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Anja Weiß is Chair for Sociology with a focus on Macro-Sociology and Transnational Processes at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Her theoretical work on the sociology of global inequalities translates into comparative empirical studies on high skilled migration, the glocalization of professional knowledge and transnationally comparative methods in sociological research.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Since Dec 12	Chair (W3) for sociology with a focus on macrosociology and transnational processes at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute for Sociology
Nov 07 – Nov 12	Junior professor for sociology with a focus on macrosociology and transnational processes at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Institute for Sociology
Aug. 05-Nov 07	Senior researcher (50%) in the team of Ulrich Beck at the Institute for Sociology at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. Head of (together with Nohl, Schittenhelm and Schmidtke) and senior researcher (50%) in the international study group „Cultural capital during migration“ funded by the VW Foundation
Aug. 02 – Jul. 05	Head of research project “Highly skilled migrants. The transnationalisation of social inequality” funded by the German Research Association (Förderung der eigenen Stelle) at the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich.
Oct. 99 – Jul. 02	Post-doctoral researcher in the project „Pioneers of mobility“ in the Collaborative Research Center SFB „Reflexive modernization“ at the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich.
Aug. 99 – Oct. 99	Visiting scholar at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George-Mason-University, Fairfax, VA (U.S.A.).
May 94 – Dec. 98	Junior researcher at the Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management, Berlin.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

2018	Habilitation in sociology (University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich)
2001	Doctorate in sociology (Klaus Eder, Humboldt-University Berlin)
1993	Diploma in psychology (Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich)
1987	Abitur [A-levels].
1984 – 85	Exchange student in Dublin, OH (U.S.A.). High school diploma.

Professional Activities (selected)

Since 2011	Editor of the review journal „Soziologische Revue“
Oct. 06 – April 17	Board member of the section “Social inequality and analysis of social structure” of the German Sociological Association.

Grants (selected)

German Research Association (DFG)	€ 346,000 with Tao Liu for "Glocalization of professional knowledge in the medical field" 2018-2021
German Federal Ministry of Education and Research	€ 853,000 Collaborative Research “Migration and Police – Impact of migration on the organization and diversity of the German police force” in the program “migration and social change”
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	€ 50,000 for one academic year 2014/15 and € 140,000 for two academic years 2014-17 for the establishment of the Bachelor Plus “Global and Transnational Sociology” at the University of Duisburg-Essen
Volkswagen Foundation	€ 650,000 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.”

German Research Association (DFG)	1 senior researcher, 1 student assistant and € 31,600 from 7/2002 to 7/2005 for the research project "Highly skilled migrants. The transnationalisation of social inequality"
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

Weiß, Anja (2017): *Soziologie Globaler Ungleichheiten*. [Sociology of Global Inequalities] Berlin. Suhrkamp.

Nohl, Arnd-Michael, Karin Schittenhelm, Oliver Schmidtke and Anja Weiß (Nov 2014): *Work in Transition. Cultural Capital and Highly Skilled Migrants' Passages into the Labour Market*. Toronto: Toronto University Press.

Weiß, Anja (2013): *Rassismus wider Willen. Ein anderer Blick auf eine Struktur sozialer Ungleichheit (2nd ed.)*. [Racism without racist intentions. An alternative perspective on a structure of social inequality]. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag.

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Berger, Peter and Anja Weiß (eds.) (2008): *Transnationalisierung Sozialer Ungleichheit* [Transnationalization of social inequality]. Wiesbaden: VS.

Weiß, Anja, Cornelia Koppetsch, Oliver Schmidtke & Albert Scharenberg (eds.) (2001): *Klasse und Klassifikation. Die symbolische Dimension sozialer Ungleichheit* [Class and classification. The symbolic dimension of social inequality.]. Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag.

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Journal Articles

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English version: Becoming a refugee. A life-course approach to migration under duress
<http://www.scielo.br/pdf/soc/v20n49/1807-0337-soc-20-49-24.pdf>

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Weiß, Anja (2016). "Understanding physicians' professional knowledge and practice in research on skilled migration." In: *Ethnicity & Health* 21 (4) 397-409, Doi: 10.1080/13557858.2015.1061100.

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Diefenbach, Heike and Anja Weiß (2006): Zur Problematik der Messung von „Migrationshintergrund. [The difficulty of measuring 'migration background' in public statistics]. In: *Münchner Statistik* (3) 1-14

Weiß, Anja (2005): The transnationalization of social inequality. Conceptualizing social positions on a world scale. In: *Current Sociology* 53(4) 707-728.

Weiß, Anja (2002): 2002: Raumrelationen als zentraler Aspekt weltweiter Ungleichheiten [Spatial relations as a central aspect of global inequalities]. In: *Mittelweg* 36 Vol. 11, (2) 76-91.

Reprint in: Heinz Bude and Andreas Willisch (eds.) (2008). *Exklusion. Die Debatte über die „Überflüssigen“*. Frankfurt/M.: Suhrkamp, S. 225-245.

2. Reprint in: Ulrich Beck and Angelika Pöferl (eds.) (2010). *Große Armut, großer Reichtum. Zur Transnationalisierung Sozialer Ungleichheit*. Frankfurt/M.: Suhrkamp, S. 366-388.

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Book Chapters (since 2010)

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Reviews (selection)

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