

## Academic CV



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- 1978: “Matura”, Senior High School, Braunau am Inn, Austria;
- 1978-1983: Catholic Theology and PPP (Philosophy, Psychology, Pedagogics) at the University of Salzburg (Master degree, MA)
- 1983-2007: Teacher at the Gymnasium Braunau
- 1987-1991: Supervisor training in ‘Logotherapy and Existential Analysis’ (according to Viktor Frankl)
- 1987-1992: Master degree (MA, philosophy) at the University of Salzburg & Doctorate in philosophy (PhD)
- 1988: Fulbright grant ‘Center of Process Studies’ Claremont University, Los Angeles (John B. Cobb)
- 1990-1992: Grant for gifted students, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany): dissertation at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt* (Univ. Prof. Dr. Reto L. Fetz)
- 1990-1995: Instructor for teacher novices
- 1991: Grant of the Fritz v. Thyssen Foundation for young gifted scholars; participation at the International Edith-Stein-Conference
- 1991-1997: Training in *Cognitive Behavior Therapy* (AVM), (state certified psychotherapist since 1997)
- 1992: Organization of a lecture by Univ. Prof. Dr. John B. Cobb at the University Salzburg
- 1992-1997: Practicing supervisor (*Logotherapy & Existential Analysis*)
- 1994-2001: Staff scientist (Ass. Prof.) at the University of Salzburg; part time (50%)
- 1997: Organization of the internationalen AEPF Conference in Salzburg (~300 participants)
- 1997-2002: *Practicing psychotherapist* (Cognitive Behavior Modification)
- 1999: Organization of the international and interdisciplinary conference “The Process Paradigm: A Basis for Interdisciplinary Research?“, together with Univ. Prof. Dr. H.-J. Sander and Dr. U. Winkler. (~ 200 guests from many different Departments of the University of Salzburg)
- 2001: Winner of the *International Essay Contest* of the *Charles Wei-hsun Fu Foundation*; winning paper: „On Non-Substantialism in Psychology“
- 2001-2002: Staff scientist (full time (100%),) stand-in for one year)

- 2002: Co-founder of the WPN (*Whitehead and Psychology Nexus*) Head of board together with Michel Weber (*Catholic University Leuven, Belgium*) until 2004)
- 2002-2007: Staff scientist (Ass. Prof.) at the University of Salzburg (part time, 50%)
- 2006-2008: Lecturer at the University for Applied Religious Studies in Salzburg
- 2006: Organization of the „6<sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference 2006: „The Importance of Process – System and Adventure“ at the University Salzburg (together with Univ. Prof. Dr. H.-J. Sander (Systematic Theology, University Salzburg)
- 2007-2009: Staff scientist (permanent contract, full time)
- 2008: Invited guest scholar at the *Harvard Graduate School of Education* (HGSE) (Univ. Prof. Dr. Kurt W. Fischer); *Fulbright Grant* of the *Austrian-American Educational Commission*
- 2008: Invited lecture at the *Center for Process Studies, Claremont University, Los Angeles, USA* (OLP (Occasional Lecture Programme)) grant;
- 2008: Invited lecture at the international conference „Structure, Process, Symbol. Whitehead – Cassirer – Piaget: A Paradigm for Philosophy and the Sciences? at the *Catholic University of Eichstätt, Germany*; title of the paper: “Whitehead’s and Piaget’s Concepts of Consciousness“
- 2008: Invited lecture at the Institut für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene, Freiburg i. Br.: „Whitehead’s Theory of Perception in the Light of Empirical Research“
- 2008: Invited lecture at the Conference „Neuroeducation: New Perspectives in Teaching and Learning in Erice, Sicily; organized by the *International Mind, Brain and Education Society* (IMBES)
- 2007-2011: Chair of the Curricular Commission of the Department of Educational Science, University Salzburg
- 2009: Invited keynote presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> *International Whitehead Conference* in Bangalore, India; title of lecture: „Testing Whitehead’s Cyclic Learning Theory Empirically – Report from a Pilot Study“.
- 2009: “Habilitation“ (Second Book): „Whitehead’s Process Philosophy and its Implications on Psychology and Education“; reviewers: Univ. Prof. Dr. Kurt Fischer (Harvard Graduate School of Education, USA), Univ. Prof. Dr. Fritz Oser (University Freiburg, Switzerland), Univ. Prof. Dr. Anton Bucher (University Salzburg, Österreich), Univ. Prof. Dr. Wolfdietrich Schmied-Kowarzik (University Kassel, Deutschland).
- 2011-2013: Vice Head of the Department of Educational Science, University Salzburg
- 2012: Invited paper presentation plus discussion at the *World Day of Philosophy* (UNESCO): „Education as Activity – Whiteheadian Perspectives“ followed by two panel discussions at the University of Philosophy in Munich, Germany; this presentation and the discussions was broadcasted by the Bavarian TV and went on air in February 2013 in the series „Think Time/Denkzeit“.
- 2012-2013: Participation in the “Academic Leadership Program“ at the University Salzburg
- 2012-2016: Research project: „Consciousness and Perception: Implicit (subliminal) Processes and their Role in Complex Problem Solving“ (together with Sandra Bröderbauer and Michael Huemer, BA, BSc, MSc, MA)
- 2013: Participation at the annual conference of the *German Whitehead Society* (paper presentation) (4.-6. 1. 2013 in Munich, Germany);

- 2013-current: Co-editor of the book series *Deutschen Whitehead Studien/German Whitehead Studies* (Alber Verlag) together with Univ. Prof. Dr. Godehard Brüntrup (University of Philosophy, Munich, Germany) and Univ. Prof. Dr. Christoph Kann (University of Düsseldorf, Germany)
- 2013-current: Co-organizer (together with A. Scarfe, J. Qurirng & J. Sweeney) of and participant at the international conference „Process Educational Praxis in Challenging Times“ at the Claremont University, Los Angeles, USA, Center for Process Studies (June 23-26, 2013)
- 2013: Co-organizing (together with Ludwig Jaskolla) the section “Analytical Philosophy and Pragmatism” at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference in Krakow, Poland (September 9-13, 2013).
- 2013: Paper presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference in Krakow, Poland: „Whitehead’s Theory of Perception and Empirical Evidence for the Impact of Unconscious Stimuli on Problem Solving Behavior“
- 2013: Paper presented at the Think Tank Mariposition, Mariposa, Teneriffa, Spain; title: “From weighing alone the pig wont grow fat”.
- 2015: Session plenary lecture (invited lecture) „Are We Really Related? The Impact of Whitehead’s Organismic Process Philosophy on Our View of Education“ at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference „Seizing an Alternative. Toward an Ecological Civilization“, Claremont, Los Angeles.
- 2015: Session plenary lecture (invited lecture) „Learning Cycles in Science Classes – Interim report from a 2-Years Efficiency Study“ at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference „Seizing an Alternative. Toward an Ecological Civilization“, Claremont, Los Angeles.
- 2015: Interim research report for the Industrial Association, Salzburg concerning the project „Learning Cycles in Natural Science Teaching“
- 2015-2017: Joint project of University Salzburg (Department of Educational Science: Franz Riffert, Department of Education; Dr. Gerda Hagenauer, University Bern, Switzerland; Dr. Alexander Strahl, School of Education, University Salzburg) and the Josef Kriegseisen BA, MA, University of Applied Education, Salzburg: „Learning Cycles in Science Classes“ – The Project is funded by the *Industrial Association, Salzburg*.
- 2015-2019: Research project (together with Dr. Andreas Paschon): „Module Approach for the Self-Evaluation of School Development Projects (MSS) – Online.
- 2016: Invited keynote presentation: „Implementing Whitehead’s Learning Cycle Approach in Science Classes: Theory, Design, First Results, and Future Perspectives. Fourth European Summer School in Process Thought: „Education from a Whiteheadian Point of View“, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 1-6, 2016.
- 2016: Presentation at the Fourth European Summer School in Process Thought: „Education from a Whiteheadian Point of View“, August 1-6, 2016
- 2016: Co-Organizer of the 19th Annual Conference of the German Society of Evaluation (DeGEval) (together with A. Paschon and the *School of Education*, University Salzburg, Univ. Prof. Dr. U. Greiner)
- 2016: Organizer of the Session „The Module Approach for Self-Evaluation of School Developmental Projects (MSS) – Original Core Ideas,

	Connections to Elinor Ostrom's Self-Governance Approach and Advantages of the MSS Online Version“.
2016:	Paper presentation „On the Sustainability of Self-Governance in Schools: The Module Approach for Self-Evaluation in School Developmental Processes as Support for the Implementation of Elinor Ostrom's Core design Principles“ held at the 19th Annual Conference of the <i>German Society for Evaluation</i> , Salzburg.
2017:	11 <sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference, Ponta Delgado, Azores, Portugal; two papers in preparation for the sections „Integral Economics“ and „Religion“.
2017:	Scientific Prize for the Master Thesis of one of my students in the field of <i>Elementary Education</i>
2018:	Conference participation in Sofia, Bulgaria; part of the three-years research project 'Synergy between Process Philosophy and Elements of Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Learning Theory' (financed by the Science Fund Bulgaria.
2018:	Partizipation in a conference in Sofia, Bulgaria as a part of the three-years research project 'Synergy between Process Philosophy and Elements of Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Learning Theory'
2018-2021:	Annually about two conference participations as part of the three-years research project 'Synergy between Process Philosophy and Elements of Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Learning Theory'
2019:	Participation at the 12th International Whitehead Conference in Brasilia. Paper presentation.
2022:	Partizipation at the 7 <sup>th</sup> European Summer School in Process Thought, August 15 – 19, 2022 in Namur, Belgium; paper presentation: The Function of Reason in Metaphysics and the Sciences
2022:	4th International Scientific Conference “Contemporary Perspectives before the Humanities and Social Sciences” in Varna, Bulgaria, August 29–September 2, 2022; Paper presentation: Dementia from the Point of View from process Philosophy
2022-current:	Editing the “Whitehead-Handbuch” (Whitehead-Handbook, German) together with colleague Tina Röck (University of Dundee; Scotland, GB) and colleague Michael Schramm (University of Stuttgart, Germany)
2023:	Partizipation at the 13 <sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference in Munich, Germany, July 26-29,2023
2023:	Organization of the Section “Education” at the 13 <sup>th</sup> International Whitehead Conference, together with colleague Robert Regnier (University of Saskatchewan, Canada) and Zhihe Wang, China.
2003-current	Book project, two Volumes: “The Implications of Process Philosophy for Psychology and Education – An Essay in Applied Ontology”
01.10.2023	Retirement