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Academic positions

- since 2015 Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne.
- 2014–2015 Post-doc, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.

Education

- 2014 Dr. rer. pol., University of Cologne (*summa cum laude.*)
Committee: Jens Beckert, Wolfgang Streeck, Mark Ebers.
- 2010–2014 International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), Cologne.
- 2010 M.A., Sociology and Political Science, RWTH Aachen (with distinction.)
- 2008 B.A., Sociology, Economics, and Economic History, RWTH Aachen.

Visiting Positions

- 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."

Service to the profession

since 2020	Elected member of the Executive Council. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE.)
2019–2020	First Generation Doctorate Mentoring+. University of Cologne.
since 2018	Co-organizer of the Research Network “Digital Economy.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE.)
since 2018	Elected member of the Works Council. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.
since 2016	Elected Ombudsperson. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne (two three-year terms.)
since 2015	Responsible for the organization of public lectures and institute seminars. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.
2011–2013	Elected spokesperson of the doctoral students. International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy, Cologne.

Teaching

2021	<i>Green energy transitions.</i> Seminar for undergraduate students. University of Wuppertal.
2020	<i>Good academic practice and its problems.</i> Seminar for early-career researchers. MPIfG Cologne.
2019	<i>Foundations of institutional theory.</i> Seminar for master and doctoral students. University of Cologne.
2018	<i>Good academic practice and its problems.</i> Seminar for early-career researchers. MPIfG Cologne.
2018	<i>Organisationssoziologie multinationaler Unternehmen.</i> Seminar for undergraduate students. University of Duisburg-Essen.
2018	<i>Innovation & society.</i> Seminar for master and doctoral students. University of Cologne.
2018	<i>Economy & society II.</i> Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne.
2017	<i>Economy & society II.</i> Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne. With Jens Beckert.
2016	<i>Economy & society II.</i> Seminar for master and doctoral students. MPIfG Cologne. With Jens Beckert.
2014–2015	Teaching assistant for <i>Economy & society I & II</i> , Seminars for master and doctoral students, by Jens Beckert. MPIfG Cologne.

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*).

Journal Articles

- 2021 Is More *Mittelstand* the Answer? Firm Size and the Crisis of Democratic Capitalism. *Analyse & Kritik* (forthcoming) (with S. Kohl.)
- 2020 Rival Views of Economic Competition. *Socio-economic Review*.
(with S. Kohl.)
- 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

- 2021 Die moralische Ökonomie des Schutzzolls: Der Fall der Solarindustrie. In: Klaus Kraemer and Sascha Münnich (eds.), *Ökonomischer Nationalismus: Soziologische Analysen wirtschaftlicher Ordnungen*. Frankfurt/Main: Campus. (forthcoming.)
- 2021 Transcending History's Heavy Hand: The Future in Economic Action. In: Andrea Maurer (ed.), *Handbook of Economic Sociology for the 21st Century*. London, Springer Nature, 79–94 (with J. Beckert).
- 2021 Eine pragmatistische Theorie technologischer Innovation. In: Felix Petersen, Martin Seeliger and Hauke Brunkhorst (eds.), *Pragmatistische Sozialforschung: Für eine praktische Wissenschaft gesellschaftlichen Fortschritts*. Stuttgart, JB. Metzler, pp. 245–258.
- 2021 Unsichere Zukünfte und die Entstehung von Kooperation. In: Felix Petersen, Martin Seeliger and Hauke Brunkhorst (eds.), *Pragmatistische Sozialforschung: Für eine praktische Wissenschaft gesellschaftlichen Fortschritts*. Stuttgart, JB. Metzler, pp. 259–280 (with M. Seeliger.)
- 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

- 2021 Deindustrialisierung als Fakt und Fiktion. *Gesellschaftsforschung* 1/2021, 8–11.
- 2021 Der Mittelstand als Retter des demokratischen Kapitalismus? *Makronom*, 24 February 2021 (with S. Kohl.)
- 2021 “Crises” as catalysts for more sustainable futures? The case of the First Oil Crisis and the role of multilayered interpretative struggles. *Economic Sociology: The European Electronic Newsletter* 22, 2, 15–23 (with L. Suckert.)
- 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, 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 Zwischen Offenheit und Festlegung. Ein Dilemma in der Förderung von Innovationen. *Gesellschaftsforschung* 1.18, pp. 14–15.
- 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.

Selected Presentations

- 2020 *The Management of Expectations in Innovation Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Solar Energy Support in Germany, Japan and the United States.* 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 18–21 July. (with M. Umemura.)
- 2020 *The Political Economy of Corporate Welfare: A Power-Based Approach.* 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 18–21 July. (with F. Bulfone & M. Kalaitzake.)
- 2020 *The Rise of Multinationals as a Challenge for Comparative Political Economy.* 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 18–21 July. (with B. Braun & S. Kohl.)
- 2020 *Imagining the Age of the Entrepreneur: U.S. Tax Reform in the 1980s.* 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 18–21 July. (with I. Rademacher.)
- 2020 *Deindustrialisierung als Fakt und Fiktion: US-Unternehmensbesteuerung in den 1980er Jahren.* Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, 13 January.
- 2019 *Verschwundet unsere Industrie? Ursachen, Verlauf und gesellschaftliche Folgen von Deindustrialisierung.* Seminar für nichtwissenschaftliche Mitarbeitende, Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, 3 December.
- 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.

Media appearances

- 2020 Corona und die Gesellschaft. Zukunftsvorstellungen in der Krise. . Radiointerview. Deutschlandfunk, *Aus Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften*, 15. November 2018 (with L. Suckert.)
- 2018 Brexit, Nationalismus, Abstiegsängste: Soziologen untersuchen Zukunftserwartungen. Radiointerview. Deutschlandfunk, *Aus Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften*, 15. November 2018 (with L. Suckert.)
- 2015 In der Solarbranche kämpfte jeder für sich. Interview mit Hartmut Steiger. *VDI-Nachrichten* 2015.15, p. 11.

Conference organization

- 2021 Panel series “The Role of the State in Digital Transitions.” 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. 2–5 July.
- 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.