

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC CAREER AND POSITIONS

- 10/2019 – 02/2021 Visiting Professor in Comparative Politics for Eastern and South Eastern Europe, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
- 07/2017 – 09/2019 Post-Doc researcher at the Institute of Social Ecology, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (before 03/2017, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt)
- 03/2013 – 08/2018 External Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
- 09/2016 – 06/2017 Schasching-Fellow (Post-Doc), Catholic Social Academy of Austria
- 2011 – 2014 DOC-team fellow, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 2010 – 2011 Coordinator, Graduate Centre of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna
- 2008 – 2010 Coordinator, Vienna School of Governance, University of Vienna
- 2006 – 2008 Project work for GLEN (Global Education Network of Young Europeans), Tbilisi and Prague

### VISITING POSITIONS

- 12/2015 – 04/2016 Department of Environmental Studies, Masaryk University, Brno (Visiting Junior Fellow)
- 09/2015 – 11/2015 Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley (Visiting Junior Fellow)
- 10/2013 – 03/2014 Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna (Visiting Junior Fellow)
- 04/2012 – 06/2012 Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations, Central European University, Budapest (Visiting Junior Fellow)
- 01/2012 – 03/2012 Department of Sociology, Lancaster University (Visiting Junior Fellow)

## **STUDIES**

- 2008 – 2016            Doctorate in Political Science, University of Vienna (graduation with honours),  
Dissertation title: The Oligarchic State: the Agrofuels Project in Ukraine  
(funded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, DOC-team fellowship)
- 2000 – 2006            Diploma International Cultural and Business Studies, University of Passau and  
St. Petersburg State University
- 2003 – 2004            Bohemicum (Czech language and Area Studies), University of Passau

## **MAIN AREAS OF CURRENT RESEARCH & MOST IMPORTANT**

### **SCIENTIFIC/SCHOLARLY RESULTS**

I have worked on political ecology and critical state theory since the beginning of my dissertation in political science. In my dissertation, I showed how the agrofuels project unfolds in Ukraine. In doing so, I have analysed the changes in land and agriculture in the Ukraine in connection with the politics of the European Union. I thus have a strong expertise and research experience in Central and Eastern Europe, in particular regarding land, agriculture and food. Furthermore, I have developed the concept of the oligarchic state.

Recently, I have been working not only on the dominant characteristics of the corporate food regime but also on the alternatives. I contributed to the analysis of Vienna's biomass consumption and the possibilities of the reduction of the city's biodiversity footprint. Most recently, together with my colleagues Robert Hafner and Rike Stotten, we developed the interdisciplinary conceptual framework of values-based mode of production and consumption. Empirically, we applied this to analyze the potentials of community supported agriculture in Austria.

### **Ten most important scientific publications**

- Plank, C., Hafner, R., Stotten, R., 2020. Analyzing values-based modes of production and consumption: Community supported agriculture in the Austrian third food regime. *Austrian Journal of Sociology* 45, 49-68. doi.org/10.1007/s11614-020-00393-1.
- Görg, C., Plank, C., Wiedenhofer, D., Mayer, A., Pichler, M., Schaffartzik, A., Krausmann, F., 2020. Scrutinizing the Great Acceleration. *The Anthropocene and its analytic challenges for social-ecological transformations. The Anthropocene Review* 7 (1), 42-61. doi.org/10.1177/2053019619895034.
- Duncan, J., Claeys, P., Rivera Ferre, M. G., Oteros-Rozas, E., Van Dyck, B., Plank, C., Desmarais, A. A., 2019. Scholar-activists in an expanding European food sovereignty movement. *The Journal of Peasant Studies*. doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2019.1675646.
- Oliveira de L.T., G., McKay, B., Plank, C., 2017. How biofuel policies backfire: Misguided goals, inefficient mechanisms, and political-ecological blind spots. *Energy Policy* 108, 765-775. doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2017.03.036.
- Brad, A., Schaffartzik A., Pichler, M., Plank, C., 2015. Contested Territorialization and Biophysical Expansion of Oil Palm Plantations in Indonesia. *Geoforum* 64, 100-111. doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2015.06.007.
- Plank, C., Plank, L., 2014. The Financialisation of Farmland in Ukraine. *Austrian Journal Development Studies* 30 (2), 46-68. doi.org/10.20446/JEP-2414-3197-30-2-46.

Schaffartzik, A., Plank, C., Brad, A., 2014. Ukraine and the Great Biofuel Potential? A Political Material Flow Analysis. *Ecological Economics* 104, 12-21.  
doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2014.04.026.

Plank, C., 2016. The agrofuels project in Ukraine: How the oligarchs and the EU foster agrarian injustice, in: Pichler, M., Staritz, C., Küblböck, K., Plank, C., Raza, W., Ruiz Peyré F., (Eds.), *Fairness and Justice in Natural Resource Politics*. Routledge, London, 218-236. ISBN: 9781138195950.

Pichler, M., Staritz, C., Küblböck, K., Plank, C., Raza, W., Ruiz Peyré F. (Eds.), 2016. *Fairness and Justice in Natural Resource Politics*. Routledge, London. ISBN: 9781138195950

Plank, C., 2013. Land Grabs in the Black Earth: Ukrainian Oligarchs and International Investors, in: Franco, J., Borras Jr., S. M. (Eds.): *Land concentration, land grabbing and people's struggles in Europe*, 198-204.

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Awards and Honors**

Winner of the award for the best dissertation of the Austrian Society of Political Science (2017)

Schasching-Fellowship of the ksoe (Catholic Social Academy of Austria) (09/2016 – 09/2017)

Scholarship of the AKTION Austria-Czech Republic (12/2015 – 04/2016)

Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellowship for UC Berkeley (09 – 11/2015)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship of the University of Vienna (01 – 06/2015)

Ph.D. Fellowship of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (DOC-team), Agrofuels and Socio-Ecological Conflicts (08/2011 – 07/2014)

### **Scientific presentations and key lectures**

Plank, Christina, 2019. "Community supported agriculture in the Austrian third food regime", invited IPW Lecture, University of Vienna, Austria, 10 December.

Plank, Christina, 2019. "Land Grabbing, agrofuels and community supported agriculture. An analysis of different phenomena in the corporate food regime from a political ecology perspective", invited lecture by the Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics and for Less Favoured and Mountainous Areas & the Austrian Society of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, 22 March.

Plank, Christina, 2017. "Sustainability, food sovereignty and degrowth in Central and Eastern Europe: Reflecting on its 'quietness'", presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, Budapest, Hungary, June 21.

Plank, Christina, 2016. "Oligarchic State: The Agrofuels Project in Ukraine", invited lecture at the Department of Environmental Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, October 24.

Plank, Christina. 2016. "Imagining biofuels in the Black Earth: A historic-materialist policy analysis on the impact of the EU's bio-economy strategy on Ukraine", presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Degrowth Conference, Budapest, Hungary, August 31.