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Education

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| 2014 | Ph.D., Social Sciences, University of Cologne.
Thesis title: “Große Hoffnungen und instabile Ordnungen.”
Committee: Jens Beckert, Mark Ebers, Wolfgang Streeck
(<i>summa cum laude</i>). |
| 2010 | M.A., Sociology and Political Science, RWTH Aachen (with distinction). |
| 2008 | B.A., Sociology, Economics, and Economic History, RWTH Aachen. |

Employment

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| since 2015 | Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne. <i>Ombudsman</i> , Member of the Works Council. |
| 2014–2015 | Post-doc, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne. |
| 2010–2014 | International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), Cologne. |
| 2009–2010 | Research Assistant, Sociology of Technology and Organization, RWTH Aachen. |
| 2008–2010 | Research Assistant, Sociology, RWTH Aachen. |

Visiting Positions

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| Spring 2019 | Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York City. |
| Fall 2012 | Visiting student, Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. |

Awards

- 2015 Theodor-Wessels-Preis. EWI Cologne. For research contributions in energy economics and energy policy.
- 2010 Springorum Coin. RWTH Aachen. For outstanding final exams.
- 2010 Dean's List. RWTH Aachen. (3% university-wide).
- 2010 Thesis award. Department of Sociology, RWTH Aachen. Thesis title: "Wirtschaftlicher Wettbewerb und soziale Ordnung."

Publications

Books

- 2015 Große Hoffnungen und brüchige Koalitionen. Politik, Industrie und die schwierige Durchsetzung der Photovoltaik. Frankfurt am Main/New York, Campus.

Reviewed in *Sonne Wind & Wärme* 06-2016 and *Gesellschaft für Energiewissenschaft und Energiepolitik*

Articles

- 2019 Wirtschaftliche Untergangsszenarien und neoliberale Reformen. *Leviathan* 47, 2, 144–168.
- 2019 Varieties of Economization in Competition Policy: Institutional Change in German and American Antitrust, 1960–2000. *Review of International Political Economy* 26, 2, 256–286 (with S. Kohl).

Book chapters

- 2018 The Dilemma between Aligned Expectations and Diversity in Innovation: Evidence from Early Energy Technology Policies. In: Jens Beckert and Richard Bronk (eds.), *Uncertain Futures: Imaginaries, Narratives, and Calculation in the Economy*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 298–318.

Others

- 2020 Transcending History's Heavy Hand: The Future in Economic Action. *MPIfG Discussion Paper 20/3* (with Jens Beckert.)
- 2020 Von Manchester über Detroit ins Silicon Valley. Rezension zu "Democratic Capitalism at the Crossroads" von Carles Boix. *Soziopolis*, 29 January 2020.
- 2019 Review of "Democracy and Prosperity" by Torben Iversen and David Soskice. *Economic Sociology: The European Electronic Newsletter* 21.1, November 2019, 56–59.
- 2019 Mit Kreuztabellen gegen Rechts. Jenaer Splitter IV. *Soziopolis*, 26 September.
- 2019 Crisis? What Crisis? Rezension zu "Democracy and Prosperity" von Torben Iversen and David Soskice. *Soziopolis*, 11 June 2019.
- 2019 The Symmetric Fallacy: The Dangers of Symmetric Reasoning in the Social Sciences. *CES Open Forum Series*, no. 32. Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (with L. Haffert).
- 2018 Unsichere Zukünfte und die Entstehung von Kooperation. Wie Erwartungen kollektives Handeln ermöglichen. *MPIfG Discussion Paper 18/8*. Cologne: MPIfG (with M. Seeliger.)
- 2018 2018. Zwischen Offenheit und Festlegung. Ein Dilemma in der Förderung von Innovationen. *Gesellschaftsforschung* 1.18, pp. 14–15.
- 2018 2018. Brexit, Nationalismus, Abstiegsängste: Soziologen untersuchen Zukunftserwartungen. Radiointerview. Deutschlandfunk, *Aus Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften*, 15. November 2018 (with L. Suckert).
- 2017 Die Zukunft im Forschungsprogramm des Max-Planck-Instituts für Gesellschaftsforschung. *Gesellschaftsforschung* 2.17, pp. 12–15 (with J. Beckert).
- 2017 Varieties of Economization in Competition Policy: A Comparative Analysis of German and American Antitrust Doctrines, 1960–2000. *MPIfG Discussion Paper 17/18*. Cologne: MPIfG (with S. Kohl.)
- 2017 Coalitional Cohesion in Technology Policy: The Case of the Early Solar Cell Industry in the United States. *MPIfG Discussion Paper 17/7*. Cologne: MPIfG.
- 2016 Große Hoffnungen und brüchige Koalitionen: Industrie, Politik und die schwierige Durchsetzung der Photovoltaik. *MPIfG Jahrbuch 2015–2016*, pp. 37–42.

- 2015 Die ökonomische Theorie in Zeiten systemischer Krisen: Zur analytischen und sozialen Geschichte der Makroökonomie. Die Scholar in Residence Lectures von Robert Boyer. *Gesellschaftsforschung* 1.15, p. 24.
- 2015 In der Solarbranche kämpfte jeder für sich. Interview mit Hartmut Steiger. *VDI-Nachrichten* 2015.15, p. 11.

Teaching

- 2019 *Foundations of institutional theory*. Seminar for master and doctoral students. University of Cologne.
- 2018 *Good academic practice and its problems*. Seminar for early-career researchers. MPIfG Cologne.
- 2018 *Organisationssoziologie multinationaler Unternehmen*. Seminar for undergraduate students. University of Duisburg-Essen.
- 2018 *Innovation & society*. Seminar for master and doctoral students. University of Cologne.
- 2018 *Economy & society II*. Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne.
- 2017 *Economy & society II*. Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne. With Jens Beckert.
- 2016 *Economy & society II*. Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne. With Jens Beckert.
- 2014–2015 TA for *Economy & society I & II*, Seminars for master and doctoral students, by Jens Beckert. MPIfG Cologne.

Selected Presentations

- 2020 *Deindustrialisierung als Fakt und Fiktion: US-Unternehmensbesteuerung in den 1980er Jahren*. Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, 13. Januar.
- 2019 *Verschwundet unsere Industrie? Ursachen, Verlauf und gesellschaftliche Folgen von Deindustrialisierung*. Seminar für nichtwissenschaftlicher Mitarbeitende, Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, 3. Dezember.
- 2019 *Das Auf und Ab der Solarförderung: Die Rolle von Zukunftserwartungen*. Volkshochschule Viersen, 27 November.

- 2019 *Deindustrialization as Fact and Fiction: U.S. Corporate Taxation in the 1980s.* Economic History Colloquium. University of Bayreuth, 18 September.
- 2019 *Die soziale Konstruktion von Critical Junctures.* Panel *Selbsttransformationen des Kapitalismus – Schocks, Brüche, Potenziale.* DGS-Regionalkonferenz “Great Transformation: Die Zukunft moderner Gesellschaften.” Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, 23–27 September.
- 2019 *Invited Critic. Author Meets Critics: “The Future of the World: Futurology, Futurists, and the Struggle for the Post Cold War Imagination”* by Jenny Andersson. 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New School for Social Research, 27–29 June.
- 2019 *Imaginaries of National Decline and U.S. Tax Policy in the 1980s.* Mini-Conference *Futures and Visions of Global Orders.* 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New School for Social Research, 27–29 June.
- 2018 *Nationale Spielarten multinationaler Konzernaktivität – Der Fall Schwedens.* Ad-hoc Gruppe Komparative Wirtschaftssoziologie auf dem 39. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie. Universität Göttingen, 24–28 September.
- 2018 *Unsicherheit über die Zukunft als strategisches Mittel im Wandel von Märkten.* Sektionsveranstaltung der Sektion Wirtschaftssoziologie auf dem 39. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie. Universität Göttingen, 24–28 September.
- 2018 *Wirtschaftliche Untergangsszenarien und die Durchsetzung neoliberaler Politik.* Frühjahrstagung der DGS-Sektion Wirtschaftssoziologie *Ökonomischer Nationalismus? “Nation” und “Nationalismus” in der soziologischen Analyse wirtschaftlicher Ordnungen.* Universität Graz, 1–2 July.
- 2017 *The Symmetric Fallacy in Political Economy.* 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Université de Lyon 1, 29 June–1 July.
- 2016 *The Impaired Economization of European Antitrust: The Quarrel over the “Effects-Based Approach” in European Competition Policy.* 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 24–26 June.

- 2016 *Commercial Countermovements: The Case of Alternative Energy Support*. 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 24–26 June.
- 2016 *The American Industrial Policy Debate and the Politics of the Future Economy*. Industrial Decline and the Rise of the Service Sector? International conference by the Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich and the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C, Munich, 16–17 June.
- 2016 *Die kurze amerikanische Energiewende: Lehren aus der frühen amerikanischen Solarförderung für Deutschland*. Wissenschaft in Kölner Häusern, Leskanpark, Köln, 12 May.
- 2015 *“Energiewende” avant la lettre: The rise and decline of photovoltaics commercialization in the 1970s*. Invited Lecture, Max-Planck-Institut für chemische Energiekonversion. Mülheim an der Ruhr, 12 November.
- 2015 *Policy Feedback, Sectoral Fragmentation and Germany’s Elusive Solar Economy*. 22nd International Conference of Europeanists, Sciences Po Paris, July 8–10.
- 2015 *Big Promises and Fragile Coalitions – The Political Economy of the Early Photovoltaic Industry*. 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2–4 July.
- 2015 *The Politics of Competition in the German Photovoltaics Industry*. 13e Congrès de l’Association Française de Science Politiques. Sciences Po Aix en Provence, 22–24 June.

Conference organization

- Since 2018 Co-organizer of the SASE Research Network “Digital Economy.”
- 2018 Mini-Conference *Marketization and the Digital Economy*. 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Doshisha University, Kyoto, 23–25 June.
- 2018 Mini-Conference *Revisiting Nonliberal Capitalism: Germany and Japan Ten Years After the Great Financial Crisis*. 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Doshisha University, Kyoto, 23–25 June.
- 2017 *The Making of Neoliberalism*. Conference at the MPIfG Cologne, 13–14 July. With Ariane Leendertz.

2017 Mini-Conference *Competition in Digital Capitalism: New Patterns and New Rules*. 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Université de Lyon 1, 29 June–1 July.