

Curriculum vitae

Dr. Sarah Kessler

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 03.2023	Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN) at Vienna University for Economics and Business (WU Vienna)
Current position	Assistant Professor at the Institute for Social Change and Sustainability Research focus: climate cultures, social theory, social movements, societal change, environmental sociology, sustainability research, practice theory, science communication and digital ethnography
09.2018 – 02.2023 09.2022 – 02.2023	LMU (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität), Department of Geography Postdoctoral researcher (on maternity leave) Project: BAYSICS: Bavarian synthesis information citizen science portal for climate research and science communication
09.2018 – 08.2022	Researcher and doctoral candidate
DISSERTATION	Competing Climate Cultures in Germany: how differences in responsibility, efficacy and knowing result in variations of collective denial
09.2016 – 09.2020	PlanetPaket – cradle to cradle-certified wrapping paper Social start-up Founder and manager Small local eco responsible business for paper products, built up from scratch
09.2016 – 08.2018	BIMobject Deutschland GmbH (part time) Internal project manager
01.2014 – 08.2016	ZMM Zeitmanager München GmbH Project manager

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

10.2012 – 07.2013	University of Cambridge/UK
SUBJECT	Development studies
DEGREE	Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
RESULT	Distinction
10.2009 – 06.2012	Durham University/UK
SUBJECT	Combined social sciences: human geography, politics, economics
DEGREE	Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
RESULT	First class honours degree

SCHOOL EDUCATION

08.2006 – 05.2008	Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, Kent/UK
DIPLOMA	International Baccalaureate
Until 07.2006	Ludwigsgymnasium München

PUBLICATIONS.....

- Kessler, S. 2023 (in prep.) Climate-cultural diversity in everyday (professional) life: Group-specific differences in thinking about and acting on climate change
- Kessler, S. & Rau, H. Capturing climate-cultural diversity: A comparison of climate change debates in

- 2022 Germany. In T. Heimann, J. Sommer, M. Kusenbach and G. Christmann (eds.) Climate Cultures in Europe and North America. Routledge Edited Volume (Book chapter, accepted for publication in 2022)
- Kessler, S. & Rau, H.
2022 Worte ohne Taten? Die Kluft zwischen Verantwortung und Wirksamkeit als Dilemma der Nachhaltigkeit. In Henkel, A. and Gruber, H. (eds.) Dilemmata der Nachhaltigkeit. Nomos Verlag (Book chapter, accepted for publication in 2022, print and open access)

MEMBERSHIPS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC TALKS.....

- From 2022 Member of **LMU ZEPP (Centre for Ethics and Philosophy in Practice)**
- From 2021 Recipient of **LMU mentoring programme**
- From 2021 Member of **LMU Climate Forum and LMU Young Climate Forum**
- 09.2021 Lecturer **Munich Climate School**
- 08.2021 Presentation at **RGS-IBG annual international conference 2021**
- 06.2021 Presentation at **virtual conference at Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg: Sustainability Dilemmas**
- From 2020 Member of the **scientific board** of the **nationwide environmental consciousness report** (Umweltbewusstseinsstudie UBA)
- 10.2020 Guest lecturer at **Bavarian Volkshochschule**
Topic: Climate responsibility
- 09.2020 Presentation at **annual Austrian citizen science conference**
- From 2019 Member of **Scientists for Future**
- From 2019 Lecturer **Public Climate School**
- 2018 Guest lecturer at **Munich technical university** (PlanetPaket founding story)
- 2017 Guest lecturer at **Social Entrepreneurship Akademie**
- 04.2016 – 10.2016 **Start-Up League, incubator** of the Strascheg Centre for Entrepreneurship, Hochschule München
- 10.2015 – 07.2016 **Social Entrepreneurship Akademie**
Certificate programme for societal innovations
- 10.2014 – 07.2015 **Hochschule München, Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship**
Academic Programme for Entrepreneurship (APE)

TEACHING

- 11.2022 Weeklong seminar at **Georg von Vollmar Akademie, Kochel**
Between responsibility and denial: societal perspectives on a socially just handling of the climate crisis
- 04.2022 – 07.2022 **Harvard BOK** higher education **Teaching Certificate** (online course)
- Fall semester 2021 Regional geography UK & Ireland

WORKSHOPS (SELECTION).....

- 12.2021 **Science communication** (NaWik Institute)
- 11.2021 **Women in science & professorships** (University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf)
- 11.2021 **Workshop financial affairs** (Mentoring Programme)
- 10.2021 **Funding workshop** (Mentoring Programme)
- 07.2021 **Proposal writing** (DFG Workshop)
- 03.2020 **Statistical foundations** (LMU Graduate Centre)
- 2019 **Academic writing** (LMU Graduate Centre)
- 2019 **Qualitative research methods** (LMU Graduate Centre)