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### **Education**

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

## **Employment**

since 2015	Senior Researcher, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies,	
	Cologne. Ombudsman, 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

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**

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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

2020	Rival Views of Economic Competition. Socio-economic Review
	(forthcoming) (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

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. <i>Soziopolis</i> , 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 <i>Economy &amp; society I &amp; II</i> , Seminars for master and doctoral students,
	by Jens Beckert. MPIfG Cologne.

### **Selected Presentations**

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.)

The Management of Expectations in Innovation Policy: A Comparative Analysis 2020 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 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. Januar. 2019 Verschwindet 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. Nationale Spielarten multinationaler Konzernaktivität – Der Fall Schwedens. 2018 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 Untergangszenarien 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. 30 <sup>th</sup> 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.