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Education

- 2024 **Dr. phil., Sociology**, University of Vienna.
Thesis title: *The creation of action space(s) in young people's leisure time: insights based on a new measurement instrument for survey research* (supervisors: Jörg Flecker, Christoph Reinprecht).
- 2016 **M.A., Human Rights**, University of Vienna.
Thesis title: *Young people's transition from school to work: processes of inclusion and exclusion in Rome and in Vienna*, (supervisor: Christoph Reinprecht), passed with distinction.
- 2011 **B.Sc., Economics and Management in Arts, Culture and Communication**, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi.
Thesis title: *The relationship and the complementarity between artist, territory and community*.

Professional Career

- Since 01/2026 **Postdoctoral researcher**, Copenhagen Business School, Department of International Economics, Government and Business, Project: Achieving work-life balance: citizens, policies and firm perspectives (PI Caroline de la Porte).
- 02/2024–06/2024 **Research support**, University of Vienna, Department of Sociology.
- 10/2021–10/2023 **Researcher**, University for Continuing Education Krems, Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy.
- 10/2018–09/2021 **PhD Researcher**, University of Vienna, Department of Sociology, Uni:docs Fellowship Programme financing excellent doctoral candidates.
- 10/2016–09/2018 **Scientific project assistant**, University of Vienna, Department of Sociology, Project: Pathways to the Future - A longitudinal study about the socialization of young people in Vienna (PI Jörg Flecker).
- 01/2013–09/2013 **Trainee**, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights, Vienna.

Visiting Positions

- 12/2024–02/2025 + 09/2025–12/2025 Guest researcher, Copenhagen Business School, Department of International Economics, Government and Business (host: Caroline de la Porte).
- 09/2022–10/2022 Visiting PhD Researcher, University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research & Doctoral School of Social Sciences (host: Stefani Scherer), Erasmus+ Staff Mobility.
- 08/2014–02/2015 Study visitor, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna.

Teaching

All courses held at the Department of Sociology, University of Vienna.

1. Seminar with exercise, Data Collection and Data Evaluation, BA Sociology (7 ECTS), together with Vera Gallistl, Spring 2021.
2. Exercise, Reading Classics of Sociology, BA Sociology (4 ECTS), 2019S, 2019W and 2020S.

3. Research Laboratory, "Ready or not, here I come" Life-worlds of young people at the end of lower secondary school, BA Sociology (6 ECTS), together with Andrea Jesser, 2017W.

Institutional Activities

All activities carried out at the Department of Sociology, University of Vienna.

1. Member of the Steering Group of the Department project Pathways to the Future, 2016-2022.
2. Co-direction of data collection, Quantitative panel of the Department project Pathways to the Future, 2019 (Wave 2), 2020 (Wave 3) and 2022 (Wave 5).
3. Co-organisation of the Sociological Lecture Series, Jugendliche und junge Erwachsene zwischen Autonomie und gesellschaftlicher Reproduktion [Young people between autonomy and social reproduction], 2018W.

Publications

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

1. Donat, E., **Mataloni, B.**, & Ajanovic, E. (2025). Challenges to Inclusive and Sustainable Societies: Exploring the Polarizing Potential of Attitudes Towards Climate Change and Non-Heteronormative Forms of Living in Austria, Italy, Poland, and Sweden. *Sustainability*, 17(4), 1457.  DOI: 10.3390/su17041457
2. **Mataloni, B.**, & Reinprecht, C. (2024). Encouraging young people's capability to act: The complementary role of different leisure-time contexts in their everyday life. *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, 29(1), 2366521.  DOI: 10.1080/02673843.2024.2366521
3. **Mataloni, B.** (2023). Leisure time in young people's everyday life and its relevance for wellbeing: Longitudinal analyses based on a quantitative panel in Vienna. *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie [Austrian Journal of Sociology]*, 48(3), 405-426.  DOI: 10.1007/s11614-023-00544-0
4. Donat, E., & **Mataloni, B.** (2023). Perception of Collective Agency and Networks of Relations: The Case of Regional Parliaments in Four EU Member States. *Historical Social Research*, 48(3), 235-254.  DOI: 10.12759/HSR.48.2023.32
5. Wöhrer, V., Jesser, A., **Mataloni, B.**, & Schmidt, A. (2020). Insights From Setting up the First Wave of a Qualitative Longitudinal Study. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 19, 1-12.  DOI: 10.1177/1609406920954057

Chapters in Edited Volumes (peer-reviewed)

6. **Mataloni, B.**, Schels, B., & Valls Casas, O. (2026). Alle gleichermaßen glücklich? Bildungsweg, familiärer Bildungshintergrund und die Entwicklung des subjektiven Wohlbefindens nach der Mittelschule [All equally happy? Educational track, parental educational background and the development of subjective wellbeing after middle school]. In K. Danner, M. Duncan, J. Flecker, P. Malschinger, & V. Wöhrer (Eds.), *Lebenswege junger Menschen in Wien. Analysen zu Berufswahl, Engagement und Wohlbefinden [Life courses of young people in Vienna. Analyses on occupational choices, engagement and well-being]* (pp. 199-221). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737019071.199
7. **Mataloni, B.** (2023). Freizeit als Terrain für die Hervorbringung von Kontrollüberzeugung und Wohlbefinden im Jugendalter [Leisure time as a suitable ground for control conviction and wellbeing in youth]. In J. Flecker, B. Schels, & V. Wöhrer (Eds.), *Junge Menschen gehen ihren Weg. Längsschnittdaten über Jugendliche nach der Neuen Mittelschule [Young people on their pathways. Longitudinal analyses of young people after middle school]* (pp. 241-260). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737015103.241

8. Wöhrer, V., Vogl, S., Schels, B., **Mataloni, B.**, Malschinger, P., & Astleithner, F. (2023). Methodische Grundlagen und Forschungsdesign der Panelstudie [Methodical foundations and research design of the panel study]. In J. Flecker, B. Schels, & V. Wöhrer (Eds.), *Junge Menschen gehen ihren Weg. Längsschnittanalysen über Jugendliche nach der Neuen Mittelschule [Young people on their pathways. Longitudinal analyses of young people after middle school]* (pp. 29–56). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737015103.29
9. Vogl, S., Parzer, M., Astleithner, F., & **Mataloni, B.** (2020). Heterogenität am Ende der NMS: Unterschiedliche Ausgangspositionen Jugendlicher [Heterogeneity at the end of middle school: Young people's varying starting positions]. In J. Flecker, V. Wöhrer, & I. Rieder (Eds.), *Wege in die Zukunft. Lebenssituation Jugendlicher am Ende der Neuen Mittelschule [Pathways to the future. Living situations of young people at the end of middle school]* (pp. 87–118). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737011457.87
10. Astleithner, F., Vogl, S., & **Mataloni, B.** (2020). Was auch immer du willst – Bildungsaspirationen von Schüler_innen in NMS in Wien [Whatever you like - Educational aspirations of pupils in middle schools in Vienna]. In J. Flecker, V. Wöhrer, & I. Rieder (Eds.), *Wege in die Zukunft. Lebenssituation Jugendlicher am Ende der Neuen Mittelschule [Pathways to the future. Living situations of young people at the end of middle school]* (pp. 119–146). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737011457.119
11. **Mataloni, B.**, Vogl, S., & Astleithner, F. (2020). (Kritische) Ereignisse im Leben Jugendlicher in Wien: Evidenz aus der Onlineumfrage [(Critical) events in the life of young people in Vienna: Evidence from the online survey]. In J. Flecker, V. Wöhrer, & I. Rieder (Eds.), *Wege in die Zukunft. Lebenssituation Jugendlicher am Ende der Neuen Mittelschule [Pathways to the future. Living situations of young people at the end of middle school]* (pp. 203–224). Göttingen: V&R unipress, Vienna University Press.  DOI: 10.14220/9783737011457.203

Conference and Working Papers

12. **Mataloni, B.** (2021). Handlungsfähigkeit in der Freizeit Jugendlicher. Von Aktivitäten zu Kontexten in quantitativen Erhebungen [Agency in young people's leisure time. From activities to contexts in survey research]. In B. Blättel-Mink (Ed.), *Gesellschaft unter Spannung. Verhandlungen des 40. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie 2020 [Societies under Tension. Proceedings of the 40th Congress of the German Sociological Association 2020]*.  PAPER
13. Flecker, J., Jesser, A., **Mataloni, B.**, Pohn-Lauggas, M., Reinprecht, C., Schlechter, M., Schmidt, A., Vogl, S., Wöhrer, V., & Zartler, U. (2017). Die Vergesellschaftung Jugendlicher im Längsschnitt. Teil 1: Theoretische Ausgangspunkte für eine Untersuchung in Wien [Young people's social integration from a longitudinal perspective. Part 1: Theoretical background for a study in Vienna]. *IfS Working Papers* No. 4.  PAPER
14. Flecker, J., Jesser, A., **Mataloni, B.**, Pohn-Lauggas, M., Reinprecht, C., Schlechter, M., Schmidt, A., Vogl, S., Wöhrer, V., & Zartler, U. (2017). Die Vergesellschaftung Jugendlicher im Längsschnitt. Teil 2: Forschungsdesign und methodische Überlegungen einer Untersuchung in Wien [Young people's social integration from a longitudinal perspective. Part 2: Research design and methodical considerations for a study in Vienna]. *IfS Working Papers* No. 5.  PAPER

Presentations and Talks

Conference Presentations

1. Conceptualising Leisure for Work-Life Balance Based on Citizens' Own Perspective. 32nd International Conference of Europeanists, University College Dublin, June 18, 2026.
2. Increasing fit or unfulfilled aspirations? The effects of educational changes on wellbeing among school leavers from middle schools in Vienna (with B. Schels, O. Valls Casas and J. Flecker). 31st Annual Transition in Youth (TIY) Workshop, University of Warsaw, Sep. 5, 2024.

3. Leisure-time Places in Young People's Everyday Lives: Validity and Reliability of a New Measurement Instrument for Survey Research. 16th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Porto, Aug. 29, 2024.
4. Welche Bedeutung kommt der Freizeit im Alltag für das Wohlbefinden von Jugendlichen zu? Längsschnittanalysen eines quantitativen Panels in Wien [How important is young people's everyday leisure time for their wellbeing? Longitudinal analyses of a quantitative panel in Vienna]. Austrian Youth Research Conference, University of Innsbruck, Jun. 6 2023.
5. Die Eröffnung von Handlungsspielräumen in der Freizeit von Jugendlichen: Einblicke anhand eines neuen Messinstruments für Survey-Forschung [The creation of action space(s) in young people's leisure time: insights based on a new measurement instrument for survey research]. Final Conference of the "Pathways to the Future" Project, University of Vienna, Nov. 18, 2022.
6. Einheit in Vielfalt? Regionale Politik in der EU zwischen Wettbewerb und Kooperation (with S. Börner and E. Donat) [Unity in diversity? Regional politics in the EU between competition and cooperation]. 41st Congress of the German Sociological Association, Bielefeld University, Sep. 29, 2022.
7. Looking for allies – Regional Parliaments strategies for engaging in EU affairs (with E. Donat). ESA RN 15 Midterm Meeting 2022 "Global Sociology: Theory and practice in the 21st century", Paphos, May 5, 2022.
8. The Empowering Potential of Non-Organized Leisure Time. International Conference "Keep it Simple, Make it Fast! DIY cultures and global challenges", Hybrid conference at the University of Porto, Jul. 8, 2021.
9. Young People's Possibilities to Maintain or Increase Their Action Space(s) in the Context of Changed School to Work Transitions. IV ISA Forum of Sociology. Online, Feb. 26, 2021.
10. Handlungsfähigkeit in der Freizeit Jugendlicher – Von Aktivitäten zu Kontexten in quantitativen Erhebungen [Agency in young people's leisure time - From activities to contexts in survey research]. 40th Congress of the German Sociological Association, Online, Sep. 21, 2020.
11. Forward in all directions? Hindernisse und Ressourcen am Übergang nach der Neuen Mittelschule (with A. Jesser and V. Wöhrer) [Forward in all directions? Obstacles and resources during the transition after middle school]. Austrian Youth Research Conference, University of Innsbruck, Nov. 17, 2017.

Invited Talks

12. Where Is Life? A Postdoc Project Proposal on Leisure Time Gaps in Work-Life Balance ('Life-in-WLB' project). AGILE Seminar Series, Department of International Economics, Government and Business, Copenhagen Business School, Oct. 30, 2025.
13. The creation of action space(s) in young people's leisure time: insights based on a new measurement instrument for survey research. Research group meeting "Nature, Green Spaces and Outdoor Recreation", Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen, Nov 14, 2024.
14. Voices of transition: Analysing inequality and adolescents' lives after Mittelschule (with J. Flecker, B. Schels, V. Wöhrer, P. Malschinger and K. Fernandez). Department of Education, University of Vienna, Nov. 10, 2023.
15. „Wege in die Zukunft“ - Eine Längsschnittstudie über die Vergesellschaftung junger Menschen in Wien (with J. Flecker and V. Wöhrer) ["Pathways to the Future" - A longitudinal study about the socialization of young people in Vienna]. Vienna Chamber of Labour, Feb. 21, 2023.
16. Wellbeing and leisure time in adolescents' everyday life from a longitudinal perspective. PhD Seminars 2022/2023, University of Trento, Oct. 13, 2022.

Research Communication

1. Science Holidays, Vienna University Children's Office, interactive presentation, Jul. 22, 2022.
2. Long night of research, University for Continuing Education Krems, booth at the science-to-public event, May 20, 2022.
3. School visit, College for higher vocational education in Vienna, interactive presentation, Feb. 19, 2020.
4. Lebensläufe neu denken [Rethinking life courses], Upper Austrian Demography Forum, round table participation, Oct. 18, 2019.
5. Dynamiken der Berufsbildung – Herausforderungen aus der Sicht der Forschung [Dynamics in vocational education and training - challenges from the perspective of research], Vienna Employment Promotion Fund, input and panel discussion, Mar. 14, 2019.
6. Arbeit am Müßiggang. Eine Utopie denkbar machen [Working towards idleness. Conceiving a utopia], WienWoche2017, exhibition and audiowalk, Sep. 22 - Oct 1, 2017.

Grants and Scholarships

2022	Erasmus+ Staff Mobility , European Commission.
2018	Uni:docs Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates , University of Vienna.
2014	Scholarship for Summer School Participation , European Forum Alpbach.
2010	Merit-based Grant , Autonomous Province of Bolzano.

Further Training

2024	Coaching Workshop Submitting Your Proposal , Austrian Science Fund.
2020	Introduction to R , Vienna University Computer Center.
2019	Teaching in Higher Education - Basic Qualification for Junior Staff , Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Vienna.
	Workshop Sampling, Weighting and Estimation , GESIS, Cologne.
2014	Summer School European Health Care and Social Systems in Transition , European Forum Alpbach and Medical University of Vienna.

Skills

Languages	German, Italian - native English - proficient (C2) Danish - beginner (A1)
Software	R, SPSS, MAXQDA - expert, STATA - basic ØT_EX, Microsoft Office, Zotero - expert Windows, macOS - expert