

# Nader Hotait

Sociology, Research,  
and Data Science.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Transformakers GmbH** Berlin, Germany  
Lead Data Scientist 2024 – Present

- Collecting and Analyzing Online Data on Online Communities.
- Developing evidence-based policy recommendations.
- Designing outreach strategies.

**Humboldt University of Berlin** Berlin, Germany  
Research Associate 2021 – Present

- Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM).
- Director: Digital Muslim Studies Lab (DMS)
- Project (Lead): “Radicalization Potentials on TikTok (RaPoTik)”.
- Project: “German Islam as an alternative to Islamism? (D:ISLAM)”.

**London School of Economics (LSE)** London, UK  
Visiting Researcher 2023

- Data Science Institute
- Social Research Methods

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany  
Research Associate 2019 – 2021

- Chair of Inequality Research and Social Stratification Analysis.
- Various tasks in data analysis and project organization.
- Creator and former editor of “Unequal Transformation”.

**DeZIM** Berlin, Germany  
Freelance Researcher 2020 – 2021

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

## SKILLS

🔗 R · Stata · Python ·  $\LaTeX$   
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  
Social Inequality  
**METHODS** Computational Methods  
Natural Language Processing  
Surveys and Experiments  
Non-probability Designs  
Mixed-Methods

## FREELANCE

2022 **UFA GmbH**  
Employee Survey on DEI issues  
2021 **#AFROZENSUS**  
Creating an online data explorer

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

- Center for Civil Society Research.
- Project: “Political Conflict in the Shadow of the Great Recession (POLCON)”
- Project: “Observatory for Political Conflict and Democracy in Europe (PolDem)”
- Project: “Polizicizing Immigration (PolIM)”

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

- Chair of General Sociology.
- Various tasks in data analysis and project organization.

## EDUCATION

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

- 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 **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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- 2024 **Exploring (Anti-)Radicalism on TikTok**  
**German Islamic Content Creators between Advocacy and Activism**  
Religions 2024, 15(10), 1172  
[Available here.](#)
- 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  
[German original available here.](#)
- 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)  
[German original available here.](#)
- 2021 **Response strategies to racism. The Importance of Contextual Factors**  
**for Strategies of Action in the Case of Racial Discrimination.**  
[DeZIM Project Report, German original available here.](#)

## MEDIA

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- 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 EVENTS

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- 2024 **Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims**
- 2023 **Symposium; “Anti-Muslim realities”**
- 2023 **Expert Talk: “Media as a Radicalization Monitor?”**
- 2022 **D:Islam Webinar Series**
- 2021 **Online Lecture Series: National Islams In “The West”**

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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**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