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ACADEMIC CAREER

- Since 2012 **University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna**
Senior Researcher
Applied business research on political risks and political risk management of MNEs
Field research in Azerbaijan, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan
Project lead in "The EU and the EEU: Between Conflict and Competition, Cooperation and Convergence", Jean Monnet Network, Erasmus+ Programme (project completed)
Project Lead "The Eastern Partnership of the EU: Competition, Conflicts and International Business", Jean Monnet Network, Erasmus+ Programme (project completed)
- Since 2015 **University of Vienna – Research Group Eastern Europe**
Lecturer and Editor
Expert for the post-Soviet space, in particular Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan
Editor, Eastblog
- Since 2016 **University of Gothenburg (Sweden)**
Expert for the V-Dem Project
Evaluation of Austria and Turkmenistan
- Since 2022 **FH Campus Wien (University of Applied Sciences)**
Lecturer
Regional expert for post-Soviet Central Asia
- 2007-2012 **University of Hamburg**
PhD Fellow
Doctoral degree (PhD) in political science (Dr. phil.) with distinction „magna cum laude“
Doctoral thesis: "The Resource Curse in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan and the Perspectives of Efficiency and Transparency Initiatives"
Studies on Corruption, Rent Seeking and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Field research in Azerbaijan (2009/2010), Turkmenistan (2010) and Georgia (2009)

- 2008-2011 **German Institute of Global and Area Studies**
Associated PhD Fellow
Studies on Corruption, Rent Seeking and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Field research in Azerbaijan (2009/2010), Turkmenistan (2010) and Georgia (2009)
- 2008-2011 **Research Centre for East European the University of Bremen**
Associated PhD Fellow
Research programme "Corruption and Informal Networks"
- 2007-2010 **PhD Scholar of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation**
Full scholarship by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany

ACADEMIC VOLUNTEERING

- Since 2012 **The World of NGOs, Vienna**
Board Member and Project Consultant
- Since 2010 **Old Scholar Association of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation**
Regional Head for Vienna and East Austria

EDUCATION

- 2003-2006 **University of Hamburg**
Master of Political Sciences ("Diplom-Politologe")
Majoring in Political Science
Minoring in Law (with a special focus on European and International Law)
Degree with distinction (A Grade, 1.16)
- 2000-2003 **University of Augsburg**
Bachelor of Political Science („Vordiplom“)
- 1990-1999 **Adalbert-Stifter Gymnasium Passau (Grammar School)**
Abitur (A-Level) with distinction (A Grade, 1.8)

PUBLICATIONS (Selection)

Monographs, Edited Volumes, Special Issues

Meissner, Hannes / Sottilotta, Cecilia / Campisi, Julian / Leitner, Johannes (forthcoming): The Routledge Handbook of Political Risk.

Meissner, Hannes / Leitner, Johannes (eds.) (2023): The EU and the EEU - Risks and Chances for Multinational Enterprises, *Wirtschaft und Management*, No. 33.

Meissner, Hannes / Leitner, Johannes (eds.) (2020): Reconsidering Political Risk from the Perspective of Applied Sciences: In the Search for practice-oriented Political Risk Models, *Wirtschaft und Management*, No. 29.

Meissner, Hannes / Leitner, Johannes (eds.) (2017): State Capture, Political Risks and International Business. Cases from Black Sea Region Countries, Routledge.

Meissner, Hannes (2013): Der „Ressourcenfluch“ in Aserbaidschan und Turkmenistan und die Perspektiven von Effizienz- und Transparenzinitiativen (The Resource Curse in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan and the Perspectives of Efficiency- and Transparency Initiatives), in: Tetzlaff, Rainer / Jakobeit, Cord (eds.) (2013): *Demokratie und Entwicklung* Vol. 66, LIT Verlag.

Articles and Book Chapters

Meissner, Hannes (forthcoming): Political Risks in the post-Soviet Region: Geopolitical Risks, Country Risks, and Business Management Strategies, in: Meissner, Hannes / Sottilotta, Cecilia / Campisi, Julian / Leitner, Johannes (forthcoming): The Routledge Handbook of Political Risk.

Meissner, Hannes (forthcoming): Informality and State Capture as Political Risk: Firm Level Evidence from Ukraine under Yanukovych, in: Meissner, Hannes / Sottilotta, Cecilia / Campisi, Julian / Leitner, Johannes (forthcoming): The Routledge Handbook of Political Risk.

Meissner, Hannes / Sottilotta, Cecilia / Campisi, Julian (forthcoming): Revisiting the Theoretical Underpinnings of Political Risk Analysis: Why Context Matters, in: Meissner, Hannes / Sottilotta, Cecilia / Campisi, Julian / Leitner, Johannes (forthcoming): The Routledge Handbook of Political Risk.

Meissner, Hannes / Lazareva, Anna (forthcoming): Geopolitical Shifts and the War Against Ukraine: A Point of No Return, Policy Paper for FATT.

Meissner, Hannes (2023): From Conflict to War in Ukraine. The New Realities of Political Risk Management in the post-Soviet space. Meissner, Hannes / Leitner, Johannes (eds.) (2023): The EU and the EEU - Risks and Chances for Multinational Enterprises, *Wirtschaft und Management*, No. 33.

Meissner, Hannes (2018): Azerbaijan: Postsocialism between Fragile Stability and Crisis, in: Jaitner, Felix / Olteanu, Tina / Spöri, Tobias (eds.): *Crises in the Post-Soviet Space. From the dissolution of the Soviet Union to the conflict in Ukraine*, Routledge.

Meissner, Hannes (2017): Corruption, favouritism and institutional ambiguity as political risks. Insights from the concept of neopatrimonialism, in: Meissner, Hannes / Leitner, Johannes (eds.) (2017): *State Capture, Political Risks and International Business. Cases from Black Sea Region Countries*, Routledge, 11-25.

Meissner, Hannes; Leitner, Johannes (2016): FDI in Azerbaijan: A Structural Analysis of the Business Environment. In: *Caucasus Analytical Digest* March 2016, No.82 Foreign Direct Investment.

Meissner, Hannes (2015): Anti-Corruption Measures in the Energy Sector: EITI in Azerbaijan, *Caucasus Analytical Digest* No. 78 5 October 2015.

Meissner, Hannes (et al.) (2015): The Debate about Political Risk: How Corruption, Favoritism and Institutional Ambiguity Shape Business Strategies in Ukraine. In: *Contributions to Economics*. Springer.

Meissner, Hannes (2014): Ressourcenreichtum und Systemtransformation in Aserbaidschan und Turkmenistan (Resource Abundance and Regime Transformation in Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan), in: *Wirtschaft und Management*, 18, *Internationale Rahmenbedingungen unternehmerischen Handelns*, 35-54.

Meißner, Hannes (2013): Ressourcenumverteilung, informelle Netzwerke und Korruption – Zu den Chancen und Risiken für westliche Investoren in Aserbaidschan (Resource Redistribution, Informal Networks and Korruption - About Chances and Risks for Western Enterprises in Azerbaijan), in: *Wirtschaft und Management*, 18, 2013, No. 40, 25-40.

Meißner, Hannes (2013): Nachhaltige Entwicklung durch Öl- und Gasreichtum? Aserbaidschan, Russland und der Ballast der Sowjetunion (Sustainable Development due to Oil and Gas Abundance? Azerbaijan, Russia and Soviet Legacy) in: *Regionale Integration – Alternative Entwicklungspfade? Perspektiven industriepolitischer Optionen in*

räumlichen Strukturen, Kurswechsel No. 3/2013, 8-17.

Meissner, Hannes (2013): Functioning, Effects and Perspectives of Transparency Initiatives – The Example of the EITI in Azerbaijan, The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative eiti.org, <https://eiti.org/files/documents/Paper-Meissner-Transparency-Initiatives.pdf>.

Meissner, Hannes (2012): The Role of the Oil Elite in Policy-Making in Azerbaijan, in: Heinrich, Andreas / Pleines, Heiko (eds.) (2012): Challenges of the Caspian Resource Boom: Domestic Elites and Policy-making, Palgrave Macmillan, 131-142.

Meissner, Hannes (2011): Informal Politics in Azerbaijan: Corruption and Rent-Seeking Patterns, in: Caucasus Analytical Digest No. 24, 6-9.

Jakobeit, Cord / Meissner, Hannes (2010): Stichwort: Frieden und Ressourcen (Keyword: Peace and Resources, in: Gießmann, Hans-Joachim / Rinke, Bernhard (eds.) (2010): Handbuch Friedensforschung, VS Verlag, 518-528.

Meissner, Hannes (2010): The Resource Curse and Rentier States in the Caspian Region: A Need for Context Analysis, GIGA Research Programme Violence and Security, Working Paper No. 133.

(Conference) Speeches (Selection)

Political Risks in the post-Soviet Region: Geopolitical Risks, Country Risks, and Business Management Strategies, CES Annual Conference 2023, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 27 June – 29 June 2023.

EU-EEU Relations and the Ukraine War: Political Risks, Changing Perceptions, and Management Responses of MNEs, BASEES Annual Conference 2023, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, 31 March – 2 April 2023.

Populism, the War in Ukraine and Russia's Grip on the Post-Soviet Space: Political Risks in a Changing Environment, 28th International Conference of Europeanists, ISCTE-IUL – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, 29 June-1 July 2022.

Between Competition and Conflict, Convergence and Cooperation: EU-EEU Relations as Risks and Chances for Enterprises, ECPR General Conference, 30 August – 3 September 2021, Online Conference.

EU's External Actions triggering Political Risks? The case of Ukraine, ECSA Conference, Toronto, 8-10 May 2018.

State Capture and Political Risks, 2018 ASEES/MAG Summer Convention, Lviv, 27-29 June 2018.

Transgressing the Red-Line: Ethical Criticism and Political Risk in Eastern Europe, The 2017 ASEES Annual Convention, Chicago, 9-12 November 2017.

Panel Contribution to "Law and Investment on One Belt One Road and China's Outward Investment Strategy: Implications and Issues for Belt and Road Countries", The 9th World Chinese Economic Summit 2017, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Hong Kong, 13-14 November 2017.

Central Asia: General Characteristics, Business Opportunities and Risks, Speech at the UN ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) Task Force Meeting, Astana, 27 June 2017.

Corruption in Ukraine: Soviet legacy, failed reforms and political risks, 75th Annual MPSA Conference, Palmer House Hilton Chicago, 6-9 April 2017.

Explaining the Presence through the Past: Political Risks in Ukraine and the Role of the EaP, BASEES Annual Conference 2017, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 31 March – 2 April 2017.

The Opposite of Good is Good Intentions, ENP and Political Risks in the Post-Soviet space, BASEES Annual Conference 2017, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 2-4 April 2016.

Doing Business in a Neopatrimonial State: Factors of Systemic Uncertainty and Coping Strategies of International Businesses – Evidence from Ukraine under Janukovytsch, BASEES Annual Conference 28-30 March 2015, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

External Governance and Local Responses: The Case of the EITI in Azerbaijan, Presentation at the Workshop on Regional Integration and External Governance in the Post-Soviet Region, Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen, 12 July 2014.

Functioning, Effects and Perspectives of Transparency Initiatives - The Example of the EITI in Azerbaijan, Presentation at "The Third Global Conference on Transparency Research", HEC Paris: 26 October 2013.

Resource Driven Growth in Azerbaijan and Russia – Chances and Risks in Times of Economic Crisis, Presentation

at "The 9th International Conference of ASECU: Systemic Economic Crisis: Current Issues and Future Perspectives", Skopje: 31 May 2013.

The Role of Business in Fostering Transparency and Sustainability in Emerging Markets – Lessons from the EITI i Azerbaijan, Presentation at the GEBA 2012 Conference: Globalization and Higher Education in Economics and BA, Iasi: 19 October 2012.

Oil Elites and Policy Making in Azerbaijan, Presentation at the project workshop of the Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen: The Political Economy of the Caspian Oil Boom. Elite Interaction and Policy-making, Bremen: 14 December 2010.

Media Contributions (Selection)

Wahlen im Land der Kaviar-Diplomatie: „Aserbajdschan ist zerfressen von Korruption“ (Elections in the land of caviar diplomacy: "Azerbaijan is riddled with corruption"), Interview with the German Newspaper "Der Tagesspiegel", 7 February 2024.

Die Eurasische Wirtschaftsunion und der Ukraine-Krieg (The Eurasian Economic Union and the War in Ukraine), Interview with the Austrian Newspaper "Die Presse", 20.12.2023.

Bergkarabach: Kein Frieden im "Schwarzen Garten" (Nagorno-Karabakh: No peace in the "Black Garden"), Radio Expert Discussion, **Ö1 Punkt eins**, Hannes Meissner zu Gast im Studio bei Barbara Zeithammer, 11 September 2023.

Nadelöhr für den Welthandel. Wie Russland, China und die EU um Georgien buhlen (Bottleneck for global trade. How Russia, China and the EU are courting Georgia), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 15 September 2023.

Streit um Bergkarabach. Armenier fühlen sich von Russland verraten (Dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh Armenians feel betrayed by Russia), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 9 June 2023.

Russland untergräbt Westkurs Georgien? Putins "Pfund" sind Separatisten und Flugzeuge (Russia undermines Georgia's course towards the West? Putin's influence through separatists and airplanes), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 1 June 2023.

RBB Inforadio Weltsichten – Moldau im Fadenkreuz Putins (Moldova in the Crosshairs of Russia). Interview im Beitrag von Stephan Ozsváth, Radio Berlin Brandenburg, 8 April 2023.

Nicht nur die Ukraine in Gefahr. Putins Umsturzpläne für die Ex-Sowjetländer (Not only Ukraine in danger. Putin's Plans with the Post-Soviet Countries), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 23 March 2023.

Russlands Griff nach Moldau (Russia's grip on Moldova), Interview in Deutsche Welle News "Der Tag", 15 March 2023.

Russlands Einfluss in Moldau (Russia's influence in Moldova), Interview im **Ö1 Mittagsjournal**, 13 March 2023.

"Hannes Meißner: Ist Moldau Putin's nächstes Ziel"? ("Hannes Meissner: Is Moldova Putin's next target?"), RBB Inforadio vis-à-vis, **Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg**, 13 March 2023.

Moldau will weg von Russland (Moldova wants to turn its back on Russia), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 28 February 2022.

Die Republik Moldau in der Krise (The Republic of Moldova in Crisis), Zur aktuellen Lage in der Republik Moldau, zu Gast im Studio: Dr. Hannes Meissner (On the current situation in the Republic of Moldova, guest in the studio: Dr. Hannes Meissner), **Ö1 Punkt eins** "Moldawien", 22.1.2023.

Wie Russland mit Oligarchen-Hilfe Moldau bedroht (How Russia Threatens Moldova with Oligarch Support), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 30 November 2022.

Es geht ums Ganze: Die Ukraine als Kampfzone einer Systemkonfrontation (It's all or nothing now: The war in Ukraine as a Geopolitical Conflict of Global Dimension), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 25 November 2022.

Was die Ex-Sowjetländer über Putin denken (What the ex-Soviet countries think about Putin), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 15 August 2022.

Warum Putin von Usbekistan-Unruhen profitiert (Open conflict with Russia" - Why Putin benefits from Uzbekistan unrest), Podcast with Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 20 July 2022.

Kasachstans "brandgefährliches Spiel" mit Putin (Kazakhstan's "fire-and-brimstone game" with Putin), Podcast with

Hannes Meissner by Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 6 July 2022.

Im Schatten Russlands – Ukraine: Zerissen zwischen Ost und West (In in the shadow of Russia – Ukraine: Torn between East and West), expert comments in the documentary of the German public TV channel, **Zweites**

Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF), spring 2023.

Im Schatten Russlands – Zentralasien zwischen Armut und Erwachen (In the shadow of Russia – Central Asia between poverty and awakening), expert comments in the documentary of the German public TV channel, **Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF)**, winter/spring 2022.

Im Schatten Russlands – Die Baltischen Staaten als Brückenkopf Europas (In the shadow of Russia – The Baltic States as bridgehead of Europe), expert comments in the documentary of the German public TV channel, **Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF)**, winter/spring 2022.

Gusenbauer kassierte Geld von Azerbaijans (Austrian ex-chancellor Gusenbauer gained money from Azerbaijan), expert interview with the main **TV journal ZIB2** of the Austrian public TV channel **Österreichischer Rundfunk und Fernsehen (ORF)** on the question of why post-Soviet states engage Western European ex-politicians as consultants, 3 September 2021.

Die Krise in Kasachstan: Frustrierte Bevölkerung und politische Machtkämpfe als politische Risiken (The crisis in Kazakhstan: Frustrated population and political power struggles as political risks), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 6. February 2022.

A1 in Belarus: Im Sog politischer Risikodynamiken (A1 in Belarus: in the wake of politics), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 9. January 2022.

Repression wie in Nord-Korea: Turkmenistans Diktator ist der Alleskönner (Repression like in North Korea. Turkmenistan's dictator is the "all-rounder"), Podcast with Kevin Schulte, German private TV news channel **NTV**, 25 April 2021.

(K)ein neues Eldorado für multinationale Unternehmen: Usbekistan zwischen Reformen und fortbestehenden politischen Risiken ((No) new Eldorado for multinational companies: Uzbekistan between reforms and persisting political risks), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 3. April 2019

Der gefährliche Trend zu autoritärer Herrschaft: Politische Risiken für Unternehmen in Orbáns Ungarn (The dangerous trend towards authoritarian rule: Political risks for businesses in Orbán's Hungary), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 8. April 2020.

Ukraine als sicherer Landeplatz für Internationale Unternehmen? (Ukraine as a safe landing site for international enterprises?) blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 19. July 2017.

Die Galaktischen von Simmering (The galactics of Simmering), Interview with the Austrian weekly newspaper **Der Falter** on the investments of an Azerbaijani oligarch into a local soccer club in Vienna-Simmering, 27 April 2016.

Umsturz vs. Kontinuität im postsowjetischen Raum – Einsichten aus Azerbaijans (Regime change vs. continuity in the post-Soviet space – Insights from Azerbaijan), blog post in the Austrian newspaper **Der Standard**, 10 May 2016.

Wo Fröhlichkeit staatlich verordnet ist (Where happiness is codified by the state), Interview with the German newspaper **Süddeutsche Zeitung**, 15 April 2016.

Die Elite ist sehr nervös geworden (The ruling elite has become nervous), Interview with the Austrian business newspaper **Wirtschaftsblatt** on Azerbaijan, 2. November 2015.

Ganz weit weg – Turkmenistan (Very far away –Turkmenistan). Interview with the German weekly newspaper **Die ZEIT** on field research experiences in Turkmenistan, March 2014.

Korruption ist strukturell verankert (Corruption has structural roots), Interview with the Austrian business newspaper **Wirtschaftsblatt** on Turkmenistan, 6. November 2013.

Azerbaijans ist kein Land für westliche KMU (Azerbaijan is no country for Western SMEs), Interview with the Austrian business newspaper **Wirtschaftsblatt**, 1 March 2013.

Langsamer Abschied vom Kult um „Vater der Turkmenen“ (Slow farewell to the cult of the "Father of the Turkmen), Interview with the Austrian newspaper **Die Presse**, 6 August 2013.

Das Geschäft mit Rohstoffquellen läuft wie geschmiert (Business with oil and gas resources is going like clockwork), Interview with the Austrian business newspaper **Wirtschaftsblatt** on Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, 24 June 2013.

100.000 USD Bakschisch für Audienz beim Präsidenten (100.000 USD bakshish for an audience with the president), Interview with the Austrian business newspaper **Wirtschaftsblatt** on Turkmenistan, 18 April 2013.

Иностранные компании в Туркмении вынуждены учитывать национальную специфику („Foreign companies have to consider local conditions“), Interview with **Deutsche Welle** on Turkmenistan, in: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,5413958,00.html>, 30 March 2010.