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## CURRENT POSITIONS

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Tel Aviv University since Oct 2022  
*Postdoctoral fellow* at the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology (funded by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities & the Council for Higher Education)

Goethe University Frankfurt since May 2018  
*Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer* (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter 100%) at the Dept. of Sociology with Focus on Quantitative Methods for Social Research (on leave since Oct 2022)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Attitudes, immigration, political communication, quantitative & computational methods, text-as-data & natural language processing

## EDUCATION

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University of Cologne Dec 2018  
Dr. rer. pol. in Social Sciences and Economics (Dr. rer. pol., *summa cum laude*)

University of Cologne Aug 2015  
M. Sc. in Sociology and Empirical Social Research (minor: Social Policy)

University of Mannheim Jun 2012  
B. A. in Sociology (minor: Political Science & Social Psychology)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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University of Cologne

- Fellow at the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Oct 2015 – Apr 2018  
Economics and Social Sciences
- Research Assistant at the Dept. of Empirical Social and Apr 2016 – Mar 2018  
Economic Research

Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration Aug 2020

– Data Analyst for Annual Report 2021	
Radboud University Nijmegen	Feb – Mar 2018
– Visiting Researcher	
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies	Jun – Aug 2014
– Visting Researcher	
GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Science	Jun 2013 – Aug 2015
– Student Assistant	
Mannheim Center for European Social Research	May 2010 – Jul 2012
– Student Assistant	

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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### SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities & Council for Higher Education Israel: Two-year Excellence Fellowship for International Postdoctoral Researchers (320,000 NIS  $\approx$  89,400 €) 2022 – 2024
- Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies: One-week participation Ernst Strüngmann Forum, Frankfurt, DE 2022
- Goethe Graduate Academy, Goethe University Frankfurt: Promotion of Independent Grant Proposals (3,000 €) 2022 – 2023
- German Academic Exchange Service: Travel grant ( $\sim$  1,100 €) 2019
- Volkswagen Foundation: Two-week participation BIGSSS Computational Social Science Summer School on Migration, Sardinia, IT 2019
- Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne: Three-year Ph. D. Fellowship ( $\sim$  46,200 €) 2015 – 2018

### AWARDS

- Shortlisted for German Thesis Award ([Deutscher Studienpreis](#)), Körber Foundation 2019
- Best Paper Award, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences 2017
- Honorable mention for [early career award](#), European Survey Research Association 2017
- Best Paper Award ([Preis für sozialwissenschaftliche Aufsätze](#)), Fritz Thyssen Foundation 2016
- [Janet A. Harkness Student Paper Award](#), World Association for Public Opinion Research and American Association for Public Opinion Research 2014
- [Outstanding Contribution Award](#) for reviewing, Social Science Research 2020

## PUBLICATIONS

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### DOCTORAL THESIS

Czymara, C. S. (2018): Discursive Determinants of Attitudes towards Immigrants: Political Parties and Mass Media as Contextual Sources of Threat Perceptions. Universitäts- und Stadtbibliothek Köln. [kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/9150](https://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/9150)

- Referees: Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Andreß, Prof. Dr. Eldad Davidov, Prof. Dr. Moshe Semyonov

- With distinction (*summa cum laude*)
- Deutscher Studienpreis (shortlist), Körber Foundation

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Sorted by date of online publication*

*Code for published studies available at [osf.io/b3ugm](https://osf.io/b3ugm)*

- 17 Nägel, C., Nivette A. & Czymara, C. S. (forthcoming): Do Jihadist Terrorist Attacks Cause Changes in Institutional Trust? A Multi-Site Natural Experiment. ***European Journal of Political Research***.
- 16 Czymara, C. S. (forthcoming): Real-World Developments and the Emergence of Exclusionary Discourses: Analyzing Right-Wing Alternative Media Reporting on Immigration in Germany 1998-2019. ***Mass Communication and Society***.
- 15 Schmidt-Catran, A. W. & Czymara, C. S. (2023): Political Elite Discourses Polarize Attitudes toward Immigration Along Ideological Lines. A comparative longitudinal analysis of Europe in the 21st century. ***Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*** 49 (1): 85 – 109. [doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2132222](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2132222)
- 14 Breznau, N. & 100+ co-authors (2022): Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty. ***Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*** 119 (44): 1 – 8. [doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2203150119](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2203150119)
- 13 Czymara, C. S., Dochow-Sondershaus, S., Drouhot, L. G., Şimşek, M. & Spörlein, C. (2023): Catalyst of hate? Ethnic insulting on YouTube in the aftermath of terror attacks in France, Germany and the United Kingdom 2014–2017. ***Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*** 49 (2): 535 – 553. Special issue: Computational Approaches to Migration and Integration Research. [doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2100552](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2100552)
- 12 Hoogeveen, S. & 100+ co-authors (2022): A many-analysts approach to the relation between religiosity and well-being. ***Religion, Brain and Behavior***. [doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2022.2070255](https://doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2022.2070255)
- 11 Czymara, C. S. & Mitchell, J. (2023): All Cops are Trusted? How Context and Time Shape Immigrants' Trust in the Police in Europe. ***Ethnic and Racial Studies*** : 46 (1): 72 – 96. [doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2060711](https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2060711)
  - Media coverage: [phys.org](https://phys.org); [higgs.ch](https://higgs.ch); Rhein-Main Zeitung (print)
- 10 Langenkamp, A., Cano, T. & Czymara, C. S. (2022): My Home is my Castle? The Role of Living Arrangements on Experiencing the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence From Germany. ***Frontiers in Sociology*** 6: 1 – 14. [doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2021.785201](https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2021.785201)
- 09 Czymara, C. S. & van Klingeren, M. (2022): New perspective? Comparing Frame Occurrence in Online and Traditional News Media Reporting on Europe's "Migration Crisis". ***Communications: The European Journal of Communication Research*** 47 (1): 136 – 162. [doi.org/10.1515/commun-2019-0188](https://doi.org/10.1515/commun-2019-0188)

- 08 Czymara, C. S. & Eisentraut, M. (2020): ‘A threat to the Occident’? Comparing human values of Muslim immigrants, Christian and non-religious natives in Western Europe. *Frontiers in Sociology* 5: 1 – 15. [doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2020.538926](https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2020.538926)
- 07 Czymara, C. S., Langenkamp, A. & Cano, T. (2021): Cause for Concerns: Gender Inequality in Experiencing the COVID-19 Lockdown in Germany. *European Societies* 23 (S1): 68 – 81. [doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2020.1808692](https://doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2020.1808692)
  - Media coverage: [faz.net](https://www.faz.net); Frankfurter Neue Presse (print); Hochheimer Zeitung (print)
  - Policy documents: [European Commission 2020](#); [European Parliament 2020](#); [International Labour Organization 2021](#)
- 06 Czymara, C. S. (2021): Attitudes toward Refugees in Contemporary Europe: A Longitudinal Perspective on Cross-national Differences. *Social Forces* 99 (3): 1306 – 1333. [doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa055](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa055)
- 05 Schmidt-Catran, A. W. & Czymara, C. S. (2020): “Did you read about Berlin?” Terrorist Attacks, Online Media Reporting and Support for Refugees in Germany. *Soziale Welt* 71 (2 – 3): 305 – 337. [doi.org/10.5771/0038-6073-2020-1-2-201](https://doi.org/10.5771/0038-6073-2020-1-2-201)
- 04 Czymara, C. S. (2020): Propagated Preferences? Political Elite Discourses and Europeans’ Openness toward Muslim Immigrants. *International Migration Review* 54 (4): 1212 – 1237. [doi.org/10.1177/0197918319890270](https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918319890270)
- 03 Czymara, C. S. & Dochow, S. (2018): Mass Media and Concerns about Immigration in Germany in the 21st Century: Individual-Level Evidence over 15 Years. *European Sociological Review* 34 (4): 381 – 401. [doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcy019](https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcy019)
- 02 Czymara, C. S. & Schmidt-Catran, A. W. (2017): Refugees Unwelcome? Changes in the Public Acceptance of Immigrants and Refugees in Germany in the Course of Europe’s “Immigration Crisis”. *European Sociological Review* 33 (6): 735 – 751. [doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcx071](https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcx071)
  - Best Paper Award, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences
  - Early Career Award (honorable mention), European Survey Research Association
  - Policy documents: [World Bank 2022](#)
- 01 Czymara, C. S. & Schmidt-Catran, A. W. (2016): Wer ist in Deutschland willkommen? Eine Vignettenanalyse zur Akzeptanz von Einwanderern (Who is welcome in Germany? A Vignette Study on the Acceptance of Immigrants). *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 68 (2): 193 – 227. [doi.org/10.1007/s11577-016-0361-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11577-016-0361-x)
  - Preis der Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für sozialwissenschaftliche Aufsätze
  - Media coverage: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (print)

#### WORKING PAPERS

- Nägel, C., Nivette A. & Czymara, C. S. (revise & resubmit at *European Journal of Political Research*): The impact of terrorist attacks on trust in institutions: a multi-site natural experiment. [osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/rgfbd/](https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/rgfbd/)

May, A. & Czymara, C. S. (under review): Mobilizing identities? Longitudinal comparative evidence on national identity, political elite discourses and far-right voting. [ecpr.eu/Events/Event/ PaperDetails/ 59285](https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/PaperDetails/59285)

Breznau, N. & 100+ co-authors (revise & resubmit at *Sociological Methods and Research*): How Many Replicators Does It Take to Achieve Reliability? Investigating Researcher Variability in a Crowdsourced Replication. [osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/j7qta](https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/j7qta)

#### RESEARCH NOTES & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nägel, C., Nivette A. & Czymara, C. S. (2022): The impact of terrorist attacks on trust in institutions: a multi-site natural experiment. Preregistration. [osf.io/z8cgu](https://osf.io/z8cgu)

Breznau, N. & 100+ co-authors (2019): The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences using Meta-Science. Executive Report. [osf.io/preprints/ socarxiv/6j9qb](https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/6j9qb)

Czymara, C. S. & Schmidt-Catran, A. W. (2018): Konfundierungen in Vignettenanalysen mit einzelnen d-effizienten Vignettenstichproben (Confounding in Vignette Studies with Single D-Efficient Vignette Samples). *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 70 (1): 93 – 103. [doi.org/10.1007/s11577-018-0516-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11577-018-0516-z)

#### MEDIA COVERAGE

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##### IMMIGRATION

- higgs.ch, 31.05.2022, [Warum Geflüchtete der Polizei mit der Zeit weniger vertrauen](#)
- phys.org, 20.05.2022, [Study finds immigrants initially trust police more than locals, but that trust wanes over time](#)
- Rhein-Main Zeitung, 05.2022, Migranten verlieren Vertrauen in Polizei (print)
- csmonitor.com, 28.04.2022, [Moral nation? Why Germany changed course so radically on Russia](#)
- yenisafak.com, 25.10.2020, [The 'others' of European host countries: Muslim guest workers](#), also see my short [reply](#)
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 10.08.2016, Kulturferne Migranten, nein danke? (print)

##### COVID-19

- Hochheimer Zeitung, 18.09.2020, Sorgen und Ängste; studie Auswirkungen der Pandemie-Verordnung auf Männer und Frauen (print)
- Frankfurter Neue Presse, 14.09.2020, Soziologen: Frauen sind die Corona-Verlierer (print)
- faz.net, 12.09.2020, [Frauen sorgen sich um Kinder, Männer um das Geld](#)

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

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##### AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- “The Impact of Terrorism on Attitudes toward Immigration and Immigrants”, funded by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities & the Council for Higher Education Israel from Oct 2022 – Sep 2024 (320,000 NIS  $\approx$  89,400 €)

- “Effects of Significant Events on Public Views of the Police in Europe”, funded by the Goethe Graduate Academy, Goethe University Frankfurt from May 2022 – Apr 2023 (3,000 €)
- “Discursive Determinants of Attitudes towards Immigrants: Political Parties and Mass Media as Contextual Sources of Threat Perceptions”, PhD project, funded by the Cologne Graduate School, University of Cologne from Oct 2015 – Sep 2018 (~ 46,200 €)

#### AS TEAM MEMBER

- “When Categories travel: The Social Meanings of Migration-Related Measures”, funded by the Israel Science Foundation from 2020 – 2024 (620,000 NIS  $\approx$  172,380 €), PIs: A. Gorodzeisky & I. Leykin, team member since Oct 2022
- “Ethnische und soziale Unterschiede kleinräumlicher Wohnortwahlen”, funded by the German Research Foundation from 2009 – 2014, PI: H. Esser, student assistant May 2010 – Jun 2012

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### CONFERENCES

- European Consortium for Political Research, Innsbruck, AT 2022
- European Consortium for Sociological Research, Amsterdam, NL
- International Communication Association, Paris, FR
- European Consortium for Sociological Research, online 2021
- International Conference on Computational Social Science, online
- IAB-ECSR: Refugee Migration and Integration Revisited, online
- Academy of Sociology, Constance, DE 2019
- European Consortium for Political Research, Wroclaw, PL
- European Sociological Association, Manchester, UK
- European Survey Research Association, Zagreb, HR
- European Social Survey, Mannheim, DE
- International Sociological Association RC28 Spring Meeting, Frankfurt, DE
- Etmaal: Communication Science and Artificial Intelligence, Nijmegen, NL
- GESIS-IEDI Tagung zu Migration und interethnischen Beziehungen, Cologne, DE 2018
- World Association for Public Opinion Research, Marrakesh, MA
- Conference on Immigration and Social Integration, Ruppiner Academic Center, IL
- Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bamberg, DE 2017
- European Survey Research Association, Lisbon, PT

### INVITED TALKS

- Lecture to IGS3 Excellence group, Tel Aviv University, IL 2023
- Stratification and Inequality Workshop, Tel Aviv University, IL 2022
- Sociology Colloquium, University of Haifa, IL
- Vorlesung Politische Soziologie I, University of Bamberg, online 2021
- Online Colloquium Empirical Social Research, University of Konstanz, online
- Research Seminar, Umeå University, online
- Global Refugee and Migration in the Twenty-first Century, 2018

- Georgetown University, US
- InFER Colloquium, Goethe University Frankfurt, DE
- Seminar Sociology, University of Tilburg, NL
- Research Seminar, Radboud University Nijmegen, NL

## TEACHING

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*Mean of course evaluations: 1.52 (standard deviation: 0.24)*

*For all evaluations 1.0 = best*

### SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

*36h in total*

- Frankfurt Digital Summer School: Multilevel Analysis Aug 2021

### AS LECTURER

*All courses 4h/week*

- Längsschnittdatenanalyse in R (1.5/6) summer 2022
- Vergleichende Sozialforschung mit Mehrebenenmodellen in R (1.8/6) winter 2021/22
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (online, 1.2/6) s 2021
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (online, 1.2/6) w 2020/21
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (online, 1.4/6) s 2020
- Vergleichende Sozialforschung mit Mehrebenenmodellen (1.5/6) w 2019/20
- Analyzing longitudinal data and the issue of causality (1.4/6) s 2019
- Quantitative comparative social research with multi-level modeling (1.6/6) w 2018/19
- An applied introduction into quantitative comparative social research (1.7/5) s 2018

### AS TUTOR

- Analysis of cross-sectional data (1.4/5) w 2017/18
- Analysis of longitudinal data (NA) s 2017
- Analysis of cross-sectional data (1.6/5) w 2016/17
- Analysis of longitudinal data (2.0/5) s 2016

### AS SUPERVISOR

- Advised: 3 BA theses; 8 MA theses
- Co-advised: 10 BA theses; 8 MA theses

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### REVIEWING

- *Journals*: > 70 reviews, among others: American Political Science Review; American Sociological Review; European Journal of Political Research; European Sociological Review; Social Forces; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Public Opinion Quarterly; International Migration Review; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies; Journal of Refugee Studies; PNAS Nexus; Socio-Economic Review; see [Web of Science](#)
- *Grant proposals*: VolkswagenStiftung; National Science Center Poland; PSC-City University of New York Research Award Program

- *Conferences*: International Communication Association Conference 2022; IAB-ECSR Refugee Conference 2020 & 2021; International Sociological Association RC28 Spring Meeting 2019

#### MEMBERSHIPS

International Sociological Association; International Communication Association; European Sociological Association; European Survey Research Association; ISA Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility; ECPR Standing Groups: Political Methodology, Political Communication, Migration and Ethnicity; Akademie für Soziologie

#### REPRESENTATIVE

- Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt w 2021/22 – s 2022
- GRADE Center Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt w 2020/21 – s 2021
- Institute of Sociology, Goethe University Frankfurt w 2018/19 – s 2019

#### ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT

- Organizer InFER Brown Bag Seminar, Goethe University Frankfurt w 2021/22 – s 2022
- *Chair / discussant*: ECPR General Conference (2022); ECSR (2022); IAB-ECSR Refugee Conference (2021); University of Cologne Conference on Comparative Surveys (2017)
- Supervision of student assistants s 2020 – s 2022

#### References

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Prof. Dr. Alexander Schmidt-Catran	Prof. Anastasia Gorodzeisky, Ph.D.
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