

## CV and description of previous research achievements

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### **List of academic milestones and relevant positions held to date**

#### **Academic milestones**

<b>October 2003</b>	Master's degree in Sociology and Communication Science (with honors)
<b>December 2005</b>	Master's degree in Psychology (with honors)
<b>January 2007</b>	Approbation of dissertation: "Tourism in the shadow of terrorism"
<b>February 2007</b>	Doctoral degree in the doctorate study Sociology (PhD with honors)
<b>January 2016</b>	Habilitation ("Venia Docendi") in Sociology with the monography "Das gesellschaftliche Unbehagen in der EU, Ursachen, Dimensionen, Folgen") promotional thesis to Assoc.Prof)

#### **Professional Appointments**

<b>February-May 2020</b>	Foreign stay at the Weatherhead Centre (Harvard University) <a href="https://inequality.wcfia.harvard.edu/people/wolfgang-aschauer">https://inequality.wcfia.harvard.edu/people/wolfgang-aschauer</a>
<b>February 2016</b>	Appointment to Associate Professor in the Division of Sociology and Cultural Science, University of Salzburg
<b>March 2011</b>	Appointment to Assistant Professor at the Division of Sociology and Cultural Science, University of Salzburg
<b>October 2008</b>	Appointment to Lecturer in the Paracelsus Private Medical University, Department of Nursing Science
<b>March 2007</b>	Appointment to Post-doctoral fellow in the Division of Sociology and Cultural Science, University of Salzburg
<b>October 2006</b>	Appointment to Lecturer at the Department of Psychology (tourism psychology as a lecture and empirical seminar)
<b>March 2004</b>	Appointment to Lecturer at the University of Salzburg (courses statistics at the division of Sociology and at the IT-Service Center)
<b>2000 – 2004</b>	Tutor for statistics at the department of sociology

## **Main areas of research and short statement of the most important research results achieved to date**

### **Main areas of research**

- **Research on social integration:** dynamics of ethnic prejudice and Islamophobia, challenges of social cohesion in Western societies
- **Quality of life research:** Wellbeing and basic values in a cross-national perspective
- **Migration research:** special focus on challenges of integration
- **Research on quantitative methods:** particularly cross-national survey, intercultural comparisons, construct equivalence

### **Short statement of the most important research results achieved to date**

The main achievement of my habilitation project (published in 2017) was the theoretical development and empirical evaluation of the concept of “societal malaise”, describing general feelings of discontent in the Western world. In more recent publications I presented societal malaise as an important explanatory factor of populism or as a main predictor of ethnocentrism. Impressions of societal decline increase polarizations and threaten the social fabric of society. This exerts pressures on migrants in general and Muslims in particular struggling for social inclusion. In my current work I refer to these contemporary challenges of social cohesion with a particular focus on value change and aspects of quality of life. From a methodological angle, my mission is to provide new directions how to conduct comparative survey research, how to take cross-cultural equivalence adequately into account and how to come to more empirically sound approaches to assess inequalities and current challenges of social integration.

## **Required description of previous research achievements**

### **10 most important academic publications**

#### *Books*

- Aschauer, W. (2017). Das gesellschaftliche Unbehagen der BürgerInnen in der EU. Ursachen, Dimensionen, Folgen. Wiesbaden: Springer-VS. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-10882-3>
- Bachleitner, R., Weichbold, M., Aschauer, W., & Pausch, M. (2014). Methodologie und Methodik interkultureller Umfrageforschung. Zur Mehrdimensionalität der funktionalen Äquivalenz. Berlin: Springer-VS. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-04199-1>

#### *Edited volumes*

- Aschauer, W.; Glatz, C. & Prandner, D. (2022). Die österreichische Gesellschaft während der Corona-Pandemie. Ergebnisse aus sozialwissenschaftlichen Umfragen. Wiesbaden: Springer-VS.
- Aschauer, W. et al. (Hrsg.) (2019). Die Lebenssituation von Migrantinnen und Migranten in Österreich. Ergebnisse einer Umfrage unter Zugewanderten. Wiesbaden: Springer-VS. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-25592-3>

#### *Book chapters*

- Aschauer, W. (2021). Societal malaise in turbulent times: Introducing a new explanatory factor for populism from a cross-national Europe-wide perspective. In: R. Heinisch, C. Holtz-Bacha & O. Mazzoleni (Eds). Political populism. Handbook of concepts, questions and strategies for research, Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 471-498. [doi.org/10.5771/9783748907510-471](https://doi.org/10.5771/9783748907510-471)

*Journal articles (peer-reviewed)*

- Aschauer, W. (2021). The re-figuration of spaces and comparative sociology: Potential new directions for quantitative research. *Forum: Qualitative Social Research*, 22 (2) <http://dx.doi.org/10.17169/fqs-22.2.3739>
- Aschauer, W. (2020). The drivers of prejudice with a special focus on religion—insights into anti-Muslim sentiment in Austrian society. *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie*, 45 (2), 183-212. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11614-020-00414-z>
- Aschauer, W. (2019). New directions in cross-cultural wellbeing research. *Revue des politiques sociales et familiales*, 132-133, 5-23. <https://doi.org/10.3406/caf.2019.3357>
- Aschauer, W. & Mayerl, J. (2019). The dynamics of ethnocentrism in European regions. Comparing enduring and emerging determinants of solidarity towards immigrants. *European Societies*, 21 (5), 672-703. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2019.1616791>
- Aschauer, W. (2016). Societal Malaise and Ethnocentrism in the European Union. Monitoring societal change by focusing on EU citizens' Perceptions of Crises. *Historical Social Research*, 41 (2), 307-359. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/43798494>

**Additional research achievements**

*Professional Awards and Scholarships*

- June 2009** Innovative Teaching Award of the University of Salzburg (Research laboratory on the integration of migrants and view of the host society)
- August 2009:** Emerald Publishing Commended Paper Award for the paper: "Perceptions of tourists at risky destinations", presentation at AIEST conference in Savonlinna
- Spring 2020:** Fulbright Award (Botstiber-Visiting Professor for Austrian-American Studies <https://botstiberbiaas.org/funding-opportunities/fulbright-botstiber-awards/>)

*Third Party Funded projects*

- October 2015-**
- December 2019:** Project Leader of three FFG-Projects (Foresight-Cockpit (software) to adequately consider the migration challenge for the near future (Project Volume: 43.000€), Forestrat-Cockpit (focus critical evaluation of algorithms detecting security perceptions (Project Volume: 41.000€) and TECTREND (identifying technology trends using a mixed-methods approach, Project volume: 44.000€)
- June 2021 -**
- December 2022:** Project Leader: Technological Readiness Tele Care (Cooperation project with PMU Salzburg, Institute for Nursing Science, Project Volume: 140.000€)

*Organization of conferences, session organizations and presentations*  
(see a collection here: [Presentations and Participation at congresses](#))

*Professional activities*

- Since 2011:** Membership in various international scientific organizations (International Sociological Association RC33 Logic and Methodology, ESA RN 21, DGS, ÖGS)
- 2015-2019:** Coordinator of RN 21 Quantitative Methods: European Sociological Association <https://esa-quantitative-methods.org/>