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Research Interests

Economic Sociology, Computational Social Science, Natural Language Processing, Large Language Models, Sociology of Culture, Computational Text Analysis

Education

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| Since 2020 | PhD in Analytical Sociology, Linköping University
Supervisors: Jacob Habinek, Étienne Ollion
(expected: 2025) |
| 2017 | M.A. in Sociology, University of Bonn |
| 2014 | B.A. in History, University of Bonn (minor: Political Science) |

Extracurricular

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| 2021 | Science of Science Summer School (S4), Syracuse University, New York, United States |
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Employment

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| 2019-20 | Researcher in Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence
Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH)
University of Hamburg |
| 2017-19 | Research Assistant Domestic Policy / Digitalization
Department for Political Science and Sociology
University of Bonn |

Publications

Manuscripts in Preparation

Hendrik Erz. Policymaking in Times of Crisis: Discursive Dynamics in U.S. Congress, 1960-1990.

Hendrik Erz. How Important are Floor Speeches for Policymaking? Economic Policymaking in U.S. Congress, 1980–1990.

Hendrik Erz. Markets as Actors. Congressional speech between regulation and market freedom.

Hendrik Erz, Sebastian Giessler. Language Models from the Sweatshop? Helping Researchers Avoid Ethical and Legal Issues With Off-The-Shelf Software.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025** Manika Lamba, **Hendrik Erz** (2025). Thanking the World: Exploring gender-based differences in acknowledgment patterns and support systems in theses. *Data and Information Management* 100092. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dim.2024.100092>
- 2024** Alexandra Dirksen, Sebastian Giessler, **Hendrik Erz**, Martin Johns, Tobias Fiebig (2024). Don't Patch the Researcher, Patch the Game: A Systematic Approach for Responsible Research via Federated IRBs. *Forthcoming in NSPW'14*
- 2019** Hendrik Erz (2019). Der lange Schatten von Gustave Le Bon. Zum sprachlichen Einfluss der Crowd Science auf die Soziologie der Gewalt. *Soziologiemagazin* 2/2019, 71–88. <https://doi.org/10.3224/soz.v12i2.06> ("The long shadow of Gustave Le Bon. On the linguistic influence of Crowd Science on the Sociology of Violence.")

Book Chapters

- 2018** Hendrik Erz (2018). Karl Marx und das digitale Zeitalter, in: *Klasse, Kapital und Revolution. 200 Jahre Marx*. Dietz, Bonn, pp. 145–156.

Other Publications

- 2023** **Hendrik Erz**, Anastasia Menshikova (2023). Text als Daten. Extraktion von Variablen mittels LSTM-Netzwerken. In: Paula-Irene Villa (ed.) *2023: Polarisierte Welten. Verhandlungen des 41. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie 2022*. https://publikationen.sozioologie.de/index.php/kongressband_2022/article/view/1693 ("Text as Data. Variable Extraction via LSTM Networks")
- 2020** Hendrik Erz (2020). Künstliche Intelligenz und Daten: Eine Evaluation softwarebasierter militärischer Informationsgewinnung (Research Report No. 4). IFSH, Hamburg. https://ifsh.de/file/publication/Research_Report/004/20200701_Research_Report_004.pdf (accessed 07.01.21) ("Artificial Intelligence and data: An evaluation of software-based military intelligence.")
- 2020** Operative Porträts: eine Bildgeschichte der Identifizierbarkeit von Lavater bis Facebook. Von Roland Meyer. *Soziologiemagazin* 2020, 75–81. <https://doi.org/10.3224/soz.v13i1.07>
- 2020** The Status Quo is a Dystopian Nightmare. *engagée* 9, 20–25.

- 2019** Rezension zu Neoliberalismus – Wie alles anfing: Das Walter Lippmann Kolloquium, verfasst von Hendrik Erz (Review). Soziologieblog. <https://soziologieblog.hypotheses.org/12990> (accessed 10.23.19).
- 2019** Schulz, A., Erz, H., Riedl, V. How to make a Soziologiemagazin. Soziologiemagazin 1/2019. <https://elibrary.utb.de/doi/pdf/10.3224/soz.v12i2.08> (accessed 07.01.21)
- 2017** Zygmunt Bauman: Die Angst vor den anderen (Review). Widerspruch 70/2017, 164–168.

Invited Talks

- 2024** **Economic Policymaking in U.S. Congress**
IAS Annual Spring Retreat, Kolmården, Sweden
- 2023** **Polarization and Paradigm Shifts in US Congressional Economic Policymaking**
IAS Text Analysis Research Group, Norrköping, Sweden
- 2022** **Discursive Dynamics in Policymaking: Economic Policymaking in U.S. Congress**
IAS Conference, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2022** **Technological A11y: Zettlr Beyond the Code**
Staatliche Hochschule für Gestaltung, Karlsruhe, Germany

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2024** **Language Models from the Sweatshop? Helping Researchers Avoid Ethical and Legal Issues With Off-The-Shelf Software**
Conference of the Nordic Sociological Association (NSA) 2024, Norrköping, Sweden (in session Pretrained models and sociology)
- Policymaking in Times of Crisis: Discursive Dynamics in U.S. Congress, 1960-1990**
Conference of the American Sociological Association (ASA) 2024, Montréal, Canada
- Markets as actors: Congressional speech between regulation and market freedom**
Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Leipzig, Germany
- Economic Policymaking in U.S. Congress** (Lightning Talk)
Swedish Conference on Computational Social Science, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2023** **Language Models from the Sweatshop? Towards Guidelines For CSS Researchers to Avoid Ethical and Legal Issues With Off-The-Shelf Software.** (Poster)

International Conference on Computational Social Sciences (IC2S2), Copenhagen, Denmark

From Speeches to Bills: How do Discursive Dynamics Shape Policy-making in U.S. Congress?

Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Princeton, United States

Taming Rogue Ethics: The Case for a Unified and Fair IRB Procedure

STS-hub.de Conference, Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule (RWTH) Aachen, Germany

Disentangling the Discourse on U.S. Economic Policymaking

Textual Politics Conference, Sciences Po, Paris, France.

2022

Text als Daten: Extraktion von Variablen mittels LSTM-Netzwerken

Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Bielefeld, Germany.

Extracting Agency from Textual Data Using LSTM Networks

Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists, Florence, Italy.

2019

From Arab Spring to Gilets Jaunes: Riots and the annihilation of legality

Historical Materialism Athens Conference, Greece.

2017

Terrorismus und der War on Terror

Master Thesis Presentation, Studentischer Soziologiekongress, TU Chemnitz, Germany.

Teaching

2023

Summer Institute for Computational Social Sciences (SICSS)

Lecture and workshop on Computational Text Analysis

2021-2023

Logic of Social Inquiry

M.Sc. program; Teaching Assistant; Linköping University

2022-2023

Digital Strategies for the Social Sciences

M.Sc. program; Teaching Assistant; Linköping University

2018-2019

Introduction to Political Science

B.A. program; Teacher; University of Bonn

2018

Scientific Writing

B.A. program; Teacher; University of Bonn

2018

Introduction to Karl Marx' Capital (Reading Course)

B.A. program; Course Director; University of Bonn

2015

Tutorial: Methods for Quantitative Sociology

B.A. program; Teaching Assistant; University of Bonn

Service

Reviewer

2018-2020 Soziologiemagazin

Editorial Board Member

2020-2024 Head of Editorial Board, Soziologiemagazin

Organization and Organizational Assistance

2024 Session Pretrained models and sociology: ethical, methodological, and theoretical considerations (at NSA 2024)

2023-2024 Swedish Interdisciplinary Research School in Computational Social Science (SIRCSS), Norrköping, Sweden (with PI Jacob Habinek)

2023 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Norrköping, Sweden (with PI Jacob Habinek)

Since 2022 Website administration; International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS)

2022 IAS PhD Retreat, Norrköping, Sweden

2021-2022 IAS Salon (Institute Reading Group)

2016 Student Research Symposium, University of Bonn, Germany

PhD Representative

2021-2022 Institute for Analytical Sociology

Supervision

Co-Supervisor, M.Sc. thesis in CSS, Yiqiu Wang (2023)

Co-Supervisor, M.Sc. thesis in CSS, Lijun Peng (2022)

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA);
International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS)

Open Source

Since 2017 Zettlr Markdown Editor, Project Maintainer

Languages

German (native), English (fluent, C1),
Swedish (Moderate, A2), French (Moderate, A2)

Programming Languages & Frameworks

Scientific	Python, R, Stata, matplotlib, numpy, pandas, PyTorch
Front-End	JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML, LESS/SCSS/CSS, Vue.js
Back-End	Node.js, PHP, Rust, C/C++