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PERSONAL DETAILS

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Interests Economic growth and development, Institutional Economics,
International Economics, International Political Economy.

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Graz, Austria

2014 MA in Global Studies, University of Graz, Austria

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Since 2024: Postdoc at the Department of International Economics,
Vienna School of International Studies

2022-2023: Postdoc at the Chair of International Economics, Ruhr University Bochum

2020-2021: University Assistant, Institute of Economics, University of Graz

2017-2019: Project Assistant, Institute of Economics, University of Graz

TEACHING RECORD

Since 2024: Introduction to Quantitative Empirical Analysis, graduate teaching,
Vienna School of International Studies

2022-2023: Economic Growth and Structural Change, graduate teaching,
Ruhr University Bochum

2022-2023: International Finance, undergraduate teaching,
Ruhr University Bochum

2020-2021: Development Economics, graduate teaching,
University of Graz

2014-2021: International Economics, undergraduate teaching,
University of Graz

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

- Kalkschmied, K. (2023). Rebundling Institutions: How property rights and contracting institutions combine for growth. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 51.2, 477-500. [Link](#)
- Kalkschmied, K. (2023). China's infrastructure investment in the South Caucasus before and after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 132. [Link](#)
- Borsky, S., & Kalkschmied, K. (2019). Corruption in space: A closer look at the world's subnations. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 59, 400-422. [Link](#)

Book chapters

- Kalkschmied, K. (2025). Chinese lending specifics and projects in the Caucasus region: A look into project-level data. In A. Khachikyan, J.P. Panda, R.M. Wrobel (eds.),

Armenia and the Belt and Road Initiative: Perspectives from Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. London, Routledge, pp.28-44.

- Ahrens, J., & Kalkschmied, K. (2025). Insights and lessons from integrating Asian economies: (What) Can Africa learn from Asian market-led regional integration?. In A. Freytag, & A. Oduro (eds.), *Prospects for Regional Integration in Africa – A Comparative Perspective*. Stellenbosch, African Sun Media, pp.449-478.
- Ahrens, J., & Kalkschmied, K. (2022). China in Africa: Competitor of the EU?. In B. Seliger & R. Wrobel (eds.), *Korea, the Iron Silk Road and the Belt and Road Initiative*, Vol. 7 of Emerging Market Studies. Zwickau, Peter Lang Publishing House, pp.159-181.

Others

- ‘Chinese lending specifics and projects in the Caucasus region: A look into project-level data’ summarized in ‘Unpacking Chinese finance in the South Caucasus’ by some anonymous author(s) writing for eurasianet.com and published on Dec 14, 2022. [Link](#)

WORKING PAPERS

- ‘Market building by strategic interactions: The role of powerful private actors and the state’, together with Jörn Kleinert, SSRN 4728020, 2023. [Link](#)
- ‘European ports development under Chinese investments’, together with Paul Stricker (Ruhr University Bochum), SSRN 4976399, 2024. [Link](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- ‘North Adriatic Maritime Infrastructure Development under US-China Rivalry’, together with Ana Jeinić (Graz University of Technology)
- ‘From bilateral exchange to market organization’, together with Jörn Kleinert (University of Graz)
- ‘Chinese finance for African infrastructure: Smart power for economic gains or political leverage?’, together with Fathia Lawal (Graduate of the Vienna School of International Studies)

FUNDING

2024: Funding for the research project ‘Development Finance in the Face of Climate Change’ by the Anniversary Fund from the Austrian National Bank (EUR 299.000)

HONORS AND GRANTS

2020: Yu Chen prize for the EJPE paper with Stefan Borsky, University of Graz

2017: Julius-Raab scholarship from the Austrian Economic Chamber

2016: Grant of the Graf Hardegg’sche Stiftung for the paper ‘Rebundling Institutions’

2016: Grant from the School for Economics and Social Sciences, University of Graz for the dissertation project ‘Institutional Complementarities and different Paths of Economic Development’

RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- Research fellow at the ‘Governance in Emerging Economies Research Group’, PFH Göttingen and Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
- Associated member of the ‘Human Factor in Digital Transformation’ research network, University of Graz