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EDUCATION

2016 – 2020 PhD, Institute of Sociology, Humboldt Universität of Berlin

2010 – 2014 Master of Arts in Sociology – European Societies, Free University of Berlin

2009 – 2010 Master of Arts in Racism and Ethnicity Studies, University of Leeds, England

2005 – 2009 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Technical University of Dresden

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2025 Tagesspiegel "Top 100 Scientists in Berlin"

2025 UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy BICS Funding Scheme

2009 – 2010 European Union Scholarships III Program

2007 – 2009 Hans Böckler Foundation

EMPLOYMENT

2025 – Heute Lecturer & research fellow – Free University of Berlin

2020 – 2025 Postdoctoral research fellow – WZB Berlin Social Science Center

2022 – 2023 Interim Professor of Sociology of Religion – University of Münster (WiSe22/23)

2015 – 2020 Junior research fellow – WZB Berlin Social Science Center

2013 – 2014 Student assistant – WZB Berlin Social Science Center

2011 – 2013 Student assistant – Zentrum für Lehrerbildung, Free University of Berlin

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2020 – today Monitoringsystem und Transferplattform Radikalisierung (MOTRA)
<https://www.motra.info/>
- 2015 – 2020 Religious Fundamentalism and Radicalization in Comparative Perspective
<https://www.wzb.eu/de/forschung/migration-und-diversitaet/migration-integration-transnationalisierung/projekte/religious-fundamentalism-and-radicalization-in-comparative-perspective>
- 2017 – 2019 RADIKAL: Religiöser Extremismus und Radikalisierung aus Migrations- und Integrationstheoretischer Perspektive
<https://www.wzb.eu/de/forschung/migration-und-diversitaet/migration-integration-transnationalisierung/projekte/radikal-religioeser-extremismus-und-radikalisierung-aus-migrations-und-integrationstheoretischer>
- 2012 – 2014 International Authority Database
<https://www.wzb.eu/en/research/international-politics-and-law/global-governance/projects/international-authority-database>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kanol, E. & Endrich, R. (2024) Conspiracy beliefs and negative attitudes towards outgroups in times of crises: Experimental evidence from Germany, *PLOS ONE*, 19(11).
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0312418>

Kanol, E., & Hirth, M. A. (2024). Assessing the Validity of Open-Source Biographical Data in Terrorism Research. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1–19.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2024.2376631>

Kanol, E. (2024). Who supports Jihadi foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq? Assessing the role of religion-and grievance-based explanations. *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*, 1–20.

Kanol, E. (2024). Von Herkunft zu Überzeugung: Deutschlands Muslime im Spannungsfeld von Nationalismus und Politischem Islam. *Zeitschrift für Religion Gesellschaft und Politik*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41682-024-00174-7>

Kanol, E., & Michalowski, I. (2023). Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Religiosity: Evidence from Germany. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 62(2), 293–311.

Hunger, S., Hutter, S., & Kanol, E. (2023). The mobilization potential of anti-containment protests in Germany. *West European Politics*, 46(4), 812–840.

Kanol, E. (2022). The Role of Socioeconomic Marginalization in the Radicalization of Jihadi Foreign Fighters from Europe. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*.

Kanol, E. (2022). Contexts of Radicalization of Jihadi Foreign Fighters from Europe. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 16(3), 45–62.

Kanol, E., & Michalowski, I. (2022). Investigating Attitudes toward Those Who Leave Religion among Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Believers. *Religions*, 13(8), 682.

Kanol, E. (2021). Explaining Unfavorable Attitudes Toward Religious Out-Groups Among Three Major Religions. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 60(3), 590-610.

Koopmans, R., Kanol, E., & Stolle, D. (2021). Scriptural legitimization and the mobilisation of support for religious violence: experimental evidence across three religions and seven countries. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47(7), 1498-1516.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Kanol, E., Völker, T., Gonzatti, D.S., Schürmann, L. and Hutter, S. (2025). Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung: Befunde aus dem WZB ProtestMonitoring. In: Kemmesies, U., Wetzel, P., Austing, B., Büscher, C., Dessecker, A., Hutter, S., & Rieger, D. (Ed.): MOTRA-Monitor 2023/24, S.154-185.

Hutter, S., Kanol, E., Saldivia Gonzatti, D., Schürmann, L., Völker, T., & Koopmans, R. (2023). Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung (WZB-ProtestMonitoring). In: Kemmesies, U., Wetzel, P., Austing, B., Büscher, C., Dessecker, A., Hutter, S., & Rieger, D. (Ed.): MOTRA-Monitor 2022, S. 110-135.

Hunger, S., Hutter, S., & Kanol, E. (2023). How ideological polarisation drives protest against Covid containment measures. *The Loop*. Available online: <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/how-ideological-polarisation-drives-protest-against-covid-containment-measures/>

Kanol, E. & Kalkan, B. (2022). Extrem beeinflusst. Die Rolle der Jugendphase und der Familie im Kontext der Radikalisierung in Deutschland. *WZB-Mitteilungen*, (Nr. 177).

Grande, E., Hunger, S., Hutter, S., Kanol, E., & Saldivia Gonzatti, D. (2022). Eine Gefahr für die Demokratie. Politische Potenziale des Coronaprotests. *Deutschland & Europa - Zeitschrift für Gemeinschaftskunde, Geschichte und Wirtschaft*, (84), S. 40-47.

Grande, E., Hunger, S., Hutter, S., Kanol, E., Saldivia Gonzatti, D. (2022). Der harte Kern der Proteste. Viele der mit den Corona-Maßnahmen Unzufriedenen tolerieren Radikalität und Gewalt. *WZB-Mitteilungen*, (Nr. 176).

Grande, E., Hunger, S., Hutter, S., Kanol, E.; Koopmans, R., Saldivia Gonzatti, D., & Völker, T. (2022). Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung. In: Kemmesies, Uwe; Wetzel, Peter; Austin, Beatrix; Büscher, Christian; Dessecker, Axel; Grande, Edgar; Rieger, Diana (Ed.): MOTRA-Monitor 2021, S. 104-133.

Richter, T., Brettfeld, K., Greipl, S., Hohner, J., Hunger, S., Kanol, E., El Masri, M., & Wetzel, P. (2022) Auswirkungen des Gaza-Krieges 2021 auf Deutschland: eine mehrdimensionale Analyse des Radikalisierungsgeschehens. In: Kemmesies, U.; Wetzel, P.; Austin, B.; Büscher, C.; Dessecker, A.; Grande, E.; Rieger, D. (Ed.): MOTRA-Monitor 2021, S. 222-246.

Grande, E.; Hutter, S.; Hunger, S. & Kanol, E. (2021). Alles Covidioten? Politische Potenziale des Corona-Protests in Deutschland. *WZB Discussion Paper ZZ 2021-601*.

Kanol, E.; Knoesel, J. (2021): Right-Wing Extremist Mobilization in Germany. Version 1.0.0. WZB Berlin Social Science Center. Dataset.

Grande, E., Hutter, S., Hunger, S., & Kanol, E. (2021). Radikale Rechte und vernachlässigte Mitte. Politische Potenziale der Corona-Proteste in Deutschland. WZB-Mitteilungen, (171), S. 68-70.

Grande, E.; Hutter, S.; Koopmans, R.; Hunger, S.; Kanol, E.; Saldivia Gonzatti, D.; & Völker, T (2021). Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung. In: Uwe Kemmesies, Peter Wetzels, Beatrix Austin, Axel Dessecker, Edgar Grande, Isabel Kusche, Diana Rieger (Ed.): MOTRA-Monitor 2020, S. 130-147.

Koopmans, R., & Kanol, E. (2021). Gewalt im Namen der Götter? Gewaltlegitimierende Verse in religiösen Schriften steigern die Unterstützung für tödliche religiöse Gewalt. In Dossier: *Islamismus* (pp. 215-223). Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.

Kanol, E., Koopmans, R., & Stolle, D. (2020). Religious Fundamentalism and Radicalization Survey. Version 1.0. 0. WZB Berlin Social Science Center. Dataset.

Kanol, E. (2020). Wertewandel im Nahen Osten? Rezension zu „The Clash of Values. Islamic Fundamentalism Versus Liberal Nationalism“ von Mansoor Moaddel. *Soziopolis: Gesellschaft beobachten*.

Kanol, E. (2020). Understanding Islamist Radicalization: An Empirical Investigation into the Determinants of Islamist Attitudes and Violence. Dissertation.

WORKING PAPERS

Kanol, E. & Schaub M. (2025) Cultural Roots of Negative Outgroup Attitudes: Theory and Evidence from the Re-activation of Antisemitic Stereotypes in Germany (under review in *Perspectives on Politics*).

Hunger, S., Kanol, E., Saldivia Gonzatti, D. & Hutter, S. (2025) The demobilizing effect of violent actions and radical-right involvement on public support for protest (under review in *Journal of Peace Research*).

TEACHING

Free University of Berlin (WiSe 2025/26)

BA-Lecture “Methods of Global Social Analysis” (in German)

BA-Seminar “Methods of Global Social Analysis” (in German)

MA-Seminar “Experiment and Observational Approaches to Discrimination and Prejudice” (in English)

Free University of Berlin (SoSe 2025)

MA-Lecture “Cultural Differences and Similarities” (in English, with Céline Teney)

MA-Seminar “Religion and migration” (in English)

MA-Seminar “Islamist extremism and radicalization” (in English)

MA-Seminar “Introduction to social and religious movements” (in English)

University of Münster (WiSe 2022/23)

- BA-Lecture "Sociological concepts and research areas" (in German)
BA-Seminar "Religion and migration" (in English)
MA-Seminar "Introduction to social and religious movements" (in English)
MA-Seminar "Survey data analysis with R" (in English)

Free University of Berlin (SoSe 2021)

- MA-Seminar "Understanding Islamist radicalization and extremism: Theoretical and empirical approaches" (in English)

Humboldt University of Berlin (WiSe 2015/16)

- MA-Seminar "Islamic religious fundamentalism, radicalization and political violence" (in English, with Ruud Koopmans & Anselm Hager)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2025-... Elected speaker of non-professorial academic staff at the Institute of Sociology at the Free University of Berlin
2021-2022 Deputy member of the Ethics Commission at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2021-2023 Elected speaker of the research department Migration and Diversity at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2017-2018 Elected speaker of PhDs at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2017-2017 Elected speaker of PhDs at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Peer reviewing: European Sociological Review, Political Behavior, Journal of European Public Policy, PLOS One, International Migration Review, European Journal of Sociology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Migration Studies, International Journal of Adolescence and Youth, Political Research Exchange, BMC Public Health, Representation, Aggression and Violent Behavior, Politics, Religion & Ideology, Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Small Wars & Insurgencies, International Review of Sociology, Psychological Reports, European Journal of Law and Economics, Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform, Review of Religious Research, Zeitschrift für Religion, Gesellschaft und Politik, Romanian Journal of Political Science, Zukunftskolleg der Universität Konstanz

Thesis supervision: Master Thesis at the Free University of Berlin, Master Thesis at the European University Viadrina

SELECTED TALKS

- 2025 UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy
2024 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference
2024 International Conference of Europeanists
2024 Institute of Sociology, Free University of Berlin
2023 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
2023 Society for Terrorism Research Conference
2023 Institute of Sociology, University of Münster

- 2023 Monitoringsystem und Transferplatform Radikalisierung Jahreskonferenz
- 2022 European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference
- 2022 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference
- 2022 Monitoringsystem und Transferplatform Radikalisierung Jahreskonferenz
- 2021 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religion Research Association
Virtual Conference
- 2020 Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie
- 2018 Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie
- 2018 Nordic Conference in the Sociology of Religion
- 2021 Monitoringsystem und Transferplatform Radikalisierung Jahreskonferenz
- 2017 NATO Advanced Research Workshop
- 2017 Society for Terrorism Research Conference
- 2016 Society for Terrorism Research Conference
- 2016 University of Grenoble Alpes

LANGUAGES

German	C2-Level
English	C2-Level
Turkish	Mother tongue