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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 1990 *Habilitation in Economics*, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
- 1983 *Dr. rer. pol.*, University of Hamburg, (Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences), Hamburg, Germany
- 1980 *Diplom-Volkswirt*, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany (Graduate Studies of Economics, Philosophy, Mathematics, and Political Science)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/2022 *Professor Emeritus (Prof. em.)*
- since 1995 *Professor of Economics*, HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, (Chair of Microeconomics), Leipzig, Germany
- 2013-2014 *Tandem Dean*, College of Business and Economics, Mekelle University, Mekelle, Ethiopia
- 2011/12 *Sabbatical*, University of Sierra Leone, (Fourah Bay College), Freetown, Sierra Leone, University of Monrovia, Liberia, and Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde, Praia, Cape Verde Islands
- 2010-2011 *Interim Dean*, HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, Leipzig, Germany
- 2008-2012 *Member of the Board*, Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics (WCGE), Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany
- 2007/8 *Sabbatical*, University of Waikato, (Waikato Management School), Hamilton, New Zealand, and Australian National University, (Research School for the Social Sciences), Canberra, Australia



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- 2005/6 *Sabbatical, University of Waikato, (Waikato Management School), Hamilton, New Zealand, and University of Cambridge, (Clare Hall College and Judge Business School), Cambridge, UK*
- 2002-2005 *Co-founder and Chairman of the Board, German-Chinese Center Leipzig (DCZL), Leipzig, Germany*
- 2000-2005 *Dean, HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, Leipzig, Germany*
- 1999-2000 *Visiting Scholar, Stanford University, (CSLI - Center for the Study of Language and Information), California, USA*
- 1994-95 *Professor of Economics, University of Latvia, (EuroFaculty), Riga, Latvia*
- 1993-94 *Visiting Fellow, Cambridge University, (Clare Hall College), Cambridge, UK*
- 1991 *Stand-in Professor, University of Cologne, (Department of Economics), Cologne, Germany*
- 1991 *Lecturer in Economics (Privatdozent), University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany*
- 1990 *Professor of Economics, University of Latvia, (EuroFaculty), Riga, Latvia*
- 1987-88 *Visiting Scholar, Cambridge University, (Faculty of Economics and Politics), Cambridge, UK*
- 1980-83 *Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Hamburg, (Institute of Statistics and Econometrics), Hamburg, Germany*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 *International Teaching Award, Lanzhou University, China*
- 1991-1995 *Heisenberg Fellowship of the German Research Foundation (DFG)*



MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Life Member of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge
- Beta Gamma Sigma, President of HHL Chapter
- Senior Research Fellow, Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics (WCGE)
- Member of Verein fuer Socialpolitik
- Member of the International Network for Economic Method
- Member of the German-Chinese Center Leipzig (DCZL)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Logical and philosophical foundations of economic theory; in particular foundations of mathematical economics
- The notions of rationality, utility, and happiness
- The weltanschauung of the Western world, its roots and effects in the global economy
- Development Economics



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PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- Vilks, Arnis. Meditationen über Gott und die Welt und das Geld. Versuch einer besseren Weltanschauung. Leipzig: Engelsdorfer Verlag, 2013
- Vilks, Arnis. Neoklassik, Gleichgewicht und Realität. Eine Untersuchung über die Grundlagen der Wirtschaftstheorie. Heidelberg: Physica-Verlag, 1991
- Vilks, Arnis. Aggregation und Kausalität im Modell des allgemeinen Konkurrenzgleichgewichts. Eine Untersuchung über den epistemologischen Status mikroökonomisch fundierter Makroökonomik. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1984

Edited books

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- Vilks, Arnis; Priddat, Birger P. (eds.), Wissenschaftstheorie und Wirtschaftswirklichkeit, Marburg: Metropolis-Verlag 1998

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- Vilks, Arnis; Kelly, Martin. Global Economic Difficulties. In: The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, (2009), 231-244
- Vilks, Arnis; Clausing, Thorsten. Evolutionäre Spieltheorie. In: wisu: das wirtschaftsstudium, 28 (1999) 10, 1386-1400
- Viks, Arnis. Game Theory meets Formal Logic: Ein neuer Ansatz in der Spieltheorie. In: Homo Oeconomicus, 12 (1995) 1, 185-205
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- Vilks, Arnis. On 'Metaphilosophy and Methodology in Economics'. In: *Methodus*, 3 (1991) 1, 90-94
- Vilks, Arnis. Approximate Aggregation of Excess Demand Functions. In: *Journal of Economic Theory*, 45 (1988) 2, 417-424
- Vilks, Arnis. Zur Klein-Nataf-Aggregation bei limitationalen Produktionsfunktionen. In: *Methods of Operations Research*, 48 (1984), 285-293

Book chapters

- Vilks, Arnis; Introduction. In: Vilks, Arnis; Girma Tegene, Goitom Abera, Kibrom Aregawi (eds.), *Loan and Investment in a Developing Economy: An Ethiopian Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2017, viii-x
- Vilks, Arnis; Kesting, Peter. Formalism. In: Davis, John B., ed. *The Elgar Companion to Economics and Philosophy*. Cheltenham (UK), 2004, 283-298
- Vilks, Arnis. Zum erkenntnistheoretischen Status formaler Modelle in der Wirtschaftswissenschaft. In: Bauer, Leonhard, ed. *Gesellschaft denken: Eine erkenntnistheoretische Standortbestimmung der Sozialwissenschaften*. Wien/New York: Springer-Verlag, 2002, 19-31
- Vilks, Arnis; Clausen, Thorsten. Backward Induction in General Belief Structures with and without Strategies, in: G. Bonanno, E. Colombatto, W. Van der Hoek (eds.), *Proceedings of the 4th Conference on Logic and the Foundations of Game and Decision Theory*, Torino 2000, 1-24.
- Vilks, Arnis. What is a Game? In: Bolle, Friedel, ed. *Advances in Behavioral Economics: Essays in Honor of Horst Todt*. Heidelberg: Physica-Verlag, 2001, 87-96
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- Vilks, Arnis. On the Relation between Ordinary Language and Formal Theory. In: Rossini, R., ed. *Economics: Incommensurability and Translation*. Elgar: Aldershot-Verlag, 1999, 157-171
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- Vilks, Arnis. Analysing Games by Sequences of Meta-Theories. In: Bacharach, M., ed. Epistemic Logic and the Theory of Games and Decisions. Dordrecht: Kluwer-Verlag, 1997, 265-292
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- Vilks, Arnis. Erwartungsbildung und die Dynamik der Beschäftigungsentwicklung. In: Scherf, Harald, ed. Beschäftigungsprobleme hochentwickelter Volkswirtschaften: Schriften des Vereins für Socialpolitik. Neue Folge Band 178, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot-Verlag, 1989, 119-129
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- Vilks, Arnis. (Entry on:) Axiomatization. In: Davis, John B., ed. The Handbook of Economic Methodology. Elgar: Aldershot-Verlag, 1998, 28-32
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HHL Working papers

- Vilks, Arnis. Logic, Game Theory, and the Real World. HHL Working paper 73. Leipzig: HHL – Leipzig Graduate School of Management, 2006
- Vilks, Arnis. Knowledge of the Game, Relative Rationality, and Backwards Induction without Counterfactuals. HHL Working paper 25. Leipzig: HHL – Leipzig Graduate School of Management, 1999
- Vilks, Arnis. Knowledge of the Game, Rationality, and Backwards Induction. HHL Working paper 9. Leipzig: HHL – Leipzig Graduate School of Management, 1997
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Presentations at Conferences and Research Seminars

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- Vilks, Arnis. Global Economic Difficulties. 4th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Athens, July 8–11, 2009
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- Vilks, Arnis. Some Roots of Western Immorality. SPT Seminar, RSSH, ANU, Canberra, 26 November 2007
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- Vilks, Arnis; Kelly, M. The Case of Global Business and Terror: Philosophy of Management. June 24–26, 2007
- Vilks, Arnis. Economics and Sustainability. SCEME Seminar 'Economics as a Moral Science', Stirling, 19 May 2007
- Vilks, Arnis. Sustaining the World: Against Religious Maniacs and a Selfish Superpower? In: Attwater, R., ed. Conference proceedings of 12th Annual ANZSYS Conference, Mansfield, 2006, 309-314
- Vilks, Arnis. Positivism, Game Theory and the 'Clash of Civilizations'. Cambridge Realist Workshop, 22 May 2006
- Vilks, Arnis. Positivism, Economics, and Inter-Faith Dialogue. INEM Conference, Grinnell, 22–23 February 2006
- Vilks, Arnis. Logic, Game Theory, and the Real World, Opening Ceremony of the Research Training Site GLoRiClass, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), University of Amsterdam, 14 March 2006
- Vilks, Arnis. Backwards Induction in General Belief Structures. 1st World Congress of the Game Theory Society, Bilbao, Spain, 27 July 2000



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