

Curriculum vitae – Priv. Doz. Dr. rer. nat. Aida Naghilou

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Education

2026 **Habilitation (Venia docendi)**, Biomedical Engineering, Medical University of Vienna
2018 **Dr. rer. nat.**, Chemistry, University of Vienna, Austria (graduated with distinction)
2014 **MSc**, Chemistry, University of Vienna, Austria (graduated with distinction)

Positions Held

12/2024-Present **Postdoctoral researcher**, Department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
06/2023-11/2024 **Postdoctoral researcher**, Medical Systems Biophysics and Bioengineering, Leiden Academic Centre for Drug Research, Leiden University, Netherlands
03/2019-05/2023 **Postdoctoral researcher**, Department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
08/2018-02/2019 **Senior lecturer**, Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Vienna, Austria
04/2014-05/2018 **PhD candidate**, Department of Physical Chemistry, University of Vienna, Austria

Funding

2026-2027 **Austria Wirtschaftsservice (aws)**, Principal Investigator
2025-2027 **Hochschuljubiläumsfonds of City of Vienna**, Principal Investigator
2021-2023 **Austrian Society for Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery**, Principal Investigator

Awards and Honors

2023 **Marion Gröger award**, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
2022 **Best oral presentation award**, Plastic Surgery Research Council, Canada
2020 **Best paper of the month award**, Plastic Surgery Research Council, Canada
2016 **Graduate student award**, European Materials Research Society, France
2015 **Master thesis award (Book Prize)**, German Bunsen Society for Physical Chemistry, Germany

Keynote and Invited Lectures

2026	Invited speaker , Green Chemistry Recent Trends
2025	Invited speaker , 10th International PaCE Symposium
2022	Invited speaker , BioCombs4NanoFibers Workshop
2021	Keynote speaker , FEMS Euromat - European Congress for Advanced Materials
2021	Invited speaker , Symposium on Advanced Materials

Academic Service

2026	PhD thesis external examiner , Aalto University, Finland
2025	Session chair , Women in Chemical Engineering event, University of Vienna
2024	Poster juror , LACDR Spring Symposium, Leiden University
2021-present	Vice president , Erwin Schrödinger Society for Nanosciences
2018-2022	Elected alumni representative , PROSCIENTIA interdisciplinary scholarship and research network

Peer Review Activities

Grants	German Research Foundation (DFG) Dutch Research Council (NWO)
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Journals (selected) Advanced Materials, Advanced Functional Materials, Advanced Healthcare Materials, Acta Biomaterialia, International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, Advanced NanoBiomed Research, Materials Today Bio, ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering

Organization of Scientific Meetings

2016-2026	2nd- 7th Symposia of Erwin Schrödinger Society , Austria
2023	BIO-AFM Workshop , Netherlands
2015-2025	6th- 10th Conference on Applications of Lasers in Materials Science , Austria

Science Communication and Outreach

2026 and 2022	Long Night of Research
2025	Austrian Ministry of Health
2025	KinderUni
2024	Soroptimist Austria
2022	Magazine of Vienna Museum of Science and Technology , BioInspiration
2021-2025	MINT Tank, Dr. Hans Riegel Foundation (annual lectures)
2021-present	Young Science Ambassador , Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeAD)
2021, 2022	Brain Awareness Week
2021	Pint of Science

Selected Didactic and Personal Development Training

Change Management, Guiding of Teams, Medical Education Certificate (MLW), Program Female Mentoring, Program Stepwise, Science Communication, Thesis Supervision, Senior Mentoring

Teaching in Higher Education

- Problem-Oriented Learning (POL) 2. Semester
- Science and Medicine (SSM 2) Elective Part
- The 3P Interactive Journal Club: Poster, Pitch, Peer review
- Advanced Imaging Methods in Cellular and Tissue Engineering
- Electron Microscopy of Biological Samples
- Introduction to Molecular and Cell Biological Work
- Thesis Seminar and Journal Club: Tissue Regeneration - From Bench to Bedside
- Recent Advances in Peripheral Nerve Tissue Engineering
- Journal Club and Progress Report
- Research Example in Modern Methods of Materials Chemistry
- Physical-Chemical Laboratory Practical Course
- Research Example Nanotechnology at Interfaces
- Research Example Femto- and Nano-Technology at Interfaces
- Research Project on Surfaces and Interfaces

Supervision of Students

PhD student

- Sarah Stadlmayr, 2021-2024, Medical University of Vienna

MSc & Medical Diploma students

- Niklas Ebel, 2026 (ongoing), Medical University of Vienna
- Dilan Öztürk, 2026, Medical University of Vienna
- Manuel Hofmann, 2023, University of Vienna
- Lena Pöttschacher, 2021, University of Vienna
- Sebastian Milla, 2019, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences
- Ana Subotic, 2018, University of Vienna

BSc students

- Mila Bölger, 2024, Leiden University
- Jing Feng, 2024, Leiden University
- Aia Laschein, 2020, University of Vienna

Publication List

*: Corresponding author

1. **A. Naghilou**, O. Armbruster, A. Mashaghi
Scanning Probe Microscopy Elucidates Gelation and Rejuvenation of Biomolecular Condensates
Cell Reports Physical Science, 6, 102430, (2025)
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2. **A. Naghilou**, Tom M.J. Evers, O. Armbruster, V. Satarifard, A. Mashaghi
Synthesis and Characterization of Phase-Separated Extracellular Condensates in Interactions with Cells
Chemical Engineering Journal, 518, 16455 (2025)
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4. **A. Naghilou**, A. Mashaghi
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STAR Protocols, 6, 104170 (2025)
DOI: 10.1016/j.xpro.2025.104170
5. K. Peter, S. Stadlmayr, **A. Naghilou**, L. Ploszczanski, M. Hofmann, C. Riekkel, J. Liu, M. Burghammer, C. Gusenbauer, J. Konnerth, H. C. Schniepp, H. Rennhofer, G. Sinn, C. Radtke, H. C. Lichtenegger
Exploring the Unique Properties and Superior Schwann Cell Guiding Abilities of Spider Egg Sac Silk
ACS Applied Bio Materials, 8, 1307 (2025)
DOI: 10.1021/acsabm.4c01587
6. S. Stadlmayr, A. Mautner, M. Bacher, K. Peter, A. Mentler, S. Schulz, H. Lichtenegger, L. Brecker, A. Bismarck, **A. Naghilou***, C. Radtke
Holistic Analysis of Material Properties in Phylogenetically Diverse Spider Silks and Their Influence on Cell Adhesion
Advanced Functional Materials, 2145945 (2024)
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7. A. Rad, L. Weigl, B. Steinecker-Frohnwieser, S. Stadlmayr, F. Millesi, M. Haertinger, A. Borger, P. Supper, L. Semmler, S. Wolf, **A. Naghilou**, T. Weiss, HG. Kress, C. Radtke
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Treatment Induces β NGF Release from Schwann Cells and Enhances the Neurite Growth of Dorsal Root Ganglion Neurons In Vitro
Cells, 13, 1544, (2024)
DOI: 10.3390/cells13181544

8. M.P. Jones, Q. Jiang, A. Mautner, **A. Naghilou**, A. Prado-Roller, M. Wolff, T. Koch, V. Archodoulaki, A. Bismarck
Fungal Carbon: A Cost-Effective Tunable Network Template for Creating Supercapacitors
Global Challenges, 2300315 (2024)
DOI: 10.1002/gch2.202300315
9. S. Stadlmayr, K. Peter, F. Millesi, A. Rad, S. Wolf, S. Mero, M. Zehl, A. Mentler, C. Gusenbauer, J. Konnerth, H. C. Schniepp, H. Lichtenegger, **A. Naghilou***, C. Radtke
Comparative Analysis of Various Spider Silks in Regard to Nerve Regeneration: Material Properties and Schwann Cell Response
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DOI: 10.1002/adhm.202302968
10. **A. Naghilou***, K. Peter, F. Millesi, S. Stadlmayr, A. Rad, L. Semmler, P. Supper, L. Ploszczanski, J. Liu, M. Burghammer, C. Riekkel, A. Bismarck, E. H. G. Backus, H. Lichtenegger, C. Radtke
Insights into the mechanical properties of dragline spider silk affecting Schwann cell migration
International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, 244, 125398 (2023)
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11. F. Millesi*, S. Mero, L. Semmler, A. Mann, S. Stadlmayr, A. Borger, P. Supper, M. Haertinger, L. Ploszczanski, U. Windberger, T. Weiss, **A. Naghilou***, C. Radtke
A synergy of laminin and strain-stiffening in hydrogels promotes directed migration of neural cells
ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 15, 12678 (2023)
DOI: 10.1021/acsami.2c20040
12. L. Semmler, **A. Naghilou**, F. Millesi, S. Wolf, A. Mann, S. Stadlmayr, S. Mero, L. Ploszczanski, L. Greutter, A. Woehrer, E. Gyori, F. Vollrath, T. Weiss, C. Radtke
Silk-in-silk nerve guidance conduits enhance regeneration in a rat sciatic nerve injury model
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13. F. Bergmann, S. Stadlmayr, F. Millesi, M. Zeitlinger, **A. Naghilou***, C. Radtke
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Biomaterials Advances, 140, 213089, (2022)
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Frontiers in cellular neuroscience, 16, 859545 (2022)
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15. **A. Naghilou***, O. Bomati-Miguel*, A. Subotic, R. Lahoz, M. Kitzler-Zeiler, C. Radtke, M. A. Rodríguez, W. Kautek
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Ceramics International, 47, 29363 (2021)
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16. F. Millesi, T. Weiss, A. Mann, M. Haertinger, L. Semmler, P. Supper, D. Pils, **A. Naghilou**, C. Radtke
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17. **A. Naghilou***, L. Pöttschacher, F. Millesi, A. Mann, P. Supper, L. Semmler, T. Weiss, E. H. G. Backus, C. Radtke
Correlating the secondary protein structure of natural spider silk with its guiding properties for Schwann cells
Materials Science and Engineering: C, 116, 111219, (2020)
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18. R. Lahoz, **A. Naghilou**, W. Kautek, O. Bomati-Miguel
Study of the surface physicochemical alterations and incubation phenomena induced on iron targets by nanosecond pulsed laser ablation in liquids: Effect on productivity and characteristics of the synthesized Nanoscale zero-Valent iron (nZVI) particles
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19. **A. Naghilou***, M. He, J.S. Schubert, L.V. Zhigilei, W. Kautek
Femtosecond laser generation of microbumps and nanojets on single and bilayer Cu/Ag thin films
Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, 21, 11846 (2019)
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20. M. Pfaffeneder-Kmen, I. Falcon Casas, **A. Naghilou**, G. Trettenhahn, W. Kautek
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Electrochimica Acta, 255, 160 (2017)
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21. **A. Naghilou**, O. Armbruster, W. Kautek
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22. O. Armbruster, **A. Naghilou**, M. Kitzler, W. Kautek
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23. M.V. Shugaev, C. Wu, O. Armbruster, **A. Naghilou**, N. Brouwer, D.S. Ivanov, T.J.- Y. Derrien, N.M. Bulgakova, W. Kautek, B. Rethfeld, L.V. Zhigilei
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In-situ and non-destructive focus determination device for high-precision laser applications
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25. **A. Naghilou**, O. Armbruster, M. Kitzler, W. Kautek
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