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The problem of knowledge

“... But even to ask what is the One (cause or principle) originating, galvanising or underlying the Many involves differentiating between what things really are in themselves and what they merely seem, involves distinguishing between appearance and reality. Appearance to whom? We are led back to ourselves, the appeared-to. However strong our desire for a dispassionate, self-divested view of the world, we cannot leave ourselves out of the picture.”

Jane O’Grady

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Economics, CH

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Judit Simon
MedUni Vienna

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Reception

Markus Müller
Rector, MedUni Vienna



Born in Klagenfurt in 1967, Markus Müller graduated „sub auspiciis“ from the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna in 1993. He then trained as a specialist in internal medicine in Austria, Sweden and the USA, gaining postdoctoral qualifications in clinical pharmacology (1998) and internal medicine (2001). In 2004, he qualified as a professor and was appointed Head of MedUni Vienna's Department of Clinical Pharmacology in Vienna General Hospital.

He earned an international reputation through his work on developing clinical microdialysis and his expertise in the clinical development of innovative drugs and vaccines. Amongst other things, he was heavily involved in the clinical development of several vaccines against influenza H5N1, influenza H1N1, borreliosis/Lyme disease, Ebola and Alzheimer's disease, to name but a few. Markus Müller has published more than 250 original works in the field of internal medicine.

In 2018, he received the Honorary Fellowship Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and in 2019, he was appointed as a governor on the Board of Tel Aviv University. As of 2018, he has been President of the Austrian Supreme Sanitary Council, the advisory body to the Austrian Minister of Health. He has headed up MedUni Vienna as its Rector since 2015.

Opening

Anita Rieder
Vice Rector for Education, MedUni Vienna



Anita Rieder is a Professor of Social Medicine and Vice Rector for Education at the Medical University of Vienna, she is Head of the Center for Public Health and the Department for Social- and Preventive Medicine, also Scientific Director of the Master of Public Health Programme at the Medical University of Vienna and Board Member Master of Insurance Medicine at the University Basel. Before she was appointed as Vice Rector she was Director of the Medicine Degree Programme at the Medical University.

Her main expertise is Social Medicine and Public Health, Health Services Research, Health Policy, Prevention and Health Promotion with a focus on Cardiovascular Prevention, and she is an expert in Medical Education. She is reviewer for international Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agencies (Medical Education) and a Board Member.

Professor Rieder received the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Research and the Order of Merit from the Chamber of Physicians Vienna. She is a Member of the Supreme Medical Council Ministry of Health. She is the President of the Austrian Medical Society Public Health and Head Instructor for Public Health Residencies. She is a member of Board of Trustees Austrian Agency of Education and Internationalisation. Professor Rieder was holding the position of a visiting professor at the Department for Rehab and Prevention at the Ottawa Heart Institute in Canada and at the Medical School Hannover (MHH, Goeppert- Mayer professorship).

Introduction



Judit Simon
Head, Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna

Judit Simon is Professor of Health Economics, Head of the Department of Health Economics, Deputy Head of the Center for Public Health and Coordinator of the Public Health Doctoral programme at the Medical University of Vienna. She is Visiting Professor at the University of Oxford and Corvinus University Budapest. She had previous appointments at UCL, LSE and the University of Oxford in the UK. She holds an MD, a BSc in Economics and a BA in Medical Translation (University of Szeged), an MSc in Health Economics (University of York), and a DPhil in Public Health/Health economics (University of Oxford). She is Fellow through Distinction of the UK Faculty of Public Health (FFPH).

Her main expertise include applied and methodological health economic evaluation research alongside clinical studies/guidelines/HTAs, evidence synthesis and health services and systems research. She has been PI/co-I on 22 grants with over 37 million Euros funding in the fields of mental health, public health, nutrition, cancer and palliative care economics. Most recently, she led European research on (mental) health economic evaluation methods (Horizon 2020 PECUNIA) and the comorbidity costs of mental disorders (ECNP). She has over 160 publications, and is senior editor at BMJ Mental Health, BJPsych Open and Bipolar Disorders.

**10 years of Department of Health Economics (DHE):
Past, present and future**



Susanne Mayer
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna

Susanne Mayer, Associate Professor at the Department of Health Economics, Center for Public Health at the Medical University of Vienna, is a health economist with a background in economics and socio-economics. Her methodological and project expertise includes costing of health and social care services and other sectors affected by health-care interventions as well as assessing socioeconomic gradients in healthcare use and mortality. She received the renowned 'Theodor Körner Förderpreis' for the systematic literature review that served as the data basis of the DHE Unit Cost Online Database, and was 'MedUni Vienna researcher of the month' for her work on resource use measurement for intersectoral costs and benefits. Her recent work has focused on developing costing templates to facilitate and standardize unit cost development and their application in the Austrian and international context.

Unit costs for healthcare decision-making: Quo vadis, Austria?

Increasing healthcare costs require evidence-based resource use allocation for which assessing costs rigorously is crucial. However, unit costs, i.e. the average monetary value of unit of service use (e.g. contact with a general practitioner), currently often lack cross-country and even within-country comparability. This presentation outlines these methodological issues and explores the past and recent advancements by the Department of Health Economics for Austria, concluding with an outlook on necessary next steps towards supporting health economic evaluations nationally.

Agata Łaszewska
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna



Agata Łaszewska is a post-doctoral researcher at the Medical University of Vienna, based at the Department of Health Economics. She holds a doctorate in applied medical sciences from the Medical University of Vienna. Her research focus is on the assessment of health outcomes, patient-reported outcomes and methodological developments in this area. She has experience in undertaking cost-of-illness studies, psychometric validation studies, systematic literature reviews and economic evaluations. Her recent work has focused on testing a novel capability approach questionnaire in the evaluation of health services for patients with mental illnesses in Austria.

Improving the wellbeing assessment of people with mental health problems using the capability approach

Several new approaches have been recently investigated to provide appropriate quality-of-life and wellbeing measurement in health economic evaluations, especially in vulnerable populations including people suffering from mental disorders. The presentation shows the journey of the novel multi-dimensional, patient-reported capabilities instrument (OxCAP-MH) from its development in Oxford through evaluating its inter-cultural transferability and development of the new language versions, to its applicability in national and international projects including feasibility for the routine evaluation of mental health services, assessment of the Covid-19 pandemic impacts, and the PECUNIA PROM-MH compendium. Finally, an outlook on applying the OxCAP-MH for the wellbeing assessment in cross-country comparisons is discussed.



Nataša Perić
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna

Nataša Perić MSc is a post-doctoral researcher. She holds a doctorate in Applied Medical Sciences from the Medical University of Vienna and master's degree in international business administration from the University of Vienna. In her doctoral thesis she undertook a prioritization of indicators for structured monitoring of health system performance in the European Union as part of the European research project BRIDGE Health. She has experience in health system performance assessment with focus on health system efficiency, qualitative research, resource use valuation (e.g. PECUNIA) and undertaking trial-based economic evaluation (e.g. PReDicT, ERA PerMedSchiz). Her current research interests include health economic evaluation in the areas of cancer and mental health, and health system performance intelligence. She is Co-PI of the VABABS study on breast cancer screening funded by the WWTF.

Is a predictive algorithm a cost-effective way to guide antidepressant treatment in Europe?

The PReDicT test was developed as a digital tool of personalised medicine to provide an early indication of response to antidepressant medication. We estimated the cost-effectiveness of the PReDicT test compared to Treatment-As-Usual in a randomised-controlled trial in five European countries (UK,DE,F,NL,ES). Both arms significantly improved in terms of quality of life during 24-weeks follow-up. We observed an additional 24% improvement in the PReDicT arm in the capability wellbeing (OxCAP-MH). Main economic benefits of the PReDicT test seem to fall on broader societal costs. Great between-country variations are likely to reflect substantial underlying system and depression care differences.

Dennis Wienand
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna



Dennis Wienand is a doctoral researcher at the Department of Health Economics, Center for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna. He obtained an MSc in Healthcare Policy, Innovation and Management from Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Afterwards he briefly worked in the pharmaceutical industry before joining the DHE in 2018. Currently, he is finalising his PhD thesis entitled 'The physical comorbidity costs of mental health disorders'. His main research experiences and interests revolve around cost-of-illness assessments, applied modelling approaches for health economic evaluations, and evidence synthesis using meta-analysis methods.

Health economic arguments for better integrated care: Physical comorbidity burden and costs of mental health disorders in Europe

Individuals with mental health disorders have worse physical health compared to the general population, utilise healthcare resources more frequently and intensively, incurring higher costs. This presentation provides insights to epidemiological and health economic aspects of physical comorbidity in people with mental health disorders. Levels of excess risk for physical health conditions in people with depressive disorders, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and alcohol use disorders, will be presented. Further, this presentation will exhibit the economic burden of hospital care utilisation and productivity losses due to excess physical health conditions in the working-age population of 32 European countries for the year 2019.



Claudia Fischer
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna

Claudia Fischer is a post-doctoral researcher and tutor working at the Department of Health Economics, Center for Public Health at the Medical University of Vienna. She holds a doctorate in public health from the Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam. She is a member at the international Health Economic association and Economics of Palliative & End-of-Life Care Special Interest Group, the Austrian Palliative Association and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Austria Regional Chapter. She is particularly interested in methods of quality-of-care and outcomes research in the palliative and end-of-life care settings.

Unleashing patient voices: Methodological considerations for the (economic) evaluation of palliative and end-of-life care

Patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) provide invaluable insights into the patient experience and overall health outcomes and play a crucial role in informing (economic) evaluations. Their significance is particularly pronounced in palliative care, where the focus is on enhancing the quality of life for patients and families facing life-threatening illnesses. Despite their importance, the field of palliative and end-of-life care lacks comprehensive methodological guidance for conducting economic evaluations. This presentation reveals the results of a multi-center study that collected PROMs from patients in specialized palliative care facilities in Austrian hospitals. It discusses the psychometric validity of different PROM instruments and explores the feasibility challenges and facilitators of collecting these measures in the specialized palliative care context.



Michael Berger
Department of Health Economics,
MedUni Vienna

Michael Berger is a Post Doc Researcher at the Department of Health Economics at the Medical University of Vienna. He received a doctorate in economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. His research areas are health policy, microeconomics and health economics. His work focuses on the financial sustainability and equity of healthcare systems, and institutional causes behind regional variation in healthcare utilization.

Regulation incentives: How Austria's institutional setting promotes regional variation in healthcare utilization

Medical practice variation is of major interest for policy makers. It is a key target for improving the efficiency of healthcare expenditures and a critical dimension for equity in access to care. In a healthcare financing system based on solidarity, every patient should receive the right type and amount of healthcare regardless of social status or location. We present (ongoing) empirical work that discusses how economic incentives and regulatory frameworks shape regional patterns in healthcare utilization and potentially reinforce under- and overprovision of care, and how these insights can be used in future applied research.



Gerald J Pruckner
Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU), AT

Gerald J Pruckner is Professor of Health Economics at the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) in Linz. After graduation from the JKU, he spent one year at the University of California, Berkeley and research stays of several months at the University of Adelaide and Stockholm University. From 2002 until 2006, he was Professor for Public Economics at the University of Innsbruck. His research interests are health prevention, intergenerational health, and the evaluation of medical treatment options. In his empirical papers he use comprehensive individual-level register data from the Austrian health care and social security system. He was the head of the Christian Doppler Research Laboratory for "Aging, Health, and the Labor Market" and is a board member of the Austrian Health Economics Association.

Physician gender and patient health care

Recent research shows that men and women differ in diagnosis type and frequency, as well as symptoms and treatment for certain diseases. Simultaneously, more female physicians than ever enter the profession, potentially increasing the recognition of gender and sex differences in treatment. We exploit a unique quasi-random procedure for filling vacant outpatient physician positions in Upper Austria to causally analyze the effect of the gender of a general practitioner (GP) on individual health care utilization. In line with previous studies, we find a significant small positive effect on health care costs for a female succeeding GP in comparison to a male succeeding GP. Except for GP visits, no statistically significant difference between the effect for male and female patients exists. We conclude that previous research has potentially overestimated the primary care providers' gender effect on patients.



Michael Kuhn
International Institute for Applied Systems
Analysis (IIASA), Wittgenstein Centre, AT

Michael Kuhn (PhD Rostock) is the Program Director of the IIASA Economic Frontiers Program. His research interests lie in the areas of theoretical and applied health, population and development economics.

Probing into the nexus of medical progress, ageing, and health expenditure

How do the joint processes of medical progress, ageing, and health expenditure bear on economic performance and welfare.



Ingrid Zechmeister-Koss
Austrian Institute for Health Technology
Assessment (AIHTA), AT

Ingrid Zechmeister-Koss has worked at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment/LBI-HTA (since 2020 Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment/AIHTA) from 2006 to 2015 and since 2018. She is the deputy head of the institute and leads the domains of health economics and health services research. Her current research focus is primarily on mental health services research and mental health economics. After a Master's in 'Health Studies and Management' at the University of Brighton, she was a research assistant at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where she completed her doctorate study. Apart from the LBI-HTA /AIHTA, she worked in other Austrian research institutes (Austrian Academy of Sciences, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research). She also worked for several years for a hospital provider in the field of biomedical sciences and as a health economist in health care administration (Austrian Social Insurance).

HTA in Austria viewed from a health economics lens: past, present, future

The talk will reflect on the role of health economics within HTA in Austria and the relevance of economic evaluations in decision making over the last years. It will further address current challenges in the health system and what current health economic methods applied internationally within HTA may offer to address them but also what their limitations are. The talk will finish with some thoughts on potential ways forwards regarding methods and their application in Austria.

Peter Klimek
Institute of the Science of Complex Systems,
MedUni Vienna, Complexity Science Hub (CSH),
Supply Chain Intelligence Institute
Austria (ASCII), AT



Peter Klimek is director of the Supply Chain Intelligence Institute Austria (ASCII), holds an associate professorship at the Medical University of Vienna and is a faculty member of the Complexity Science Hub. Drawing from his expertise in complexity science, data science, statistics and physics, his research aims to improve our understanding and ability to predict complex socio-economic systems. Peter and his research team developed prediction and stress-test models for chronic disorders as people age, healthcare system workforce changes and shocks disrupting economic and financial markets, and operated a model to forecast the COVID-19 epidemics in Austria. Peter earned a PhD in physics in 2010 and a Venia Docendi (habilitation) in computational science in 2018. In 2021, he received the Paul Watzlawick Ring of Honor. In 2022, he was named Austrian Scientist of the Year 2021. He has more than 100 publications and 60 conference/invited lecture presentations.

Stress-testing health systems using agent-based simulations

Demographic change is expected to lead to a significant increase in the number of elderly and multimorbid patients, combined with increasing retirements among health professionals. I will present recent work in which we are attempting to estimate quantitatively for the next few decades how public health is likely to evolve, how this will be reflected in the population's use of health services, and how the status of the health workforce is likely to evolve. The aim is to better understand the resilience of the Austrian health care system in the face of future challenges and to identify starting points for making the system more resilient and crisis-proof.



Sabine Vogler
Austrian National Public Health Institute (GÖG), AT

Sabine Vogler is Head of the Pharmacoeconomics Department of Austrian National Public Health Institute (GÖG), and serves as Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies. She is also affiliated to the Department of Health Care Management, Technical University of Berlin and was Visiting Fellow at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna in 2017. She graduated in commerce and earned a PhD in social and economic sciences from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. She has over 25 years of experience in surveying and analysing medicine prices, evaluating pharmaceutical policies as well as measuring access, affordability, and availability of medicines. She coordinated numerous research projects at national and European levels and was pivotal in establishing the PPRI (Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information) network. She (co-) authored more than 180 publications, including peer-reviewed articles.

Fake prices - Is there still a role for medicine price studies?

Researchers conducting medicine price surveys, analyses and comparisons can be confronted with important methodological challenges, including data gaps and limitations in cross-country comparability. Given confidential deals (so-called managed entry agreements) for medicines with high price tags, published prices do not always reflect reality. Is it legitimate to conduct medicine price studies against this backdrop? How to deal with the limitations? Additionally, confidentiality of price data has major policy implications since numerous countries base their price setting on the price information in other countries. The presentation will discuss challenges in medicine price studies, methodological advances, and policy action to address lack of transparency.



Adrian Towse
Office of Health Economics (OHE) & London
School of Economics (LSE), UK

Adrian Towse is Emeritus Director of the Office of Health Economics (UK), Visiting Professor at the LSE, and a Non-Resident Fellow of the Center for Global Development. He has also been a Visiting Professor at the University of York and a visiting Senior Researcher at the Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford. For ten years, he served as the Non-Executive Director of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. Adrian was President of ISPOR (2014-15). He holds an MA (Hons) from Keble College, Oxford; an MPhil from Nuffield College, Oxford; and is a qualified Chartered Institute of Management Accountant.

His current research includes incentives for new drugs and vaccines to tackle Antimicrobial Resistance, the use of 'risk-sharing' arrangements between health care payers and pharmaceutical companies, including approaches to measuring novel elements of value and to value-based pricing; the economics of stratified medicine for health care payers and the pharmaceutical industry; and economic issues of treatments for diseases prevalent in low and middle income countries.

Price transparency of pharmaceuticals versus population health

Many people value transparency as a good in its own right. However, if price transparency does not improve population health a trade-off has to be made. Which is more important? Especially to middle and low income countries? In this presentation I will:

- distinguish between transparency of process and of outcome
- look at the evidence on price transparency and collusion between suppliers
- address the question as to whether transparency increases payer bargaining power?
- set out recommendations, which differ as between on-patent and off-patent medicines



Silvia Evers
University of Maastricht & Trimbos Institute, NL

Silvia Evers is professor of Public Health Technology Assessment at Maastricht University (UM) and scientific director of the Care and Public Health Research Institute (CAPHRI). She has been working at the Trimbos Institute since 2013. She is successful in acquiring funding for health economics research (including NWO, ZonMw, European, etc.) and regularly organizes national and international meetings (e.g. lolaHESG and EuHEA 2018). She has a multidisciplinary background (Health Sciences (Mental Health Sciences; Policy & Management), Epidemiology and Law (Labour and Social; Health Law)), and has worked within various groups (Institute for Rehabilitation Research, Maastricht University (Epidemiology; Health Economics; Medical Sociology; Psychology), National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Centre for Care Studies), University of Amsterdam (Pedagogics) and Academic Hospital Maastricht (Neurosurgery)). She enormously values (inter)national collaboration between disciplines, as well as with various stakeholders in healthcare.

How healthcare interventions influence other sectors and vice versa: another perspective on cost-conscious care by Silvia Evers

Traditionally, HTA analysis merely includes an economic evaluation looking at an innovative intervention versus care as usual in the healthcare sector. In the last decade, insights have been gained that the impact of these healthcare interventions also influences other sectors (such as employment, education, and justice). Next to that, awareness has risen that cost-conscious care can also be reached by improving the knowledge and the implementation of health economics among healthcare professionals, for instance by including economic evidence in clinical guidelines.



Eline Aas
University of Oslo, NO

Eline Aas, Economist, PhD, Professor, Department of Health Management and Health Economics and joint-position at Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Head of the Research group in Economic evaluation. Teaching: Master courses in Economic Evaluation (Modeling and Cost-effectiveness analysis alongside clinical trials). Research: in Economic Evaluation alongside clinical trials and decision analytic modelling, handling uncertainty, register data analysis, health behavior and inequalities in health. Projects: EU-horizon – ASCERTAIN (country lead), NORCHER – PI, PRECISE – PI, participant of several other projects.

Handling uncertainty in evaluation of health technologies with limited evidence base

Limitations in the evidence base for precision medicine and accelerated licensing processes for new pharmaceuticals have led to considerable uncertainty surrounding the added value of novel interventions. Without a sufficient health economic evidence base, decision makers risk making incorrect coverage decisions that may result in an inefficient use of healthcare resources and reduced patient health benefits. In particular immature data and single-arm trials is a challenge for decision makers as the evidence are very uncertain and potentially biased. In this talk I will discuss how methods in economic evaluation can be developed in order to reduce uncertainty.



Ieva Skarda
Centre for Health Economics,
University of York, UK

Ieva Skarda is an economist based at the Centre for Health Economics, University of York, working on new methods for evaluating childhood policies in terms of their lifetime effects on health, wellbeing and inequality. She has introduced a new life-course approach for evaluating childhood policies and developed LifeSim – a UK birth cohort microsimulation model - to implement this approach in practice. She has also co-developed Well-being-QALY – a wellbeing metric for evaluating cross-sectoral policies. Her approach is being adopted by the ActEarly research consortium to evaluate childhood policies in the UK, and applied as part of the NIHR School for Public Health Research project to evaluate the Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management programme. Ieva has published in Health Economics, Society for Social Medicine and Lancet Public Health, and has built networks and collaborations with colleagues nationally and internationally (e.g. UCL, University of Sheffield, University of Bergen, University of Rotterdam). Ieva has a PhD in Economics from the University of York.

The long-term health and wellbeing consequences of childhood policies: A microsimulation approach

Early childhood circumstances are crucial for future child development, long-term health and wellbeing. However, intervening to tackle various childhood difficulties through policies such as tax-benefit reforms and in-kind services is challenging in practice, because of the lack of hands-on methods to predict the long-term consequences of these policies for different kinds of children. This talk will explain how new microsimulation-based methods can help to address these challenges and better understand the long-term health and wellbeing consequences of various early childhood policies.



Christian P.R. Schmid
CSS Institute for Empirical Health Economics, CH

Christian P.R. Schmid is the head of the CSS Institute for Empirical Health Economics and lecturer at the Universities of Bern and Lucerne. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Bern, Switzerland. His research focuses on health insurance markets with regulated competition. In current work, he is investigating financial incentives for patients as well as for health care providers, determinants of generic substitution, and the effect of premium subsidies on the affordability of health plans.

Redistribution and affordability of health plans in Switzerland: The impact of individual subsidies

In many countries, the redistribution of resources through the healthcare system is pursued as a means to promote equity, reduce health disparities, and ensure affordability. While numerous European countries have (public) health insurance systems that are financed by taxes or other income-dependent contributions, health care premiums in Switzerland are community-rated and not directly linked to income. However, individuals and families with low incomes are provided with means-tested subsidies, which aim to ensure health plan affordability. Research indicates that these subsidies can effectively alleviate financial distress, incentivize individuals to choose more comprehensive health insurance coverage, and redistribute resources from the wealthier to the less well-off. Consequently, individual subsidies seem to be an effective tool for both redistribution and ensuring affordability of health plans.

Reflection Panel

Stefan Eichwalder

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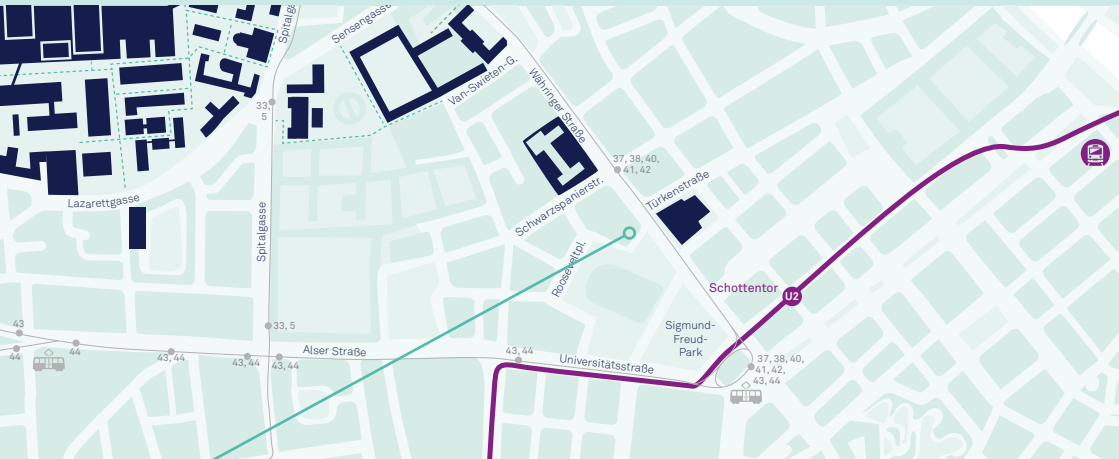
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