

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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Areas of Interest

Theory of society, social inequality and globalization

Migration with a focus on high skilled migration and professional knowledge

Anti-racism and inter-ethnic conflict

Transnational research design

Advanced qualitative research methods

Academic Employment

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| Dec 2012 – ongoing | Chair (W3) for sociology with a focus on macrosociology and transnational processes at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute of Sociology |
| Nov 2007 – Nov 2011 | Junior professor of sociology with a focus on macrosociology and transnational processes at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute of Sociology (maternity leave for 2 nd child and part-time work during 2008). |
| Aug. 2005 – Nov 2007 | Senior researcher (50%) in the team of Ulrich Beck at the Institute of Sociology at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich.

Head of (together with Arnd-Michael Nohl, Karin Schittenhelm and Oliver Schmidtke) and senior researcher (50%) in the international study group „Cultural capital during migration“ funded by the Volkswagen-Foundation. |

Aug. 2002 – Jul. 2005	Research project “Highly skilled migrants. The transnationalisation of social inequality” (PI Weiß) funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) at the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich.
Oct. 1999 – Jul. 2002	Post-doctoral researcher in the project „Pioneers of mobility” in the Collaborative Research Center „Reflexive modernization“ at the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich.
Aug. – Oct. 1999	Visiting scholar at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (U.S.A.).
May 1994 – Dec. 1998	Junior researcher at the Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management, Berlin.

Education

May 2018	Habilitation at the Faculty for State Sciences and Social Sciences, University of the Federal Armed Forces Neubiberg, venia: Sociology. Topic „Ungleichheit in und zwischen den Welten“ [Inequality in and between worlds]
July 2001	Doctorate in sociology (Klaus Eder, Humboldt-University Berlin) graded „Magna cum laude“. Topic: “Rassistische Effekte unter antirassistisch engagierten MultiplikatorInnen. Zur interaktiven Reproduktion einer symbolisch reproduzierten Dimension sozialer Ungleichheit.“ [Racist effects among white German anti-racist activists. The interactive reproduction of a symbolically reproduced dimension of social inequality]
Feb. 1993	Diploma in psychology , Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich
Aug. 1987	Abitur [A-levels], grade 1,0, Hanns-Seidel-Gymnasium Hösbach.
Aug. 1985	High school diploma Dublin, OH (U.S.A.)

Research Grants

KonsortSWD	€ 14,837 Data management project „Travelling knowledge. Globalization of professional knowledge in the medical field“
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	€ 346,000 2018-2021 "Travelling knowledge. Globalization of professional knowledge in the medical field" (with Tao Liu) (my part of the grant: 201.000)
German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)	€ 853,000 2018-2021 (as part of a consortium) Migration und Polizei – Auswirkungen der Zuwanderung auf die Organisation und Diversität der deutschen Polizei (MIGRATE)
Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF) Bielefeld	€ 10,000 (with Amelina, Boatcă, Bongaerts) for the international conference “Globalization – Transnationalization – Society“ in March 2018

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	€ 135000 in 2014-17 for the establishment of the Bachelor Plus “Global and Transnational Sociology” at the University of Duisburg-Essen
Volkswagen Foundation	€ 650000 together with Arnd-Michael Nohl, Karin Schittenhelm and Oliver Schmidtke from 8/2005 to 7/2008 for the international study group “Cultural capital during migration. Towards the relevance of education titles and residence permits for the status passage into the labour market.”
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	€ 220000 from 7/2002 to 7/2005 for the research project “Highly skilled migrants. The transnationalisation of social inequality”
Conference and other small grants by Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Ruhr 2010 and University of Duisburg-Essen	

Academic Recognition and Awards

2020 ongoing	Member of the review board “Social Sciences/Sociological Theory” of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
2015	2015 Diversity Award for creating the international BA “Global and Transnational Sociology (supported by the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD) by the University of Duisburg-Essen
1996	Best applied paper award for the paper „Insider NGOs as a key to developing peace constituencies in the New Eastern Democracies“ International Association for Conflict Management
Nov 1987 to Dec 1992	Scholarship for the gifted, Bavarian State.

Service to the Academic Community (Selection)

Organization of Graduate Schools

2023, under review	DFG Research Training Group “Cross-border Labour Markets: Transnational Market Makers, Infrastructures, Institutions” PI
2008-2011 annually	International Summer School on Migration Research in Cooperation with Ludger Pries Ruhr-University Bochum and the Section „Migration and Ethnic Minorities” of the German Sociological Association
Board member of “Interdisciplinary Center for Integration and Migration” (InZentIM), University of Duisburg-Essen, representing InZentIM in the International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) Board of Directors, 2018-ongoing	
Member of the “Konzil” (Advisory Board) of the German Sociological Association (DGS), 2013-2017, 2023-ongoing	
Board member of the interdisciplinary “Center for Global Cooperation Research”, University Duisburg-Essen, 2023-ongoing	
Chairperson of the university committee „Diversity Management“, University of Duisburg-Essen (2015-17 deputy chairperson), 2007-2015, 2018 to 2021	

Head of the Institute for Sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Oct 2015- Sept 2017

Board member of the section "Social inequality and analysis of social structure" of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Oct. 2006 – April 2017

Board member of the section "Migration and ethnic minorities" of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Oct. 2004 – July 2008

Member of 15 Professoral Appointment Committees

Editorial Board of the Review Journal "Soziologische Revue", 2011-2021

Reviewer for Grants

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) – Swiss National Science Foundation – German-Israeli Foundation – Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung – German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) – Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg – German-Israeli Foundation – Irish Research Council – Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences – Thyssen-Stiftung – Centre for Interdisciplinary Research University of Bielefeld

Reviewer for Journals

BIOS – Comparative Migration Studies – Comparative Migration Studies – Current Sociology – Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung – Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung – International Journal of Gender Studies in Developing Societies – International Journal of Urban and Regional Research – International Migration – International Sociology – Journal of Comparative Sociology – Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies – Journal of Intercultural Studies – Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie – Migration Letters – Palgrave – Social Sciences – Soziale Welt – Transnational Social Review – Zeitschrift für Soziologie – Zeitschrift für theoretische Soziologie

Conference Organisation (Selection)

"Migration Studies and Social Theory: Problematizing Ontologies, De-Centering Migration" IMISCOE SC "Reflexivities in Migration Studies" (with Iva Dodevska, Stefan Manser-Egli und Boris Nieswand) at the University of Tübingen, Germany, 14.-15.9.2023

"Transnationales Sampling und die quantitative Forschung zu Mobilitätsprozessen" [Transnational Sampling and quantitative research on mobility processes](with Katharina Mander-scheid) at the University of Hamburg, 30.-31.01.2020

"Including Skilled Refugees into the Labour Market – Understanding the "Paradox" between Labour and Humanitarian Migration" (with Oliver Schmidtke) Session of the Research Committee 31 Sociology of Migration at the 19th ISA World Congress of Sociology, July 15-21, 2018, Toronto

"Documentary method in migration research" (with Nicolle Pfaff, Duisburg-Essen and Galya Ben-Arieh Ruffer (Northwestern University, USA) at the University of Duisburg-Essen, 15.-17.6.2018

"Globalization – Transnationalization – Society. An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Theories of Society and Cross-Border Studies" (with Anna Amelina, Manuela Boatcă and Gregor

Bongaerts) at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University, 15.-16.2.2018

“Contextualizing Cases and Types through Qualitative Multi-Level-Analysis” (with Arnd-Michael Nohl) Joint Session of the Research Committee 33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology with RC20 Comparative Sociology and WG02 Historical and Comparative Sociology at the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology, 10.-14.7.2016, Vienna, Austria.

“The return of class society? Revisiting the relationship between research on social inequality and social theory” [Wiederkehr der Klassengesellschaft? Zum Verhältnis von Ungleichheitsforschung und Gesellschaftstheorie] (with Andreas Reckwitz) Conference of the sections „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“ and „Soziologische Theorie“ at the University of Duisburg-Essen, 27.-28.5.2010

„Theoretische Grundlagen der empirischen Migrationsforschung“ [Theoretical foundations of empirical migration research] (with Michael Bommers) for the section „Migration and ethnic minorities“ of the German Sociological Association at the Siemens Foundation Munich, 18.-19.5.2006

Conference Presentations (Selection)

Embeddedness of Migrants' Trajectories in Multi- and Transnational Institutional Contexts

“Migration Studies Meet Institutional Research: Theoretical Interfaces” DFG Research Unit Transborder Mobility and Institutional Dynamics, at the University of Siegen, May 25th-26th, 2023

Socio-material contexts and transnational research designs

Conference „Relational Spatial Methods“ SFB 1265 „Refiguration von Räumen“ in Cooperation with ENS Paris Saclay, Potsdam University, and TU Berlin, 16.-17.09.2022

Transnationalization of knowledge and practice in the medical field (with Tao Liu, Ilka Sommer and Benjamin Quasinowski)

“Dynamics of Professions and Professionalism: Work, Quality and Expertise” Research Network 19 “Sociology of Professions” Interim meeting at Utrecht University, August 30-31, 2022

Glocalization of medical professional knowledge and practice. A quasi-experimental transnational research design

ESA Research Network 15 “Global Sociology” Midterm Conference, Cyprus, 5-6.5.2022

Wie genau ändert Corona die Struktur Sozialer Ungleichheiten? [How exactly does Corona change the structure of social inequalities?]

Digital Colloquium „Soziologische Perspektiven auf die Corona-Krise“, WZB Berlin, 28.10.2020

Institutional discrimination by labor market intermediaries (with Martin Brussig)

IMISCOE online conference July 1-2, 2020, Standing Committee IILME (Immigration, Immigrants and Labour Markets in Europe)

A Transnational Sociological Approach to Migration and Global Inequalities
“Migration, Refugees, and the Stateless” at Northwestern University, Kellogg Centre
Chicago, March 15-16 2019

Sociology of global inequalities

Joint Session “Integrating International Migration into the Mainstream Social Theorizing” of RC 31 “Sociology of Migration” and RC 16 “Sociological Theory” at the 19th World Congress of Sociology “Power, Violence, and Justice” of the International Sociological Association, Toronto, July 15-21 2018

Contextualizing social layers in the world

Point Sud Conference “Middle classes, protest and social change in Africa and beyond” at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 17th-21st 2017

Author meets Critics organized by German Sociological Association for the book “Weiß: Soziologie Globaler Ungleichheiten“ Discussants Manuela Boatca, Gunnar Otte and Tobias Werron

39th Convention of the German Association for Sociology „Komplexe Dynamiken Globaler und Lokaler Entwicklungen “ 24.-28.9.2018, Göttingen University

Socio-spatial autonomy and the system of nation-states and comment to Ayelet Shachar

Interdisciplinary Workshop „Studying Migration Policies at the Interface between Empirical Research and Normative Analysis” at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld Sept 10-12, 2018

Sociology of global inequalities

Joint Session “Integrating International Migration into the Mainstream Social Theorizing” of RC 31 “Sociology of Migration” and RC 16 “Sociological Theory” at the 19th World Congress of Sociology “Power, Violence, and Justice” of the International Sociological Association, Toronto, July 15-21 2018

Panel Discussion with Seyla Benhabib (Yale), Hauke Brunkhorst (Flensburg), Violeta Moreno-Lax (London)

at the International Symposium: European Dimensions and Cosmopolitan Perspectives of Integration and Migration Jan 27th 2017 University of Duisburg-Essen

Contextualizing social inequalities. A critique of methodological nationalism in research on social inequality

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity Göttingen, 4.5.2011

Can ‘global’ professional fields structure the labor market access of migratory professionals or does legal exclusion prevail? A comparative analysis of highly skilled migrants’ status passages into the labor market in Germany, Turkey and Canada with Arnd-Michael Nohl

ISA Conference: Panel “Globalization and the Professions” of the RC 52 at the 17th world congress of sociology “Sociology on the move” at Gothenburg, Sweden; July 11th to 17th, 2010

Teaching and Doctoral Supervision

Introductory lectures „Introduction to Sociology“, “Interpretive Paradigm and Qualitative Methods”

Seminars on inequalities, migration, transnational labor markets

Theory Seminars, e.g. “Society and Politics beyond the Nation-state” “The Contribution of Empirical Research to Theory. The Contribution of Theory to Empirical Research”

Methods seminars, e.g. “Documentary method”, “Grounded Theory”, “Interviewing”

Research Training Seminars e.g. “Institutions Framing Teaching and Learning” and relating to my research projects

Advisor and reviewer of 190 BA- and MA-theses

PhD First Advisor

Max Hesse (2022-ongoing) „Institutionelle Ordnungsstrukturen und sprachliche Minderheiten - Eine ethnographische Institutionenanalyse am Beispiel der Sekundarstufe von NRW“ [Institutional order and language minorities – an institutional ethnography of secondary education in Northrhine-Westfalia], current position: teacher

Benedikt Müller (2020-ongoing) "Zwischen Formalität und Autonomie der Straße. Dienstgruppenleitung im polizeilichen Streifendienst." [Leadership between formality and autonomy of the street. The case of patrol sergeants in the German police], current position: researcher at the University of Göttingen

Maren Wilmes (2019-ongoing) „Struktureller Wandel im Öffentlichen Gesundheitsdienst durch unversicherte Migrant*innen“ [Structural change in the public health service in response to non-insured migrants], current position: department head Caritas Osnabrück

Garabet Gül (2018-ongoing) „Migration, Rassismus und (globale) Ungleichheit. Eine biografische Längsschnittstudie zu Rassismuserfahrungen, Orientierungen und Positionierungen unter Jugendlichen und jungen Erwachsenen aus eingewanderten Arbeiterfamilien in der Schweiz“ [Migration, racism and (global) inequality. A biographical panel on experiences of racism, orientations and positionings of young people in immigrant working class families in Switzerland], current position: researcher at the Zurich University for Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Ariana Kellmer (2013-ongoing) „Globale AufsteigerInnen. Intergenerationale Aufstiege im Zuge der Migration“ [Global social mobility. Intergenerational mobility through migration], current position: researcher at Institute for Work, Skills and Training (IAQ), University of Duisburg-Essen)

Alexandra Graevskaia (2019-2023) „Interkulturelle Öffnung‘ in der Polizei aus dispositivanalytischer Perspektive“ [„Intercultural Openness‘ in the police. A dispositivanalytical perspective“ current position: research administrator at InZentIM, University of Duisburg-Essen

Ilana Bitran Nussbaum (2016-2020) “Between Professions and Countries: Highly skilled Latin American migrants and the negotiation of cultural capital”, current position: post-doctoral researcher at the Centre for Work and Politics, University of Bremen

Huma Butt: (2015-2020) "Family, Marriage and Ethnic Identity: A Study of Second Generation Pakistani Immigrants in Germany", current position: lecturer at the Department for Sociology, International Islamic University Pakistan

Review Boards and Second Advisor

2018 Emmanuel Ndahayo: „Staatsbürgerschaft durch Einbürgerung? Deutsche afrikanischer Herkunft“ [Citizenship through naturalization? Germans of African descent] (second reviewer with Karin Schittenhelm, University of Siegen), current position: post-doctoral researcher at the University of Siegen.

2017 Laura Wiesböck: Facets of cross-border commuting in the Central European Region and the (Re)production of Inequalities (external reviewer, advisor: Roland Verwiebe, University Vienna), current position: researcher at Institute for Higher Studies Vienna.

2016 Susanne Becker: Sprache(n) und soziale Ungleichheiten. Eine ethnographische Analyse des Wissens über Sprache(n) in zwei Münchner Stadtteilen (second advisor with Nikita Dhawan, Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-University Frankfurt) current position: professor for social work at International University Munich

2015 Ilka Sommer: Die Gewalt des kollektiven Besserwissens. Klassifikationskämpfe um die Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen in Deutschland [The power of collectively better knowledge. Classification struggles about the recognition of foreign educational certificates in Germany] (second advisor with Boike Rehbein, Humboldt- University Berlin) received the Award for Intercultural Studies, current position: free lance journalist

2010 Janina Söhn „Bildungschancen von Migrantenkindern und die Bedeutung des Rechtsstatus: Aussiedler und ausländische Zugewanderten im Vergleich“ [Legal status and educational success of migrant children. Ethnic German resettlers and foreign immigrants compared] (Second advisor with Heike Solga Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin), current position: researcher at the Sociological Research Institute Göttingen (SOFIS)

Media Presence (Selection)

13 Fragen ZDF Neo, 30.5.2022

Interview Deutschlandradio Kultur „Russland-Sanktionen. Was nutzt, was schadet?“ [Sanctions against Russia. Helpful or creating adverse effects?], 3.3.2022

Advisor for Quarks Tabula Rasa „Was ist für Dich Rassismus?“ [What does racism mean for you?] (ARD) 2021

Podcast with Das Neue Berlin „Mit Anja Weiß über die Soziologie globaler Ungleichheiten“, [With Anja Weiß on the Sociology of Global Inequalities], 2020

Scobel ZDF „Flucht und Armut“ [Refuge and Poverty], 15.6.2016

Local media WAZ und WDR Lokalzeit

Community Service (Selection)

Die Vielfalt von Diversity: Handlungsprobleme von Personalverantwortlichen in der Polizei, [Varieties of Diversity. Practical dilemmas of group leaders in the police] Contribution to seminar 9/2023 „Migration, Diversität und Polizei“ headed by Prof. Dr. Antonio Vera at the German Police University Münster, 9.5.2023

„Migration und Polizei – Auswirkungen der Zuwanderung auf die Organisation und Diversität der deutschen Polizei“ [Migration and Police – Impact of immigration on the organization and diversity of the German Police] at the Green Police Convention: „Die Rolle der Polizei in und für unsere Gesellschaft“ 22.11.2019 German Parliament, Berlin

Advisory Discussion Mercator Foundation „Strategieplanung Themenfeld Migration und Integration“ [Strategies for the topics migration and integration] 27.9.2019, Essen

Input and Discussion „Dimensionen globaler Gleichberechtigung“ [Dimensions of global equal rights] Online-Lunch Debate, Goetheinstitute Munich opening a lecture series „Kulturen der Gleichberechtigung“ 8. April 2019

Presentation „Globale Ungleichheiten der Zugangschancen“ [Global inequalities of access], Club of Vienna, Vienna 13.3.2019

Wohin fliehen? Warum Kinder fliehen und wie es ihnen dabei ergeht? [Where can we flee? Why children flee and how they fare when seeking refuge] Lecture for children at the UniKids University of Duisburg-Essen 9.3.2016 and at Wiki-Club Georgsmarienhütte 17.2.2017

Lebensläufe in der Migration. [Lifecourses during migration] 22.3.2014 Conference at the Lehmbruck Museum Duisburg documented in: Stiftung Wilhelm Lehmbruck Museum Duisburg (ed.) Mischa Kuball: NEW POTT Neue Heimat im Revier. Dokumentation 2010-2014