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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

2025	**BBF e.V.** Study report; partnership violence
2025	**Forum Islam** Muslim community Study

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

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.

2024	**CLAIM Allianz** AMR TikTok Analysis
2022	**UFA GmbH** Employee Survey on DEI issues
2021	**#AFROZENSUS** Drafting an online data explorer

EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

2026 **German Muslims and Ramadan**
      TV interview with RBB Abendschau
      German, available here.

2025 **Fact check: How fake news target Europe's Christmas markets**
      Interview with Deutsche Welle (DW)
      English, available here.

2025 **'Islamist' propaganda on social media – How does it work? And what can be done about it?**
      Interview with ARD (world's largest public broadcaster)
      German, Radio here; Instagram here.

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 extremists"**
      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

AI and Migration Studies   Berlin, Germany
Workshop   2025

Radicalization Potentials on TikTok   Berlin, Germany
Symposium   2024

Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims   Berlin, Germany
Conference   2024

"Anti-Muslim Realities"   Berlin, Germany
Symposium   2023

"Media as a Fuel for Radicalization?"   Berlin, Germany
Expert Talk   2023

D:Islam Webinar Series: "National Islams in 'The West'"   Online
Webinars   2021-2022

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

BAG RelEx   Berlin, Germany
Symposium   2025
Presentation: From the mat to radicalization: martial arts as a gateway and intersecting factor in extremism

Violence Prevention Network   Leipzig, Germany
Conference   2025
Keynote: Current evidence on online radicalization and its practical challenges

Universitas Diponegoro   Semarang, Indonesia
Lecture Series   2025
Lecture: AI and Digital Religion: Practices and Implications

XIII. Future Forum Islam   Frankfurt, Germany
Conference   2024
Workshop: Social networks and social polarization - the new media makers?
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