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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

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- 01/2015–10/2018**    **Doctor of Philosophy Programme Political Science**  
University of Innsbruck  
Doctoral thesis: "Moving Mountains to Brussels: how regions act within, shape and benefit from the EU macro-regional strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP)"
- 03/2017–07/2017**    **Visiting Research Fellow**  
University of Trento, Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence
- 10/2016-03/2017**    **Visiting Research Fellow**  
University of Grenoble, Sciences Po Grenoble, PACTE
- 10/2011–10/2014**    **Master of Science in European Politics and Society**  
University of Innsbruck  
Master's Thesis: "Die Rolle nationalstaatlicher Interessen im europäischen Integrationsprozess der Westbalkan-Gruppe" ["The role of nation-state interests in the European integration process of the Western Balkans"]
- 10/2008–04/2011**    **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**  
University of Innsbruck

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 01/2018-Present**    **Employee Public Administration**  
Office of the Tyrolean Government  
External Relations Department  
Coordination of Tyrolean EUSALP Presidency 2018

- 09/2014–11/2014** **Traineeship European Parliament**  
Office of the Member of Parliament and Vice-President Ulrike Lunacek, Brussels
- 09/2013–10/2013** **Traineeship Political Foundation**  
Konrad Adenauer foundation, Bratislava
- 07/2011–08/2011** **Traineeship Newspaper**  
Regional editorial office, Tiroler Tageszeitung
- 04/2011–06/2011** **Traineeship Foreign Representation**  
Austrian Embassy, Budapest
- 09/2010–10/2010** **Traineeship Public Administration**  
Regional Government of Tyrol, Department Women and Gender Equality, Innsbruck

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2019** Plangger, Melanie. „Alpen-Demokratie“? Die Herausforderung demokratischer Legitimität in der makroregionalen Strategie für den Alpenraum. In: Alber, E. and Zwilling, C. (eds.), *Governance auf dem Prüfstand: Direkte und deliberative Demokratie in Europa*. Baden-Baden: Nomos (in press).
- Plangger, Melanie. Die Europaregion und andere regionale Kooperationsformen wie Arge Alp und EUSALP. In: Conference Proceedings, Conference "Verwaltungskooperation in der Europaregion: Potenziale ohne Grenzen?", 19/20 April 2018, Bolzano. Baden-Baden: Nomos (in press).
- Plangger, Melanie. Mehrebenenpolitik zwischen Kontinuität und Wandel – Die Koordination der österreichischen Europapolitik im Hinblick auf die Alpenraum-Strategie. In: Eppler, Annegret and Maurer, Andreas (eds.), *Europapolitische Koordination in Österreich. Inter- und intrainstitutionelle Regelwerke, Funktionen und Dynamiken*. Innsbruck/Baden-Baden: Innsbruck University Press/Nomos.
- 2018** Plangger, Melanie. Ein Europa der (Makro-)Regionen? Die EU-Alpenraumstrategie und die Emanzipation der Alpenregionen. In: Karlhofer, Ferdinand and Pallaver, Günther (eds.), *Politik in Tirol. Jahrbuch 2018*. Innsbruck/Wien/Bozen: StudienVerlag.

Plangger, Melanie. De-and re-bordering the Alpine Space: how Cross-border Cooperation Intertwines Spatial and Institutional Patterns of Exclusion and Inclusion, Subordination and Horizontality. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, published online: 12 July 2018.

Plangger, Melanie. Territoriale Vielfalt in europäischer Einheit: Möglichkeiten für Regionen in der EU-Alpenraumstrategie. In: Alber, Elisabeth, Engl, Alice and Pallaver, Günther (eds.), *Politika 18. Das Südtiroler Jahrbuch für Politik*. Bolzano: Edition Raetia.

Plangger, Melanie. Building something beautiful with stones: How regions adapt to, shape and transform the EU opportunity structure. *Regional & Federal Studies* 28(1), 1-24.

**2017** Plangger, Melanie. Exploring the role of territorial actors in cross-border regions. *Territory, Politics, Governance*. Published online: 13 June 2017.

**2016** Plangger, Melanie. A 'macro-regional' Europe in the making. Theoretical approaches and empirical evidence. Book Review. *Regional Studies*, 50(12), 2084-2085.

**2015** Plangger, Melanie. Die Rolle nationalstaatlicher Interessen im europäischen Integrationsprozess der Westbalkan-Gruppe [The role of nation-state interests in the European integration process of the Western Balkans]. ICER Papers on European Governance Vol. I, No. 3/2015.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**2018** "Die Europaregion und andere regionale Kooperationsformen wie EUSALP und ARGE ALP". Conference „ Verwaltungskooperation in der Europaregion: Potenziale ohne Grenzen?“, 19 April 2018, Bolzano.

„Demokratische Legitimität und Partizipation in der EU-Alpenraumstrategie“. EUSALP-Tagung, 4 April 2018, Innsbruck.

**2017** „A Europe of (macro-)regions – The Alpine macro-regional strategy and sub-national self-empowerment“. Council of European Studies, 24th International Conference of Europeanists. 12 July 2017, Glasgow.

“Regional authorities, transboundary network mobilization and the pursuit of centrality”. Annual Conference, Regional Studies Association, 5 June 2017, Dublin.

**2016** “Redrawing boundaries through EU macro-regions”. Euregio Research Conference, 17 November 2016, Bolzano.

“Die Bundesländer und Regionen in der EU-Alpenraumstrategie: Regionale Politik und die Verschiebung territorialer, finanzieller und politischer Grenzen”. Jean Monnet Lecture 2016/17, 15 November 2016, Innsbruck.

“Metagoverning strategic regionalism—sub-national authorities in the EU macro-region for the Alps”. ECPR Graduate Student Conference, 13 July 2016, Tartu, Estonia.

“The role of sub-national governments in EU macro-regions—A strategic-relational approach”. Annual Conference, Regional Studies Association, 6 April 2016, Graz.

**2015** “Multi-level governance in the shadow of politics and power—EU macro-regions and the role of strategic action”. Tag der Politikwissenschaft, Austrian Political Science Association, 28 November 2015, Salzburg.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**06/2017-09/2017** Maurer, Andreas and Plangger, Melanie. Governance Study on Mobility and Transport in the EUSALP: GOV.MO.TALP. Study for EUSALP Action Group 4 Mobility, 226 pages.

**01/2015-06/2018** Dissertation project on the role of regional authorities in the EU strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP)  
Title: “Moving Mountains to Brussels: how regions act within, shape and benefit from the EU macro-regional strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP)”

## TEACHING

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**Winter term 2016/17** Seminar European integration—deepening  
“Territoriale Repräsentation in transnationalen Räumen” [Territorial representation in transnational spaces], with Mag. Dr. Doris Dialer  
University of Innsbruck

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 10/2018**    **LFUI Best Student Paper Award 2018**  
University of Innsbruck
- 08/2017**    **Euregio Young Researcher Award 2018**
- 11/2016-09/2017**    **Marietta Blau Grant**  
Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research
- 10/2016-03/2017**    **Grant for research stay abroad**  
University of Innsbruck
- 03/2016-08/2016**    **Tyrolean Science Fund**
- 01/2015-12/2015**    **Doctoral scholarship**  
University of Innsbruck

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Language skills**    English (C1, TOEFL Score 114/120), French (B2), Italian (B2), Spanish (A2)
- Methodological skills**    Summer School in Methods and Techniques, European Consortium for Political Research, University of Ljubljana, Summer 2015.  
Courses "Expert Interviews for Qualitative Data Generation", "Qualitative Data Analysis: Concepts and Approaches".