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Sociology, Research,
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Transformakers GmbH Berlin, Germany
Lead Data Scientist 2024 – Present

- Collecting and Analyzing Online Data on Migrant 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

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

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 **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

- 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

- 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](#).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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