

MELANIE GRÄSER

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EDUCATION

- Vienna University of Economics and Business** *October 2018 - present*
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics and Social Sciences
Dissertation: Topics in Development Economics
- University of Oxford** *October 2014 - July 2015*
M.Sc. Economics for Development
Master thesis: Microcredit and Womens Intra-Marriage Bargaining Power in Mongolia
- University of Edinburgh** *September 2010 - June 2014*
MA (Hons) Economics, First Class Honours
- University of Toronto** *August 2012 - May 2013*
International Exchange in Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Vienna University of Economics and Business** *October 2018 - present*
Teaching and Research Associate *Vienna, Austria*
- World Bank** *October 2018 - December 2020*
Research Analyst *Vienna, Austria*
- Supported delivery of Western Balkans 6 Investment Policy and Promotion project to client governments.
- World Bank** *April 2018 - September 2018*
Health Financing Consultant *Monrovia, Liberia*
- Supported the Liberian Ministry of Health in implementing health financing related activities (resource allocation formula, resource mapping, development of health equity fund concept).
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Fellow** *September 2015 - September 2017*
Health Economist *Monrovia, Liberia*
- Supported the Liberian Ministry of Health in implementing health financing related activities (resource allocation formula, resource mapping, development of health equity fund concept).
- Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance** *June 2011 - August 2011*
Economics Intern *Vienna, Austria*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development economics; Applied econometrics; Natural resources; Health economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Industrial versus artisanal mining: The effects on local employment in Liberia

Socio-economic development effects of different mining types in Liberia

The effect of humor on health care: Randomized control trial in Palestine (with Christine Grimm and Roman Hoffmann)

PRESENTATIONS AT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

WU Wien Internal Research Seminar in Economics; Austrian Labor Market Workshop (Central European University); Eleventh Italian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists annual conference (Parthenope University of Naples); Sustainable Development in the Minerals Industry 2022 10th International Conference (Namibia University of Science and Technology); MEFIB 2023: PhD. Meeting on Economics, Finance, and Business (Universitat Jaume I); 2023 German Development Economics Conference (Technical University Dresden)

FURTHER SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Computer skills	R, Stata, LaTeX, ArcGIS
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)