Diversität: Politiken kultureller Vielfalt auf regionaler Ebene”, Gemeinsame 3-Länder-Tagung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für

Politikwissenschaft (ÖGPW) und der Schweizerischen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW), 19-21 September 2013, Innsbruck.

Verena Wisthaler, “Immigration und regionale Identitätspolitik – Das Fallbeispiel Südtirol zwischen Minderheitenschutz und Öffnung gegenüber Migranten”, Gemeinsame 3-Länder-Tagung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (ÖGPW) und der Schweizerischen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW), 19-21 September 2013, Innsbruck.

Verena Wisthaler, “Theorizing the nexus between minority regions and immigration“, Gemeinsame 3-Länder- Tagung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (ÖGPW) und der Schweizerischen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW), 19-21 September 2013, Innsbruck.

Verena Wisthaler, Co-organization of the Panel “Immigration and Stateless Nationalist and Regionalist Parties: Foe or Ally?”, Annual UACES Conference, 2-4 September 2013, Leeds.

Verena Wisthaler, “Immigration and Regional Identity Politics – The case of South Tyrol”, Annual UACES Conference 2-4 September 2013, Leeds.

Verena Wisthaler, “Immigration and Regional Identity Politics – The case of South Tyrol”, New Policies of Accommodating Diversity, University of Konstanz, 13 – 15 June 2013, Konstanz.

Verena Wisthaler, “Immigration – empowering or threatening minority regions? An explorative case study of South Tyrol (I) and Scotland (UK)”, ECPR Joint Session, Workshop: National Minorities between Protection and Empowerment: Contemporary Minority Politics in Europe, 11-16 March 2013, Mainz.

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