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### Current Position and Occupation:

The Chair of Disabled Students' Affairs is the first contact for students with disabilities or chronic diseases. Counselling and guidance concerning the organization of studies, financial support or other services are the main tasks. The internet platform <http://barrierefrei.univie.ac.at>, a newsletter and a brochure provide up to date information.

Furthermore, the Chair of Disabled Students' Affairs coordinates an advisory board named "Barrierefrei Studieren" ("barrier free studying"), where activities and services concerning students with disabilities are discussed, evaluated and initiated.

As an expert, the Chair is involved in strategic considerations and decisions relevant for this student group by executives of the University of Vienna.

### Experience in the Field of Equal Opportunities

**2009 - Chair of Disabled Students' Affairs**

**2009-2005 Coordination of the Diversity Management-Project of the University of Vienna**

- Responsible for the contents of the website, newsletter and other media of the project ([www.univie.ac.at/diversity](http://www.univie.ac.at/diversity))
- Coordination of the lecture "Diversity Management – eine transdisziplinäre Herausforderung" ("Diversity Management – a transdisciplinary challenge")
- Coordination of a project to translate 50 websites of the University of Vienna into sign language and provide audio information for visually impaired users

### Education

1998-2012 Diploma Programme for Psychology at the University of Vienna

1998-2005 Diploma Programme for Educational Science and Inclusive Education at the University of Vienna; graduation as "Magistra" of Social Science

## Additional Experience and Education

- 2005-2010 Voluntary and paid work, practica in psychosocial contexts  
(Telephone counseling for children, adolescents and adults; Assistance at the Children's University of Vienna and the "University on Tour" (for children with migrational and/or low socio-economic background)
- 2009 One-year training in person-centered counselling
- 2005-2007 Completion of the "Psychotherapeutical Propaedeutic" at the University of Vienna, the first part of the psychotherapeutical qualification in Austria

## Publications

- 2010 University of Vienna: "*Barrierefrei Studieren*" ("barrier free studying")  
brochure for students with disabilities or chronic diseases; author
- 2008 Iber, K. & Virtbauer, B.: "*Diversity Management – eine transdisziplinäre Herausforderung*" ("Diversity Management – a transdisciplinary challenge"); V&R  
Unipress Göttingen  
specialist book; editor, author of an article and coordinator