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# Science Day

Award Ceremony on October 7, 2021



Beginning 9:45 a.m. (c.t.)

## **Welcome**

Gerhard Sorger  
Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics

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## **Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art I. Class (German)**

*Awarding by the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research Heinz Faßmann  
and Gerhard Sorger, the Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics*

### **Words of Thanks**

Franz Wirl  
Professorial Research Fellow at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics

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# **Oskar Morgenstern Medal 2021**

### **Introduction**

Gerhard Sorger  
Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics

### **Laudatio**

Jean-Robert Tyran  
Vice Rector of the University of Vienna

*Awarding by the Federal Minister of Labour Martin Kocher,  
the Dean of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics Gerhard Sorger  
and the daughter of Oskar Morgenstern, Karin Morgenstern Papp*

### **Celebratory speech and Laureate's talk**

Muriel Niederle  
Professor of Economics at Stanford University  
Oskar Morgenstern Medal Laureate 2021

*A Gender Agenda  
From the Lab to the Field to Policy Implications*

# Oskar Morgenstern Medal Laureate 2021



## Muriel Niederle

Professor of Economics at  
Stanford University

Muriel Niederle is the Pauline K. Levin-Robert, L. Levin and Pauline C. Levin-Abraham Levin Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences (the Levin Professor), at the Economics Department at Stanford University. After a Mathematics degree from the University of Vienna, she received her PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2002. Niederle's areas of specialization are Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Gender and Market Design. Her Market Design work focused on when decentralized markets work well, why they might fail, and how one might improve them. An important strand of her work is focused on gender differences in competitiveness and its implications, including some recent work on affirmative action quotas. She continues working in Behavioral and Experimental Economics, lately on Cognitive Reasoning. Niederle is currently a Member of the Editorial Committee of the Annual Review of Economics and an Associate Editor of ACM: Transactions on Economics and Computation. Niederle was selected for the Restud Tour in 2002, was an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, received an NSF Career grant and is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, a SIEPR Senior Fellow and an NBER Research Associate.

The Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics of the University of Vienna awards the Oskar Morgenstern Medal every two years for distinguished academic work in the area of Business, Economics and Statistics. Former laureates include Roger B. Myerson (2013), Robert F. Engle (2015), Ernst Fehr (2017) and Sir Christopher A. Pissarides (2019).

The award is given in honor of the noted economist Oskar Morgenstern, who was a professor at the University of Vienna until 1938 and founded the research field of game theory, which is located between economics and mathematics, in collaboration with mathematician John von Neumann.

# Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art I. Class



## Franz Wirl

Professorial Research Fellow at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics

Emer. Prof. Franz Wirl was Professor of Industry, Energy and Environment at the University of Vienna from 2000 to 2018. After retirement in 2018, he has continued his research as Professorial Research Fellow. During his academic career, Franz Wirl published more than 200 publications and three books. His scientific output is confirmed in the Handelsblatt ranking in 2009, 2012 and 2014, which distinguishes him in the category „Lifetime Achievement“ as the best and most research-intensive business administration professor in the German-speaking world. As a doctoral supervisor, he promoted young academics on their way to research and professional careers. On 7 October 2021, Franz Wirl will be awarded the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art I. Class for his scientific achievements.

**More information and event stream:**

<https://oskar-morgenstern-medaille.univie.ac.at>