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Personal data: Martin Heintel (* December 8, 1967, Place of Birth: Vienna/Austria)
Nationality: Austrian

Present Position: ao. Professor at the Department of Geography and
Regional Research/ University of Vienna, Austria (since 2004)

Scientific Director of Postgraduate Course “Cooperative Urban and Regional Development“
www.postgraduatecenter.at/kooperativregion

Academic Teaching Activities :

Permanent Teaching (since 1995):

- University of Vienna/Austria (<http://www.univie.ac.at/>)
- Vienna University of Technology/Austria (<http://www.tuwien.ac.at/>)
- University of Klagenfurt/Austria (<http://www.aau.at/>)

Visiting Professor (since 2000):

- Hebrew University of Jerusalem/IL (Spring 2019) (<https://new.huji.ac.il/en>)
- German University of Technology in Oman/Oman (Fall 2008/09) (<http://www.gutech.edu.om/>)
- RWTH-Aachen/Germany (Fall 2007/08) (<http://www.rwth-aachen.de/>)
- University of New Orleans/United States (Fall 2006/2007 and Spring 2007); Marshall Plan Chair (Economics with a speciality in Comparative Regional Economic Development) (<http://www.uno.edu>)
- University of Salzburg/Austria (Spring 2006) (<http://www.uni-salzburg.at/>)
- Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca/Romania (Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006) (<http://www.ubbcluj.ro/>)
- Humboldt-University Berlin/Germany (Fall 2005/2006) (<http://www.hu-berlin.de/>)
- Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich/Germany (Fall 2003/2004) (<http://www.uni-muenchen.de/>)
- University of Hannover/Germany (Fall 2001/2002) (<http://www.uni-hannover.de/>)
- University of Vechta/Germany (Fall 1999/2000) (<http://www.uni-vechta.de/>)

Main areas of research:

- Human Geography (Economic Geography, Political Geography)
- Regional Development, Regional Governance, Regional Management, Protected Areas, “Learning Regions”
- Spatial Development, Economic Geography, Rural Geography, Political Geography
- Enlargement of the European Union (Border Studies, Cross-Border Cooperation)
- Third World Mega-Cities (Urbanisation, Mega-City Management)
- Methods in Regional Planning, Methods and Techniques of Empirical Research

Awards:

- „Leopold Kunschak Wissenschaftspreis 2007“

Selected Presentations (invited) (<http://humangeo.univie.ac.at/ueber-uns/team/martin-heintel/vortragstaetigkeit/>):

- Sept 08-11, 2025 Board Member (Scientific Committee) at the 10th EUGEO Congress 2025 “Geographies of a Changing Europe”; Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna/AT.
- March 27, 2025 “Vienna7_Neubau: Transformation and planning practice at municipal level”; paper delivered at the ARL-Congress 2025 “Future now! Shaping the socio-ecological transformation”, Halle/DE.
- Sept 21, 2023 Session chair (together with Krajewski, C.) at the German Congress of Geography DKG 2023 as part of the session “Transformation of Rural Areas and Economies (1/2) and (2/2)” at the University of Frankfurt/DE.
- May 16, 2023 Keynote: “Upheaval in regions and cities”; paper delivered at the regionsuisse conference “Regional and urban development in times of upheaval”, Muntelier-Löwenberg/CH (online).
- Oct 14-15, 2020 Official member of the Scientific Committee of the Conference “Geographical aspects of Central Europe: *Creativity of Regions*”, Department of Geography and Regional Development (Constantine the Philosopher University) Nitra/SK.

- Oct 06, 2017 “Regional disparities within the European Union: current trends and measures”; paper delivered in the “Friday Forum”; Department of Geography & Anthropology, Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge/US.
- Sept 19, 2017 Keynote: “Urban – Rural Linkages: Trends, Contradictions and Fields of Action”; paper delivered in the 2nd Conference of the Croatian Institute of Spatial Development in Sv. Martin na Muri/HR.

Selected Research Projects (<http://humangeo.univie.ac.at/ueber-uns/team/martin-heintel/abgeschlossene-projekte/>):

- **“Evaluation of the development incentives of the LEADER Region Steirisches Vulkanland 2000 to 2023”**
On behalf of: EU-LEADER; Period of research: 2023-2024
- **“The role and contribution of the federal government for the regional governance in Austria – experiences, demands, and possible services using the example of tourism industry”**
On behalf of: BMLRT [GZ 2022-0.199.929; DAFNE]; Period of research: 2022-2023
<https://dafne.at/projekte/rhe-bund>
- **“Bilateral relations between the metropolises of Vienna and Brno – urban development; gentrification and cooperation”**
On behalf of: Action Austria – Czech Republic [No. 87p6]; Period of research: 2021
- **“Quantification of disadvantage and quality of life in the municipalities of the LEADER region Südliches Waldviertel – Nibelungengau”**
On behalf of: EU-LEADER; Period of research: 2018-2020
- **“Pinzgau (Index of Multiple Deprivation)”**
On behalf of: Regionalverband Oberpinzgau and EU-LEADER; Period of research: 2015-2018
- **“Potential Analysis: National Park Neusiedlersee”**
On behalf of: EU-LEADER; Period of research: 2013-2014
- **“Demography-Check: Eisenwurzten Lower Austria”**
On behalf of: EcoPlus; Period of research: 2013-2014
- **“Sustainable Cross-border Cooperation: Organizational Model for Protected Areas”**
On behalf of: EU-ETZ; Period of research: 2011-2013
- **“Learning Regions (accompanying evaluation)”**
On behalf of: Federal Ministry for Science; Period of research: 2010-2012
- **“Regional Agenda 21 processes (case studies)”**
On behalf of: proVISION (Federal Ministry for Science); Period of research: 2008-2010
- **“Nature Parks and Economic Regional Development: The Case Study of Burgenland”**
On behalf of: EU LEADER+ and Burgenland Provincial Government; Period of research: 2006

Other Professional Accomplishments:

Functions in societies: Chair of the Austrian Association for Applied Geography (ÖGG/ÖVAG) <https://www.oevag.net/>

Selected Publications (<http://humangeo.univie.ac.at/ueber-uns/team/martin-heintel/publikationsliste/>):

- Franz, Y. und Heintel, M. (Hrsg.) (2025):** Kooperative Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung, 2nd Edition. Wien: facultas (= UTB 5880) [ISBN 978-3-8252-5880-1; e-ISBN 978-3-8385-5880-6; e-PUB 978-3-8463-5880-1] [DOI: 10.36198/9783838558806]
- Ebenstreit, D., Fischer, M., Grösswang, F., Gruber, E., Heintel, M. and Payer, H. (2024):** Collaborative governance across sectors: regional development and tourism as complementary policy fields? In: EUROPA_XXI, vol. 47. <https://europa21.igipz.pan.pl/article/item/13948.html>.
- Heintel, M. (2021):** Regional development. In: ARL – Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung (Ed.): Handwörterbuch der Stadt- und Raumentwicklung (English translation). Original version: Handwörterbuch der Stadt- und Raumentwicklung. S. 2007-2016. Hannover: ARL [ISBN 978-3-88838-560-5]. https://www.arl-international.com/sites/default/files/dictionary/2021-09/regional_development.pdf
- Heintel, M., Wanner, A. and Weixlbaumer, N. (2018):** Regional development between cohesion and competition – Current theses and fields of action. In: European Countryside, Vol. 10, No. 3, 516-527. De Gruyter. <https://sciendo.com/article/10.2478/euco-2018-0029>
- Heintel, M. and Weixlbaumer, N. (2016):** Protected areas at the interface of political systems – Regional governance arrangements using the example of the Austro-Hungarian Nature Park Irrotkő-Geschriebenstein. In: Hammer, T., Mose, I., Siegrist, D. und Weixlbaumer, N. (Eds.): Parks of the future; Protected Areas in Europe Challenging Regional and Global Change. pp. 177-190. München: oekom.
- Gamper, C., Heintel, M., Leitner, M. and Weixlbaumer, N. (2007):** Nature Parks and Regional Development in Austria. A Case Study of the Nature Park Ötscher-Tormäuer. In: Mose, I. (Ed.): Protected Areas and Regional Development in Europe – Towards a New Model for the 21st Century? pp. 75-98. Aldershot: Ashgate.