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Curriculum Vitae, as of January 16, 2025

## Curriculum Vitae

### Current position

Since January 2024 **Post-doc position**, *Copenhagen University, Department of Sociology*, Project: "Social Mobility of Siblings in Comparative Perspective (the SIBMOB project)", PI: Kristian Karlson.  
Current tasks: designing a survey for a sample of 100.000 Danish siblings and cousins to measure the family influence on political attitudes, personality and affective polarization

### Research Topics and Interests

- Opinion dynamics and polarization
- Social media and polarization
- Educational inequalities and aspirations
- Ethnic diversity and social cohesion
- Ethnic segregation and residential mobility
- Neighborhood effects
- Causal inference
- Application of panel data

### Previous Positions

2020 – 2023 **Post-doc position**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Project: "Opinion Polarization on Identity Politics and Denationalization Issues: A Longitudinal Comparative Perspective", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Tasks: Carrying out research, publication strategy, development of concrete research ideas for papers.

Principal investigator: Prof. Céline Teney; Link: [https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/...](https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/)

2018 – 2020 **Post-doc position**, *University of Bamberg*, Project: "When immigrants are aiming high: Educational achievement and attainment in light of greater aspirations", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Tasks: Carrying out research, publication strategy, managing funding, development of concrete research ideas for papers.

Principal investigators: Cornelia Kristen, Christoph Spörlein, Gisela Will; Link: [https://www.uni-bamberg.de/sozstruk/...](https://www.uni-bamberg.de/sozstruk/)

### Absences

Parental leave **Child care responsibilities**, *April 2020 to June 2020; December 2020 to March 2021; September 2022.*

### Research stays

September 2022 to June 2023 **Visiting researcher**, *Copenhagen University, Department of Sociology*, Collaboration with Prof. Merlin Schaeffer: "The promise of fact-checking: Does correcting political beliefs decrease opinion polarization? The case of attitudes towards immigration".

2018 – 2020 **Visiting Researcher**, *Repeated visits at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) to work with regional data and the SOEP.*

### Education

- 2015-2018 **PhD, passed with distinction**, *Sociology*, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen, Thesis: "Longitudinal Perspectives on Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion - Mass Media, Neighborhoods and Residential Mobility".  
Supervision: Michael Windzio (University of Bremen), Céline Teney (Freie Universität Berlin) and Merlin Schaeffer (University of Copenhagen).
- 2012 – 2015 **Master of Science Sociology and Empirical Research**, *University of Cologne*, Thesis: "Context Effects on Attitudes towards Immigration – Evidence from German Panel Data", Supervision: Clemens Kroneberg.
- 2009 – 2012 **Bachelor of Arts Sociology**, *University of Mannheim*, Thesis: "Implementation of a Nonresponse-Analysis Using the Example of the Nationwide German DFG-Study ÄSP-kardio", Supervision: Henning Best.

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## Peer-review

- Reviewed for **European Sociological Review, PNAS Nexus, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, European Journal of Political Research, Western European Politics, International Migration Review.**

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## Scholarships and Funding

- June 2019 **Project Leader and 'Expert'**, *BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science: Research Incubators on Data-driven Modeling of Conflicts, Migration, and Social Cohesion*, Hotel and travel expenses for two-week collaborative research incubator after acceptance of a group project proposal.
- 2015-2018 **Three Year PhD Fellowship**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*, Funding for a three-year PhD position after successful submission of acceptance of my research proposal. The BIGSSS was funded by the German Research Foundation– DFG, (PhD position €46,800, plus additional travel and other expenses).

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## Organization Activities

- 2024, ongoing **Organizer of the QuantClub**, a seminar series in Copenhagen, *University of Copenhagen*.
- 2022 **Selection of Master students at the Freie University Berlin.**
- 2022 **AK Nachwuchsförderung**, transl.: *Working Group for the Promotion of Early Career Researchers, informing the Dean's Office.*
- 2016 – 2018 **Coordinator of BIGSSS lecture series**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Science*, University of Bremen.
- 2016 – 2018 **BIGSSS Fellow Representative**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Science*, University of Bremen.

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## Membership in Research Associations

**RC28 Social Stratification of the International Sociological Association, German Society for Empirical Educational Research (GEBF), German Sociological Association.**

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## References

- Copenhagen University: Kristian Karlson kbk@soc.ku.dk
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- University of Bamberg: Cornelia Kristen cornelia.kristen@uni-bamberg.de, Christoph Spörlein christoph.spoerlein@hhu.de
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