

# Sarah George

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## Current Position

04.2025-Present *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Lifbi Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories  
Project: "Unequal Trajectories: Spatial dynamics in refugees' multidimensional integration"  
*Guest Researcher*, WZB Berlin Social Science Center  
Unit: Migration, Integration, Transnationalization

## Education

2022 – Present **University of Hamburg**  
Ph.D. Sociology

2018 – 2021 **Free University of Berlin**  
MA Political Science (grade: 1,3)

2014 – 2018 **University of Jena**  
BA Political Science, economic communication

2013 **Heinitz-Gymnasium Rüdersdorf**  
High School Diploma

## Research Areas

Inequality, Urban Sociology, Migration

## Research Stays Abroad

08.2024-12.2024 **Harvard University**  
Sociology Department, Visiting Scholar

09.2019-02.2020 **University of Haifa**  
MA Political Science, Erasmus Semester

## Previous Employment

01.2025-07.2025 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**  
Research Fellow in the research group "Skill Formation and Labor Markets"

07.2021-12.2024 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**  
Research Fellow in the research group "Digital Mobility and Social Differentiation"

06.2020-06.2021 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**  
Research Assistant

06.2019-03.2020 **Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem**  
Project Assistant

## Scholarships and Funds

2024 WZB World Merit Fellowship for a 5-month research stay at Harvard University (45.000 EUR)

2021- 2023	<a href="#">Europe in a changing world, Dahrendorf Program</a> (University of Oxford)
2023	WZB Seed-Money for the project "ecological gentrification through traffic reduction policies" (10.000 EUR)
2022	Friends of the WZB fund for a science transfer project (10.000 EUR)

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

**George, S.,** Salomo K., Pfaff, T. (2025): Socio-Spatial Inequalities in Urban Mobility: The Immigrant-Native Travel Time Gap in German Cities. A mixed method study, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Media Coverage: [Die ZEIT](#) (2025/07/05)

**George, S.,** Salomo K., Helbig M. (2025): Spatial advantages of highly educated individuals in Germany: Is sustainable mobility an expression of privilege? *Cities*.

Media Coverage: [MDR](#) (2025/02/03), [Deutschlandfunk Nova](#) (2025/02/04), [MDR Aktuell](#) (2025/02/09)

## Work in Progress

\* Equal contribution

George, S.: The Intersection of Gender and Education in Care-Work: How Work from Home Reshaped Care-Related Travel (R&R from *Social Science Research*)

George, S., Salomo K.: Environmental Justice: Impacts of Sustainability Policies on Socio-Spatial Inequalities in Urban Environments

George, S., Helbig, M., Koenig, C., Steinmetz, S.\*: Segregation of Tertiary-Educated Individuals in German Cities: The Influence of Income, Workplace Segregation, and Household Structure

## Other Publications

George, S., Salomo, K. (2024): Der Einfluss räumlicher Ungleichheit auf nachhaltige Alltagsmobilität am Beispiel formal Höhergebildeter. In: Canzler, W., Haus, J., Knie, A., Ruhrort, L. (eds) *Handbuch Mobilität und Gesellschaft*. Springer VS, Wiesbaden.

Suckow, S. and George, S. (2023): Homeoffice und digitale Mobilität als das neue Normal, *Infas Mobilitätsreport*.

George, S. and Salomo, K. (2022): Zunahme sozialräumlicher Ungleichheit. Wie Segregation ein Recht auf Stadt verhindert, *PLANERIN*.

## Invited Talks

31.10.2024	Impacts of Sustainability Policies on Socio-Spatial Inequalities in Urban Environments. Evidence from Berlin and New York, Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Urban Data Lab.
14.05.2024	Ethnic Segregation and Mobility: How residential location influences time poverty, Transport Ministry Baden-Württemberg, Germany

## Conference Presentations

09.2025	Impacts of Sustainability Policies on Socio-Spatial Inequalities in Urban Environments. A Mixed-Methods Analysis in Berlin, Germany, <i>ECSR</i> , Cologne, Germany
08.2024	Gender- and Education Effects of Working from Home on Family-Care Related Travel in pre- and post-COVID Germany, <i>ASA</i> , Montreal, Canada

08.2024	Gender- and Education Effects on Family-Care Related Travel, RC28, Providence, US
05.2023	Working from Home Divide: Increased Flexibility and new Social Inequalities., TU Graz, Austria
11.2022	Working from Home. Strategies of time-spatial flexibility of the new middle class Conference "Flexibility and Agility", TU Darmstadt, Germany
03.2022	13th Dahrendorf Lecture and Colloquium. Conference "Europe in a Changing World", University of Oxford, UK

## Teaching

WS 2025/2026	Social inequalities across the world, MA Sociology Free University of Berlin
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## Professional Development

06.2024	Geodata and Spatial Regression Analysis, Gesis Training
07.2023	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Berlin
12.2022	Causal Inference Course, Gesis Training

## Academic Service

09.2025	Session Chair, ECSR, Cologne, Germany
05.2023	Talk at the Friends of the WZB Wannsee Event
07.2022	Representative of junior researchers at the WZB World Merit Fellowship selection committee, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

## Research Experience

Data collection	Data preparation, qualitative and quantitative primary data collection, questionnaire design for qualitative and quantitative interviews, survey programming (LimeSurvey), web scraping
Data analysis	Multi-level, linear and logistic regressions; causal inference; spatial regressions and geodata, quantitative text analysis

## Technical Skills

Software	R, Stata, QGIS, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MAXQDA, MS Office
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Hebrew (good), Spanish (basic)

## Transfer

[Verkehrsberuhigung. Wie Geschäftsleute und Anwohner mitnehmen?](#) (2025), Interview im *Deutschlandfunk*

George, S., Salomo K. (2025): [Unsichtbare Umwege: Warum Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund in deutschen Städten mehr Zeit für ihre Alltagswege brauchen](#), *Klimareporter*.

George, S., Salomo, K., Helbig, M. (2025): Akademiker\*innen auf kurzen Wegen. Ist nachhaltige Mobilität ein Privileg der höher Gebildeten in Großstädten?, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

[Mobilität von morgen - Wie wollen wir uns zukünftig fortbewegen?](#) (2022), Interview im *Bayrischen Rundfunk*

George, S. (2021): Klimagerechte Mobilität und die soziale Frage Die Verkehrswende darf kein Elitenprojekt sein, *WZB Mitteilungen*, 174: 10-12.

George, S. (2021): Weg vom Auto. Klimagerechte Mobilität bedeutet auch die Teilhabe der Vielen, *WZB Mitteilungen*, 173: 24-26.

## References

Available on request.