

# Wojewska Aleksandra Natalia

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Born on 20.11.1992

Born in Wejherowo, Poland

## University education

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- Since 03.2021** University of Vienna - Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences in the field of Development Studies
- Focus on global production networks, commodities, financialisation, international trade, socio-economic inequality
  - Completed the Basic Qualification for Junior Staff - Foundations of Teaching in Higher Education workshop in 2024
- 08.2016 – 11.2018** University of Copenhagen - MSc Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- 09.2011 – 06.2015** University of Aberdeen - MA (Hons) Economics

## Publications

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Staritz, C., Tröster, B., & **Wojewska, A. N.** (2024). Price-making in provisioning systems and social-ecological transformation? The cases of the electric vehicle metals copper, cobalt, and lithium. *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy*, 20(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15487733.2024.2327667>

**Wojewska, A. N.**, Staritz, C., Tröster, B., & Leisenheimer, L. (2024). The criticality of lithium and the finance-sustainability nexus: Supply-demand perceptions, state policies, production networks, and financial actors. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 17, 101393. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2023.101393>

**Wojewska, A.N.**, Staritz, C., Tröster, B. (2023). Price-determination and -setting in global production networks of critical metals - The London Metal Exchange, price reporting agencies and trading platforms, submitted to *Economic Geography*, in review process. Published as ÖFSE Working Paper 75. <https://doi.org/10.60637/2023-wp75>

Singh C., **Wojewska A.N.**, Persson U.M. and Bager S.L. (2022). Coffee producers' perspectives of blockchain technology in the context of sustainable global value chains. *Front. Blockchain*, 5,955463. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fbloc.2022.955463>

**Wojewska, A.N.**, Singh, C., Hansen, C. P. (2021). A policy tool for monitoring and evaluation of participation in adaptation projects. *Climate Risk Management*, 33, 100326. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crm.2021.100326>

Kraehnert, K., Lehmann-USchner, K., Groppo, V., Bertram-Huemmer, V., Fluhrer, S., and **Wojewska, A.N.** (2020). *Coping with Shocks in Mongolia household panel survey, Waves 1-5*. Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung, National Statistics Office of Mongolia, and German Institute for Economic Research.

## Other published texts

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- [Towards tax justice: African Group's pivotal role in UN Tax Convention negotiations](#) (2024, VIDC Spotlight)
- [Kritische Rohstoffe: Gefragtes Lithium – Ein Sektor zwischen Nachhaltigkeit und Spekulation](#) (2023, InfoBrief AK Wien)
- [From mines to financial markets: Tracing price-setting across scales in cobalt and lithium global production networks](#) (2022, The Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences Blog)

## Scholarships and awards

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- 03.2023 – 02.2026**      **sowi:docs doctoral fellowship programme of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS)**
- Fellowship facilitating continuation of PhD research for the duration of three years as an employee of the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna
- 04.2023 – 06.2023**      **Circle-U grant**
- Scholarship to finance a three-month stay as visiting researcher at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- 09.2023 – 05.2024**      **Marietta-Blau Scholarship**
- Scholarship for field research in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia and a three-month stay as a visiting researcher at the King's College London, UK

## Conferences and presentations

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- 04-08.09.2024**  
Istanbul, Turkey      **Presentation: Financialisation frontiers in mineral commodity sectors. Case study of price-making in the cobalt global production network**
- The Changing World Economy, and Today's Imperialism - 14th Annual Conference in Political Economy, hosted by International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) at Istanbul Bilgi University, Santral Campus, Türkiye
- 24.04.2024**  
London, UK      **Presentation: Lithium's criticality and the role of financial actors**
- De-/Re-Globalization Workshop at the Department of International Development at King's College London
- 23.05.2024**  
London, UK      **Presentation: Cobalt global production network**
- Just Transition Workshop at the Department of Political Economy Environment and Public Policy Group at King's College London
- 23-27.03.2023**  
Remote / Denver, USA      **Presentation: Price Formation and Uneven Development in Global Production Networks – Futures Markets, Price Reporting Agencies and Trading Platforms in Metal Markets**
- Governance and power dynamics: The impact of GVCs and GPNs on regions - 2023 AAG (American Association of Geographers) Annual Meeting
- 03-04.10.2022**  
Vienna, Austria      **Participation in Special Issue Authors' Workshop: Shaping Provisioning Systems for Social-Ecological Transformation**
- Organised by the Institute for Multi-Level Governance & Development, Institute for Ecological Economics & International Karl Polanyi Society (IKPS)
- 07-09.09.2022**  
Bologna, Italy      **Presentation: Price-Setting in Global Production Networks**

Socio-Ecological Crisis and the Political Economy of Sustainability - 12th Annual Conference in Political Economy, hosted by International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) at the University of Bologna

**07-11.07.2022**

Amsterdam,  
Netherlands

**Presentation: Price-Setting in Global Production Networks – Futures Markets, Price Reporting Agencies and Trading Platforms in Metal Trade**

Fractious Connections: Anarchy, Activism, Coordination, and Control - Annual Conference of Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), hosted by the University of Amsterdam

**28-29.09.2021**

Remote / Vienna,  
Austria

**Presentation: Price Setting of Strategic Minerals for the Socio-Ecological Transformation Global Value Chains, the London Metal Exchange and Price Reporting Agencies**

International Finance and World Trade: On the Way to a Democratic and Social-Ecological Transformation? - an Online Conference, hosted by the University of Vienna

**07-11.10.2019**

Berlin, Germany

**TU Berlin InfraTrain Autumn School**

Applied Econometrics in Environmental and Sustainability Studies.

## **Research experience**

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**since 01.2023**

Vienna, Austria

**Consultant**

Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation

As a consultant I have been supporting the VIDC Global Dialogue team in curating events related to international economic and financial policy, such as “Can private finance save the planet? Exploring the role of private finance in green transitions in Africa” and “Green Colonialism? The scramble for ‘critical’ raw materials from Africa.”

**03.2024-05.2024**

London, UK

**Visiting researcher**

King’s College London

At King’s College London I was hosted by the European & International Studies Department (EIS). During my research stay I obtained quantitative data from the S&P Global Market Intelligence platform, conducted semi-structured interviews with financial institutions and metal traders as well as exchanged with the faculty’s academic community.

**04.2023-06.2023**

Berlin, Germany

**Visiting researcher**

Humboldt University

I was hosted by the "BIOMATERIALITIES—Nature and the Transformation of Production, Reproduction and Politics in the High-Tech Bioeconomy" project team at the Department of Agricultural Economics.

- 04.2023**  
Remote/Berlin,  
Germany
- Research consultant**  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik)
- I co-authored a comprehensive scientific analysis “Industrial Policies for the Development of Lithium-Ion Batteries (LIB) and Renewable Energy Technology Value Chains in Africa” for the project “Transnational Governance Approaches for Sustainable Commodity Supply Chains.”
- 03.2021-02.2023**  
Vienna, Austria
- Project staff**  
Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna
- I worked on the research project “The role of commodity prices for socio-ecological transformation. Mineral extraction, trading houses and derivatives markets – The cases of cobalt, copper, lithium and nickel in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
- 10.2021 – 11.2021**  
Remote / El Batán,  
Mexico and Bonn,  
Germany
- Research consultant**  
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) and World Agroforestry (ICRAF)
- I supported the research project “Bridging Research and Practice: Toward Impactful Scaling Approaches for Value Chains” through carrying out the data collection via online semi-structured interviews and a survey, as well as document analysis.
- 07.2021– 09.2021**  
Remote /  
Copenhagen,  
Denmark
- Research consultant**  
COWI
- I worked on the “Blockchain for Bio-based Value Chains” project dedicated to the analysis of potential benefits and costs of employing blockchain technology in coffee trade. I conducted an analysis of qualitative data and contributed to conceptualising and writing a publication submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
- 06.2019 – 05.2020**  
Potsdam, Germany /  
Ulaanbaatar,  
Mongolia
- Junior scientist**  
Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- At PIK I worked on the “Assisting Households to Adapt to Climate Change” project dedicated to the assessment of socio-economic impacts of extreme weather events on pastoral households in Western Mongolia as well as evaluations of locally implemented climate change adaptation projects and policies. The employment included a two-month research stay in Mongolia with a purpose of data collection through semi-structured interviews with experts, private and public sector representatives. While in Mongolia, the tasks also included representing the research project to the wider public, organizing a workshop for policy stakeholders and training survey enumerators.
- 06.2018 – 07.2018**  
Kintampo, Ghana
- Field research in Ghana**
- The purpose of my field research in Ghana was to collect qualitative data via semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and Participatory Rural Appraisal methods for my Master’s Thesis on participation of smallholder farmers in a local tree planting project under REDD+.

## Media

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- [Das Ringen um die Materialien der Zukunft](#) (10.06.2023, Kurier.at)
- [Problemstoff Kobalt. Das Metall der Verkehrswende verwüstet Landstriche](#) (23.04.2024, Ö1)
- [Lithium zwischen grüner Revolution und grauer Realität](#) (07.12.2023, Rudolphina)
- [Der Rohstoffboom im Kontext von “grünem” Extraktivismus hat einen Preis](#) (20.12.2022, Societal Impact Platform)

## Other relevant activities

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- Peer reviewer for The Extractive Industries and Society journal
- Contributor to the WIDE (Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk für Frauenrechte und feministische Perspektiven) working group on extractivism (January 2022)
- Member of the ie.WorkingPaper und IeXperiment editorial board at the Department of Development Studies at the University of Vienna

## Languages

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- Polish – Native speaker
- English – Fluency in speaking and writing
- German – Intermediate competences in speaking and writing
- Icelandic – Lower-intermediate competences in speaking and writing