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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, Migration, Political Communication, Mass Media, 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 (freelancer) for Annual Report 2021  
Radboud University Nijmegen Feb–Mar 2018  
– Visiting Researcher  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Jun–Aug 2014  
– Visiting 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

- Academy of Sociology 2023  
Travel grant (1,000 €)
- Volkswagen Foundation 2023  
Two-week participation BIGSSS Computational Social Science Summer School on Democratic Debate (as project leader), Bremen, DE
- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities & Council for Higher Education 2022–24  
Two-year Excellence Fellowship for International Postdoctoral Researchers (320,000 NIS  $\approx$  89,400 €)
- Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies 2022  
One-week participation Ernst Strüngmann Forum, Frankfurt, DE
- Goethe Graduate Academy, Goethe University Frankfurt 2022–23  
Promotion of Independent Grant Proposals (3,000 €)
- German Academic Exchange Service 2019  
Travel grant ( $\sim$  1,100 €)
- Volkswagen Foundation 2019  
Two-week participation BIGSSS Computational Social Science Summer School on Migration (as participant), Sardinia, IT
- Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne 2015–18  
Three-year Ph. D. Fellowship ( $\sim$  46,200 €)

### AWARDS

- Shortlist [Martin Bulmer Prize](#), Ethnic and Racial Studies 2023
- [Outstanding Contribution](#) for reviewing, Social Science Research 2020
- Shortlist German Thesis Award ([Deutscher Studienpreis](#)), Körber Foundation 2019
- Best Paper, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences 2017
- Honorable mention [Early Career Award](#), European Survey Research Association 2017
- Best Paper ([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

## 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

*Open Science*: Materials of my published studies are available at [osf.io/b3ugm](https://osf.io/b3ugm)

- 20 May, A. C. & Czymara, C. S. (2023): Careless Whisper: Political Elite Discourses Activate National Identities for Far-right Voting Preferences. *Nations and Nationalism*. [doi.org/10.1111/nana.12985](https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12985).
- 19 Czymara, C. S. & Bauer, L. (2023): Discursive Shifts in the German Right-Wing Newspaper *Junge Freiheit* 1997-2019: A Computational Approach. *German Politics*. [doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2023.2231353](https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2023.2231353).

- 18 Nägel, C., Nivette A. & Czymara, C. S. (2023): Do Jihadist Terrorist Attacks Cause Changes in Institutional Trust? A Multi-Site Natural Experiment. *European Journal of Political Research*. doi.org/10.1080/10.1111/1475-6765.12612.
- 17 Czymara, C. S. (2024): Real-World Developments Predict Immigration News in Right-Wing Media: Evidence from Germany. *Mass Communication and Society* 27 (1): 50 – 74. doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2023.2240307.
- 16 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.  
– Media coverage: [ReliefWeb](#); [blogs.lse.ac.uk](#)
- 15 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.
- 14 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.
- 13 Hoogeveen, S. & 100+ co-authors (2023): A many-analysts approach to the relation between religiosity and well-being. *Religion, Brain and Behavior* 13 (3): 237 – 283. doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2022.2070255.
- 12 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.  
– Martin Bulmer Prize (shortlist), Ethnic and Racial Studies  
– Media coverage: [verfassungsblog.de](#); [phys.org](#); [higgs.ch](#); Rhein-Main Zeitung (print)
- 11 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.
- 10 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.
- 09 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.
- 08 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.  
– Media coverage: [faz.net](#); Frankfurter Neue Presse (print); Hochheimer Zeitung (print); ProSieben  
– Policy documents: [European Commission](#); [European Parliament](#); [International Labour Organization](#)

- 07 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).
- 06 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).
- 05 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).
- 04 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).
- 03 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).
- 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](#)
- 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)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 01 Velásquez, P., Eger, M. A., Castañeda, H., Czymara, C. S., Ivarsflaten, E., Maxwell, R., Okamoto, D. & Wilkes, R. (2024): Processes and pathways of stigmatization and destigmatization over time. In: Yang, L. H., Eger, M. A., Link, B. G.: *Migration stigma: understanding prejudice, discrimination, and exclusion*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. xx – xx. [mitpress.mit.edu/9780262548120/migration-stigma](https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262548120/migration-stigma).

#### PREPRINTS

- Czymara, C. S. & Gorodzeisky, A.: Hostility on Twitter in the Aftermath of Terror Attacks. [osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/yjmp6](https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/yjmp6).
- Breznau, N. & 100+ co-authors (revise & resubmit at *Sociological Methods and Research*): The Reliability of Replications: A Study in Computational Reproductions. [osf.io/preprints-socarxiv/j7qta](https://osf.io/preprints-socarxiv/j7qta).

## IMPACT

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### POLICY INSTITUTIONS

- World Bank 2022: [Forced Migration, Social Cohesion and Conflict: The 2015 Refugee Inflow in Germany](#)
- International Labour Organization 2021: [Inequalities and the world of work](#)
- European Parliament 2020: [The gendered impact of the Covid-19 crisis and post-crisis period](#)
- European Commission 2020: [Improving pandemic preparedness and management](#)

### MEDIA COVERAGE: IMMIGRATION

- ReliefWeb, 17 Jan 2024: [Why integration monitoring matters and how to implement it effectively](#)
- blogs.lse.ac.uk, 08 Jun 2023: [Building bridges: How to overcome polarisation](#)
- verfassungsblog.de, 26 May 2023: [Soviel zum Thema Interkulturelle Kompetenz](#)
- higgs.ch, 31 May 2022: [Warum Geflüchtete der Polizei mit der Zeit weniger vertrauen](#)
- phys.org, 20 May 2022: [Study finds immigrants initially trust police more than locals, but that trust wanes over time](#)
- Rhein-Main Zeitung (print), May 2022, Migranten verlieren Vertrauen in Polizei
- csmonitor.com, 28 Apr 2022: [Moral nation? Why Germany changed course so radically on Russia](#)
- yenisafak.com, 25 Oct 2020: [The 'others' of European host countries: Muslim guest workers, my reply](#)
- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (print), 10 Aug 2016: Kulturferne Migranten, nein danke?

### MEDIA COVERAGE: COVID-19

- ProSieben (tv), 27 Jan 2021: [Deutschland fragt zu Corona](#)
- Hochheimer Zeitung (print), 18 Sep 2020: Sorgen und Ängste; studie Auswirkungen der Pandemie-Verordnung auf Männer und Frauen
- Frankfurter Neue Presse (print): 14 Sep 2020, Soziologen: Frauen sind die Corona-Verlierer
- faz.net, 12 Sep 2020: [Frauen sorgen sich um Kinder, Männer um das Geld](#)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- “The Attitudinal Consequences of Terrorism”, 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 ( $\sim$  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 TALKS

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### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Academy of Sociology, Bern, CH 2023
- European Survey Research Association, Milan, IT
- 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, Wrocław, 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

- 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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*Open Science:* Several teaching materials are available at [szymara.com/teach](https://szymara.com/teach)

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

For all evaluations 1.0 = best

### SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES & WORKSHOPS

- Workshops for Ukraine: Introduction to Topic Modelling in R and Python (2h) Oct 2023
- DeZIM Summer School: Einführung in die Panelregression (16h) Aug 2023
- BIGSSS Summer School on Computational Social Science: Topic Models (2h) Jul 2023
- Frankfurt Summer School: Multilevel Analysis (36h) Aug 2021

### AS LECTURER

*All courses 4h/week, evaluation in brackets*

- Längsschnittdatenanalyse in R (1.5/6) summer 2022
- Vergleichende Sozialforschung mit Mehrebenenmodellen in R (1.8/6) winter 2021/22
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (1.2/6) s 2021
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (1.2/6) w 2020/21
- Längsschnittdatenanalyse und Kausalität (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*: 90+ reviews for 30+ journals, among others: American Political Science Review; American Sociological Review; European Journal of Political Research; European Sociological Review; Social Forces; PLOS ONE; 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; Socio-Economic Review; see [ORCID](#)
- *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

- Research Students Senate, Tel Aviv University w 2022/23
- 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/committee for ECPR General Conference (2022); ECSR Meeting (2022); German Stata Conference (2022); IAB-ECSR Refugee Conference (2021); University of Cologne Conference on Comparative Surveys (2017)
- Supervision of various student assistants s 2020 – s 2022

## References

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