

Curriculum Vitae

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Alexander Ebner is Professor of Political Economy and Economic Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany. His major areas of interest in research and teaching are entrepreneurship and innovation, industrial and technology policy, comparative economic systems as well as the history of economic and social thought.

Following his studies in economics (Dipl.-Volkswirt) and political science (Dipl.-Politologe) at Goethe University Frankfurt, he operated as research assistant at the Chair of Economic Geography (Prof. Dr. Eike Schamp), and subsequently as research and teaching assistant at the Chair of Economic Theory (Prof. Dr. Bertram Schefold), who also supervised his doctorate thesis on Schumpeterian theorizing on entrepreneurship and innovation. Following his doctorate in economics (Dr. rer. pol., summa cum laude) at the Faculty of Economics, he became lecturer (C1) at the Krupp Foundation Chair of Public Finance and Fiscal Sociology (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Backhaus) at the Faculty of the Sciences of the State at University Erfurt, where he completed his habilitation with an interdisciplinary thesis on governance and public policy. Additionally, he taught as visiting lecturer at European Business School in Wiesbaden, as Merton Lecturer at Latvian University Riga, and as Affiliate Professor at Grenoble Ecole de Management. International research appointments included Berkeley Center of Law, Business and Economy, Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley, USA as well as the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. In June 2008, Ebner was appointed Associate Professor of Political Economy at Jacobs University Bremen, before he joined Goethe University Frankfurt as Full Professor (W3) in July 2009.

Alexander Ebner is Director of the Schumpeter Center for Innovation and Public Policy as well as Co-Director of the Franz Oppenheimer Center for the History of Economy and Society at Goethe University. He also directs the master program „Economic Sociology“ at Goethe University. His third-party funded research activities include work on European industrial policies in support of intangible capital as part of the project consortium „Welfare, Wealth and Work – A New Growth Path for Europe“ (WWW for Europe) funded by the European Commission, which also financed his research on sustainable cluster organizations in the consortium „Regions of Knowledge“. His research project on low-carbon transition and innovation regimes in Germany and the UK was funded by the Hans Böckler Foundation. His third mission research includes pioneering studies on cluster development in the Rhine-Main region as well as migrant entrepreneurship in Frankfurt am Main. His corresponding works have been published in journals such as Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization and in books by publishers such as Oxford University Press. Ebner is founder and co-editor of the book series “Wirtschaftssoziologie und Politische Ökonomie / Economic Sociology and Political Economy“ with Nomos Publishers.

Alexander Ebner serves as academic referee for advanced research organisations such as European Research Council (ERC). Activities as public policy advisor include a mandate with the Science Council of the German government, which appointed him a member of the advisory group on science-based responses to grand societal challenges. He also serves as referee for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as appointed member of the selection committee for the programmes “East-West Partnership“ and „Conflict Prevention in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus“. Also, he is an appointed referee for the study grant program of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.