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Academic Positions

- since 2016 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
- 2010-2016 **Researcher**, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
- 2010-2016 **Assistant Lecturer**, Chair of General Sociology, University of Mannheim, Germany

Education

- 2016 **Doctor** of Social Sciences (summa cum laude), University of Mannheim, Germany.
Committee: Frank Kalter, Clemens Kroneberg, Henning Hillmann
- 2010 **Magister** Sociology, Journalism, and Philosophy (grade: 1.1), University of Leipzig, Germany

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

- Leszczensky, Lars (2018). (K)eine Frage der Religion? Die Entwicklung der sozialen Integration christlicher und muslimischer Neuzuwanderer. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie*, In Press.
- Leszczensky, Lars (2018). [Young Immigrants' Host Country Identification and their Friendships with Natives: Does Relative Group Size Matter?](#) *Social Science Research*, 70: 163-175.
- Kretschmer, David, Lars Leszczensky, and Sebastian Pink (2018). [Selection and Influence Processes in Academic Achievement - More Pronounced for Girls?](#) *Social Networks*, 52: 251-260.
- Leszczensky, Lars and Sebastian Pink (2017). [Intra- and Inter-group Friendship Choices of Christian, Muslim, and Non-religious Youth in Germany.](#) *European Sociological Review*, 33: 72-83.
- Leszczensky, Lars, Andreas Flache, Tobias Stark, and Anke Munniksma (2017). [The Relation between Ethnic Classroom Composition and Adolescents' Ethnic Pride.](#) *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, In Press.

- Stark, Tobias, Lars Leszczensky, and Sebastian Pink (2017). [Are there Differences in Ethnic Majority and Minority Adolescents' Friendship Preferences and Social Influence with Regard to their Academic Achievement?](#) *Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft*, 20: 475-498.
- Jugert, Philipp, Lars Leszczensky, and Sebastian Pink (2017). [The Effects of Ethnic Minority Adolescents' Ethnic Self-Identification on Friendship Selection.](#) *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, Early View.
- Leszczensky, Lars, Tobias Stark, Andreas Flache, and Anke Munniksma (2016). [Disentangling the Relationship between Young Immigrants' Host Country Identification and their Friendships with Natives.](#) *Social Networks*, 44: 179-189.
- Schulz, Benjamin and Lars Leszczensky (2016). [Native Friends and National Identification of Adolescent Immigrants in Germany: The Role of Ethnic Boundaries.](#) *International Migration Review*, 50, 163-196.
- Leszczensky, Lars and Sebastian Pink (2015). [Ethnic Segregation of Friendship Networks in School: Testing a Rational Choice Argument of Differences in Ethnic Homophily between Classroom- and Grade-Level Networks.](#) *Social Networks*, 42: 18-26.
- Leszczensky, Lars and Aitana Gräbs Santiago (2015). [The Development and Test of a Measure of Youth's Ethnic and National Identity.](#) *Methods, Data, Analyses*, 9: 87-110.
- Leszczensky, Lars (2013). [Do National Identification and Interethnic Friendships Affect One Another? A Longitudinal Test with Adolescents of Turkish Origin in Germany.](#) *Social Science Research*, 42: 775-788.

Dissertation Thesis

- Leszczensky, Lars (2016). [Tell Me Who Your Friends Are? Disentangling the Interplay of Young Immigrants' Host Country Identification and Their Friendships with Natives.](#) University of Mannheim.
- * European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Prize for Best PhD Thesis 2017.
 - * Lorenz-von-Stein Prize for best dissertation in the School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim.

Other Publications

- Leszczensky, Lars, Harald Beier, Hanno Kruse, and Sebastian Pink (2016). [Collecting Network Panel Data in Schools: Practical Guidance Based on the Experiences of Three German Research Projects.](#) MZES Working Paper Nr. 166, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Mannheim.

Leszczensky, Lars, Sebastian Pink, and Frank Kalter (2015). [Friendship and Identity in School. Field Report on Wave 1, Wave 2, and Wave 3 \(Technical Report\)](#). MZES Working Paper Nr. 161, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Mannheim.

Leszczensky, Lars and Aitana Gräbs Santiago (2014). [Ethnische und nationale Identität von Kindern und Jugendlichen](#). In D. Danner and A. Glöckner-Rist (eds.): *Zusammenstellung sozialwissenschaftlicher Items und Skalen*. Mannheim: GESIS - Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften.

Leszczensky, Lars, Sebastian Pink, and Frank Kalter (2014). [Freundschaft und Identität in der Schule. Feldbericht zu Welle 1 und Welle 2 \(Technical Report\)](#). MZES Working Paper Nr. 157, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Mannheim.

Leszczensky, Lars, and Aitana Gräbs Santiago (2014). [Die Messung ethnischer und nationaler Identität von Kindern und Jugendlichen](#). MZES Working Paper Nr. 155, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Mannheim.

Research Grants

- 455.934 € “Religion, Religiosity, and the social-emotional integration of Muslim Youth”, funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG, LE 3446/1-1)
- 475.706 € “Soziale Netzwerke und ethnische Identifikationen von jugendlichen Migranten” (help in preparation of proposal by Prof. Frank Kalter), extended funding by the German Science Foundation (DFG), 2015-2018
- 416.180 € “Soziale Netzwerke und ethnische Identifikationen von jugendlichen Migranten” (help in preparation of proposal by Prof. Frank Kalter), funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG), 2012-2015

Awards

- 2017 European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Prize for Best PhD Thesis.
- 2017 Bojanovsky Research Award, University of Mannheim, 1.000 €.
- 2017 Lorenz-von-Stein Prize. Best dissertation in the School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim, 1.000 €.
- 2015 Best Paper Award. “Ethnic Friendship Segregation in School”, Nachwuchspreis der Sektion für Netzwerkforschung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (with Sebastian Pink), 500 €.
- 2014 Best Paper Award. “Ethnic Friendship Segregation in School”, Annual BAGSS Conference on Migration and Integration, University of Bamberg (with Sebastian Pink), 500 €.

Occasional Reviewer for Peer Reviewed Journals

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Child Development, Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, European Sociological Review, International Journal of Social Research Methodology, International Migration Review, Journal of Community & Applied Social

Psychology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies, Social Forces, Social Networks, Social Science Research, Socio-Economic Review, Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft

Reviewer for Funding Agencies

Icelandic Research Fund (IRF)

Invited Talks

- 10/2017 “Friendship Networks and Group Identities”, Seminar at the Institute of Analytical Sociology, Linköping University, Sweden.
- 10/2017 “What Drives Ethnic Homophily?”, Forschungskolloquium Soziologie, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- 12/2016 “Panel Data and Causal Ordering”, Mittelbaukolloquium Empirische Sozialforschung, University of Frankfurt, Germany.
- 03/2016 “Religiosity and Friendship Choices of Christian, Muslim, and Non-Religious Adolescents in Germany”, Seminar at The European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations (Ercomer), Utrecht University, The Netherlands.
- 11/2015 “Do Friendship Choices of Immigrants and Natives Depend on Immigrants’ Host Country Identification? The Role of Relative Group Size”, Joint Meeting of Research Groups “Norms and Networks” and “Statistical Modeling of Social Networks”, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.
- 10/2015 “Panel Data and Causal Ordering. Recent Developments”, GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim, Germany.
- 07/2015 “Direction of Causality”, Oberseminar der Lehrstühle Brüderl und Pointner, LMU Munich, Germany.
- 12/2014 “Social Networks and Host Country Identification of Young Immigrants”, Migration and Diversity Colloquium, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Germany.
- 11/2014 “Soziale Netzwerke und ethnische Identifikationen jugendlicher Migranten”, Forschungskolloquium Empirische Sozialforschung, University of Konstanz, Germany.

Organized Sessions/Symposia

- 07/2018 “Intergroup Relations in Social Networks: Causes of Segregation” (together with Tobias Stark, Hanno Kruse and Sebastian Pink), Session at the Sunbelt 2018 Conference, Utrecht University, the Netherlands.
- 10/2017 “Social Networks and Intergroup Relations: New Questions and Challenges” (together with Hanno Kruse and Clemens Kroneberg), Session at the Third European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN2017), Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany.

- 07/2017 “Truly relational: A social network approach to intergroup relations” (together with Philipp Jugert), Symposium at the 18th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), University of Granada, Spain.

Conference Presentations (Selection since 2015)

- 03/2018 “What Factors Best Explain Adolescent European Muslims National Identification?”, 25th International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, United States.
- 03/2018 “Wenn Y einen Einfluss auf X hat: Eine Simulationsstudie zum Umgang mit umgekehrter Kausalität mit Paneldaten”, Gemeinsame Frühjahrstagung der Sektionen Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung und Modellbildung und Simulation der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, University of Leipzig, Germany.
- 01/2018 “Interdependence of Ethnic Identities?”, 2nd International CILS4EU User Conference, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.
- 10/2017 “Kausale Inferenz mit Paneldaten. Eine Simulationsstudie zur Modellierung umgekehrter Kausalität”, Herbsttagung der Sektion Modellbildung und Simulation der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany.
- 10/2017 “What Drives Ethnic Homophily?”, Third European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN2017), Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany.
- 07/2017 “The Effects of Ethnic Minority Adolescents; Ethnic Self-Identification on Friendship Selection”, 18th General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology (EASP), University of Granada, Spain.
- 06/2017 “Adolescents’ Ethnic Self-Identification and the Formation of Interethnic Friendships”, 10th Annual Meeting of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists, University of Oslo, Norway.
- 03/2017 “The Effects of Ethnic Minority Adolescents’ Ethnic Self-Identification on Friendship Selection”, ISA RC28 (Social Stratification and Mobility), Spring Meeting 2017, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 09/2016 “Henne oder Ei? Paneldaten und das Problem umgekehrter Kausalität”, 38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, University of Bamberg, Germany.
- 09/2016 “Intra- and Inter-group Friendship Choices of Christian, Muslim and Nonreligious Adolescents in Germany”, European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Conference, University of Oxford, England.
- 06/2016 “Are Friendship Choices of Immigrants and Natives Affected by Immigrants’ Host Country Identification? The Role of Relative Group Size”, 9th Annual Meeting of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.
- 05/2016 “Does Ethnic Classroom Composition Affect Identity-Based Friendship Choices of Immigrant and Native Adolescents?”, Social Interaction and Society, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

- 10/2015 “The Co-Evolution of Friendship Networks and Host Country Identification of Young Immigrants”, Herbsttagung der Sektion “Modellbildung und Simulation” der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany.
- 07/2015 “Can Panel Data Resolve Questions of Causal Ordering—and If So, How?”, 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 06/2015 “Ethnic Segregation of Friendship Networks in School”, 8th Annual Meeting of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists, Harvard University, USA.

Membership in Research Associations

Section “Methods of Social Research” German Sociological Association (DGS)
Section “Model Building and Simulation” of the German Sociological Association (DGS)
International Network of Social Network Analysis (INSNA)