

ACADEMIC PROFILE¹

Since April 2016, I hold a professorship for “Sociology and Empirical Social Research” at the Hochschule Niederrhein (Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences) in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. Prior to this, I worked as a post-doctoral researcher and temporary professor at the University of Bremen (07/2009 – 03/2016), as a lecturer at the Ruhr-University Bochum (summer semester 2009) and as a research associate at the FernUniversity in Hagen (07/2003 – 04/2009).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research largely focuses on cross-national comparisons and diagnoses of contemporary (advanced modern) societies in relation to:

- social inequality and welfare states (with a special focus on middle-class societies)
- sociology of time and work-life balance
- job-related spatial mobility (particularly in relation to social mobility)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Habilitation	University of Bremen, Department of Social Sciences (04/2016): ▪ Cumulative habilitation thesis on sociological analyses of social inequality, welfare state change and time perception and time use [<i>„Soziologische Analysen zu sozialer Ungleichheit, Wohlfahrtsstaatlichkeit im Wandel sowie Fragen der Zeitwahrnehmung und Zeitverwendung“</i>] ▪ Habilitation lecture with oral examination on February 8, 2016 ▪ Venia legendi [right to hold lectures] for “Sociology”
Promotion (PhD-equivalent)	Ruhr-University Bochum, Faculty of Social Science (01/2009): ▪ Dissertation on time perception and time use of employees [<i>„Zeiterleben und Zeithandeln Erwerbstätiger. Eine methoden-integrative Studie“</i>] ▪ Degree: Dr. rer. soc. (Grade: magna cum laude)
University (BA/MA-equivalent)	Ruhr-University Bochum, Faculty of Social Science (10/1996 – 06/2003): ▪ Courses: sociology, political sciences, social economics/social policy, social psychology, statistics and research methods ▪ Major field of study: industrial and economic sociology ▪ Diploma thesis on subjective time perception in social context [<i>„Subjektive Zeitwahrnehmung im sozialen Kontext. Ein Vergleich dreier empirischer Untersuchungen“</i>] ▪ Degree: Diploma social scientist (overall grade: very good)

¹ Updated as of March 30, 2024.

Study abroad

- **University of Oxford (10/2001 – 12/2001; Michaelmas Term):**
sociology with focus on “social stratification and mobility”
- **University of Texas at Austin (08/1999 – 06/2000):**
sociology, government, communication studies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

10/2020 – 01/2021 (Research semester)	Visiting Scholar Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
since 04/2016	Professorship (W2) for “Sociology and Empirical Social Research” Department of Applied Social Sciences Hochschule Niederrhein (Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences)
04/2016 – 09/2020	Adjunct lecturer for sociology Department of Social Sciences University Bremen
10/2015 – 03/2016	Temporary professorship for “Political Sociology” Department of Social Sciences University Bremen
07/2009 – 09/2015	Post-doctoral researcher Team of Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau (subject area: “Political Sociology and Comparative Social Research”) Department of Social Sciences University Bremen
04/2012 – 09/2012	Temporary professorship for “Political Sociology and Comparative Social Research” Department of Social Sciences University Bremen
04/2009 – 06/2009	Lecturer for statistics and research methods Department of Social Sciences Ruhr-University Bochum
07/2005 – 04/2009	Research associate Team of Prof. Dr. Uwe Schimank (subject area: “Agency and Structures”) Department of Cultural and Social Sciences FernUniversity in Hagen
10/2005 – 09/2007	Interim lecturer for “Social Structure Analysis and Empirical Research Methods” (increase of a 50%-position to a full position) Department of Cultural and Social Sciences FernUniversity in Hagen

07/2003 – 06/2005	Research associate Project on inclusion profiles – a differentiation-theoretical social structure analysis of Germany [„Inklusionsprofile – eine differenzierungstheoretische Sozialstrukturanalyse der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“]; project leaders: Prof. Dr. Uwe Schimank/Assistant Prof. Nicole Burzan Department of Cultural and Social Sciences FernUniversity in Hagen
10/2004 – 09/2005	Adjunct lecturer for sociology Department of Social Sciences Ruhr-University Bochum
10/1998 – 07/2005	Student assistant in sociology (FernUniversity in Hagen) and empirical social research (Ruhr-University Bochum)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

September 13-16, 2020	Participation in the 3 rd Japanese-American-German Frontiers of Science (JAGFoS) Symposium in Irvine (USA), supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS) <i>due to COVID-19 postponed to 2022</i>
September 26-29, 2019	Participation in the 2 nd Japanese-American-German Frontiers of Science (JAGFoS) Symposium in Kyoto (Japan), supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
September 6-9, 2018	Participation in the 14 th Japanese-German Frontiers of Science (JGFoS) Symposium in Kyoto (Japan), supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
June 26-28, 2013	DAAD Travel Grant for the participation in the congress of the Swiss Sociological Association (amount awarded: € 569,-)
July 25 – August 5, 2011	Participation in the course “Multilevel Analysis with Applications” in the 44 th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, supported by the German Research Foundation (amount awarded: € 2.759,-)
02/2011 – 06/2012	Participation in “plan m”, a mentoring program for young researchers, provided by the University Bremen (mentor: Hartmut Rosa, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)
2004	Dissertation grant by the FernUniversity in Hagen (amount awarded: € 1.984,-)
2003	Dissertation grant by the Körber Foundation Hamburg (amount awarded: € 3.000,-)

2003	1 st prize at the „Deutscher Studienpreis 2002“, awarded by the Körber Foundation Hamburg (amount awarded: € 5.000,-)
10/2001 – 12/2001	ERASMUS grant for a trimester (Michaelmas Term) at the University of Oxford
08/1999 – 06/2000	Study grant from the MAUI-Utrecht Network Exchange Program for two semesters at the University of Texas at Austin

GRANT PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING

10/2020 – 09/2023	Research project on social and spatial mobility in academics [<i>„Akademisch Beschäftigte ,in Bewegung“: Eine methodenplurale Untersuchung des Zusammenhangs von sozialer und räumlicher Mobilität in der Wissenschaft“</i>], together with Nicole Burzan; funded by the German Research Foundation (total volume: € 510.257,-; for the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences: € 198.078,-)
10/2010	GSOEP (German Socio-Economic Panel) Innovation Sample 2011: items on subjective security in times of insecurity [<i>„Subjektive Sicherheit in Zeiten der Unsicherheit“</i>], together with Steffen Mau
03/2010	Research proposal on welfare on crisis [<i>„Wohlfahrt in der Krise?“</i>] submitted to the German Research Foundation, together with Steffen Mau; rejection despite two positive reviews

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

September 3, 2021	18th annual ESPAnet ONLINE conference Stream “New Ways for Understanding the Origins of Outcome Inequality and Their Implications for Welfare Deservingness”
September 4, 2020	18th annual ESPAnet conference, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium Open Stream “New Ways for Understanding the Origins of Outcome Inequality” <i>due to COVID-19 converted into an online-workshop for PhD students (organized together with David Byrne, Daniele Checchi, Philippe van Kerm and Petra Sauer)</i>
September 28, 2018	39th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Göttingen Session on the nexus of social and spatial mobility in academics [<i>„Akademische Wege auf dem Prüfstand. Zum Nexus von sozialer und räumlicher Mobilität in der Wissenschaft“</i>], together with Silke Kohrs
September 27, 2018	39th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Göttingen Session on the nexus of objective inequalities and their subjective perceptions [<i>„Realität oder Verblendung? Zum Zusammenhang von objektiven Ungleichheiten und ihrer subjektiven Wahrnehmung“</i>], together with Florian R. Hertel

September 29, 2016	38th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Bamberg Session on the welfare state and people's work-life balance [<i>„Geschlossene Teilgesellschaften? Der Wohlfahrtsstaat und die Work-Life Balance seiner Bürgerinnen und Bürger“</i>], together with Silke Bothfeld
September 28, 2016	38th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Bamberg Session on the middle classes, their value orientations and practices of distinction [<i>„Legitime Ungleichheiten? Wertorientierungen und Abgrenzungspraktiken der Mittelschichten“</i>], together with Sabine Ritter This session initiated an edited volume which was published by transcript in fall 2018.
September 3, 2015	13th annual ESPAnet conference, University of Southern Denmark, Odense Stream “The Middle Classes and the Welfare State”, together with Steffen Mau
October 8, 2014	37th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Trier Session on patterns of social mobility in times of crisis [<i>„Mobile Mittelschichten? Strategien und Muster sozialer Mobilität in Zeiten der Krise“</i>], together with Florian R. Hertel
October 8, 2014	37th congress of the German Sociological Association, University Trier Plenary session on time structures and dealing with time in change [<i>„Die Zukunft der Zukunft: Zeitstrukturen und Zeithandeln im Wandel“</i>], together with Sighard Neckel
June 12-13, 2014	Atlantic Grand Hotel, Bremen International conference “(Un-)Stable, (Un-)Equal and (Un-)Predictable? The Link Between Social Stratification and the Welfare State”, together with Nate Breznau, Alexi Gugushvili and Katja Möhring; supported by the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
October 4, 2012	36th congress of the German Sociological Association, Ruhr-University Bochum Session on innovative mixed methods [<i>„Best-Practice-Beispiele innovativer Methodenverknüpfung“</i>], together with Nicole Burzan
October 2, 2012	36th congress of the German Sociological Association, Ruhr-University Bochum Session on career perspectives of young researchers [<i>„Viele Wege zur Promotion – und danach? Perspektiven des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses“</i>], together with Mandy Boehnke

February 25-26, 2011	Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK), Delmenhorst International meeting “Times of life in times of change. Sociological perspectives on time and the life course”, together with Herwig Reiter and Benedikt Rogge; supported by the University Bremen, the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), the Institute for Empirical and Applied Sociology (EMPAS) and the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK) in Delmenhorst (amount awarded: € 3.100,-)
2006 – 2014	Bochumer Methoden Schools, Ruhr-University Bochum Two-day-workshops on planning quantitative research projects [„Das Forschungsprojekt. Planung und Durchführung einer empirisch-quantitativen Studie“] at biannual meetings for empirical social research methods
2004 – 2010	Various tertiary institutions in Germany One- and two-day-workshops on time and self-management for students and PhD students

ACADEMIC SELF-GOVERNMENT

since 11/2023	Hochschule Niederrhein Professorial member of an appointment committee for the professorship “Applied Psychology” [„Angewandte Psychologie“]
since 03/2022	Hochschule Niederrhein Evaluation officer, Department of Applied Social Sciences
01/2020 – 07/2020	Hochschule Niederrhein Chair of an appointment committee for the professorship “Applied Media and Communication Sciences” [„Angewandte Medien- und Kommunikationswissenschaften“]
10/2017 – 05/2018	Hochschule Niederrhein Professorial member of an appointment committee for the professorship “Youth Sociology and Social Control” [„Jugendsoziologie und Soziale Kontrolle“]
04/2013 – 09/2013	University Bremen Non-professorial member of an appointment committee for the professorship “Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research and Micro Sociology” [„Qualitative Methoden empirischer Sozialforschung und Mikrosoziologie“]
08/2012 – 04/2013	University Bremen Non-professorial member of an appointment committee for the professorship “Sociology of Social Structure” [„Soziologie der Sozialstruktur“]
01/2010 – 12/2011	University Bremen Non-professorial member of the institutional advisory board, Institute for Sociology

01/2010 – 12/2011	University Bremen Non-professorial member of the the academic commission, Institute for Sociology
04/2008 – 04/2009	FernUniversity in Hagen Non-professorial member of an appointment committee for the professorship “Micro Sociology and Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research” [„Mikrosoziologie und qualitative Sozial- forschung“]
11/2007 – 04/2009	FernUniversity in Hagen Non-professorial member of the academic commission, Institute for Sociology

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

since 11/2021	Institut für Deutschlandforschung (IDF) at the Ruhr-University Bochum Corresponding member
since 09/2017	Süddeutsches Institut für empirische Sozialforschung e.V. (SINE) München Member of the scientific advisory board
since 02/2017	Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Regionalforschung (ZEFIR) at the Ruhr-University Bochum Corresponding member
since 04/2016	Hochschullehrerbund (hlb) Professional organization of professors at German Universities of Applied Sciences
03/2016 – 12/2016	Hans-Böckler-Stiftung Member of the advisory board of two research projects funded by the Hans Böckler Foundation: ▪ „Prekäre Beschäftigung, Erwerbsbiografien und soziale Ungleichheit“ (project leaders: Jutta Allmendinger/Markus Promberger) ▪ „Arbeitszeitdiskrepanzen im Lebenslauf“ (project leader: Wenzel Matiaske)
since 02/2012	Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV) Professional organization of professors and post-docs at German Universities
since 06/2010	ESPAnet – The European Network for Social Policy Analysis Management of the secretariat (09/2011 – 12/2014)
10/2010 – 12/2012	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Member of „Denker für morgen“, a group of young researchers

since 01/2004	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) German Sociological Association ▪ Member of the section “Social Inequality and Social Structure Analysis” [„Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“] (since 10/2012) ▪ Member of the section “Social Policy” (since 10/2013) ▪ Member of the standing commission “Sociology as a Profession” [„Soziologie als Beruf “] (01/2019 – 12/2021)
07/2007 – 12/2020	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zeitpolitik (DGfZP) German Society for Time Policy ▪ Member of the extended executive board (10/2010 – 10/2012) ▪ Organization of the quarterly held discussions on time culture [„Bremer Gespräche zur Zeitkultur“], together with Ulrich Mückenberger and Björn Gernig (11/2010 – 05/2013)
01/2004 – 12/2005	Berufsverband Deutscher Soziologinnen und Soziologen (BDS) Professional organization of (non-academic) sociologists
10/2003 – 06/2007	Sciencegarden – online magazine for young researchers Editor
since 07/2003	THESIS – interdisciplinary network for doctoral candidates and degree holders ▪ Leader of a local group in Bochum (10/2013 – 06/2005) ▪ Leader of THESIS in North Rhine-Westphalia (11/2004 – 11/2005)

REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND FUNDING INSTITUTIONS

ACTA POLITICA

ACTA SOCIOLOGICA

BRITISH JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY

DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG)

EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

FRITZ THYSEN STIFTUNG

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOCIAL WELFARE

JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL POLICY

JOURNAL OF HAPPINESS STUDIES

LEVIATHAN

SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH

SOCIO-ECONOMIC REVIEW

SOZIOLOGISCHE REVUE

TIME & SOCIETY

DIDACTICAL TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY BREMEN

09/2015 and 02/2016	“English for Lecturers”
05/2014	“Didactical layout of (huge) classes” [„Didaktisches Design von (großen) Lehr- und Lernveranstaltungen“]
05/2014	“Teaching portfolio” [„Lehrportfolio“]
03/2014	“Planning workshop interactive teaching” [„Planungswerkstatt interaktive Lehre“]
03/2014	“Variety of teaching methods and promotion of active learning” [„Methodenvielfalt und Förderung aktiven Lernens“]

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Foreign languages	▪ English (very good) ▪ French (basic) ▪ Japanese (basic)
Computer skills	▪ Standard software: Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office ▪ Data analysis: SPSS, MLwiN (Software for quantitative multilevel analysis), MAXQDA (Software for qualitative analysis) ▪ E-Learning: Blackboard, Moodle, Stud.IP ▪ Website design: TYPO3, Contao (Content Management Systems)

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