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MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH

- (Grassroots) Innovations
- Protected Areas
- Sustainability transitions
- Economic Geography
- Social Network analysis
- Environmental Governance

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

From To

2014	2020	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Department of Geography, University of Innsbruck, Austria. PhD thesis " Parks and Networks: Biosphere reserves as a tool for sustainability transitions in rural areas"; Completed 04/2020 Gap between end of Master and start of PhD is due to project employment without the aim of a dissertation.
2008	2011	Master of Science in Geography: Global Change – Regional Sustainability
2007	2008	Bachelor of Science in Geography
2005	2009	Bachelor's program Philosophy
2005	2007	Diploma program Geography (change to Bachelor)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher & Consultant (50%), alpS GmbH. since October 2020

Research Assistant (50%), Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research since October 2019

Assistant Professor, University of Innsbruck, Department of Geography 2016 - 2020

Project Employment, University of Innsbruck, Department of Geography 2012 - 2020

Junior researcher alpS – Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Technologies 03/2012 – 09/2013

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

From	To	Title	Area of responsibility
10/2019	11/2021	SICO – Social Impact of Collective Ownership. Funded by the EGTC European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino	Research assistant
10/2019	09/2021	CRAFT – Creative Approaches for Socio-ecological Transitions. Funded by Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW).	Principal Investigator
08/2019	07/2020	NEOS – Netzwerk Outdoor Schafwolle. Funded by Mountain Agriculture Research Unit.	Project manager and Principal Investigator
09/2017	03/2020	ENESUS – Experimental Networks for Sustainability: Urban Biosphere Reserves as engines of transformation. Funded by Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW).	Project manager Principal Investigator

06/2017	08/2018	EvS 20 – ZuMoBe: Zukunft der Mobilität in geschützten Bergtälern. Funded by INTERREG IVb Österreich-Bayern.	Project manager
03/2014	06/2016	REPA-Next - Regional Economic and Perceptual Analyses in an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Funded by Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW).	Project manager and research assistant

SELECTED CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

09/2019	<p><i>Biosphere Reserves as engines of transition?</i> Presentation at the International Mountain Conference 2019 Innsbruck, Austria <i>WS 3.4.B: Initiatives for inclusive local development in Mountain regions.</i> Session Moderator and Co-Organizer; International Mountain Conference 2019 Innsbruck, Austria</p>
06/2018	<p><i>Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development: An Economic Geography Perspective</i> Conference Organisation</p>
09/2015	<p><i>DOKONARA 2015 – International Doctoral School of Sustainable Spatial Development</i> Conference Organisation and Project Management (funded by Erasmus+); Obergurgl</p>
08/2015	<p><i>Of Bioneers and Creative Destruction: Linking Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Transitions in Biosphere Reserves,</i> Presentation at the 4th Global Conference on Economic Geography, Oxford</p>

GRANTS / AWARDS

Young Scientist Travel Award by Climate Change Centre Austria (CCCA) for JPI CLIMATE Conference 06/2013

RELEVANT ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

2020 -2024 Board member of the International Geographical Union Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES)

PUBLICATIONS OF THE LAST 5 YEARS

Peer reviewed articles in journals and books

Kratzer, A., Mainetti, L. & N. Unthan (in review): The geography of grassroots innovations tackling environmental challenges: plastic pollution in the Dublin Bay Biosphere Reserve. *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transition*.

Ammering, U., Coy, M., Kindl, L., **Kratzer, A.**, Töpfer, T. & Aparecida de Mello-Théry, N. (2020), "Am Rand großer Städte – Urbane Biosphärenreservate zwischen Konzept und Umsetzung", in Borsdorf, A. and Jungmeier, M. (Eds.), *Biosphere 4.0. - UNESCO-Biosphärenparks als Modellregionen einer nachhaltigen Entwicklung: Prinzipien, Grundlagen und Fallstudien*, Springer, Heidelberg.

Kratzer, A. (2020), "Netzwerk Biosphärenreservat – Einblicke in die Innovationspotentiale der Peripherie am Beispiel Entlebuch (Schweiz) und Großes Walsertal (Österreich)", in Borsdorf, A. and Jungmeier, M. (Eds.), *Biosphere 4.0. - UNESCO-Biosphärenparks als Modellregionen einer nachhaltigen Entwicklung: Prinzipien, Grundlagen und Fallstudien*, Springer, Heidelberg.

Kratzer, A. and Ammering, U. (2019): Rural innovations in biosphere reserves – A social network approach, *Journal of Rural Studies*, No. 71, pp. 144–155. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2019.01.001

Kratzer, A. (2018). Biosphere Reserves research: a bibliometric analysis. In: *eco.mont – Journal on Protected Mountain Areas Research* 10 (2), S. 36–49. DOI: 10.1553/eco.mont-10-2s36 .open access

Kratzer, A. (2018): Biosphere reserves as model regions for sustainability transitions? Insights into the peripheral mountain area Grosses Walsertal (Austria). *Applied Geography* 90, S. 321–330. DOI: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2017.04.003.

Kratzer, A. (2017): Of Bioneers and Creative Destruction? Linking Entrepreneurship and Transitions to Sustainable Development in Biosphere Reserves. In: Peter Droege und Jörg Knieling (Hg.): *Regenerative Räume. Leitbilder und Praktiken nachhaltiger Raumentwicklung*. München: oekom verlag, S. 297–312.

Garay, A., Rainer, G., **Kratzer, A.** and Krapovickas, J. (2017): Comunidades rurales de montaña en transición. Una comparación entre el Norte y el Sur global. Casos en Salta (Argentina) y Vorarlberg (Austria)", *Boletín de Estudios Geográficos*, Vol. 108.

Books

Kratzer, A. & J. Kister (Eds.) (2020), *Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development, Dynamics of Economic Space Series*, Routledge. London, New York.

Dorn, F.M. and **Kratzer, A.** (Eds.) (2017), *Governance for sustainability transitions: Herausforderungen und Veränderungsprozesse in Regionen gestalten*, Innsbruck University Press.