

Abstract

The female proportions of students, lecturer and professors have risen gradually in Austrian universities in the last decades. Women however still form a minority among lecturers and professors and it is disputed what the prospects are for the further advancement of women in academia. This is a central question in this statistical analysis. The analysis tries to scrutinise the figures and presents a picture of the situation of women in Austrian academia based on publicly available statistics. The paper presents the Austrian University System as a system with ongoing changes and the ever more noticeable presence of women in the last years. Furthermore some hypotheses are tested in order to explain gender stratification within the Austrian University System. It is shown that historical periods of massification of the universities lead to a relative rise in female proportions of both students and staff.