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1980	University of Graz, "Dr. rer. soc. oec.", "Optimale Erweiterungs- und Ersatzzeitpunkte von Anlagen in wachsenden Unternehmungen" ("Optimal capacity expansion and replacement of machines in growing firms").
1978	University of Graz, "Mag. rer. soc. oec." (Accounting and Finance).

Employment Record

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1993-2008	Professor of Finance, University of Vienna, Austria
1996-2006	Director of the Center of Banking & Finance, Danube University Krems (joint with Professor Engelbert Dockner), Austria
1991-1992	Research Scholar, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, USA
1990-1993	Associate Professor (with tenure), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
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Publications in Refereed Journals

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- · Otto Randl, Arne Westerkamp, and Josef Zechner, "Equilibrium Policy Portfolios When Some Investors are Restricted from Holding Certain Assets", China Finance Review International, 13(1), 2023, pp. 1-22.
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- · Otto Randl and Josef Zechner, "Sovereign Reputation and Yield Spreads: A Case Study on Retroactive Legislation", German Economic Review, 19, 2017, pp. 260-279.
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- · Michael Halling, Jin Yu, and Josef Zechner, "Leverage Dynamics over the Business Cycle", The Journal of Financial Economics, 122 (1), 2016, pp. 21-41.
- · Klaus Gugler, Natalia Ivanova, and Josef Zechner, "Ownership and Control in Central and Eastern Europe", Journal of Corporate Finance, 26, 2014, pp. 145–163.
- · Nils Friewald, Christian Wagner, and Josef Zechner, "The Cross-Section of Credit Risk Premia and Equity Returns", The Journal of Finance, 69 (6), 2014, pp. 2419-2470.
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- · Vojislav Maksimovic, Gordon Sick, and Josef Zechner, "Comment on Forward Markets, Stock Markets and the Theory of the Firm", The Journal of Finance, 44, 1989, pp. 525-528.
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- Thomas Dangl, Michael Halling, Jin Yu, and Josef Zechner, "Social Preferences and Corporate Investment", SSRN Working Paper Series 4470567, 2023
- Andreas Neuhierl, Otto Randl, Christoph Reschenhofer and Josef Zechner, "Timing the Factor Zoo", SSRN Working Paper Series 4376898, 2023
- · Alessandro Melone, Otto Randl, Leopold Sögner and Josef Zechner, "Stock-Oil Comovement: Fundamentals or Financialization?", SSRN Working Paper Series 4205724, 2022
- Otto Randl, Giorgia Simion, and Josef Zechner, "Pricing and Constructing International Government Bond Portfolios", SSRN Working Paper Series 4021429, 2022
- · Michael Halling, Jin Yu, and Josef Zechner, "The Dynamics of Corporate Debt Structure", SSRN Working Paper Series 3488471, 2022
- Michael Halling, Jin Yu, and Josef Zechner, "Primary Corporate Bond Markets and Social Responsibility", SSRN Working Paper Series 3681666, 2021
- · Angel Tengulov, Josef Zechner, and Jeff Zwiebel, "Valuation and Long-Term Growth Expectations", SSRN Working Paper Series 3488902, 2022
- Daniel Rettl, Alex Stomper, and Josef Zechner, "The Stability of Dividends and Wages: Effects of Competitor Inflexibility". SSRN Working Paper Series 2858926, 2020

- Johann Reindl, Neal Stoughton, and Josef Zechner, "Market Implied Costs of Bankruptcy". SSRN Working Paper Series 2324097, 2017
- · Neal Stoughton and Josef Zechner, "The Dynamics of Capital Allocation". SSRN Working Paper 249987, 2000

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- Thomas Dangl, Otto Randl, and Josef Zechner, 2015. Risk Control in Asset Management: Motives and Concepts. In: Innovations in Quantitative Risk Management, Hrsg. Glau, Kathrin, Scherer, Matthias, Zagst, Rudi, 239-266. Cham Heidelberg New York Dordrecht London: Springer.
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- · Neal Stoughton and Josef Zechner, "Konzepte zur Risiko-Ertragssteuerung in Kreditinstituten", Handbuch Risikomanagement, 2, Uhlenbruch Verlag, 2000, pp. 879-902.
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Monographs

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- · Josef Zechner, "Der Einfluß von Steuern auf die optimale Kapitalstruktur von Unternehmungen", Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien, 1989.

Scholarly and Professional Activities

HONORS/KEYNOTE TALKS

2023 Keynote Talk at the Irish Academy of Finance (IAF) 4th Annual Conference, WU Award for Outstanding Research Achievements

2022 Keynote Talk at the 9th CERF Cambridge Corporate Finance Theory Symposium, WU Award for Outstanding Research Achievements

2021	Sharpe Award for the best paper published in the 2021 volume of the JFQA "Granularity of Corporate Debt", Keynote Talk at the Annual China Finance Review International Conference. 2021 CFRIC (China), Distinguished Speaker at 56th Annual Conference of the Western Finance Association, WU Best Paper Award 2021 (Austria)
2020	Keynote Talk at the Danish Finance Institute Annual Conference "Finance and Corporate Social Responsibility" (Denmark)
2019	Invited Talk at Seventh Workshop in Macro, Banking, and Finance, Collegio Carlo Alberto and UniCredit Foundation, WU Award for a Star Journal Article, WU Award for Outstanding Research Achievements
2016	Financial Research Association's, 2016 Best Paper Award,
2015	Jack Treynor Prize (Q-Group, USA),
2014	WU "Publikation 2014" (Austria),
2013	Hong Kong Asian Capital Markets Research Prize (Hong Kong),
2012	WU Best Paper Award of the City of Vienna (Austria),
2011	Didaktikus 2010/11, University of Vienna (Austria),
2008	Outstanding paper award, Centre for Financial Research (CFR), Cologne (Germany),
2007	Honorary doctoral degree from the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Germany),
2005	SWX Best Paper Award, 8th Conference of the Swiss Society for Financial Market Research, Zurich (Switzerland)

RECENT INVITED WORKSHOPS

2023	University of Zurich (Switzerland), Copenhagen Business School CBS (Denmark), Tel Aviv University (Israel), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Isreal), Hasso Plattner Foundation (Germany)
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2020	University of Naples (Italy), ESSEC (France), Collegio Carlo Alberto (Italy)
2019	CASS Business School (United Kingdom), Central European University (Hungary), University College Dublin (Ireland), Fondazione Collegio Alberto, University of Torino (Italy)
2018	European School of Management and Technology Berlin (Germany), Università della Svizzera italiana (Switzerland)
2017	University of Geneva (Switzerland), University of Mannheim (Germany), University of Piraeus (Greece), University of Pennsylvania (USA), University of Innsbruck (Austria)
2016	Lancaster University (United Kingdom), Copenhagen Business School (Denmark), Bank of England (United Kingdom)
2015	Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden), Singapore Management University (Singapore), Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), National University of Singapore (Singapore), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong), Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Germany), Koç University Istanbul (Turkey)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSANT/CHAIR (SINCE 2015)

2023	European Winter Finance Summit (EWFS) 2023 (Austria), Vienna Symposium on Foreign Exchange Markets (Austria), European Finance Association (EFA) Annual Meeting (Netherlands), 19th UBC PH&N Centre for Financial Research Summer Finance Conference (British Columbia)
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2020	SUERF Conference 2020 (Italy), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Panel Discussion (Austria), Danish Finance Institute Annual Conference 2020, Keynote speaker (Denmark), Vienna Symposium on

	Foreign Exchange Markets (Austria), Online Conference 2020 of the Northern Finance Association (USA)
2019	American Finance Association Annual Meeting 2019 (USA), Institutional Money Kongress (Germany), Investmentforum (Austria), SFS Cavalcade North America 2019 (USA), FinPro 2019 (Germany), Vienna Symposium on Foreign Exchange Markets (Austria), European Finance Association 46th Annual Meeting 2019 (Portugal)
2018	Hamburg Finance Forum 2018 (Germany), Vienna Symposium on Foreign Exchange Markets (Austria)
2017	Annual Conference of the Western Finance Association (USA), SFS Cavalcade North America 2017 (USA), European Winter Finance Summit (Austria), American Finance Association Annual Meeting (USA)
2016	Annual Conference of the Western Finance Association (USA), FIRS The Financial Intermediation Research Society (Portugal), Institutional Money Kongress (Austria), SFS Finance Cavalcade (Canada)
2015	Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft (Austria), Fondstage der Vereinigung Österreichischer Investmentgesellschaften (Austria), Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics (Austria), Annual Meeting of the European Finance Association (Austria), Annual Conference of the Western Finance Association (USA), 77. Jahrestagung des VHB (Austria)

EDITORSHIPS

2022	Member of the Editorial and the Advisory Board of the China Finance Review International (CFRI)
Since 2021	Journal of Financial Economics, Advisory Editor
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2014-2016	Review of Finance (Advisory Board)
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since 2000	German Economic Review (Associate Editor)
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MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

Since 2023	European Finance Association (EFA), Chair
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Since 2018	University College Dublin, Scientific Advisory Board
Since 2017	Danish Finance Institute (DFI), Advisory Board
2017 -2020	Society for Financial Studies (SFS), Vice President
Since 2015	Finance Theory Group (FTG), Fellow
2015-2019	European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB), Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC)
Since 2014	Vienna Graduate School of Finance (VGSF), Speaker
2014-2016	Society for Financial Studies (SFS), Council Member
2014/15	Western Finance Association (WFA), President
2012	Audit Committee for EPFL Swiss Finance Institute (SFI), Chair
2005-2009	Gutmann Center for Portfolio Management, Director
Since 2004	Austrian Academy of Sciences (OEAW), Full Member
2001-2002	German Finance Association (DGF), President
1997-1998	Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Research Fellow
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Member of the CESifo Research Network, Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute, American Finance Association, European Finance Association, Western, Finance Association (-2010), Society of the Promotion of Financial Studies, Western Economic Association, Nationalökonomische Gesellschaft, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Finanzwirtschaft

Consulting

Consulting for various European and North American banks, industrial firms and government agencies in the areas of risk management, bank management, bank regulation, portfolio management and cost of capital determination. Member of the Scientific Board of IQAM Invest (formerly Spängler IQAM Invest).