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Education

2022 - 2026 — **Federal University of ABC, UFABC** — **São Paulo, Brazil**
Alpen-Adria-Universität, AAU — **Klagenfurt. Austria**

Doctoral Programme in Philosophy (Cotutelle Agreement),
successfully defended June 2026, no revisions required.
Title: Capitalist Fantasies of Nature and Dynamics of Foreclosure:
A Lacanian Discourse Analysis of the Green Economy
Supervisors: Silvio Ricardo Gomes Carneiro (UFABC), Alice Pechriggl (AAU)
Co-advisers: Marilia Mello Pisani (UFABC), Eva Laquièze-Waniek (AAU)

2018 — **Faculdade Barão do Rio Branco, UNINORTE** — **Rio Branco, Brazil**

Conclusion of Postgraduate Programme Didactics of Higher Education..
Title: O Avesso da Aprendizagem - Um Ensaio sobre Educação, Psicanálise e Capitalismo com Lacan (The Reverse Side of Psychoanalysis – an Essay on Education, Psychoanalysis and Capitalism with Lacan)
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Francisco Raimundo Alves Neto

2009 — **University of Vienna** — **Vienna, Austria**

Conclusion of Diploma Programme Philosophy;
Title conferred: “Magister der Philosophie”,
Diploma Exam with honors
Title: Zur Umsetzung der UN-Biodiverstitätskonvention: Eine diskurstheoretische Untersuchung zu „Access and Benefit Sharing“ in Brasilien,
Supervisor: Univ.-Prof. Dipl.-Bw. Dr. Ulrich Brand.
Thesis online: http://othes.univie.ac.at/6837/

Teaching Experience

2017 - present — **Instituto Federal do Acre – IFAC** — **Sena Madureira, Brazil**

Teacher of Basic Technical and Technological Education - EBTT
Disciplines taught:
- Filosofia (Philosophy)

2013 - 2019 — **União Educacional do Norte – UNINORTE** — **Rio Branco, Brazil**

Lecturer for undergraduate law-, biomedicine- and social service students
Disciplines taught:
- Man, Culture and Society (Homem, Cultura e Sociedade)
- Ethics and Citizenship (Ética e Cidadania)
- Sustainable Development and Environment (Desenvolvimento Sustentável e Meio Ambiente)
- Raciocínio Lógico (Logical Thinking)
- Inglês Aplicado (Applied English)

2013 - 2016 — **Sociedade de Ensino Superior do Acre – IESACRE** — **Rio Branco, Brazil**

Lecturer for undergraduate law- and human resources management students
Disciplines taught:
- General Philosophy (Filosofia Geral)
- Ethics in Organizations (Ética nas organizacoes)
- Man, Culture and Society (Homem, Cultura e Sociedade)

Research and teaching Interests

- Society - nature relationships;
- Psychoanalysis and subjectivation processes;
- Discourse analysis;
- Issues of development and sustainability in the context of global climate justice;

Other Experience

2011 - present — **Campaigner**

Public presentations, publications and distribution of information material, aiming at mobilization of society in the face of global crisis, rejection of financialization of nature and of false climate solutions like REDD (Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) and Environmental Services.
Campaigning on local level and at international environment– and climate related events, such as:

- 2012 Rio+20 and people's summit;
- 2014 People's Summit in Lima.

Collaboration with civil society groups, such as:

- Indigenist Missionary Council CIMI;
- Federation of the Huni Kui People of Acre FEPHAC;
- Friends of the Earth International FOI;
- World Rainforest Movement WRM.

2011 - 2014 — **Columnist** — **Rio Branco, Brazil**

Weekly column about socio-environmental issues in the local news service Acrealerta

2001 - 2011 — **President of the NGO Amazonlink.org** — **Rio Branco, Brazil**

Project development and execution, Public Relations, Fundraising, Human resources;
Main projects:
2005 - 2010
Project "Watchful Villages": Capacity Building for protection of traditional indigenous knowledge, financed by the Brazilian Ministries of Environment and Justice.

- Workshops in indigenous communities;
- Meetings and seminars on regional level;
- Participation of indigenous representatives at COP-8 (Curitiba, 2008) and COP-9 (Bonn, 2009) of the UN-Convention on Biodiversity; Realization of three COP-side-events related to the issue of biopiracy.

More information: www.amazonlink.org/aldeiasvigilantes/
2004 - 2008
Project "MAP Internet Portal" with support of the German development agency DED, aiming at information exchange between NGOs, Universities and civil society groups in Madre de Dios (Peru), Acre (Brazil), Pando (Bolivia):;
2002 - 2005
Campaign against Biopiracy "O Cupuaçu é Nosso" (Cupuacu belongs to us) in partnership with Amazonian workers Group and other organisations of civil society;
More information: http://amazonlink.org/biopiracy/
2002
Online coverage of the Workshop on the Local Management of Agricultural Biodiversity "Growing Diversity", 9 - 19 May, Rio Branco-Acre, organized by Genetic Resources International GRAIN

2008 - 2011 — **Consultant** — **Boca do Acre, Brazil**

Advisory to the project "Strengthening of the Indigenous Apurinã Artisans of the Chaparral Village through commercialization of handicrafts": Financed by the Brazilian Ministry of Environment –MMA/PDPI .

1999 - 2007	**Independent Entrepreneur**	**Rio Branco, Brazil**
	2000 – 2007 “Amazon Fairtrade“ (microenterprise): Export of crafts from forest communities to Fairtrade shops in Europe. **1999 – 2000** “Boutique da Floresta“: Arts and crafts store with rainforest products in the center of Rio Branco.	
1995 - 1999	**Freelancer**	**Rio Branco, Brazil**
	Creation of websites, databases, multimedia presentations and software training mainly for governmental and non-governmental local organizations.	

Publications and Papers

LAQUIÈZE-WANIEK, E., O Clima: Real e Significante do Desejo. Translated from German by **SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F**. Instauratio Magna – Revista de Filosofia da UFABC, v. 6, 2026. https://doi.org/10.36942/rfim.v6i1.1395
(Title translation:The Climate: Real and Signifier of Desire)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Foucaultsche Diskursanalyse mit Lacan: von der Allmacht des Diskurses zur Vielfalt herrschaftlicher und gegenherrschaftlicher Subjektivierungspraktiken. Zeitschrift für Diskursforschung, v. 1, p. 76-96, 2025.
http://dx.doi.org/10.3262/ZFD2401076
(Title translation: Foucaultian discourse analysis with Lacan: from the omnipotence of discourse to the multiplicity of dominant and counter-dominant practices of subjectivation)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Ciclos de violência na Amazônia: uma análise à luz dos conceitos de Violência Extrema e Real do Capital. Instauratio Magna - Revista do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Filosofia da Universidade Federal do ABC, v. 3, p. 121, 2023. https://doi.org/10.36942/rfim.v3i1.771
(Title translation: Cycles of violence in Amazonia: an analysis in the light of the concepts of Extreme Violence and the Real of Capital)

GEBARA, M. F.; RAMCILOVIC-SUOMINEN**, S.; SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F.,** Indigenous Knowledge in the Amazon's Bioeconomy: Unveiling Bioepistemicide through the case of Kambo Medicine.. Forest Policy and Economics. , v.154, p.10301 - , 2023.
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2023.103012

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., The green growth narrative, bioeconomy and the foreclosure of nature. Sustainability Science, 2023, 18. Jg., Nr. 2736., S. 723-
https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-022-01259-z

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., SbN - Arma milagrosa ou In: Golpe Verde - Falsas soluções para o desastre climático.1 ed.Rio Branco AC: CIMI/Pedra Pequenina, 2021, p. 21-29.
(Title translation: Nature-based Solutions: miraculous weapon to save the climate or “final solution” for forests and their peoples?)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., ALVES NETO, F.R. um ensaio sobre educação, psicanálise e capitalismo. ETD: Educação Temática Digital, v.22, p.181 - 201, 2020.
https://doi.org/10.20396/etd.v22i1.8653751
(Title translation: The reverse side of learning: an essay on Education, Psychoanalysis and Capitalism)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Blockchain and Smart Contracts: Capital’s Latest Attempts to Seize Life on Earth. World Rainforest Movement (WRM) Bulletin. Montevideo - Uruguay, 2020.

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Banco de Códigos da Amazônia In: Uwa’Kürü: dicionário analítico.5 ed.Rio Branco: Edufac & Nepan Editora, 2020, p. 28-37.
(Title translation: Amazon Bank of Codes)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Chico Mendes vive na luta anticapítalista e antifascista! (que é uma luta só). Trinta anos pós assassinato de Chico Mendes, Rio Branco, p.16-28, dez.2018.
(Title translation: Chico Mendes lives in the anticapitalist and antifacist struggle, which is

one struggle only)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Carta aberta para Maria Bethânia. PRAVDA.RU. Moscow, 2016. Online http://port.pravda.ru/science/16-03-2016/40589-maria_bethania-0/
(Title translation: Open Letter to Maria Bethânia)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Entre Suruí e 'Acapú': REDD e dilemas éticos de cientistas. PRAVDA.RU; Moscow, 2016. Online: http://port.pravda.ru/cplp/brasil/26-07-2016/41428-surui_acapu-0/#sthash.3IHzT6rX.dpuf.
(Title translation: Between Suruí and "Acapú": REDD and scientists' ethical dilemmas)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., El Despliegue del debate crítico acerca de las políticas de Economía Verde en Acre. Mapiense. Cobija, p.49 - 56, 2015
Online: https://www.herencia.org.bo/webdocs/publicaciones/Mapiense-2.pdf
(Title translation: The Deployment of the critical debate about the policies of the Green Economy in Acre.)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Agribusiness and Green Economy in Brazilian Amazonia: economic synergies and socioenvironmental impacts.
Conference paper presented at the 1st Austrian Conference on International Resource Politics: Towards International Resource Fairness – Theories, Conflicts and Policies, Vienna Austria 2014.

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Economia verde y agronegocio en la Amazonia: sinergias economicas e contradicciones sociambientales In: Segundo Foro Andino Amazonico de Desarollo Rural.1 ed.La Paz : Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Campesinato (CIPCA), 2014, v.1, p. 140-151.

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Projeto Carbono Suruí: ao invés de direitos, dinheiro. *Revista Porantim* – em defesa da causa indígena. Brasilia, p.10 - 11, 2014.
Print and online: http://cimi.org.br/pub/Porantim%20368%20-%20para%20SITE_1.pdf
(Title translation: Suruí Carbon Project: instead of rights, money.)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Os desdobramentos do capitalismo de desastre no Acre: a "adicionalidade do medo", in *Revista Contra Corrente*. Belém - PA, p.29 - 32, 2013.
Print and online: http://issuu.com/guilhermeresende/docs/contracorrente5
(Title translation: The unfolding of disaster capitalism in Acre: the "additionality of fear")

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., A Função Estratégica do Acre na Produção do Discurso da Economia Verde, in *Dossiê: O Acre que os mercadores da natureza escondem*, Documento especial para a Cúpula dos povos e RIO+20 – Rio de janeiro 2012. Brasilia-DF, p.13 - 20, 2012.
Print and online: www.cimi.org.br/pub/Rio20/Dossie-ACRE.pdf
(Title translation: The strategic Function of Acre in the production of the Green Economy Discourse)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Biopirataria – Fim a Vista?, in *Revista Jurídica Consulex*. Brasilia – DF, p.31 - 33, 2011.
(Title translation: Biopiracy: End at Sight?)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., *Zur Umsetzung der UM-Biodiversitätskonvention – eine diskurs-theoretische Untersuchung zu "Access and Benefit Sharing in Brasilien",* Saarbrücken: VDM – Verlag Dr. Müller 2010
(Title translation: Implementation of the UN-Convention on Biodiversity: A discourse-analytical Survey about Access and Benefit Sharing in Brazil.)

MACUCO,R., REIS,V., **SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F.,** Map-amazonia.net – contribuindo para a construção de uma nova Cultura de Comunicação na Amazônia sul-ocidental, in *Mapiense*, Cobija: Herencia/UFAC, 2007
(Title translation: Map-amazonia.net – Contributing to the construction of a new communication culture in south-western Amazonia)

NOGUEIRA,M., PANTOJA,E., **SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F.,** *Aldeias Vigilantes – Manual,* Rio Branco*:* Amazonlink.org, 2006
(Title translation: Watchful Villages – Handbook)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Cupuaçu – a case of Amazonian self-assertion, In *Acre: A project*

by Susan Turcot for the 27th São Paulo Bienal, 2006

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Portal da Iniciativa MAP www.map-amazonia.net, In *Caixa de Ferramentas para Gestão de Conhecimentos*. Belém: FAOR,/DED/GTZ 2006
(Title translation: Portal of the MAP Initiative www.map-amazonia.net)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Biopirataria na Amazônia, in Belas,C.A., Moreira,E., Barros,B., (Orgs.) *Saber Local/Interesse global: Propriedade intelectual, biodiversidade e conhecimento tradicional na Amazônia – anais*, Belém-PA: MPEG/CESUPA 2005, S 105-110
(Title translation: Biopiracy in Amazonia)

SCHMIDLEHNER, M. F., Cupuaçu – a case of Amazonian self-assertion , In *Seedling: Biodiversity, Rights and Livelyhood*, April 2003, S.24-29
Print and olline: http://www.grain.org/fr/article/entries/369-cupuacu-a-case-of-amazonian-self-assertion

Oral presentations, invited talks, interviews given

2025	A Lacanian Reading of Green Economy's Symbolic Rupture, Presentation during DiscourseNet Congress #6 Discourse and the imaginaries of past, present and future societies media and representations of (inter)national (dis)orders, at Université Libre de Bruxelles
2024	Carbon Compensation and 'Nature-based Solutions' in Amazonia Presentation as part of the lecture series "Sustainability and Climate Crisis" at University of Klagenfurt
2024	Projetos de compensação de carbono na Amazônia: Como falsas soluções climáticas reproduzem violência colonial Presentation during I Ciclo de Palestras da UAB Sena Madureira: Educação e Território in Sena Madureira, Acre, Brazil. (Title translation: Carbon offset projects in Amazonia: How false climate solutions reproduce colonial violence)
2024	Mudaças climática: falsas soluções e impactos para os povos da floresta Presentation at the meeting Territórios que temos, territórios que queremos: in Porto Velho, Acre, Brazil (Title translation: Climate change: false solutions and impacts on forest peoples)
2024	O que é REDD? Presentation at Meeting of Indigenous Leaderships in Porto Velho, Acre, Brazil (Title translation: What is REDD?)
2022	COP 27: seus efeitos e perspectivas no mundo, na Amazônia e no Brasil Round Table discussion with Lindomar Padilha, Moderation Martha Liborio, In: Youtube Chanel I Ecologia no Iaras (Title translation: COP 27: its effects and prospects for the world, the Amazon and Brazil)
2022	O capitalismo verde na Amazônia contra Chico Mendes Interview conducted by Amyra El Khalili (Title translation: Green capitalism in Amazonia against Chico Mendes)
2022	Green Economy in the context of COP27 Audio transmitted in Radio Cairo and Youtube channel Rádio Cairo
2019	Dozent warnt vor perversen Effekten im Amazonasfonds und Emissionshandel . Interview conducted by Sandra Weiss for Focus Deutschland Magazine (Title translation: Lecturer warns of perverse effects in Amazon fund and emission trading)
2019	Uma verdade (mais) inconveniente Round table discussion with Kym Yarzon, moderated by David Hall in Rio Branco, Brazil (Title translation: A (more) inconvenient truth)
2015	REDD aims at shifting the responsibility for the climate crisis from industrialized societies to forest communities Interview conducted by Chris Lang for Redd-Monitor.org

2015	Acre: terra da economia verde com transparência avermelhada Interview conducted by João Renato Jacome for Jornal Acre 24 horas (Title translation: Acre: land of the green economy with reddish transparency)
2014	Agribusiness and Green Economy in Brazilian Amazonia: economic synergies and socioenvironmental impacts. Oral presentation of paper at the 1st Austrian Conference on International Resource Politics: Towards International Resource Fairness – Theories, Conflicts and Policies in Vienna Austria
2014	Sociedade, Natureza, Dominação: relendo a Dialética do Esclarecimento no século XXI. Presentation at: Comunicações Filosóficas at Universidade Federal do Acre – UFAC, Rio Branco, Brazil (Title translation: Society, Nature, Domination: rereading the Dialectic of Enlightenment in the XXI century.)
2014	REDD e Serviços Ambientais: riscos e impactos para comunidades. Presentation at 2º Encontro Regional de Mulheres Camponesas da Amazônia, in Bujari, Acre, Brazil (Title translation: REDD and Environmental Services: risks and impacts on communities.)
2014	Os desdobramentos do capitalismo de desastre no Acre: a “adicionalidade do medo“ Presentation at the round table “Florestas para que te querem?“ at: Universidade Federal do Acre – UFAC, Rio Branco, Brazil (Title translation: The unfolding of disaster capitalism in Acre: the “additionality of fear”)
2014	A implementacao do modelo desenvolvimentista atraves da Economia Verde: REDD e Servicos Ambientais. Presentation during the seminar Petróleo, você compra, a natureza é quem paga: Vale do Juruá, construindo outras alternativas, organized by CIMI in Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. (Title translation: The implementation of the developmentalist model through the Green Economy: REDD and Environmental Services)
2013	Economía verde y agronegocio en la Amazonía: sinergias económicas y contradicciones socioambientales Presentation during II Foro Andino Amazónico de Desarollo Rural, in La Paz, Bolivia (Title translation: Green economy and agribusiness in Amazonia – economic synergies and socioenvironmental contradictions)
2012	La implementación de la economia verde en el estado de Acre Brasil, su función geopolitica y sus impactos locales. Presentation during the event Defendiendo los derechos de los pueblos en Rio+20 y más allá. Consulta Regional de OSC de América Latina y El Caribe in La Paz, Bolivia (Title translation: The strategic Function of Acre in the production of the Green Economy Discourse)
2012	Projeto Aldeias vigilantes: Uma nova abordagem no combate à Biopirataria e na proteção dos conhecimentos tradicionais. Presentation at Seminário Biopirataria na Cúpula dos Povos no Rio 2012. (Title translation: Project Watchful Villages: A new approach in the fight against biopiracy and protection of traditional knowledge)
2012	Biodiversidade e Hegemonia – Políticas de Recursos Naturais sob o Prisma da Análise de Discursos. Presentation at . III Semana de Filosofia, Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil (Title translation: Biodiversity and Hegemony – Natural Resources under the Prisma of Discourse Anbalysis)
2012	Antropologizando o Ocidente - A Questão do Desenvolvimento Presentation at VI Simpósio Linguagens e Identidades da/na Amazônia Sul-Ocidental e V Colóquio Internacional, Universidade Federal do Acre – UFAC, Rio Branco, Brazil (Title translation: Anthropologizing the West – The Question of Development)
2012	Acceso, control y gestión del territorio y de los recursos naturales. Presentation at VI Foro Social Panamazónico in Cobija, Bolivia (Title translation: Access, Control and Management of territory and natural resources).
2008	Biopiracy: Biodiversity in the area of conflict between traditional indigenous knowledge and international business interest. Presentation at Intercultural Dialog“ an der Lauder Business School, Vienna, Austria

2008	Reparticao de Beneficios, Presentation for jounalsist in a preparation seminar for COP9 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil (Title translation: Benefit Sharing)
2007	Conhecimentos tradicionais associados à biodiversidade, Presentation at Encontro de Etnociencia e Pesquisa Agropecuaria e Florestal da Amazonia, EMBRAPA, in Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil, (Title translation: Traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity)
2006	Cupuaçu belongs to us! Presentation at Side Event of Oitava COP-8 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Curitiba, Brazil.
2006	Vigilant Villages Presentation at Side Event of Oitava COP-8 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Curitiba, Brazil.
2004	Combate de Biopirataria e Proteçao de Conhecimentos tradicionais na Amazonia, Presentation at CPI da Biopirataria“, Brasilia, Brazil, (Title translation: Fighting Biopiracy and protecting traditional knowledge in Amazonia)
2003	Biopirataria na Amazonia, Presentation at the seminar Saber Local/Interesse global: Propriedade intelectual, biodiversidade e conhecimento tradicional na Amazônia, Museu Parense E. Goeldi, Belem, Brazil (Title translation: Biopiracy in Amazonia)
2003	Democratização da Informação e inclusão digital na Amazônia. Presentation at I Encontro Internacional de Jornalismo Ambiental da Amazônia in Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil (Title translation: Democratization of Information and digital inclusion in Amazonia.)

Participation in documentaries

2008	“Forum MAP VII“,documentary about the Madre de Dios Acre Pando Initiative and its seventh tri-national meeting, Rio Branco, Amazonlink, 2008 Online at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DYMXyE53aM
2008	“Gift – nur die Dosis macht’s“ (“Poison – The dose matters”) documentary by Beatrice Sonnhüter, First aired by TV-Arte in 2008
2007	“Aldeias Vigilantes – Wachsame Dörfer“ documentary about the Watchful Villages Project by Sonja Steger, Austria, 2008
2005	“Wem gehört die Natur?“ (“Who owns nature?”), documentary by Marie Monique Robin, First aired by TV-Arte in 2005
2005	“Aldeias Vigilantes“, documentary about the Watchful Villages Project, Rio Branco:Amazonlink 2005 Online at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es4nv9FwZfc

Honors

2010	**Federative Republic of Brazil** Granting of Brazilian nationality.
2009	**Republic of Austria** Approval of dual citizenship due to rendered and still expected achievements in the interest of the Republic of Austria.

Languages

German:	native speaker
English:	fluently spoken and written
Portuguese:	fluently spoken and written
Spanish:	fluently spoken and written
French:	working knowledge