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Sociology, Research,
and Data Science.

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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

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

- 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

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Universitas Diponegoro <i>Lecture Series</i> Lecture: AI and Digital Religion: Practices and Implications	Semarang, Indonesia 2025
XIII. Future Forum Islam <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