



BARBARA KOVÁCS

Nationality: Austria

Born 03.09.1984 in Sopron, Hungary

EMPLOYMENT

Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Department for Public Health

- + Knowledge Management (since 2022)
- + Institute for Infectious Disease Epidemiology (2020-2022)

EDUCATION

National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico (IPN), Interdisciplinary Center for Research and Studies on Environment and Development (CIIEMAD), Mexico City, Mexico

- Dr., Social Ecology**
2016 - 2021
- + Specialization: landscape management, cultural ecosystem services
 - + Experience abroad: Nagoya University
 - + Graduated with distinction

University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

- MA, Latin America Studies**
2010 - 2013
- + Specialization: gender, alternative economics, environmental policy
 - + Experience abroad: University of Chile, Internship in Mexico
 - + Graduated with distinction

- Mag.phil., Cultural and Social Anthropology**
2003 - 2010
- + Specialization: gender, traditional indigenous knowledge
 - + Experience abroad: fieldwork Guatemala and Belize

- Bakk.phil., Hungarian Studies**
2003 - 2007
- + Specialization: Turkish loan words in Hungarian

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Yale University**
January 2022
- + The Science of Well-Being (Online)

CONTACT

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COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS

- + Presentations in English, German, and Spanish
- + Cooperation in international and intercultural teams
- + Reliable and responsible time management and excellent at meeting deadlines

LANGUAGES

- + Hungarian (native)
- + German (native)
- + English (very good level)
- + Spanish (very good level)
- + Japanese (basic)

DIGITAL COMPETENCE

- + Data management software: Citavi, Mendeley, Atlas.ti
- + Statistics program: SPSS
- + GIS: ArcGIS, QGIS
- + MS Office: Excel, Word, Power Point, Access

PUBLICATIONS

- + **Kovács, B.**, Uchiyama, Y., Yoshitaka, M., Quevedo, J. M., & Kohsaka, R. (2022). *Capturing landscape values in peri-urban Satoyama forests: Diversity of visitors' perceptions and implications for future value assessments.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, Márquez-Linares M. A., Rodríguez-Espinosa P. F., Gutiérrez-Yurrita P. J., & Perez-Verdin, G. (2021). *Analysis of cultural ecosystem services based on visitors' perspective in the natural park Los Dinamos in Mexico City.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, & Campos Benhumea, J. C. (2021). *How resilient are mountain livelihoods against extreme events? Learnings from Central Mexico in a COVID-19 world.*
- + Schirpke, U., Scolozzi, R., Dean, G., Haller, A., Jäger, H., Kister, J., **Kovács, B.**, Sarmiento, F. O., Sattler, B., & Schleyer, C. (2020). *Cultural ecosystem services in mountain regions: Conceptualising conflicts among users and limitations of use.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, Uchiyama, Y., Yoshitaka, M., Penker, M., & Kohsaka, R. (2020). *An explorative analysis of landscape value perceptions of naturally dead and cut wood: a case study of visitors to Kaisho Forest, Aichi, Japan.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, & Gutiérrez-Yurrita, P. J. (2019). *La inclusión de las actividades deportivas de montaña en la gestión y planificación de los parques nacionales en el centro-oriente de México.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, & Gutiérrez-Yurrita, P. J. (2019). *Ordenación ecológica de los paisajes geológicos bajo la perspectiva de la escalada en roca en México.*
- + **Kovács, B.**, & Gutiérrez-Yurrita, P. J. (2018). *Paredes verticales en México, ¿una oportunidad turística-recreativa para las comunidades?*
- + **Kovács, B.**, & Gutiérrez-Yurrita, P. J. (2017). *El patrimonio de paisajes rocosos en México. Una revisión de los valores de la escalada en roca.*

PEER-GROUP WORKSHOPS

- + **August 2019** IMC2019 Student for Student Summer School (S4SSS) on Mountain Research. **University of Innsbruck**, Research Area Mountain Regions
- + **April 2017** Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development. **Columbia University's** Sustainable Development Doctoral Society

GRANTS

- + *International Quality Research Fellowship CONACyT*, Mexico
- + *Ryo Kohsaka Lab. Field Research Grant*, Nagoya University, Japan
- + *National Quality Research Fellowship CONACyT*, Mexico
- + *BEIFI (Institutional stimulus for research training)*, IPN, Mexico
- + *Joint Study Scholarship of the University of Vienna*, Austria
- + *KSA Scholarship of the University of Vienna*, Austria

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & STAYS ABROAD

- + **2019-20** *Fieldwork in Seto, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, Questionnaire in-situ*
- + **2019** *International Summer University, Innsbruck, Seminars, excursions, presentation*
- + **2016-19** *Individual fieldwork in Mexico, Participatory observation, interviews*
- + **2013** *Individual fieldwork in Mexico City, Mexico, Recherche*
- + **2011-12** *University of Chile, Santiago de Chile, Lectures, seminars*
- + **2008-09** *Individual fieldwork in Silver Creek, Belize, Participatory observation*
- + **2006** *Fieldwork training in San José, Petén, Guatemala, Participatory observation, interviews*

COORDINATION OF THE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

- + **Kovács, B., & Perez-Verdín, G.** *Ecosystem Partnership, Latin American Regional Conference, November 25th-27th 2020, Mexico.*
TWG 18, Values and cultural ecosystem services: "Los retos de los servicios ecosistémicos culturales en América Latina"

REVIEWER FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

- + **since 2020** *Miscellanea Geographica. Regional Studies on Development*
- + **since 2021** *Journal of Ethnic Foods*
- + **since 2022** *Revista UVSera*

SUPERVISION OF MASTER THESES

- + **Karina Martínez Martínez** *"Evaluación de cambios de los servicios ecosistémicos hidrológicos de regulación en la Cuenca de México y su asociación con eventos por inestabilidad de laderas e inundaciones en zonas urbanas" IPN-CIEMAD*

AWARDS

- + **June 2017** *1st Place, Scientific Poster Competition, 5th Colloquium in Celebration of World Environment Day, Mexico City, Mexico.*
"Una revisión teórica de la cuenca visual como herramienta para el análisis de paisaje en México."

SEMINARS & CO-ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- + **November 2018** *7th Student Colloquium IPN-CIEMAD, Mexico City, Mexico*
- + **November 2017** *6th Student Colloquium IPN-CIEMAD, Mexico City, Mexico*
- + **July-August 2012** *Europe Meets Latin America: A Forum for Young Leaders, Berlin, Germany*
- + **June 2012** *Seminar: Project Cycle Management, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria*

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

- + **November 2021** *"Salud pública y bienestar humano en tiempos de la pandemia"* 10th Student Colloquium IPN-CIEMAD, Online.
- + **November 2019** *"Landscape values and visitor use. Challenges of conservation and management in suburban parks in Mexico."* SDGs seminar: latest international trends in ecosystem studies, Nagoya, Japan.
- + **September 2019** *"The limits of recreational ecosystem services in suburban landscapes in Mexico City."* International Mountain Conference 2019, Innsbruck, Austria.
- + **June 2019** *"Triangulación metodológica para el análisis de unidades paisajísticas mediante el ejemplo de la sección media de la subcuenca Río Magdalena, Ciudad de México."* 2nd International Seminar of Tourism and Landscape, Mexico City, Mexico.
- + **October 2018** *"El estudio del paisaje: entre la ciencia y la disciplina académica (co-author)."* 4th International Seminar on Philosophy of Science and Sustainability, Chapingo, Texcoco, Mexico State, Mexico.
- + **July 2018** *"La escalada en roca en México: una revisión de su origen, sus tendencias y características locales."* 56th International Congress of Americanists, Salamanca, Spain.
- + **July 2018** *"Paredes verticales en México, ¿una oportunidad turística-recreativa para las comunidades rurales?"* 56th International Congress of Americanists, Salamanca, Spain.
- + **April 2018** *"Cultura de la paz y conciencia ambiental: componentes indispensables para la gestión holística en el nuevo enfoque del alpinismo y la escalada en roca."* 1st International Seminar on Tourism and Paisatge, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- + **October 2017** *"La cultura de paz, emanada de la concientización ambiental, pilar para conservar los paisajes montañosos."* 4th International Sustainability Congress, Toluca, Mexico State, Mexico.
- + **September 2017** *"Ordenación ecológica de los paisajes geológicos bajo la perspectiva de la escalada en roca en México."* International Symposium on Space in Motion. Warsaw, Poland.
- + **May 2017** *"El patrimonio de paisaje rocoso en México. Una revisión de los valores de la escalada en roca."* Congress of Applied Tourism Research 2017, Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF LECTURES

- + **October 2020** *"Paisajes de montaña desde la perspectiva de la escalada en roca y montañismo en México."* Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Institute of Sociology, Mexico City, Mexico
- + **October 2019** *"Environmental Management in different countries. How can fieldwork work (or not) for "social or cultural topics? Examples from Mexico and Japan."* University of Calgary, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Alberta, Canada
- + **November 2018** *"Cómo escribir una tesis de ciencias de paisaje."* IPN-CIEMAD, Mexico City, Mexico
- + **November 2018** *"Paisaje y Economía."* IPN-CIEMAD, Mexico City, Mexico

ACTIVITIES AS REPRESENTATIVE

- + **since 2022** *Chairwoman of the Works Council at AGES-Währingerstraße*
- + **2018-2019** *Student representative in the university parliament, IPN, Mexico*
- + **2011** *Student representative at the Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Vienna*
- + **2005-2007** *Student representative at the Department of Finno-Ugrian Studies, University of Vienna*

EXTRA-PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- + **2005** *Instructor course of the Lower Austria Association for karate*
- + **2008-09** *Instructor course for national instructors for karate*