

# Nikola Sander

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*Population geographer/spatial demographer focusing on internal & international migration,  
(re-)urbanisation, population projections and data visualisation*

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### Education

- Apr 2006 - Feb 2011 **PhD in Geography**, *University of Queensland, Australia*,  
Title: "Retirement Migration of the Baby Boomers in Australia: Beach, Bush or Busted?", Advisor: Professor Martin Bell.
- Oct 2007 - Mar 2008 **International Max Planck Research School for Demography**, *Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany*.
- Jun 2007 - Aug 2007 **Young Scientists Summer Program**, *World Population Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria*.
- Oct 1999 - Jul 2005 **Diplom in Geography (Master's equivalent)**, *Eberhard-Karls University Tübingen, Germany*.
- Apr 2004 - Nov 2004 **Research stay**, *Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia*.
- Feb 2003 - July 2003 **Study abroad**, *Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia*.
- 1998 **Abitur (baccalaureate)**, *Konrad-Heresbach Gymnasium Mettmann, Germany*.

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### Current Positions

- since Nov 2010 **Research Scholar**, *Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria*.
- since Jan 2011 **Research Team Leader 'Migration & Education'**, *Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, Austria*.

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### Previous Positions

- Aug 2010 - Oct 2010 **Associate Research Scholar**, *World Population Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria*.
- May 2006 – Mar 2007 **Research Assistant**, *School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Queensland, Australia*, working for the Queensland Centre for Population Research.
- Jun 2004 – Feb 2005 **Research Assistant**, *School of Environmental and Applied Sciences, Griffith University, Australia*, conducting case studies on amenity migration in inland Australia.

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### Teaching Experience

- Apr 2011 - May 2011 **Guest lecturer**, *Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, MODUL University Vienna*, Course: Latest Trends and Innovations in Tourism.

Aug 2006 – Nov 2008 **Guest lecturer**, *School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Queensland, Australia*, Course: Applied Demography.

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## Selected Scholarships and Awards

- 2006 - 2011 **UQ International Scholarship (UQI)**, *University of Queensland, Australia*.  
2006 **International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)**, *University of New South Wales, Australia (declined)*.  
2003 **Baden-Württemberg Exchange Program Award**, *Flinders University, Australia*.

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## Funding Support

- 2010 - 2014 **European Research Council Advanced Investigator Grant**,  
*PI: Prof. Wolfgang Lutz*,  
Title: "Forecasting Societies' Adaptive Capacities to Climate Change".  
2010 - 2014 **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)**,  
*PI: Prof. Allan Findlay*,  
Title: CPC-II - Mobility Strand - WP 3.2 "Dynamics and policy implications of changes in student mobility".  
2007 - 2010 **European Commission**,  
*WP leader: Prof. Vegard Skirbeck*,  
Title: "Peri-urban Land Use Relationships: Strategies & Sustainability Assessment Tools for Urban-Rural Linkages" (PLUREL).  
2006 - 2010 **Australian Research Council Discovery Grant**,  
*PI: Prof. Martin Bell*,  
Title: "Understanding the Structure of Internal Migration in Australia".

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## Professional Services

- since 2015 **Population, Space & Place (Wiley)**, *Member of the International Advisory Board*.  
since 2014 **Austrian Integration Fund**, *Member of the Jury for the Dissertation Price*.  
since 2013 **International Geographical Union, Commission on Population Geography**,  
*Member of the Steering Committee and Secretary*.  
2002 **University of Tübingen**, *Member of the Professorship Search Committee*.

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## Refereeing

- Journals International Migration Review,  
Population, Space & Place,  
European Journal of Population,  
Demographic Research,  
Journal of Population Research,  
PLOS One,  
Population and Environment,  
Comparative Population Studies.
- Granting Bodies Polish National Science Centre.

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## Membership of Scientific Societies

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.  
Population Association of America.  
European Association for Population Studies.  
International Geographical Union.

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## Refereed Journal Articles

- Population, Space & Place **N. Sander** & M. Bell, *Age, Period and Cohort Effects on Migration of the Baby Boomers in Australia*, in press.
- Science G. Abel<sup>‡</sup> & **N. Sander**<sup>‡</sup>, *Quantifying Global International Migration Flows*, vol. 343 (6178): 1520-1522, 2014, [PDF](#).  
<sup>‡</sup> co-first author
- Comparative Population Studies **N. Sander**, *Internal migration in Germany, 1995-2010: new insights into East-West migration and re-urbanization*, vol. 39(2): 217-246, 2014, [PDF](#).
- Journal of Population Research **N. Sander** & M. Bell, *Migration and Retirement in the Life Course: An event history approach*, vol. 31(1): 1-27, 2014, [PDF](#).
- revise & resubmit **N. Sander**, G. Abel, R. Bauer & J. Schmidt, *Mapping The Global Flow of People: A Practical Guide to Visualising Migration with Circular Plots*, Demographic Research.
- in review **N. Sander**, *Die Zuwanderung aus Südeuropa nach Deutschland im globalen Kontext*, Berichte zur deutschen Landeskunde.

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## Book Chapters

- Springer J. Stillwell, N. Lomax & **N. Sander**, *Monitoring and Visualising Sub-national Migration Trends in the United Kingdom*, In: *Planning Support Systems and Smart Cities*, pp. 427-445, 2015, eds. S. Geertman, J. Ferreira, R. Goodspeed & J. Stillwell, [LINK](#).
- Oxford University Press **N. Sander**, G. Abel & F. Riosmena, *The Future of International Migration*, In: *World Population and Human Capital in the 21st Century*, pp. 333-397, 2014, eds. W. Lutz, W. Butz & S. K.C., [LINK](#).
- CAB International R. Buckley, **N. Sander**, C. Ollenburg & J. Warnken, *Green Change: Inland Amenity Migration in Australia*, In: *The Amenity Migrants: Seeking And Sustaining Mountains And Their Cultures*, pp. 278-294, 2006, ed. L. Moss, [LINK](#).

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## Book Reviews

- European Journal of Population **N. Sander**, Font and Mendez (eds.): *Surveying Ethnic Minorities and Immigrant Population*, vol. 31(1): 107-108, [LINK](#).

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## Other Publications

- in review E. Charles-Edwards, T. Wilson & **N. Sander**, *Regional Graphic: Visualising Australian internal and international migration flows*, Regional Studies, Regional Science.

- New World **N. Sander** & R. Bauer, *Visualizing The Global Migration System*, in press, 2015, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UNA-UK), [LINK](#).
- Demografische **N. Sander**, *Die Welt auf Wanderschaft*, in press, 2015, Max-Planck-Institut für  
Forschung Aus Erster  
Hand demografische Forschung, [LINK](#).
- Journal of International **N. Sander**, G. Abel & R. Bauer, *Visualizing Global Migration*, vol. 68(2): 272-273,  
Affairs 2015, Columbia University, [LINK](#).
- Geography Review **N. Sander**, *The Geography of Contemporary World Migration*, vol. 28(2): 20-21,  
2014, Hodder Education, [LINK](#).
- Bevölkerungsforschung **N. Sander**, *Deutschland in Bewegung? – Neue Daten und Erkenntnisse zur*  
Aktuell *globalen Migration und zur deutschen Binnenwanderung*, vol. 35(3): 8-12, 2014,  
[PDF](#).
- Scientific American M. Fischetti, Graphic by **N. Sander**, *The Not So Wretched Masses*, vol. 310: 86,  
2014), [LINK](#).
- VID Working paper **N. Sander**, G. Abel, R. Bauer & J. Schmidt, *Visualising Migration Flow Data with*  
*Circular Plots*, 2/2014, [PDF](#).
- VID Working paper **N. Sander**, G. Abel & F. Riosmena, *The Future of International Migration: Devel-*  
*oping Expert-Based Assumptions for Global Population Projections*, 2013, [PDF](#).
- Ph.D. Thesis **N. Sander**, *Retirement Migration of the Baby Boomers in Australia: Beach, Bush*  
*or Busted?*, 2011, [FIGSHARE](#).
- PLUREL Report **N. Sander**, V. Skirbekk, S. K.C. & E. Lundevaller, *Prospects for later-life mi-*  
*gration in urban Europe*, Peri-Urban Land Use Relationships – Strategies and  
Sustainability Assessment Tools for Urban-Rural Linkages.

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## Dissemination activities

- Mar 2014 **The Global Flow of People**, *An interactive data visualisation of global migration*  
*flows, 1990-2010*, visits since March 2014: 650,000,  
[WWW.GLOBAL-MIGRATION.INFO](#).
- June 2014 **Internal Migration in Germany**, *An interactive data visualisation of inter-*  
*regional migration flows in Germany, 1995-2010*, visits since June 2014: 29,000,  
[WWW.GERMAN-MIGRATION.INFO](#).
- Mar 2014 **Global Migration Data Sheet 2005-10**, *A two-sided poster for science dissem-*  
*ination and education. Total circulation: 5,000 copies*, [PDF](#).

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## Media coverage

- New Scientist **J. White**, *Rising tide of migration is a myth, say global stats*, [LINK](#).
- Scientific American **G. Giller**, *Global Migrant Flows: An Interactive Map*, [LINK](#).
- Quartz/The Atlantic **N. Stockton**, *Where everyone in the world is migrating — in one gorgeous chart*,  
[LINK](#).
- The Washington Post **A. Swanson**, *How statisticians uncovered the world's missing migrants*, [LINK](#).
- FastCoExist **J. Leber**, *Visualizing Which Countries People Are Trying To Get Away From,*  
*And Where They're Going*, [LINK](#).
- Slate **J. Keating**, *World on the Move*, [LINK](#).
- National Public Radio **K. Manke**, *How Cultures Move Across Continents*, [LINK](#).
- Telegraph **E. Roberts**, *Innovative graphic shows human flow across world's borders*, [LINK](#).

- Wired **G. De Martino**, *Addio Italia: la mecca della cultura contemporanea è la California*, [LINK](#).
- Rue89 **C. Beal**, *Voici la visualisation qui cassera vos idées reçues sur l'immigration*, [LINK](#).
- Der Spiegel **N.N.**, *Die Welt ist konstant in Bewegung*, [LINK](#).
- FAZ **Lisa Nienhaus**, *Land, Stadt, Glück*, [LINK](#).
- Die Welt **D. Siems**, *Junge Menschen ziehen massenhaft in die Metropolen*, [LINK](#).
- ORF **N.N.**, *Globale Migration seit 1990 stabil*, [LINK](#).
- Der Standard **N.N.**, *Neue Studie: Globale Migration seit 1990 nahezu unverändert*, [LINK](#).

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## Invited talks

- World Demographic and Ageing Forum **N. Sander**, *Quantifizierung und Visualisierung Globaler Migrationsströme*, St. Gallen, Switzerland, May 2015, [LINK](#).
- KAPSARC Workshop **N. Sander**, *Participant and presenter in the Workshop on Demography and Energy, organised by the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre (KAPSARC)*, Washington D.C., USA, October 2014.
- Helmholtz Association **N. Sander**, *Wie viele Menschen trägt die Erde?*, Magdeburg, Germany, September 2014, [SLIDES](#).
- UNAOC Global Forum **N. Sander**, *Perception of Migration: How to Change the Narratives about Migrants*, Bali, Indonesia, August 2014, [LINK](#).
- KNOMAD UNPD/ World Bank Seminar **G. Abel & N. Sander**, *Seminar on the role of Migration in Population Modeling*, New York, USA, April 2014, [LINK](#).
- Hungarian National Statistical Office **N. Sander & G. Abel**, *Quantifying and visualising global international migration flows in 1990-2010*, Budapest, Hungary, January 2014.
- AlpWeek **N. Sander**, *The socio-demographic characteristics of the New Highlanders and the impact of their migration behaviour on population structures in destination regions*, Poschiavo, Switzerland, September 2013.
- National Center for Atmospheric Research **N. Sander**, *Participant in the Workshop on Migration, Urbanization and Climate Change*, Boulder, USA, May 2013.
- European Commission **N. Sander**, *Participant in the Workshop on Scientific Analysis of Migration and Global Environmental Change*, Brussels, Belgium, December 2011.

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## Conference Presentations

- PAA Annual Meeting **N. Sander & R. Bauer**, *How Data Visualisation Enhances the Impact and Visibility of Science*, San Diego, USA, April 2015, [SLIDES](#).
- DGD Jahrestagung **N. Sander**, *Quantifizierung, Visualisierung und Kommunikation von globalen Wanderungsströmen*, Berlin, Germany, March 2015, [SLIDES](#).
- Australian Population Association **Elin Charles-Edwards, Tom Wilson & N. Sander**, *Visualising Australian internal and international migration flows*, Hobart, Australia, December 2014, [POSTER](#).
- Australian Population Association **Martin Bell, Elin Charles-Edwards, Philipp Ueffing, Aude Bernard, Francisco Rowe, Tom Wilson, Jim Cooper & N. Sander**, *Inter-regional migration in Australia: Thirty years of change*, Hobart, Australia, December 2014.
- International Geographical Union **N. Sander & G. Abel**, *Quantifying and visualising migration flows around the globe*, Cracow, Poland, August 2014, [SLIDES](#).
- The Graphical Web **N. Sander & R. Bauer**, *Data visualisation at the nexus of science and the public*, Winchester, UK, August 2014, [SLIDES](#), [VIDEO](#).

- Migration & Development Conference **N. Sander**, G. Abel, R. Bauer & J. Schmidt, *Visualizing Migration Flow Data*, Oxford, UK, July 2014, **SLIDES**.
- European Population Conference **N. Sander**, P. Rees & G. Abel, *The patterns and trends in global international migration flows since 1990: a revisit with new data and methods*, Budapest, Hungary, June 2014, **SLIDES**.
- European Population Conference **N. Sander**, R. Bauer & G. Abel, *Visualizing global international migration flows*, Budapest, Hungary, June 2014, **POSTER**.
- European Population Conference G. Abel, S. KC & **N. Sander**, *Examining the role of international migration in global population projections [poster]*, Budapest, Hungary, June 2014.
- PAA Annual Meeting G. Abel, S. KC & **N. Sander**, *Examining the Role of International Migration in Global Population Projections*, Boston, USA, May 2014.
- Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections **N. Sander**, G. Abel & Samir K.C., *The impact of alternative assumptions about migration differentials by education on projections of human capital*, Rome, Italy, October 2013.
- Deutscher Geographentag **N. Sander**, *Internationale Migration von und nach Deutschland: Die neue "Einwanderungswelle" aus Südeuropa in Globaler Perspektive*, Passau, Germany, October 2013, **SLIDES**.
- D-A-CH Tagung **N. Sander** & Ramon Bauer, *Binnenwanderungsmuster in Deutschland seit 1995: Allgemeine Trends und Geschlechterdifferenzen*, Salzburg, Austria, September 2013, **SLIDES**.
- IUSSP Population Conference **N. Sander**, *Internal Migration in Germany between reunification and financial crisis: Changes in spatial patterns and sex ratios*, Busan, Korea, August 2013.
- IUSSP Population Conference **N. Sander**, G. Abel & Samir K.C., *Innovations in International Migration for use in Global Population Projections*, Busan, Korea, August 2013, **SLIDES**.
- Population Geography Conference **N. Sander**, *Transitions in Gender Ratios among Internal Migrants in Germany, 2000-2010*, Groningen, The Netherlands, June 2013.
- Population Geography Conference **N. Sander**, G. Abel & Samir K.C., *Innovations in International Migration for use in Global Population Projections*, Groningen, The Netherlands, June 2013.
- PAA Annual Meeting **N. Sander**, *"Go West, Young Man"!? Internal Migration in Germany between Reunification and Economic Crisis [poster]*, New Orleans, USA, April 2013.
- PAA Annual Meeting **N. Sander**, G. Abel & Samir K.C., *Innovations in International Migration for Use in Global Population Projections*, New Orleans, USA, April 2013.
- International Geographical Union **N. Sander**, *Go West, Young Man!? The spatial structure of inter-regional migration in Germany*, Cologne, Germany, August 2012.
- International Geographical Union **N. Sander & M. Bell**, *Retirement Migration of the Baby Boomers in Australia: Beach, Bush or Busted?*, Cologne, Germany, August 2012.
- European Population Conference **N. Sander**, *Dynamics in the spatial structure of international migration flows between 195 countries, 1960-2010 [poster]*, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2012.
- PAA Annual Meeting **N. Sander** & J. Vobecka, *A Cross-National Comparison of the Spatial Structure of Internal Migration by Level of Educational Attainment*, San Francisco, USA, April 2012.
- Population Geography Conference **N. Sander** & M. Bell, *Retirement Migration of the Baby Boomers in Australia: Beach, Bush or Busted?*, Umea, Sweden, June 2011, **SLIDES**.
- Intern. Conference on Managing the Urban-Rural Interface **N. Sander** & V. Skirbekk, *Prospects for later-life migration in urban Europe*, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 2010, **SLIDES**.

IUSSP Population Conference **N. Sander** & Martin Bell, *Retirement migration among the baby boomers: cohort dynamics and spatial structure in Australia*, Marrakesh, Morocco, September 2009.

Population Geography Conference **N. Sander** & Martin Bell, *Migration and Retirement in the Life Course: An event history approach*, Dartmouth, USA, August 2009.

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## Computer skills

Essentials html & css, Adobe Illustrator, Inkscape, R, Git

More advanced markdown, ArcGIS, QGIS, Stata,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

On the to-do list python, d3.js, WebGL

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