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TIMUR ERGEN

Academic positions

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

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.
 M.A., Sociology and Political Science, RWTH Aachen (with distinction.)
 B.A., Sociology, Economics, and Economic History, RWTH Aachen.

Visiting Positions

02/2019-	Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, Columbia University,
07/2019	New York City.
08/2012-	Visiting student, Department of Political Science,
01/2013	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

2021–2022	Socio-economic Review Best Article Prize Committee. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE.)
since 2020	Member of the Executive Council. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) (elected for two terms.)
2019-2020	First Generation Doctorate Mentoring+. University of Cologne.
since 2018	Co-founder of the Research Network "Digital Economy." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE.)
since 2018	Member of the Works Council. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.
since 2016	Ombudsperson. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne (elected for two terms.) Organized annual workshops on Good academic practice for MPIfG-researchers.
2015–2021	Responsible for the organization of public lectures and institute seminars. Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.
2011–2013	Spokesperson of the doctoral students. International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), Cologne.

Teaching

2021	<i>Green energy transitions.</i> Seminar for undergraduate students. University of Wuppertal.
2019	Foundations of institutional theory. Seminar for master and doctoral students. University of Cologne.
2018	Organisationssoziologie multinationaler Unternehmen. Seminar for undergraduate students. University of Duisburg-Essen.
2018	<i>Innovation & society.</i> 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	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.

Journal Articles

No Strings Attached: Corporate Welfare, State Intervention, and the Issue of Conditionality. Competition & Change (forthcoming) (with F. Bulfone and M. Kalaitzake.)

Firm Foundations: The Statistical Footprint of Multinational Corporations as a Problem for Political Footprint (with P. Change (forthcoming) (with P.

Problem for Political Economy. *Competition & Change* (forthcoming) (with B. Braun & S. Kohl.)

The Silicon Valley Imaginary: U.S. Tax Reform in the 1980s. *Socio-economic Review.* (with I. Rademacher.)

Shifting Patterns of Expectations Management in Innovation Policy: A
Comparative Analysis of Solar Energy Policy in the United States, Japan and
Germany. *Energy Research and Social Science* 79, 102177 (with M. Umemura.)

Is More *Mittelstand* the Answer? Firm Size and the Crisis of Democratic Capitalism. *Analyse & Kritik* 43, 1, 41–70 (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.

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

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, 147–167.

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.)



2018 Unsichere Zukünfte und die Entstehung von Kooperation. Wie Erwartungen kollektives Handeln ermöglichen. MPIfG Discussion Paper 18/8. Cologne: MPIfG (with M. Seeliger.) Zwischen Offenheit und Festlegung. Ein Dilemma in der Förderung von 2018 Innovationen. Gesellschaftsforschung 1.18, 14–15. 2017 Die Zukunft im Forschungsprogramm des Max-Planck-Instituts für Gesellschaftsforschung. Gesellschaftsforschung 2.17, 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, 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, 24.

Selected Presentations

2021	Can "crises" promote transitions toward sustainable infrastructures? The case of the first oil crisis and the role of multilayered interpretative struggles. Conference 'Ruptures, Transformations, Continuities: Rethinking Infrastructures and Ecology.' University of Hamburg, 25–26 November (with L. Suckert.)
2021	The political economy of corporate welfare. Conference 'Public investment policies in Europe.' Sciences Po, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Paris, 6–7 September (with F. Bulfone & M. Kalaitzake.)
2021	The return of the state in digital industries: Reassertion or escalation? 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2–5 July.
2021	The political bases of the rise of the postindustrial imaginary. 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2–5 July.
2020	<i>Imagining the Age of the Entrepreneur: U.S. Tax Reform in the 1980s.</i> 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 Verschwindet 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. Die soziale Konstruktion von Critical Junctures. Panel Selbsttransformationen des 2019 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. Adhoc 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. Wirtschaftliche Untergangszenarien und die Durchsetzung neoliberaler Politik. 2018 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

- 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 The Role of the State in Digital Transitions. Panel series. 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. 2–5 July.
- 2018 *Marketization and the Digital Economy.* Mini-Conference. 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Doshisha University, Kyoto, 23–25 June.

Revisiting Nonliberal Capitalism: Germany and Japan Ten Years After the Great Financial Crisis. Mini-Conference. 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Doshisha University, Kyoto, 23–25 June.
 The Making of Neoliberalism. Conference at the MPIfG Cologne, 13–14 July. With Ariane Leendertz.
 Competition in Digital Capitalism: New Patterns and New Rules. Mini-Conference. 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Université de Lyon 1, 29 June–1 July.