

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Macrosociology (W3), Department of Social Sciences,
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Director, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and
Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. Department „Inequality,
Transformation, and Conflict“ (since 10/2025)

RESEARCH AREAS

Macrosociology, Social Inequality, Comparative Welfare State
Research, Political Sociology, Europeanization, Transnationalization,
Sociology of Borders, Digitalization

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

1998-2001 Ph. D. student at European University Institute (EUI), Florence,
Department of Political and Social Science (SPS), Dr. rer. pol.,
Dissertation “The Moral Economy of Welfare States. Britain and
Germany Compared” (Supervisors: Prof. Richard Breen, Prof. Colin
Crouch, Prof. Stephan Leibfried, Prof. Karl Ulrich Mayer)

1991-1997 Studies in Sociology and Political Science at Free University Berlin,
Diploma in Sociology (final grade: very good)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Since 04/2015 Professor of Macrosociology (W3), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

07/2005-03/2015 Professor of Political Sociology and Comparative Social Research
(W2/from 2009 W3), University Bremen

(parental leave in winter 2008)

- 09/2003-06/2005 Junior Professor of Social Policy, Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), University Bremen
- 09/2003-09/2009 Coordinator of the Research Field “Welfare State Transformation”, Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), University Bremen
- 04/2001-08/2003 Researcher in the Junior Research Group “Interdisciplinary Social Justice Research” at the Department of Social Science, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Head: Professor Stefan Liebig); Lecturer at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 09/1997-08/1998 Researcher, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Department “Social Change, Institutions and Mediation”, Unit “Social Structure and Social Reporting” (Head: Professor Wolfgang Zapf)

SCHOOL- AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION/ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 02/1990-08/1990 Unskilled male nurse at the municipal retirement home Rostock
- 1988-1990 Military service at the National People’s Army (NVA) (radio operator)
- 1985-1988 Apprenticeship (including secondary school graduation) as electrician at VEB Schiffselektronik Rostock (SER), afterwards scientific-technical employee at the research and development department
- 1975-1985 35. Polytechnical secondary school in Rostock

ACADEMIC SELF-ADMINISTRATION/LEADING POSITIONS

- 2019-2021 Co-Speaker Research Unit “Borders”, Excellence Cluster “Contestations of the Liberal Script”
- 2019 Deputy Director, Institute of Social Sciences (ISW)
- Since 2018 Deputy Director, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS)
- 2017-2019 Member Research Think Tank, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2017-2019 Member of the Council (Konzil), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

2016-2018	Member of the Academic Council of the Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
9/2013-8/2014	Vice Dean, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
8/2012-8/2013	Dean, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
10/2009-07/2012	Vice Dean, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
10/2007-9/2009	Founding Dean and Speaker, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), (joint graduate school of University Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen as part of the Excellence Initiative, www.bigsss.uni-bremen.de)
08/2006-09/2007	Director, Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), Universität Bremen
2003-2006	Board Member, Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), Deputy Director 2004-2006, University Bremen
2003-2015	Member of the Council of the Institute of Sociology, University Bremen

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

2025	Prize for outstanding achievements in the field of public sociology of the German Sociological Association (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie – DGS)
2024	Bavarian Book Award “Ungleich vereint. Warum der Osten anders bleibt”, Suhrkamp 2024
2024	“Das politische Buch” (The Political Book), Award of Friedrich Ebert Foundation for “Triggerpunkte. Konsens und Konflikt der Gegenwartsgesellschaft” (with Thomas Lux und Linus Westheuser), Suhrkamp 2023
2023	Award “Gegen Vergessen – Für Demokratie” (“Against Oblivion – For Democracy”)
2023	Communicator Award – Science Award of the Donors’ Association and German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – DFG)

2023	Schader Award (Schader Foundation)
2022	“Sortiermaschinen” nominated for “Deutscher Sachbuchpreis”
2021	1st Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for the best German-language social science article 2020 for the article: Steffen Mau /Thomas Lux/Fabian Gölzau (2020): Die drei Arenen der neuen Ungleichheitskonflikte. Eine sozialstrukturelle Positionsbestimmung der Einstellungen zu Umverteilung, Migration und sexueller Diversität. In: Berliner Journal für Soziologie. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11609-020-00420-8
Since 2021	Member of the Academia Europaea
2021	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize of German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – DFG)
2020/21	Mercator Fellowship (Mercator Foundation, 6 months)
2018	Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften - BBAW), social science class
7/2015-2/2018	Visiting Fellow at the Center for European Studies (CES), Harvard University
10/2016-2/2017	Funding within the funding line “Creating Opportunities”, Excellence Initiative, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
8/2011	Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA)
12/2010	Professeur invité, Centre d’études européennes. Sciences Po Paris
2010	Alfred Grosser Guest Professorship, Sciences Po Paris (declined)
10/2009-2/2010	Guest Fellow, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Department of Social Inequality and Social Integration (Director Prof. Jens Alber)
08/2006-10/2006	Karl W. Deutsch Guest-Professorship at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
09/2005	Guest-Professorship within the program “The Political Economy of Welfare States” (Coordinator: Prof. Stefan Svallfors), University of Umea/Sweden

2004	Guest Lecturer, International University Bremen (IUB, now Jacobs University)
01/2000-05/2000	Erasmus grant for a stay at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
2000-2001	Third Year Grant, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
1998-2000	PhD-Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), European University Institute (EUI), Florence
1998-1999	Participation, European Forum, Robert-Schuman-Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) Florence “Recasting the European Welfare States: Actors, Constrains, Options”
1994-1995	DAAD-Fellowship, University of Bristol (UK), Departments of Social Policy and Sociology
02/1994-03/1994	Erasmus Scholarship; participation in the Erasmus program “Cultural and Institutional Change in Europe”, Portugal

PROJECT PARTICIPATION

2001-2003	“Interdisciplinary social justice research”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Funded by the foundation VolkswagenStiftung)
1997-1998	As part of the research position at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB): Preparation of the Welfare-Survey 1998 (successful grant application to the German Research Foundation (DFG))
03/1997-06/1997	Participation in the Johns-Hopkins-University Nonprofit-Sector-Project, subproject Germany, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
09/1995-06/1997	Student assistant at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Research Unit “Social Structure and Social Monitoring”, involved in projects about political and social development in Germany
04/1993-08/1994	Student assistant at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) DFG-project: “Flexibilization of employment and pluralization of life-styles”
1993/1994	Participation in a research project on time-use in work and spare-time at Freie Universität Berlin

OFFERED PROFESSORSHIPS

2014	Professorship for Macrosociology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (accepted)
2012	Professorship for Sociology and Social Policy, University Göttingen (declined)
2008	Professorship for Sociology, University Zürich (declined)
2005	Professorship for Political Sociology and Comparative Social Research (W2), University Bremen (accepted) (from 2008 W3)
2005	Professorship for Sociology, International University Bremen (IUB, now Jacobs University Bremen) (declined)
2003	Junior Professorship for Social Policy (W1), University Bremen (accepted)
2003	Assistant Professorship, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University Budapest (CEU) (declined)

POSTS/ADVISORY BOARDS/EXPERTISE

2024 -	Member of the expert committee „Gelingensbedingungen funktionierender Staatlichkeit“ (Conditions for success of functioning statehood)
Since 2024	Member of Pen Berlin
2024 -	Jury member “Fritz Stern Award for Democratic Engagement”
2024	Advisory board Theodor W. Adorno Prize of the city of Frankfurt am Main
Since 2023	Advisory board Deutscher Studienpreis (Körper Foundation)
Since 06/2023	Member of the senate of Schader Stiftung
2022/23	Member of the working group „Zukunft der Arbeit“, BBAW and Leopoldina
2022/23	Jury member for the decision on the location of the Centre for German Unity and European Integration

2022-2024	Jury member „Ulrike Crespo Literaturpreis für kritische Kurztexte“
Since 9/2022	Kohli Foundation for Sociology, Board of Trustees (Deputy Chair)
Since 2022	Council member of the Cologne Journal of Sociology and Social Psychology (Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie - KZfSS)
Since 2021	Editorial Board „European Societies“
Since 3/2021	Advisory council Legatum e.V. (non-profit association with the aim of supporting talented young people from the newly-formed German states in their academic and professional careers)
Since 2/2021	Member of the scientific advisory board of the Institute for Social Cohesion (Forschungsinstitut Gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt – FGZ)
2021-2024	Member of the Council of Experts on Integration and Migration (Sachverständigenrat Integration und Migration – SVR)
Since 10/2020	Advisory Board “Beyond Borders” PhD Program ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
Since 9/2018	Editorial Board: Global Perspectives (University of California Press)
Since 8/2018	Co-editor Leviathan Berliner Zeitschrift für Sozialwissenschaft
2016-2021	Member of the University Council of the Land of Brandenburg (official appointment by the Minister President)
2016	Evaluator for the foundation Stiftung Mercator for the review of the Dahrendorf Forum (Hertie School of Governance and LSE)
2015/2016	Member of the “Forum Exzellenzinitiative”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2015-2017	Member of the Advisory Board for the evaluation of the funding program for humanities and social sciences (2012-2017), Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
2014/2015	Co-initiator, SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, Universität Bremen
Since 5/2014	Member of the International Advisory Board of the journal “Politiche Sociali/Social Policies” (Italy)

- Since 11/2013 Member of the Advisory Board of LIVEWHAT: Living with Hard Times: How European Citizens Deal with Economic Crises and Their Social and Political Consequences, EU FP 7 Project (2013-2015)
- Since 4/2013 Advisory Board of the project “Vermögen in Deutschland. Status quo-Analysen und Perspektiven” (Hans-Böckler- Stiftung) (Heads: Prof. Hendrik Enderlein/Hertie School of Governance, Prof. Gert G. Wagner/DIW, Dr. Markus Grabka/DIW, 2013-2015)
- 2013-2017/2019ff. Member of the Council of the German Sociological Association (DGS)
- 2013 Member of the Expert Group for the evaluation of the Graduate School of Social Sciences (GGG), Universität Göttingen
- 2012-2018 Member of the Scientific Commission of the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat) (appointed by the German Federal President)
- Working Groups:* Committee for Research Buildings (2012-2017), Research-Oriented Evaluation of Research Infrastructures for a National Roadmap (2012/13), Evaluation of the National Education Panel (NEPS) (2013/13), Development of the University of Cooperative Education Saxony (Berufsakademie Sachsen) (2013/2014, chair), Working Group “Careers within Science” (2014), Working Group “Qualification of Skilled Labour under Conditions of Demographic Change” (since 2013, chair since 2015), Evaluation of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) (2014), Ad-hoc Group “Sciences and Societal Challenges” (2014), Research Committee (since 2015), Evaluation of the Institute for Social Research Frankfurt (Frankfurter Institut für Sozialforschung – IfS) (2015/16), Working Group for the strategic extension of GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Mannheim/Köln (2015/16, chair), Appraisal Gender Studies 2021-2023
- Since 11/2011 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board “Sociologia dei fenomeni politici”, Collana Franco Angeli, Italy
- 6/2011-10/2014 Member of the Board Section “Social Inequality and Social Structure Analysis”, German Sociological Association (DGS)
- 2011-2014 Member of the Advisory Board “EUROCROSS - Crossing Borders Making Europe”, EU 7th Framework Project (Coordinator: Ettore Recchi), www.eucross.eu
- 2011-2015 Chair, European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet), Co-Chair Trudie Knijn, Host of the ESPAnet-Secretary in Bremen (2011-2015)

2011-2015	Member of the International Expert Council in Sociology for the National Research University – Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow
2011-2014	Member of the Editorial Board “Social Forces. International Journal of Social Research” (Editor: Arne Kalleberg)
2011-2014, 2019-2020	Mentor in the Berlin ProFiL-Programme (Professionalization of Women in Research and Teaching)
2010/11	Jury Member, Journal of European Social Policy/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher’s Prize
Since 5/2010	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
2009-2013	Member of the Program Group for the Evaluation of Family Policies in Germany by Prognos AG on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
2009	External Member of the Selection Committee, Fellowship URGE-Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin/Italien)
2007-2009	Chair of the Advisory Board for the DAAD-Professorship “International Comparative Studies” (BIGSSS, Bremen in collaboration with Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg – Institute for Advanced Study, Delmenhorst)
2008-2010	Chair in the German Section of ESPAnet (European Network for Social Policy Analysis)
2006-2015	Member of the ESPAnet Board (European Network for Social Policy Analysis)

MEMBERSHIP IN APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES

Director „Demokratieforschung“ Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Search Committee, Rector Hanse Institute of Advanced Studies (HWK) Delmenhorst (2017); Member of the Board and Director of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) (2016); Professorship of International Relations (W3), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2015/16); Professorship of Sociology (W3), Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (2012/2013); Professorship of Sociology (Social Policy/Social Inequality/Normative Theory), Hertie School of Governance (Berlin) (2012); Junior Professorship, Sociology of European Societies, Universität Oldenburg (2010); Professorship of Political Sociology, Universität Hamburg (2009); Professorship Global Change and Social Vulnerabilities, Universität Bremen (2009); Professorship of Sociological Theory, Universität Bremen (2008/2009); Junior Professorship of Sociology: Education, Work and Inequality, Universität Bremen (2007/2008); Junior Professorship: Education and Work, Universität Bremen (2006/2007); Professorship of Sociology: Social Inequality, International University/Jacobs University Bremen (2006); Professorship of Sociology: Political Sociology, International University/Jacobs University Bremen (2006). External reviewer in different appointment procedures: Freie Universität zu Berlin, LMU München, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universität Duisburg Essen, TU Chemnitz, Universität Frankfurt, Universität Konstanz, University of Bath/UK

REVIEWER

Journals: American Journal of Sociology, European Political Science Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, European Journal of Political Research, Berliner Journal für Soziologie, British Journal of Sociology, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Social Forces, Global Networks, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Social Policy, Scandinavian Political Studies, Social Forces, Social Policy and Administration, Social Science Research; Social Problems, Zeitschrift für Arbeitsmarktforschung, Zeitschrift für Sozialreform, Zeitschrift für Soziologie, West European Politics

Publishers: Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Ashgate, Palgrave, Routledge, Campus Verlag/Schriftenreihe des Max-Planck-Instituts für Gesellschaftsforschung Köln

Institutions: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), European Science Foundation (ESF), Foundation Mercator Stiftung, Foundation Minerva Stiftung GmbH/Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Swiss National Science Foundation, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Norwegian Research Council, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Foundation VolkswagenStiftung

POLICY ADVICE/KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Foundation Bertelsmann Stiftung, Federal Foreign Office (AA), Party executive of the Social Democratic Party, Party executive of “Die Grünen”, Prognos AG, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Wetenschappelijke Raad voor het Regeringsbeleid (WRR, Netherlands), Research Institute for Social Development (FGW NRW), Foundation Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

GUEST LECTURES (selection)

International Aarhus University, Bellagio Center/Rockefeller Foundation, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales (CSIC) Madrid, European Commission Brussels, European University Institute (EUI) Florence, Harvard University, ILO Geneva, McGill University Montreal, Princeton University, Sciences Po Paris, Tilburg University Göteborg, University Umea, University of Edinburgh, University of Oxford, University Vienna, University Lausanne, University Lucerne, University Milano, University Urbino, University of Zurich

National Freie Universität Berlin, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universities Bamberg, Bochum, Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Göttingen, Leipzig, LMU Munich, Mannheim, Mainz, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

THIRD PARTY FUNDING

Research Projects

Conflicts of Inequality, Short-term project, funded by SCRIPTS/DGD (Januar bis Dezember, Laufzeit 2022)

The Borders of the World II. Conflicts and Tensions in the Formation of Macro-Territorial Borders. Project as part of the collaborative research center CRC 1265 „Re-Figuration of Space“ (subproject 400.000 Euro), 2022-2025.

Leibniz Prize 2021 (2,5 million Euro), 2021-2028

Debating the legitimacy of borders: How the inclusion and exclusion of migrants and refugees is justified across the world (PIs: Marianne Braig, Jürgen Gerhards, Steffen Mau), Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script”, 2019-2022.

The borders of the world. De- and rebordering in global perspective. Project as part of the collaborative research center CRC 1265 „Re-figuration of space“ (project 420.000 Euro, 2018-2021.

Welfare State Futures: The Europe of our Children, NORFACE Program, collaborative project (Denmark, Norway, Slovenia, Great Britain, Germany), DFG-Funding (330.000 Euro), 2015-2018.

DFG-Research Group: Horizontal Europeanization, Coordinator: Martin Heidenreich, project (with Sebastian Büttner): Europe-Professionalism: A study on the professionalization of EU-expertise (730.000 Euro), 2012-2018.

Bertelsmann Stiftung “Fear of falling in the middle classes”, expertise jointly with Olaf Groh Samberg (Universität Bremen) and Markus Grabka (DIW, Berlin) (57.000 Euro), 2011-2012.

Ethnic Diversity and Welfare State Solidarity, project within the EUROSCORES Program, European Science Foundation (collaborative project: Welfare Attitudes in a Changing Europe; with Stefan Svallfors, Helena Blomberg, Clem Brooks, Olli Kangas, Luis Moreno, Wim van Oorschot) (290.000 Euro), 2009-2011.

DFG-project as part of the Collaborative Research Center 597 “Transformations of the State”, project D4: “From Containers to open States? The transformation of state borders and the mobility of people” (429.000 Euro), 2007-2010, 2. Funding phase (468.000 Euro) 2011-2014.

Anglo-German Foundation “Sustainable Welfare and Sustainable Growth – Towards a New settlement in Germany and the United Kingdom”, project with Prof. Peter Taylor-Gooby, University Kent “Shifting paradigms of Social Justice in the Welfare State” (260.000 Euro), 2006-2008.

Fritz Thyssen Stiftung “The working migration of German skilled workers in Europe”, with Dr. Roland Verwiebe (Universität Hamburg) (170.000 Euro, Az. 10.06.1.139), 2006-2009.

DFG-project “Transnationalization of social relations” (210.000 Euro, MA 3182/2-2), 2005-2008.

Cooperation partner, application for a module for the European Social Survey (“Welfare Attitudes in a Changing Europe”), Coordinator: Stefan Svallfors, 2007/08, funding: different national funding agencies.

Participation in the succesful DFG-application “Wohlfahrtssurvey 1998”, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) (Chairs Prof. Wolfgang Zapf, Dr. Roland Habich), 1998-2001.

Institutional Funding

Principal Investigator and Co-Coordinator (2019-2022) of the Research Unit „Borders“, Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRPITS), Speakers: Tanja Börzel/Michael Zürn, 2019-2026

Principal Investigator, DFG-Research Training Group: „The dynamics of demography, democracy and public policy“ (DYNAMICS), (3,3 Million Euro) 2019-2025, Speaker: Heike Klüwer)

Funding Network Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (FIS) BMAS: Professorship (W2) “Sociology of Social Policy” (with Johannes Giesecke und Jürgen Schupp) (ca. 1. Mio. Euro), 2017-2022

European Campus of Excellence 2015 “Social Investment, New Social Risks and Social Inequality, BIGSSS, Funding by the VolkswagenStiftung (42.000 Euro) and DAAD (19.000 Euro), PI with Olaf Groh Samberg, Sonja Drobnic, Herbert Obinger and Heinz Rothgang.

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), 2nd round of the German Excellence Initiative, Universität Bremen/Jacobs University Bremen, Principal Investigator and main applicant with Susanne K. Schmidt and Klaue Boehnke (7,5 million Euro), 2012-2017.

Network of Competence “Interdepend Inequality Research”, PI, lead university: Freie Universität Berlin. BMBF funding for regional studies (ca. 3,7 million Euro), 2009-2013.

DAAD Guest-professorship “International Comparative Studies”, joint program of BIGSSS and Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg Delmenhorst (Chair holders: August Österle, Wien; Leslie Andres, Vancouver; Sabina Avdagic, Essex; Ulrich Sedelmeier, London) (200.000 Euro), 2009-2011.

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), funding within the German Excellence Initiative, Universität Bremen/Jacobs University Bremen, leading applicants Karin Gottschall, Stephan Leibfried, Klaus Boehnke, Ursula Staudinger, Chris Welzel et al. (5,4 million Euro), 2007-2012.

Fourth International German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) Young Scholars Symposium, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg Delmenhorst (with Gert G. Wagner, DIW), 2008.

Research Training Group “Migration and Inequality”, Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, PI with Michael Windzio, Matthias Wingens et al. (320.000 Euro, 8 PhD scholarships), 2008-2011.

Funding of the Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), VolkswagenStiftung, PI with Karin Gottschall (826.000 Euro), 2006-2008.

Graduate program “Risks of Exclusion and Opportunities of Integration in an Enlarged Europe”, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, with Karin Gottschall, Hilke Brockmann, and Patrizia Nanz (195.000 Euro, 5 scholarships), 2005-2008.

4th International ESPAnet Conference “Political Regulation and Social Inequality” 2006, GSSS and Center for Social Policy. Funding by DFG and VolkswagenStiftung, with Frank Nullmeier and Karl Hinrichs (28.000 Euro).

Scholarship for Maria Kapoustina, Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Topic: Welfare States and the Domestic Division of Unpaid Labour (38.000 Euro), 2003-2006.

Conference Funding “German Sentiments and Sentiments about Germany Ten Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall” International Conference, European University Institute, Florence, October 1999, Bundesministeriums für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF), (12.000 DM).

PhD SUPERVISION

Current PhD-Projects

Alejandro Plaza Reveco: The interplay of class. Social networks, and political preferences.

Zoé Perko: The Chimera of Borderless Regions: Illusions and conflictual realities of the implementation of freedom of movement frameworks in regional integration projects: A case study based on the ECOWAS, the EU and Mercosur

Dorothea Biaback-Anong: Selectivity in Regional Migration Regimes

Thea Kirsch: Care of Control. Contemporary Biometrics Discourse(s) in the Context of the EUTF for Africa (Supervisor)

Raphael Létourneau: Mapping the Contestation of Neoliberalism

Aljoscha Jacobi (MA Social Sciences, HU Berlin). Zeitpolitische Zukunftsperspektiven des Wohlfahrtsstaates. (Supervisor)

Greta Hartmann (Uni Leipzig): Politikbilder in Ostdeutschland. Aktualisierungen von Umbruch und Transformation.

Julian Heide (HU Berlin) Three Essays on Climate Change, Media, and the Public Sphere

Accomplished PhD-Projects

Inken Bartels (Political Science, FU Berlin): Understanding European border politics “from below”. An ethnographic approach to the transnational practices of migration management in the Southern Mediterranean (2. Supervisor).

Regina Becker (MA Sociology, LMU München): Move around, move up, becoming European. Current position: researcher, SOCIUM, Universität Bremen (Committee Member)

Jonas Bergmann (MA): At risk of deprivation: the multi-dimensional well-being impacts of climate migration and immobility in Peru (Committee Member)

Liv Bjerre (Msc in Sociology, Universität Kopenhagen). Regularizing irregular migration. Current position: researcher, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) (Supervisor)

Stefanie Börner (Diplom in Sociology, Universität Leipzig). Perspektiven einer europäischen Sozialpolitik. Die Nationalisierung von Wohlfahrt im 19. Jahrhundert (2. Supervisor) (2012). Current position: temporary replacement Junior Professorship, Universität Magdeburg.

Sebastian Büttner (Diploma in Sociology, Universität Bamberg). (Why) do regions matter? (Supervisor) (2010). Current position: Postdoc, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Erlangen.

Nate Breznau (MA Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno). Welfare State and Policy Preferences (Supervisor) (2012). Current position: Postdoc, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)

Emanuel Deutschmann (MSc in Sociology, University of Oxford). Mapping the Transnational World. Current position: researcher, University Madgeburg (2. Supervisor Member), 2017.

Daniel Drewski (MA Sociology, HU Berlin). National and Regional Symbolic Boundaries among European Elites (2. Gutachter), Current position: Junior professor, Universität Bamberg.

Gianna Eick (MA Universität Hamburg). Education as Liberation? A critical analysis of the relationship between higher education and welfare chauvinism across Europe (external evaluator, University of Kent), Current position: Postdoc Universität Konstanz

Valentin Feneberg: Die Heimat der Anderen (Committee Member). Current position: Research assistant, Universität Lüneburg, 2024.

Fabian Gülzau (MA Soziologie, Universität Bremen). Classed Parenting? Vertical and horizontal class divisions in parenting. Current position: Advisor, Council of Experts on Integration and Migration (SVR) (Supervisor)

Johanna Hase: Evolving Communities. How Narratives of Peoplehood change amid Europeanization and Migration, Committee Member (2023)

Jacob Didia Hansen. Liberty and obligation. The Moral Lifeworlds of the White Middle Class Americas in Northern and southern US (2022, Committee Member Aalborg University).

Dong-Ho Jang (Master in Social Welfare, Chonbuk National University, South Korea). Changes in social care expenditures in harsh times at the local level (Supervisor) (2008). Current position: Professor at the Department of Social Welfare, Namseoul University, South Korea.

Till Kathmann (Diploma in Psychology, Universität Bremen). Die Arbeitsmigration deutscher Facharbeiter innerhalb Europas (Supervisor) (2010). Current position: lecturer, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Bremen.

Kristina Korte (MA Sozialwissenschaften, HU Berlin): Unequal Mobilities. Migration Control at Highly Fortified Borders. Present position: Research assistant Council of Experts on Integration and Migration (SVR) (Supervisor) (2022).

Daniela Kroos (Master in European Labour Studies, Universitäten Bremen/Toulouse, Diploma in Sociology Universität Bremen). Between autonomy and risk. How labour market institutions shape autonomous work (2. Supervisor) (2007). Current position: researcher InterVal Forschung und Beratung

Juliane Klein (MA Sociology European Societies, Freie Universität Berlin). West migration of the highly-skilled: the case of Polish and Romanian physicians in German hospitals (2. Supervisor) (2016). Current position: coordinator, Charité, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Lena Laube (Diploma in Sociology, Universität Bremen). Exterritorialisierung von Grenzkontrolle (Supervisor) (2012). Current position: executive secretary, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, Universität Bonn.

Lucia Leopold (MA Sociology, Universität Marburg): EU-Professionals in Deutschland als Prototypen transnationaler Wissensarbeit? Zur Herausbildung neuer Formen von

Professionalität in wissensbasierten Berufen. Current position: researcher, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Supervisor).

Jan Mewes (Diplom in Sociology, Universität Bielefeld). Transnationalisierung sozialer Beziehungen in räumlicher Perspektive (Supervisor) (2009). Current position: Lecturer, Örebro University/Schweden.

Andreas Müller (Diplom in Sociology, Universität Leipzig). The working of the external EU-borders (Supervisor) (2011). Current position: researcher, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (BMAF), Nürnberg.

Edoardo Paolinelli, The social space of financial directorates. Elite's resources, networks and inequalities in global finance (HU, Committee Member) (2025)

Christof Roos (Diploma in Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin). Der Wandel staatlicher Grenzkontrolle (Supervisor) (2012). Current position: Juniorprofessor, University Flensburg.

Claudia Ruddat (Diploma in Political Science, Münster/Lille). Welfare State Transformation and Norms Change in Germany and France (Supervisor) (2012). Current position: Postdoc, Universität Bochum.

Frederike Römer (MA Soziologie Mannheim): Immigration and the Welfare State. Current position: researcher, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) (Committee Member), 2017.

Zhenya Samoilova (MA Jacobs University Bremen). Manifestations of Citizenship Practices of the Russian-Speaking Minority Youth in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania (Supervisor) (2016). Current position: Postdoc GESIS.

Patrick Sachweh (Diplom in Social Science, Universität Mannheim). The Legitimation of Social Inequality (Supervisor) (2009), Dissertation Prize, Josef Popper-Nährpflicht-Stiftung 2013. Current position: Postdoc, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt.

Manuel Schechtel: No Taxation without Representation. A Comparative Analysis Among Family Types (2022) (2. Reviewer).

Katja Schmidt: Immigration and Public Opinion. Present position: Postdoc Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2022) (Supervisor)

Christopher Swader (MA Global Studies, Universität Freiburg, BA American University Washington). Free-Market Transformation and Changing Social Values in China, Russia, and Eastern Germany (2. Supervisor) (2008). Current position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Higher School of Economics, Moscow.

Sarah Ullmann (MA Social Sciences): Reproductive struggles in the city. A comparative case study of urban social movements in New York City, Buenos Aires and Hamburg (chair doctoral committee).

Christopher Wimmer (MA Social Sciences, HU Berlin): Mangel und Notwendigkeit. Theorie, Alltagsleben und Bewusstsein der marginalisierten Klasse in der Bundesrepublik (Member doctoral committee) (2023).

Sonja Wrobel (MA in Political Science, Universität Bonn). The relation between social justice and intergenerational justice in a normative perspective (2.Supervisor) (2007).
Current position: Consultant, Ministerium für Innovation, Wissenschaft und Forschung, NRW.

Natascha Zaun (MA Political Sciences Universität Bonn). The Europeanisation of asylum policies: towards more liberal or more restrictive policies on asylum seekers? (Committee member) (2015). Current position: Assistant Professor, London School of Economics (LSE).

External Reviewer

Tiina Likki (PhD Dissertation, University of Lausanne, 2012): A Social Psychological Approach to Political Opinion Formation. Current position: Researcher, University of Lausanne.

Frida Boräng (Dissertation Göteborgs Universitet, 2012). National Institutions – International Migration.Labour Markets, Welfare States and Immigration Policy. Current position: Lecturer, Department of Political Science/Center for European Research, Göteborgs Universitet.

Monika Eigmüller (Dissertation Universität Leipzig, 2006). Grenzsicherungspolitik. Funktion und Wirkung der europäischen Außengrenze. Eine Untersuchung am Beispiel der Migrations- und Arbeitsmarktpolitik Spaniens. Current position: Professor (W3) für Allgemeine Soziologie/Schwerpunkt Europaforschung an der Universität Flensburg.

Gabriele Kühne (Dissertation Universität Leipzig, 2007). Europäische grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit an den Grenzen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Die EUREGIO und die Euroregion Neißة als EU-Binnengrenzregion und EU-Außengrenzregion bis zur EU-Osterweiterung 2004.

Linus Westheuser (MA Social Sciences, HU Berlin) Pre-Political Bases of a New Cleavage. Social Identities, Moral Economy and Classed Politics in Germany. Scuola Normale Superiore Florence. (Committee member 2021) Current Position: Postdoc Humboldt Universität.

Reviewer Habilitation

Jochen Roose (Freie Universität Berlin, 2009). Vergesellschaftung an Europas Binnengrenzen. Eine empirisch-vergleichende Untersuchung zu den kulturellen

Voraussetzungen grenzüberschreitender Aktivitäten und Perspektiven in der Europäischen Union. Institut für Soziologie. Current position: Professor of Sociology at Willy Brandt Center for German and European Studies, University of Wrocław, Poland.

Sophie Mützel. Market from stories. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (2017). Current Position: Professor of Sociology, Universität Luzern.

TEACHING

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Seminar “Sozialen Wandel analysieren und verstehen“, BA (Summer 2025)

Lecture “Sozialstruktur, Ungleichheit und Demographie“ (with A. Fasang, G. Yurdakul, Ph. Staab) (Winter 2024/25)

Seminar “Ostdeutschland erforschen“, BA (4 SWS) (Summer 2024)

Seminar “Transformationsprozesse in Ostdeutschland“, MA (Summer 2023)

Seminar “Soziologie der Polarisierung“ (with Thomas Lux) (Summer 2022)

Seminar “Soziologische Perspektiven auf neue gesellschaftliche Konflikte“ (Winter 2021/22)

Seminar “Statusangst, Polarisierung und neue Mittelschichten“, MA (4 SWS) (Summer 2021)

Seminar “Sozialer Wandel in Ostdeutschland“, BA (Summer 2020)

Seminar “Die Quantifizierung der Gesellschaft“, MA (Summer 2020)

Literature Review (MA und PhD), BGSS (Winter 2019/20)

Seminar “Soziologie der Grenzen“, MA (4 SWS) (Winter 2018/19, Summer 2019)

Seminar “Die ostdeutsche Gesellschaft“, BA (Winter 2017/18)

Seminar “Meritokratie: Theorie und Empirie einer gesellschaftlichen Leitidee“, BA (4 SWS) (Summer 2017, Winter 2019/20)

Lecture “Sozialstruktur und Diversität“, BA (with Christine Wimbauer) (Summer 2016, Summer 2017; Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Summer 2022, Summer 2023)

Seminar “Research Design and Implementation” (MA and PhD), BGSS (Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) (Summer 2016)

Research Colloquium Macrosociology (Summer 2015, Winter 2015/16, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2019, Winter 2019/20, Summer 2021, Winter 2021/22, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Winter 2023/24)

Seminar “Sozialpolitik und Sozialer Wandel“, BA Social Sciences (4 SWS) (Winter 2015/16)

Seminar “Soziologie der Europäisierung“, MA Social Sciences (Summer 2015)

Seminar “Europäischer Gesellschaftsvergleich“, BA Social Sciences (Summer 2015)

Advanced Seminar “Theorien der europäischen Integration” (Summer 2003)
Seminar “Sozialstruktur und Sozialstrukturanalyse” (with Michael Maschke) (Summer 2002)
Advanced Seminar “Theorien sozialer Solidarität” (Winter 2001/2002)

Universität Bremen

Core Theory: Welfare State and Inequality (Winter 2014/15, Winter 2013/14)
Research Seminar (Winter 2014/15)
Doctoral Colloquium Field “Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life”, (Summer 2013, Summer 2010, Winter 2011/12).
Welfare State Theory. Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), Universität Bremen, Seminar (Winter 2011/12, Winter 2007/2008, Winter 2006/2007, Winter 2005/2006, Winter 2004/2005, Winter 2003/2004).
Research Perspectives. Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), (Summer 2008).
Research Paradigms. The Modern Welfare State. Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), (Summer 2005, Summer 2004).
Dissertation Workshop (Summer 2007, Summer 2008).
Doctoral Colloquium. Social Policy (Summer 2009, Winter 2007/2008, Summer 2007, Summer 2005, Winter 2004/2005, Summer 2004, Winter 2003/2004).
Doctoral Seminar (Research Design). Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), (Winter 2006/2007, Winter 2005/2006, Winter 2004/2005, Winter 2003/2004).
Inequality, Welfare State and Welfare Attitudes, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) (Summer 2010).
Migration: European and Domestic Perspectives. PhD Seminar (Summer 2009).
Wohlfahrt, Arbeit, Bildungsinstitutionen. MA Sociology and Social Research (Summer 2009).
Prospectus. Wohlfahrt, Arbeit, Bildungsinstitutionen, MA Sociology and Social Research (Summer 2009).
Europäischer Gesellschaftsvergleich, BA Sociology (Summer 2013).
Soziologie der Europäisierung, BA Sociology (Winter 2011).
Migration und Integration in Europa, BA Sociology (Summer 2010).
Perspektiven der Makrosoziologie, BA Sociology (Summer 2008).
Zur Funktion und zum Wandel von Staatsgrenzen, BA Sociology (Winter 2007/2008).
Migrationsforschung. BA Sociology (Winter 2006/2007).
Soziale Ungleichheit in vergleichender Perspektive, BA Sociology (Winter 2005/2006).
Migration, Migrationspolitik und Transnationalisierung. BA Sociology (Winter 2005/2006).

Europäische Integration. BA Sociology (Summer 2004).

Gesellschaftliche Institutionen und politische Kultur (Winter 2003/04).

Others

Sociology of Borders, Bloc course, University of Bern 2023

Social Inequality. Mandatory Course, Integrated Social Science, International University Bremen
(Lecture/Seminar) (3 SWS), Spring Term 2004.

ESPAnet Summerschool Universität Urbino (Italy) “Territorial Politics in the Welfare State”,
September 2007.

Micro-Macro-Link in Welfare and Social Inequality Research, Summer School Course,
WZB/Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences 2012.