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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Disciplinary:** Political Economy, Public Policy, Economic Sociology

**Theoretical:** Ideational Approaches, Coalitional Politics, Business Power

**Substantive:** Digitalization, European Integration, Economic Policy

**Methodological:** Computational Methods, Regression, Discourse Network Analysis, Process Tracing

## CURRENT POSITION

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**University of Vienna, Department of Political Science**

Post-Doctoral Researcher

2021-

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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**WZB Berlin**

Visiting Researcher (1 month)

2023

**Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society**

Visiting Researcher (4 months)

2020

**Humboldt University Berlin**

Visiting Researcher (5 months)

2020

## EDUCATION

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**European University Institute**

PhD in Political and Social Sciences

*Thesis:* Ideas, Politics, and Technological Change: Essays on the Comparative Political Economy of Digital Capitalism

2017-2021

*Committee:* Dorothee Bohle, Anton Hemerijck, Anke Hassel, Andrea Herrmann

**European University Institute**

Master of Research

2018

**University of Toronto**

Semester abroad

2016

**Goethe University of Frankfurt**

Master of Arts, Sociology (final grade: 1.0)

2015-2017

**University of Oslo**

Semester abroad

2014

**University of Augsburg**

Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences (final grade: 1.14)

2011-2015

## Journal Articles

- Nachtwey, O., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). The Solutionist Ethic and the Spirit of Digital Capitalism. *Theory, Culture & Society*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02632764231196829>
- Seidl, T.**, & Schmitz, L. (2023). Moving on to not fall behind? Technological sovereignty and the ‘geodirigiste’ turn in EU industrial policy. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2248204>
- Seidl, T.** (2023). Commodification and Disruption: Theorizing Digital Capitalism. *Weizenbaum Journal of the Digital Society*, 3(1), 1–35. <https://doi.org/10.34669/wi.wjds/3.1.2>
- Obendiek, A. S., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). The (False) promise of solutionism: Ideational business power and the construction of epistemic authority in digital security governance. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2172060>
- Schmitz, L., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). As Open as Possible, as Autonomous as Necessary: Understanding the Rise of Open Strategic Autonomy in EU Trade Policy. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 61(3), 834–852. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13428>
- Seidl, T.** (2023). Investing in the knowledge economy: The comparative political economy of public investments in knowledge-based capital. *European Journal of Political Research*, 62(3), 924–944. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12546>
- Seidl, T.** (2022). The politics of platform capitalism: A case study on the regulation of Uber in New York. *Regulation & Governance*, 16(2), 357–374. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12353>
- Marenco, M., & **Seidl, T.** (2021). The discursive construction of digitalization: A comparative analysis of national discourses on the digital future of work. *European Political Science Review*, 13(3), 391–409. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S175577392100014X>
- Laurer, M., & **Seidl, T.** (2020). Regulating the European Data-Driven Economy: A Case Study on the General Data Protection Regulation. *Policy & Internet*, 13(2), 257–277. <https://doi.org/10.1002/poi3.246>
- Roos, U., & **Seidl, T.** (2015). Im »Südwesten« nichts Neues? Eine Analyse der deutschen Namibiapolitik als Beitrag zur Rekonstruktion der außenpolitischen Identität des deutschen Nationalstaates. *Zeitschrift Für Friedens- Und Konfliktforschung*, 4(2), 182–225. <https://doi.org/10.5771/2192-1741-2015-2-182>

## Special Issues

- Falkner, G., Heidebrecht, S., Obendiek, A., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). Digital Sovereignty—Rhetoric and Reality. *Journal of European Public Policy*. Forthcoming.

## Work in Progress

- Seidl, T.** (2023). Polanyi and List Meet in Brussels. Digital Sovereignty and EU Digital Policymaking. Unpublished Manuscript.
- Seidl, T.** (2023). Review Essay: Charting the Contours of the Geo-Tech World. Unpublished Manuscript.

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<sup>1</sup>Links to additional materials (data, code, etc.) can be found at <https://www.timoseidl.com/publications>

- Bremer, B., Bürgisser, R., Bulfone, F., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). Are people willing to pay for the twin transitions? Media discourse and citizen attitudes towards green and digital industrial policies. Unpublished Manuscript.
- Bulfone, F., Di Carlo, D., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). Following the money in EU's Industrial Policy: A case study on the Temporary Framework for State Aid and the Important Projects of Common European Interest. Unpublished Manuscript.
- Schmitz, L., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). Firm Aspirations, Feeble Administration. EU Industrial Policy under Limited State Capacity. Unpublished Manuscript.

## ***Book Chapters***

- Nachtwey, O., Truffer, J., & **Seidl, T.** (2023). Der solutionistische Geist des digitalen Kapitalismus. In T. Carstensen, S. Schaupp, & S. Sevignani (Eds.), *Theorien des digitalen Kapitalismus. Arbeit, Ökonomie, Politik und Subjekt* (pp. 458–475). Suhrkamp.
- Nachtwey, O., & **Seidl, T.** (2020). Ideologie und der Geist des digitalen Kapitalismus. In W. Nienhüser & W. Matiaske (Eds.), *Ökonomie und Ideologie* (pp. 235–265). Metropolis.
- Seidl, T.** (2017). Kompatibilität statt Reduktion: Zur Idee einer Interdisziplinären Anthropologie als soziologischem Selbst- und Fremdver(un)sicherungsraum. In G. Wagner (Ed.), *Die Provokation der Reduktion: Beiträge zur Wissenschaftstheorie der Soziologie* (pp. 201–232). Harrassowitz.
- Laurer, M., & **Seidl, T.** (2017). Eine Stabilitäts- und Wettbewerbsunion der Regierungen: Zur Rekonstruktion grundlegender Handlungsregeln deutscher Eurokrisenpolitik. In U. Roos (Ed.), *Deutsche Außenpolitik: Arenen, Diskurse und grundlegende Handlungsregeln* (pp. 13–47). Springer VS.

## ***Other Academic Publications***

- Schmitz, L., & **Seidl, T.** (2022). Protecting, Transforming, and Projecting the Single Market. Open Strategic Autonomy and Digital Sovereignty in the EU's Trade and Digital Policies. SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/wjb64>
- Seidl, T.** (2021). Commodification and Disruption: Theorizing Digital Capitalism. EIF Working Paper. <https://eif.univie.ac.at/downloads/workingpapers/wp2021-02.pdf>
- Seidl, T.** (2021). Ideas, Politics, and Technological Change: Essays on the Comparative Political Economy of Digital Capitalism [Dissertation, European University Institute]. <https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/69757>
- Nachtwey, O., & **Seidl, T.** (2020). The Solutionist Ethic and the Spirit of Digital Capitalism. SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/sgjzq>
- Nachtwey, O., & **Seidl, T.** (2017). Die Ethik der Solution und der Geist des digitalen Kapitalismus. Institute for Social Research Working Paper (11). <http://www.ifs.uni-frankfurt.de/wp-content/uploads/IFS-WP-11.pdf>
- Laurer, M., & **Seidl, T.** (2014). Das doppelte Ziel der deutschen Eurokrisenpolitik. *Welttrends*, 22(99), 120–126.

## Book Reviews

**Seidl, T.** (2022). Lehdonvirta, Vili (2022). Cloud Empires: How digital platforms are overtaking the state and how we can regain control. MA, USA: The MIT Press. *Regulation & Governance*, 16(4), 1424–1425. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12493>

**Seidl, T.** (2020). Appadurai, Arjun & Alexander, Neta (2020). Failure. Cambridge: Polity Press. *Economic Sociology: European Electronic Newsletter*. [https://econsoc.mpifg.de/40764/06\\_BookReviewsEconsoc-NL\\_21-2\\_March2020.pdf](https://econsoc.mpifg.de/40764/06_BookReviewsEconsoc-NL_21-2_March2020.pdf)

## Newspaper Articles & Blog Posts

Marenco, M., & **Seidl, T.** (2021). Opportunity or threat? How discourses on digitalisation vary across European countries. LSE EUROPP Blog. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2021/08/23/opportunity-or-threat-how-discourses-on-digitalisation-vary-across-european-countries/>

**Seidl, T.** (2020). The Techlash in Times of Corona. HIIG Blog. <https://www.hiig.de/en/the-techlash-in-times-of-corona/>

**Seidl, T.** (2018). Die Linke und der Geist des digitalen Kapitalismus. *Oxi Magazin*.

Roos, U., & **Seidl, T.** (2015). Time to Call Things as They Are. *The Namibian*.

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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<b>Erasmus Scholarship</b> for studies at Humboldt University (~1500€)	2021
<b>DAAD PhD Grant</b> for studies at the European University Institute (~55000€)	2017-2020
<b>DAAD Strategic Partnership Stipend</b> for studies at the University of Toronto (~4500€)	2017
<b>Young Scholar Research Grant, University of Augsburg</b> for fieldwork in Namibia (~1000€)	2015
<b>Eramus Scholarship</b> for studies at the University of Oslo (~1500€)	2014
<b>Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation</b> awarded to ~0,5% of German students	2013-2017

## HONORS & AWARDS

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<b>Thesis of the month</b> European University Institute	2021
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## TEACHING

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### Courses

<b>CPE - An Integrated, Hands-on Introduction Using R</b> B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.2 (1-5 scale)</i>	Summer 2023
<b>Key Controversies in European Integration</b> B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.2 (1-5 scale)</i>	Summer 2023
<b>The Twin Transitions: The EU's Climate and Digital Policies</b>	Winter 2022/23

B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.2 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Key Controversies in European Integration</b>	Winter 2022/23
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.3 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Digitalization and the EU: Ideas, Politics, and Policy</b>	Summer 2022
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.3 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Key Controversies in European Integration</b>	Summer 2022
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.3 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>The Twin Transitions: The EU's Climate and Digital Policies</b>	Winter 2021/22
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.5 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Key Controversies in European Integration</b>	Winter 2021/22
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.4 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Politics of Platform Capitalism</b>	Summer 2021
M.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.1 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Digital Power Europe</b>	Summer 2021
M.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.5 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Key Controversies in European Integration</b>	Summer 2021
B.A. Course, University of Vienna, <i>Evaluation: 1.2 (1-5 scale)</i> <b>Introduction to Comparative Political Economy</b>	Summer 2020
B.A. Course, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf,	

## **Teaching Training**

### **Teaching Competence Plus**

Advanced Teaching Training, University of Vienna (15 ECTS)

2022-2023

### **Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education,**

Basic Teaching Training, European University Institute (4 days)

2018-2019

## **Supervision**

### **Master's thesis, University of Vienna**

Title: 'The potential and risks of cryptocurrency donations in development cooperation'

2023

### **Master's thesis, University of Vienna**

Title: 'The Policy Debate Surrounding the Digital Markets Act: A discourse network analysis'

2023

### **Master's thesis, University of Vienna**

Title: 'Collective organization of workers in the platform economy. An analysis of the actors and strategies of worker representation in food delivery services in Austria and Germany'

2023

## **Resources**

- What makes a good term paper? Five Hitchcock Rules. Available at <https://www.timoseidl.com/blog/what-makes-a-good-term-paper>

## PRESENTATIONS

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### **Invited Talks/Workshops (Selection)**

University of Erfurt, 2023

University of Cambridge, 2023

WZB Berlin, 2023

University of Oxford, 2023

University of Vienna, 2022

University of Duisburg-Essen, 2022

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 2021  
Virtual EU Seminar, 2021  
European University Institute, 2021  
University of Zurich, 2021  
Humboldt University of Berlin, 2020  
LABORA19 Berlin, 2019  
University of Cologne, 2018  
University of Milan, 2018

### ***Academic conferences***

**CES:** 2021, 2022, 2023  
**DGS:** 2018  
**DVPW-IB:** 2023  
**ECPR:** 2018, 2020, 2022  
**ECPR-SGEU:** 2022  
**GIG-ARTS:** 2019  
**SGS:** 2017  
**ÖGS:** 2017  
**SASE:** 2022

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### ***Reviewer***

Big Data & Society, Comparative Political Studies, Competition & Change, Digital, Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions, European Policy Analysis, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Industrial Relations, Politics & Governance, Regulation & Governance, Review of International Political Economy, Review of Policy Research, Swiss Journal of Sociology, Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft

### ***Organizer***

**Politics and Culture of Digital Capitalism (PCDC) Reading Group** 2022-  
Co-founder and co-convenor  
**SASE Panel 'With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility. Tech Power and Tech Ideology in Digital Capitalism'** 2022  
Co-Organizer  
**Workshop 'What is Social Democracy and what is it good for?'**, European University Institute 2019  
Co-Organizer  
**Political Economy Working Group, European University Institute.** 2018-2020  
Co-Chair  
**DGS Panel 'Max Weber and the study of 21st century capitalism'** 2018  
Co-Organizer

## COMPETENCES

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### ***Programming & Formatting Languages.***

R (advanced), Python (intermediate), Stata (basic), Quarto (advanced), Latex (basic), Typst (intermediate)

## ***Software***

Discourse Network Analyser, MAXQDA, Github, Gephi, Zotero, Tableau, Microsoft Office

## ***Languages***

German (native), English (TOEFL: 118 of 120 points), Italian (basic), Latin & Ancient Greek (basic reading proficiency)

## ***Further Training***

Web Scraping and Text Mining (with Paulo Serodio), Causal Inference (with Elias Dinas), Interviewing (with Jennifer Welsh), Qualitative Comparative Analysis (with Claudius Wagemann), Network Analysis (with Paulo Serodio), Text Analysis (with Inaki Sagarzazu), The Political Economy of Public Policy (with Christel Koop), Evolutionary Anthropology (with Daniel Haun and Peter Kappeler)

## REFERENCES

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University of Basel  
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