

Curriculum Vitae  
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## CURRENT POSITION

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## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

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1977-1981 B. A. in Sociology and Political Science, Boston College  
1982-1984 M. A. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1984 -1990 Ph.D. in Sociology, University Wisconsin-Madison

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## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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1990-1996 Assistant Professor of Comparative Sociology and Industrial Sociology, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan  
1996-1999 Associate Professor (tenured) und Graduate School Professor for Comparative Sociology and Industrial Sociology, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan  
1999 - 2004 Associate Professor of Sociology and Japanese Society, Gerhard-Mercator Universität, Duisburg, Germany  
2004-2005 Full Professor (acting) Modernes Japan II, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf (regular appointment as Full Professorship declined in 2005)  
2005-present Full Professor and Chair of Comparative Sociology and Japan Studies, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND GUEST PROFESSORSHIPS

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1994-1997 Research Fellow, Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, Australia  
2002 Guest Professorship, University of Tokyo, Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) Japan  
2003 Guest Researcher, Max-Planck Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Cologne, Germany  
2006-2008 Fellow, Hanse Institute of Advanced Studies (HWK), Delmenhorst, Germany  
Since 2007 Honorary Fellow, University of Sheffield and White Rose East Asian Centre (Centre of Excellence in Language-Based Regional Studies), Britain  
9/2012 Guest Professor, Tohoku University, Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality (CSSI), JSPS Global Centre of Excellence, Japan  
10-11/2015 Guest Professor, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Public Policy and Social Change Program, Turin, Italy  
10/2016-9/2018 Specially Appointed Professor, Ochanomizu University, Institute of Global Leadership, Tokyo, Japan

## **LEADERSHIP IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY**

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### Current

Jury member (since 2012), International Research Prize of the Max Weber Stiftung, Leibniz Foundation

International Editorial Board (since 2012), *Work, Employment and Society*, British Sociological Association

Editorial Board, *Contemporary Japan*, German Institute for Japan Studies Tokyo

Vice-President (since 2014), Executive Board Member (until 2014), (elected) Research Committee 02 – Economic Sociology, of the International Sociological Association

Scientific Advisory Board, Japan/Korea of the German Association of Asian Studies (DGA)

Scientific Advisory Board, Werner Reimers Stiftung, Bad Homburg

Scientific Advisory Board, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI-Essen)

International Advisory Board, White Rose East Asia Centre, Universities of Leeds and Sheffield, UK

Member (elected) *Yale Society for Comparative Studies*

Associated Faculty (Vertrauensdozentin) *Hans-Boeckler-Stiftung* (Research Institute of the German Trade-Union Federation)

### Past

Director, Graduate School of East Asian Studies (2007-2009), thereafter, DFG GRK 1613 Research Training Program "Risk and East Asia" (2009 – 2014).

Chairperson, Advisory Board of German Institute of Japan Studies (DIJ) in Tokyo, Japan (until August 2012, board member 2006 - 2012)

Chairperson, Scientific Advisory Board, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (funded by the German Excellence Initiative)

Editorial Board, ARBEIT: Zeitschrift für Arbeitsforschung, Arbeitsgestaltung und Arbeitspolitik, Lucius Verlag

## **UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP (University Duisburg-Essen)**

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2014-2015 Director, Institute of East Asian Studies (previously 2000-2002)

2007 - 2017 Deputy Chairperson (2007 – 2013) and Member, University Council (Hochschulrat, Appointed by the NRW Ministry of Education and Innovation)

2009-2013 Deputy Director, Institute of Sociology

2004- Acting Director, Gender Research Center (Essener Kolleg für Geschlechterforschung)

2003-2007 Vice-Dean for Research and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences (Fachbereich Gesellschaftswissenschaften)

2004-2006 University Senate Commission for Research

2000-2002 University Senate Commission for Equal Opportunities

since 1999 Member (elected) over 20 Faculty Search Committees in Sociology, Political Science, East Asian Regional Studies, Engineering, Chair of the Search and Recruitment Committee for three recruitments: Organisational Sociology, Sociological Theory and Comparative Sociology