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Sociology, Research,  
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- DeZIM** Berlin, Germany  
Postdoc 2025 – Present
- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research
  - National Monitoring of Discrimination and Racism (NaDiRa)
  - Media Monitoring
- Humboldt University of Berlin** Berlin, Germany  
Postdoc 2021 – Present
- Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM).
  - Founder and Director: [Digital Muslim Studies Lab](#)
  - Project (Lead): “Media Diets and Democratic Values (MEDIVA)”.
  - Project (Lead): “Radicalization Potentials on TikTok (RaPoTik)”.
  - Project: “German Islam as an alternative to Islamism? (D:ISLAM)”.
- Transformakers GmbH** Berlin, Germany  
Lead Data Scientist 2024
- Collecting and Analyzing Online Data on Online Communities.
  - Developing evidence-based policy recommendations.
- London School of Economics (LSE)** London, UK  
Visiting Research Student 2023
- Data Science Institute
  - Social Research Methods
- University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany  
Research Associate 2019 – 2021
- Chair of Inequality Research and Social Stratification Analysis.
- DeZIM** Berlin, Germany  
Freelance Researcher 2020 – 2021

## SKILLS

 R · Python · Stata ·  $\LaTeX$   
Git · NVivo · MAXQDA  
SQL · TensorFlow  
 German · native  
English · fluent  
Arabic · native  
French · proficient

## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

**SUBJECTS** Sociology of the Internet  
Extremism and Radicalization  
Digital Religion  
Culture and Politics  
Racism and Discrimination

**METHODS** Computational Methods  
Natural Language Processing  
Surveys and Experiments  
Non-probability Designs  
Mixed-Methods

## FREELANCE

2024 **CLAIM Allianz**  
AMR TikTok Analysis

2022 **UFA GmbH**  
Employee Survey on DEI issues

- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research.
- Project: “Spaces and possibilities of action against racism”.

2021 **#AFROZENSUS**  
Drafting an online data explorer

**Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)** Berlin, Germany  
Research Assistant 2018 – 2019

- Center for Civil Society Research.

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany  
Research Assistant 2018 – 2019

- Chair of General Sociology.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Mannheim & London School of Economics** Mannheim, Germany  
Dr. rer. soc., Sociology and Data Science 2021 – 2025

- **Oral defense:** May 6th, 2025. **Grade:** 0.4 (German grading)
- Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (Mannheim)
- Data Science Institute (LSE)

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany  
M.A., Sociology 2018 – 2020

**Humboldt University of Berlin** Berlin, Germany  
B.A., Social Sciences 2014 – 2018

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

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2022 – 2024 **Council for European Studies (CES)**  
Research Coordinator of the Radicalism and Violence research network.

2022 – 2023 **The Atlantic Study of Islam and Muslims (ASIM)**  
Coordinator of the research cluster CVE and “Radicalization”

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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- 2023 **Humboldt and Princeton University Strategic Partnership**  
Research grant for the project “Media Diets and Democratic Values” (MEDIVA)  
Funding amount: 35,488€ EUR
- 2023 **Berlin State Commission against Violence**  
Research grant for the project “Radicalization Potentials on TikTok” (RaPoTik)  
Funding amount: 160,000 EUR
- 2022 **Young Scholar Award**  
Award by the University of Mannheim for the project “Deconstructing Radical Content on TikTok”  
Funding amount: 2,000 EUR

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2025 **Beyond the hijab: Performing religious identity on TikTok**  
[Social Compass](#)
- 2025 **Possibilities for action in cases of racial discrimination**  
**How social constellations affect reaction behavior**  
Book Chapter in “[Consensus and conflict in the post-migrant society](#)”
- 2024 **Exploring the Role of TikTok for Intersectionality Marginalized Groups**  
**The Case of Muslim Female Content Creators in Germany**  
[Frontiers in Political Science 2024, 6, 1496833](#)
- 2024 **Exploring (Anti-)Radicalism on TikTok**  
**German Islamic Content Creators between Advocacy and Activism**  
[Religions 2024, 15\(10\)](#)
- 2024 **Culture, Migration, And Theology**  
**Types of Actors, Networks and Discourses of Anti-Muslim Racism on TikTok**  
[Report for the Civil Society Situation Report on Anti-Muslim Racism](#)  
CLAIM – Allianz gegen Islam- und Muslimfeindlichkeit
- 2021 **Potentials of Natural Language Processing in the Study of Radicalism.**  
**A Methodological Exploration on the example of Hizb ut-Tahrir affiliated Twitter accounts.**  
[Conference Proceedings of the Science Conference 2021](#)  
Center for Analysis and Research (German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution)
- 2021 **Response strategies to racism. The Importance of Contextual Factors**  
**for Strategies of Action in the Case of Racial Discrimination.**  
[DeZIM Project Report](#)

## MEDIA

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- 2025 **‘Islamist’ tendencies in German-speaking countries**  
Interview with ARD (world’s largest public broadcaster)  
German, i.a. available [here](#).
- 2024 **TikTok: “Considered en vogue among extremist”**  
Interview with WDR 5 Morgenecho (West German Broadcasting)  
German, available [here](#).
- 2021 **“Controversy is a selling point”**  
**Insights into research on the dissemination of extremist content on TikTok**  
Interview with Ufuq.de  
German, available [here](#).

## HOSTED AND ORGANIZED EVENTS

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<b>Radicalization Potentials on TikTok</b> <i>Symposium</i>	Berlin, Germany 2024
<b>Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims</b> <i>Conference</i>	Berlin, Germany 2024
<b>“Anti-Muslim Realities”</b> <i>Symposium</i>	Berlin, Germany 2023
<b>“Media as a Fuel for Radicalization?”</b> <i>Expert Talk</i>	Berlin, Germany 2023
<b>D:Islam Webinar Series: “National Islams in ‘The West’”</b> <i>Webinars</i>	Online 2021-2022

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Universitas Diponegoro</b> <i>Lecture Series</i> Lecture: AI and Digital Religion: Practices and Implications	Semarang, Indonesia 2025
<b>XIII. Future Forum Islam</b> <i>Conference</i> Workshop: Social networks and social polarization - the new media makers?	Frankfurt, Germany 2024

**NAFS** Berlin, Germany  
*Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims* 2024  
Presentation: Investigating TikTok's Role in Radicalizing Muslim Users in Germany

**Council for European Studies** Lyon, France  
*Conference: 30th International Conference of Europeanists* 2024  
*Panel Chairs:*  
Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects  
Navigating the Radical Web: How the Internet Facilitates Extremism and What to Do about It  
*Presentations:*  
How Muslim TikTok Content Creators React To Islamophobia  
Radicalization Potentials on TikTok - Presenting New Findings  
Constructing Gendered Religious Identities - TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

**Ufuq.de** Berlin, Germany  
*Webtalk: Anwendung von KI-Tools in der zivilgesellschaftlichen Projektarbeit* 2024  
Presentation: Application of AI tools in Civil Society Project Work

**Federal Agency for Civic Education** Bonn, Germany  
*MasterClass: The Field of Islamism Prevention* 2024  
Panel Discussion: Civic education and Prevention, a Field of Tension?! - Reflecting on one's own Role in the Field of Islamism Prevention

**NAFS** Erlangen, Germany  
*Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims* 2023  
Presentation: Constructing Religious Identities TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

**Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport** Hanover, Germany  
*Conference: Lower Saxony Competence Forum for the Prevention of Islamism* 2023  
Panel Discussion: Digital Threats - Opportunities and Challenges for the Prevention of Islamism

**MZES-DeZIM** Mannheim, Germany  
*Workshop: Social Science Meets Digital Data: Methods of Computational Social Science* 2023  
Presentation: Investigating radical content on TikTok - A computational approach.

**Ufuq.de** Berlin, Germany  
*Webtalk: Kollektive Emotionen in Radikalisierungsprozessen und die Rolle von TikTok* 2022  
Presentation: Collective emotions in radicalization processes and the role of TikTok.

**MOTRA** Wiesbaden, Germany  
*Conference: MOTRA-K* 2022  
Presentation: Potentials of radicalization on TikTok.

**Council for European Studies** Lisbon, Portugal

*Conference: 28th International Conference of Europeanists*

2022

Panel Chair: Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects.

Presentation: Narratives of Xeno- and Islamophobia in Islamist Communication

**Zentrum für Analyse und Forschung**

Berlin, Germany

*Conference: Wissenschaftskonferenz*

2021

Panel Chair: Ways into the Rabbit Hole

Presentation: Islamist strategies of radicalization