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Research Interests	Political Sociology, Welfare States, Industrial Relations, Comparative Methods	
Study Focus	Social Policy and Labour Market Policies	
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Education

Since 2014	Doctoral Candidate in Social Science PhD Thesis: „Organisierte Interessen und Flexibilisierung des Arbeitsmarkts.“ (Interest Groups and Labour Market Flexibilisation) Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ebbinghaus (Oxford University) Prof. Dr. Timo Weishaupt (University of Göttingen)	University of Mannheim
2014-2012	Master of Arts Sociology with minor: Political Science Master Thesis: „Individualisierungstendenzen und Sozialintegration: Schwindet die integrative Kraft organisierter Interessen? Ein europäischer Ländervergleich über das Engagement in intermediären Organisationen.“ Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Kohl (University of Heidelberg) Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Mannheim)	University of Heidelberg
2012-2008	Bachelor of Arts Social Work Bachelor Thesis: „Die Realisierung der sozialen Gerechtigkeit in der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft“. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Gisela Kubon-Gilke (EH Darmstadt), Prof. Dr. Dr. Juhani Laurinkari (University of Eastern Finland)	University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt <i>and</i> University of Wrocław/Poland

Academic Positions & Employment

since 08/2016	Researcher Project: Crisis Corporatism or Corporatism in Crisis? Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe (Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG))	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
since 10/2014	Lecturer, School of Social Sciences Chair Macrosociology <i>2 months parental leave in 2015 and again in 2019</i>	University of Mannheim
since 10/2014	Research-Participation, SFB 884 „The Political Economy of Reforms“. Project A6: Welfare State Support from below: linking individual interests and organized interests in Europe	University of Mannheim
2005-2004	Laboratory & Production (Prototype Design & Test)	IBS-Filtran, Morsbach
2004-2001	Car Mechanic (Apprenticeship)	Zielenbach, Morsbach

Internships

08/2011	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Department Labour Market and Social Security	Wiesbaden
04/2011- 10/2010	Employment Center, City of Offenbach Unemployment counselling and job placement	MainArbeit, Offenbach
06/2010- 04/2010	The Martin Luther Memorial Evangelical Centre for Diaconia and Education Foundation Counselling and caring for children with disabilities	Wroclaw/Poland

Publications

- 2019 Social concertation in Europe during the Great Recession: A fsQCA-study of social partner involvement (with B.Ebbinghaus). In: Emmenegger, Patrick/ Giger, Nathalie/ Careja, Romana (eds.): The European Social Model under Pressure – Liber Amicorum in Honour of Klaus Armingeon. Wiesbaden: Springer, p. 33-50.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-27043-8_3
- 2018 The Position of Organized Interests towards Labour Market Policies in Germany: A Content Analysis of Press Releases (with C.Buss). In: Ebbinghaus, Bernhard/ Naumann, Elias (eds.): Welfare State Reforms Seen from Below. Comparing Public Attitudes and Organized Interests in Britain and Germany. London: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 81-105.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-63652-8_4
- Sozialstaatliche Alternativen. In: Kubon-Gilke (ed.): Gestalten der Sozialpolitik. Theoretische Grundlegungen und Anwendungsbeispiele, Marburg: Metropolis, p. 610-630.
- 2017 Polnisches Puzzle. Organisation, Mitgliederentwicklung und politische Beteiligung von Gewerkschaften und Arbeitgeberverbänden aus vergleichender Perspektive. In: Deutsches Polen Institut/ Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen/ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde (eds): Polen-Analysen, Nr. 208, ISSN 1863-9712.
<http://www.laender-analysen.de/polen/>
- Staatsbürgerrechte und gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt. Nach bürgerlichen und politischen Elementen müssen soziale folgen, um die Stabilität in Europa zu festigen. In: Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement (eds): Soziale Bürgerrechte und demokratische Teilhabe in Europa. Berlin: Newsletter für Engagement und Partizipation in Europa, Nr. 1/31.01.2017 (publ. online <http://www.b-b-e.de/eunewsletter/bbe-europa-nachrichten-newsletter-fuer-engagement-und-partizipation-nr-1-vom-3112017/>).
http://www.b-b-e.de/fileadmin/inhalte/aktuelles/2017/01/enl-1-2017-bender_beitrag.pdf
- 2013 Gerechtigkeit als normativer Orientierungspunkt für Wissenschaften und Politik, (with G.Kubin-Gilke). Ed.: Forschungszentrum der Evangelischen Hochschule Darmstadt. Working Paper University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt: ISSN 2193-6501
https://www.eh-darmstadt.de/fileadmin/user_upload/PDFs/Forschung/Arbeitspapier_Nr_17.pdf

Stays abroad

2010	Erasmus semester Faculty of Social Sciences	University of Wroclaw/Poland
2008-2007	Work and travel	Australia

Scholarships

2012	Full study grant by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
2010	Study grant by the European Union (Erasmus Program)

Conferences and Workshops

2019	Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)	New York City
	Conference of Europeanists (CES)	Madrid
	Colloquium, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford University	Oxford
	Young Scholars Workshop SAMF	Berlin
2018	Inequality and Welfare State. Annual Conference of the Social Policy Section, German Sociological Association (DGS)	Cologne
2018&2017	“Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe” (Project Workshops)	Mannheim
2016	Interest Group Politics and Policy-Making in the 21st Century. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	Bremen (BIGSSS)
	„Arbeit und Soziale Sicherheit“	Duisburg-Essen
2015	"Wandel der Arbeit und Arbeitsgesellschaft: Gute Arbeit für alle“	Berlin
	"Sozialstaatliche Interessenvertretung: Wandel der Akteurskonstellationen"	Kassel
2014	"Public attitudes towards and socio-political actors' positions on labour market policies in Europe“	Mannheim
2012	„Vitalpolitik, Inklusion und sozialpolitische Implikation. Theoretische Reflexion und sozialpolitische Implikation“	Darmstadt

Further Training

2016	Methods of Empirical Social Research: Regression Analysis with STATA II (Advanced Level)	Köln (GESIS)
	Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) (Basic Level)	Münster (GraSP)
	Case Studies and Process Tracing (Basic Level)	Münster (GraSP)
2015 – 2013	Reformation oder frühbürgerliche Revolution? Kirchen, sozial- und kulturgeschichtliche Perspektiven. Funded and organized by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation	Berlin Dresden Heidelberg

Teaching

2019	The Sociology of Labor Markets. Flexibilisation and Segmentation in OECD countries. Block-Seminar (2 SPW) (German)	University of Mannheim
2018	Political Sociology of Interest Groups. Influence and Context B.A., Seminar Course, 2 semester periods per week (SPW) (German)	University of Mannheim
2017	Social Partnership and Social Dialogue in Europe. B.A., Seminar Course, 2 semester periods per week (SPW) (German) Evaluation: 1,5 (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentile rank, sociology: 89.61% (N=905) • Percentile rank, all courses: 83.84% (N=9863) 	University of Mannheim
	Comparative European Societies B.A.-Thesis Colloquium, 2 SPW (English/German) <i>No evaluation</i>	University of Mannheim
2016	Research in Progress: Convergence or Divergence? Dualization and Flexibilisation Trends in Labour Market Policy – a Comparative Perspective B.A., Exercise Course, 2 SPW (German) Evaluation: 1,2 (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentile rank, sociology: 97.52% (N=767) • Percentile rank, all courses: 95.46% (N=9037) 	University of Mannheim
	Comparative European Societies B.A.-Thesis Colloquium, 2 SPW (English/German)	University of Mannheim
2015	Introduction to Sociology B.A., Exercise Course, 2 SPW (German) Evaluation: 1,9 (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentile rank, sociology: 63.04% (N=717) • Percentile rank, all courses: 54.73% (N=8777) 	University of Mannheim
	Research in Progress: Intermediary Organisations and Civil Society – an International Comparison B.A., Exercise Course, 2 SPW (German) Evaluation: 1,7 (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentile rank, sociology: 79,43% (N=671) • Percentile rank, all courses: 70.72% (N=8480) 	University of Mannheim
	Comparative European Societies B.A.-Thesis Colloquium, 2 SPW (English/German) <i>No evaluation</i>	University of Mannheim
2014	Sociology of Poverty B.A., Seminar Course, 2 SPW (German) Evaluation: 1,8 (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentile rank, sociology: 70.38% (N=611) • Percentile rank, all courses: 61.52% (N=8180) 	University of Mannheim

Engagement and Service to the Profession

Since 2017	Member of the Selection Committee by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation to award study grants (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)	Germany
Since 2014	Organisation and Interviewer of the Discussion Forum “Frankfurter Gespräche”. Special Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jürgen Kaube (Editor Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung) 2015• Anne Bohnenkam-Renken (Uni Frankfurt) 2016• Bekim Agai (Uni Frankfurt) 2016• Michael Hüther (Director Cologne Institute for Economic Research) 2017• Birgitta Wolff (President Uni Frankfurt) 2017• Sylvia Schenk (Transparency International) 2018• Marcel Fratzscher (President German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) & Humboldt Uni Berlin) 2018• Gerald Knaus (President European Stability Initiative) 2019	Frankfurt/Main
2018&2017	Organiser of two European Research Workshops “Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe” (05-07.10.2017 & 04.-06.09.2018).	Mannheim
2016-2010	Organisation and Lead Supervisor: Family-Care-Weekends by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cologne	Cologne and surrounding area
2010-2004	Youth Supervisor: Family-Care-Weekends by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cologne	Cologne and surrounding area
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)• German Sociological Association (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie)• Society for Social Progress (Gesellschaft für Sozialen Fortschritt)	

Languages

- German (native)
- English (fluent)
- Polish (basic)

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