

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Employment

03.2016 – Present	Professor of Sociology (Chair) University of Bamberg
06.2013 – 03.2016:	Professor of Sociology Institute of Sociology, Technische Universität Chemnitz
03.2009 – 06.2013	Professor of Sociology Max Weber Institute of Sociology, Heidelberg University
09.2008 – 02.2009	Interim Professor of Comparative Cultural Sociology European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder
04.2008 – 02.2009	Fellow Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt
04.2003 – 03.2008	Postdoc Research Assistant GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg
04.2000 – 03.2003	Visiting Postdoc Researcher Institute of Social Development Research, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
08.1997 – 12.1999	Postdoc Research Assistant Institute of Sociology, University of Bamberg

Education

20.07.2005	Habilitation (postdoctoral degree) in Sociology, University of Hagen
31.07.1996	Ph.D. in Sociology (summa cum laude), University of Bamberg
1989-1994	Diplom (German University Degree) in Sociology, University of Bamberg

Research Interests

- Differentiation and Social Inequality
- Civil Society and Democratization
- Religious Change
- Protest Movements
- Sociology of Organizations and Markets
- Social Network Analysis

Research Awards

Heisenberg Fellowship, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2008

Research Fellowship, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2002

Feodor Lynen Fellowship, Humboldt Foundation, 2000

Research Grants (Principal Investigator)

Deutsche Forschungs- gemeinschaft	Why are Megachurches Attractive? Network Structures and Cultural Reproduction of a New Organizational Form in the U.S. 2012 – 2016
Landesstiftung, Federal State of Baden- Württemberg	The Boundaries of Civil Society (Research Training Group for Doctoral Students) 2010 – 2013
Volkswagen Foundation	Innovation and Contention. Protest Waves in South Korea (1988 – 2005) 2006 – 2008

Reviewer Activities

Academic Institutions and Foundation

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Volkswagen-Stiftung

DAAD

Journals

Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie

Pacific Affairs

Sociological Theory (ASA)

Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Journal of Civil Society

Asien - German Journal on Contemporary Asia

Environmental Politics

Journal of Current Chinese Affairs