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Born on October 20, 1984, in Graz (Austria)

### Research Interests

Industrial relations, social movements and migration in China; state theory and labour movements (with a focus on the global south); political economy of development

### Current Position

Since 9/2018 University of Göttingen, Germany  
Institute of Sociology & Department of East Asian Studies  
Research and Teaching Fellow (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)

Since 2014 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; London, UK  
PhD Candidate, Department of Development Studies  
Thesis working title: “Hegemony and Labour Politics in the People’s Republic of China. Labour conflicts and hegemonic state strategies in the context of industrial relocation to Western China”  
Internal supervisors: Tim Pringle, Gilbert Achcar, Alessandra Mezzadri  
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### Education

1995 – 2003 Federal Secondary Academic School Weiz, Austria  
(Secondary-School Leaving Exam with distinction)  
2004 – 2008 Undergraduate Studies in Chinese Studies, University of Vienna  
(Bachelor’s Degree in Chinese Studies with distinction)  
2004 – 2012 Diploma Studies in Political Science, University of Vienna  
(Master’s Degree in Political Science with distinction)

### Studies, Research, Teaching & Summer Schools Abroad

9/2006 – 6/2007 Chinese language studies at Tianjin University, PR China  
(Chinese Government Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China)  
8/2011 – 9/2011 Field research in the PR China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen)  
(Research Scholarship „KWA“, University of Vienna)  
9/2012 – 1/2013 Managing Director und Lecturer at the „European Chinese Language & Culture Program“, Peking University, PR China  
9/2013 Field research in the PR China (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing)  
10/2015-6/2016 PhD field research in the PR China (HK, Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing)  
10/2016-2/2017 PhD field research in the PR China (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing)  
7/2017 Made in China Summer School 2017 (Labour and Rights in the Era of Global Precarity: Views from China), Venice, Italy

### Awards & Scholarships

2004 – 2005 Merit Scholarship awarded for excellent achievements during undergraduate Chinese Studies, University of Vienna

7/2006	Chinese Government Scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China for a one-year study visit to the PR China
8/2011	Research Scholarship KWA („Kurzfristige wissenschaftliche Aufenthalte im Ausland“) awarded by the University of Vienna
3/2014	Hong Kong PhD Fellowship awarded by the HK Research Grants Council (declined)
9/2014	Research Studentship, SOAS, University of London (3 years)
5/2018	Nominated for the 2017-2018 SOAS Director's Teaching Prize in the categories „Inspirational Teaching“ and „Innovative Teaching“

## Academic and Professional Experience

10/2007 – 2/2009 Since 2008	Tutor at the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology, University of Vienna Various translation services (Chinese-German), amongst others for: NGO „Oikodrom – Forum Nachhaltige Stadt“ (November 2008), „Filmarchiv Austria“ (June 2011), NGO „Weltumspannend arbeiten“ (September 2011)
3/2009 – 2/2012	Teaching assistant at the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology, University of Vienna (Prof. Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik)
9/2012 – 9/2014	Research Assistant („Universitätsassistent“) at the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology, University of Vienna (temporary replacement, Zhu Jiaming)
3/2015 – 8/2015	Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
3/2017 – 8/2017	Lecturer at the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology, University of Vienna
10/2017 – 3/2018	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London

## Teaching

2012/13 Winter Term	„Labor Migration and Social Conflicts in Urban China“, Undergraduate Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna „Research Methodology“, Undergraduate Seminar, University of Vienna
2013 Summer Term	„Research Methodology – The Transformation of Labor Relations in the PR China“, Undergraduate Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna
2014 Summer Term	„Cooperation and Conflict in Maoist China“, Undergraduate Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna
2015 Summer Term	„Gramsci at the Margins“, Undergraduate Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna (together with Tobias Boos, Benjamin Opratko & Melanie Pichler)
2017 Summer Term	„The New Normal? – Social protests and the transformation of the authoritarian state in the era of Xi Jinping“, Graduate Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna
2017/2018 Full Year	„Migration & Development“, Postgraduate Module, SOAS, University of London
2018 Winter Term	„Migration in the PRC: Development, Regulation, Conflicts“, Undergraduate Seminar, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Göttingen
2019 Summer Term	„Introduction to Modern Chinese Economy“, Undergraduate Seminar, University of Göttingen „Industrial Restructuring in China: Social and Economic Dimensions“, Graduate Seminar, University of Göttingen

## Memberships & Editorial Duties

Since 2008	Member of the research network „gongchao“ ( <a href="http://www.gongchao.org">www.gongchao.org</a> )
Since 2013	Member of the German Association for Asian Studies (DGA)
	Member of the German Association for Critical Social Research (AKG)
Since 2014	Member of the Association for Social Science Research on China (ASC)

Since 2017                      Member of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)  
Since 2017                      Co-editor of the Austrian Journal of Development Studies (Journal für  
Entwicklungspolitik)

## **Publications (Selection)**

### **Edited Volumes**

- Co-editor (with Julia Eder & Jörg Nowak) (2020): *Labour Unrest in the Global South*. Special Issue of the Austrian Journal of Development Studies [forthcoming].
- Co-editor (with Frido Wenten) (2019): *China's Political Economy under Xi*. Special Issue of the Austrian Journal of Development Studies [forthcoming].
- Egger, Georg/Fuchs, Daniel/Immervoll, Thomas/Steinmassl Lydia (Ed.) (2013): *Arbeitskämpfe in China. Berichte von der Werkbank der Welt*. Vienna: Promedia.
- Co-editor (with Ralf Ruckus & Frido Wenten) of Pun, Ngai/Lee, Ching Kwan u.a. (2010): *Aufbruch der zweiten Generation. Wanderarbeit, Gender und Klassenzusammensetzung in China*. Berlin/Hamburg: Assoziation A.

### **Articles (peer-reviewed)**

- Fuchs, Daniel (2019): "Industrial relocation and migrant labour unrest in Southwest China: The case of the 2015 cross-factory strike in Chengdu's footwear industry", in *The China Quarterly* [forthcoming]
- Fuchs, Daniel/Tse, Patricia Fuk-Ying/Feng, Xiaojun (2019): "Labour research under coercive authoritarianism: Comparative reflections on fieldwork challenges in China", in *Economic and Industrial Democracy*, 40 (1), 12-155.
- Pringle, Tim/Fuchs, Daniel (2015): „Chinas ArbeiterInnen schlagen zurück: Migrantische Kämpfe und Perspektiven gewerkschaftlicher Reform“, in *Journal für Entwicklungspolitik* [Austrian Journal of Development Studies], 31 (2), 53-78.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2015): „Das neue „Epizentrum weltweiter Arbeiterunruhe“? Klassenzusammensetzung und Arbeitskämpfe in China seit den 1980er Jahren“, in *Peripherie. Zeitschrift für Politik und Ökonomie in der Dritten Welt*, 35 (138/139), 303-326.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2013): "Development Strategies and Migrant Labour in China – Historical Change and Recent Struggles", in *Studia Orientalia Slovaca*, 12 (2), 247-270.

### **Book Chapters**

- Fuchs, Daniel/Schmitt, Edwin (2018): "China's Environmental Crackdown: The case of Chengdu", in Franceschini, Ivan/Loubere, Nicholas (Ed.): *Made in China Yearbook 2017: Gilded Age*. Acton: Australian National University Press, 166-171.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2015): „Die Transformation der Produktions- und Klassenverhältnisse in China seit 1978: Überlegungen zur Herausbildung und den Widersprüchen des chinesischen Kapitalismus“, in Linke, Marlies/Sablowski, Thomas/Steinitz, Klaus (Ed.): *China: Gesellschaftliche Entwicklung und globale Auswirkungen*. Berlin: Dietz, 29-45.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2013): „Nachholende Entwicklung und (Kämpfe der) Migration in der Volksrepublik China“, in Atac, Ilker et al. (Ed.): *Welten in Bewegung: Neue Perspektiven auf Migration & Entwicklung*. Vienna: Promedia, 153-170.
- Egger, Georg/Fuchs, Daniel/Immervoll, Thomas/Steinmassl, Lydia (2013): „Arbeitskämpfe in China. Eine Einleitung“, in idem. (Ed.): *Arbeitskämpfe in China. Berichte von der Werkbank der Welt*. Vienna: Promedia, 11-22.

### **Articles, Reviews & Conference Reports**

- Fuchs, Daniel/Schmitt, Edwin (2017): "How China's environmental crackdown is affecting business owners and workers: The case of Chengdu", in *Made in China. A Quarterly on Chinese Labour, Civil Society and Rights*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 44-49.

- Fuchs, Daniel (2014): „Mitten im Arbeitskampf. Hintergründe, Charakteristika und Auswirkungen von Streiks und ArbeiterInnenprotesten in China“, in *Arbeit & Wirtschaft*, No. 5 (2014), 26-27.
- Fuchs, Daniel/Immervoll, Thomas (2012): Conference Report on „Workers’ Struggles from East to West: New Perspectives on Labour Disputes in Globalised China“, University of Vienna/Dr. Karl-Renner-Institut, September 2011, in *ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* No. 122 (January 2012), 106-109.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2011): Review of Wemheuer, Felix (2010): Mao Zedong. Reinbek: Rowohlt Taschenbuch Verlag, in *Perspektiven* No. 13, 79.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2010): Review of politische ökologie 111: „China – Wirtschaftsmacht vor dem ökologischen Kollaps“, München: oekom (June 2008), in *Das Argument. Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Sozialwissenschaften* No. 286 (2/2010), 295-296.
- Fuchs, Daniel/Wiegand, Felix (2009): „FPÖ: Rechts extrem erfolgreich“, in *Perspektiven* No. 8, 4-15.
- Fuchs, Daniel/Minimol (2008): Interview with Pun Ngai „Deshalb spreche ich immer von Arbeit und Körper, denn mit dem Körper kommt mehr Subjektivität ins Spiel...“, in *Grundrisse* No. 28 (Winter 2008), 4-12.
- Fuchs, Daniel (2008): Review of Pun, Ngai/Li, Wanwei (2008): *dagongmei. Arbeiterinnen aus Chinas Weltmarktfabriken erzählen*. Berlin/Hamburg: Assoziation A, in *Perspektiven* No. 6, 58-60.

## Conference & Workshop Presentations

- “Industrial relocation, migrant labour resistance and the ‘New Normal’ in Southwest China: The case of the 2015 cross-factory strike in Chengdu’s footwear industry”, International Labour Process Conference, March 21-23, 2018, University of Buenos Aires.
- “Migration and Labour Politics in the Context of Industrial Relocation to Western China: The Regulation of Migrant Labour in Chengdu and Chongqing”, ISA Forum of Sociology, July 10-14, 2016, University of Vienna.
- “Gramsci in China. Conceptual reflections on the operationalization of materialist theories of state and hegemony for analysis of political stability in the People’s Republic of China”, International Conference “Past and Present. Philosophy, Politics, and History in the Thought of Gramsci”, 18-19 June 2015, King’s College London.
- “Die Transformation der Klassen- und Eigentumsverhältnisse in China seit 1978: Thesen zur Herausbildung und den Entwicklungstendenzen des chinesischen Kapitalismus”, Conference „Die gesellschaftliche Entwicklung in China und ihre globalen Auswirkungen“, 11 October 2014, Hellen Panke e.V. & Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin.
- „China als ‚Epizentrum weltweiter Arbeiterunruhe‘? Kontinuitäten und Brüche in autonomen Arbeitskämpfen chinesischer WanderarbeiterInnen der 2. Generation“, Panel Discussion „Labour Relations in China“, May 15, 2014, Centre for Modern East Asian Studies, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.
- Discussant at the Research Seminar „ILO Fundamental Labour Rights in China: Legal Implementation and Cultural Logic“, 16-17 January 2014, University of Helsinki.
- „Nachholende Entwicklung und (Kämpfe der) Migration in der Volksrepublik China“, Lecture series „Welten in Bewegung: Neue Perspektiven auf Migration & Entwicklung“, November 18, 2013, University of Vienna & November 20 2013, University of Graz.
- „Class-recomposition in China: Prospects of Workers’ Autonomous Agency“, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference, November 8, 2013, SOAS, University of London.
- „Aktuelle Arbeitskämpfe in China“, Conference „Streik!? Annäherungen an den globalen Bedeutungswandel von Arbeitskämpfen“, June 13-14, 2013, Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI)/Hans-Böckler Foundation/Center for Economic and Social Studies, Hamburg.
- „Das Ende des Billiglohnmodells? WanderarbeiterInnen, gewerkschaftliche Organisation und Streiks in China“, Lecture Series „Denk.Mal.Global. China – Menschen, Macht und Widersprüche“, January 23, 2013, Adult Education Center Linz, Austria.
- Discussant of the paper „Class Struggle without Class Organizations. Chinas as a laboratory for social change beyond the leftist grand narrative“ (Ralf Ruckus), Conference „Crisis and Commons: Prefigurative Politics after Fukushima“, December 1-2, 2012, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo/Japan.
- „Changing Class-Relations in China: Prospects of Workers’ Autonomous Agency“, Conference

„Workers’ Struggles from East to West: New Perspectives on Labour Disputes in Globalised China“, September 22-24, 2011, University of Vienna/Dr. Karl-Renner-Institute (with Frido Wenten).

## Translations

- Co-translation (Chinese to German) of Pun Ngai et. al. (2013): *iSlaves – Ausbeutung und Widerstand in den Foxconn-Fabriken Chinas*. Vienna: Mandelbaum (with Ralf Ruckus).
- Co-translation (Chinese to German) of Chen, Chih-Jou Jay (2013): „Die Zunahme von Arbeitskonflikten in China: Ein Vergleich von ArbeiterInnenprotesten in verschiedenen Sektoren“, in Egger, Georg et al. (Ed.) (2013): *Arbeitskämpfe in China. Berichte von der Werkbank der Welt*. Vienna: Promedia, 78-105 (with Thomas Immervoll).
- Co-translation (Chinese to German) of Chang, Kai/Meng, Quan (2013): „Der Streik und die Tarifverhandlungen bei Honda Nanhai“, in in Egger, Georg et al. (Ed.) (2013): *Arbeitskämpfe in China. Berichte von der Werkbank der Welt*. Vienna: Promedia, 130-143 (with Thomas Immervoll).
- Translation (English to German) of Zheng, Tiantian (2010): „Von Bäuerinnen zu Barhostessen – Eine Ethnographie der Karaoke-Sexindustrie Chinas“, in Pun Ngai, Ching Kwan Lee et al.: *Aufbruch der zweiten Generation. Wanderarbeit, Gender und Klassenzusammensetzung in China*. Berlin/Hamburg: Assoziation A, 133-160.
- Translation (English to German) of Yan, Hairong (2010): „Zwischen Ruralität und Autonomie im Arbeitsprozess – Migrantische Hausangestellte im heutigen China“, in Pun Ngai, Ching Kwan Lee et al.: *Aufbruch der zweiten Generation. Wanderarbeit, Gender und Klassenzusammensetzung in China*. Berlin/Hamburg: Assoziation A, 161-190.

## Newspaper Articles

- „Alter Hund mit neuen Flecken. Die Clapton-Fans gründen ihren eigenen Verein“, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 133 („Die Fernsehliga“), July 2018.
- „Bischof von Liverpool: Späte Gerechtigkeit für die Hillsborough-Opfer“ – Interview, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 128 („Mythos Liverpool“), January/February 2018.
- „Das Tor, das in den Himmel trägt. Der chinesische Fußball zwischen großen Träumen und tiefen Abstürzen“, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 119 („Fußball in China“), March 2017.
- „Stumpfe Klingen“, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 119 („Fußball in China“), March 2017.
- „Wie lange wird das Geld denn reichen?“ – Interview mit Wei Qun, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 119 („Fußball in China“), March 2017.
- „Unbeugsam und furchtlos“, in *ballesterer. Fußballmagazin*, No. 119 („Fußball in China“), March 2017.
- „Chinas unruhige Arbeiter“, in *Neues Deutschland*, January 26, 2016 (with Christoph Plutte).
- „Weihnachten in Chinas Weltmarktfabriken bedeutet Knast für ArbeiteraktivistInnen“, in *Vice Alps*, January 5, 2016 (with Christoph Plutte).
- „Arbeiter stören die Ordnung“, in *Jungle World*, December 23, 2015.
- „Das Vaterland und ich. Vorbereitungen der Jubiläumsfeierlichkeiten und die Herrschaft der Kommunistischen Partei Chinas“, in *Jungle World*, September 17, 2009.
- „Ein Jahr Mauern für 5 Euro täglich“, in *Der Standard*, June 3, 2008.

## Media Appearances & Interviews

- Interview on repression against student activists at Chinese universities, Spiegel Online, January 31, 2019.
- Interview on US-China foreign relations in the era of Trump, Radio/podcast of the Austrian weekly newspaper „Falter“, July 25, 2018.
- Interview on recent developments in the Chinese labour market, Austrian Press Agency (APA), April 12, 2018.
- Interview on working conditions at Foxconn factories in China, Mosaik-Blog, February 24, 2018.
- Interview on economic and political reforms in China since the 1980s, Austrian weekly newspaper „Falter“, October 22, 2014.

Broadcast of two book presentations (“Arbeitskämpfe in China” & “iSlaves”), Austrian radio station “Helsinki”, April 27, 2013.

Interview on labour struggles in China, Austrian national radio station “Ö1”, April 19, 2013.

Interview on workers’ rights in China, Austrian national radio station “FM4”, April 9, 2013.

## Organization of Academic Conferences

2008 – 2009	Co-organizer of the conference „Social Developments in China and Europe. An Exchange of Experiences and Perspectives of Civil Society Organisations in China and Europe“, September 28-30, 2009, EU-China Civil Society Forum/Südwind, Vienna
2010 – 2011	Co-organizer of the conference „Workers’ Struggles from East to West: New Perspectives on Labour Disputes in Globalised China“, September 22-24, 2011, University of Vienna/Dr. Karl-Renner-Institute
2011 – 2012	Co-organizer of the conference „Reform and Revolution: In commemoration of the Xinhai Revolution and 100 years of state building“, January 8-13, 2012, University of Vienna (Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology)
2013 – 2014	Co-organizer of the conference „The Impact of World War I on China’s Modern History“, July 3-5, 2014, University of Vienna
2016	Co-organizer of the Workshop “The End of Pragmatic Authoritarianism? New Developments in State-Labour Relations in China”, September 1-3, 2016, London School of Economics & SOAS, University of London,
2016	Co-organizer of the “Vienna-Chongqing Urban Culture Development Forum”, October 17, 2016, Chongqing.
2019	Co-organizer of the workshop “Towards a New Global Order? Ambitions, Scope and Challenges of China’s Belt and Road Initiative”, June 19, 2019, University of Göttingen.

## Other Activities and Qualifications

11/2003 – 7/2004	Work as Au-pair in Paris
12/2004 – 6/2006	Part-time employment at the Institute for Empirical Social Research (IFES)
4/2005 – 10/2006	Internship as a journalist for the online magazine ChiLLi.cc
9/2005 – 6/2006	Secretary General of the Debating Club at the Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs, Vienna
2010 – 2011	Member of the editorial board of „Perspektiven“
Since 2012	Founding member of the „China Study Group Europe“
Since May 2013	Founding member of the „AG Mediathek“ for the management of audio and video sources at the Department of East Asian Studies/Sinology, Vienna
Since 2014	Member of the Informal Advisory Group of the NGO „Electronics Watch“
5/2016 – 7/2016	Co-producer of a TV-report for the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) on the city of Chongqing (Weltjournal “China – die größte Stadt der Welt”; aired first on September 7, 2016)
10/2017 – 3/2018	Fractional Teaching Staff Representative, Department of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London
Since 5/2018	SOAS UCU Fractional Staff Representative

## Language Skills

German	Native Speaker
English	Fluent (IELTS overall band score 8.5)
Chinese	Fluent
French	Fluent
Spanish	Basic knowledge