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CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Sociology with a focus on social structure and globalization; Head of School of the [Global Studies Programme](#), Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany, since October 2015

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Professor for the Sociology of Global Inequalities, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 2012-2015

Visiting Professor, Institute of Latin American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, October 2011-December 2011

Research Fellow, [desiguALdades.net](#), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, March-August 2011

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Institute of Latin American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, April 2010-March 2011

Visiting Professor, Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), Universidade Candido Mendes, Brazil, August 2007-March 2008

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, October 2003-March 2010

Lecturer (part-time), Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, October 2002-February 2003

Graduate Fellow, Department of Sociology, Boston College, USA, August-December 2000

Visiting Scholar, Department of German Literature, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn, Germany, October 1996-February 1997

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, 2002

B.A., English and German Philology, Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest, Romania, 1997

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

RESEARCH

Sociological Theory, World-Systems Analysis, Global Inequalities, Race and Racism, Sociology of Development, Eastern Europe and Latin America, Postcolonialism, Gender and Migration.

TEACHING

Global Studies, Sociological Theory, Historical Sociology, Political Economy of Development, Theories of Social Change, Social Inequalities, Comparative Macrosociology, Gender Studies

LANGUAGES

Romanian (native speaker); English, German (fluent); French, Spanish (very good); Portuguese (good); Italian (reading knowledge).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

[De-Linking. Critical Thought and Radical Politics](#), 43rd Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, Germany, April 11–13, 2019 (sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation)

[Integrative Session “Race and Imperial/Colonial Erasure. Sociology’s Dysfunctional Relationship with a Foundational Concept”](#) (with Wiebke Keim and Vilna Bashi Treitler), ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 2018

[Rethinking Europe through the Caribbean. Entanglements and Legacies](#) (with Annika McPherson), 30th conference of the Society for Caribbean Research (SoCaRe), University of Freiburg, April 2018 (sponsored by the DFG)

ZiF Workshop [“Globalisation-Transnationalisation-Society. An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Theories of Society and Cross-Border Studies”](#) (with Anna Amelina, Gregor Bongaerts and Anja Weiß), sponsored by the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), University of Bielefeld, 15-16 February 2018

[Telciu Summer Conference](#) and [Summer School](#) (with Valer Simion Cosma), Telciu, Romania, August 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (different sponsors)

[Romania in the World-System](#) (with Raluca Betea), expert roundtable at the Romanian Embassy, Berlin, March 2015.

[Global Inequalities: Hegemonic Shifts and Regional Differentiations](#) (with Hans-Heinrich Nolte and Andrea Komlosy), 39th [conference](#) of the Political Economy of the

World-Systems Section (PEWS) of the American Sociological Association, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, March 2015

[„Policies on inequality, racialization, and migration“](#) (with Vilna Bashi Treitler, CUNY, USA), ISA Session at the 2nd World Forum of the International Sociological Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 2012

(with Sujata Patel, University of Hyderabad): „Global, multiple and postcolonial modernities“, ISA session at the 40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Delhi, India, February 2012

(with Barbara Fritz, FU Berlin): Workshops of the research dimension „socio-economic inequalities“ of the BMBF project „Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America“, FU Berlin, December 2010, February 2011, March 2011, May 2011

(with Willfried Spohn, Universität Göttingen): „Peripheral Modernities and Multiple Inequalities – Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives“, WG02 session at the 17th ISA World Congress, Göteborg, July 2010

(with Willfried Spohn, Universität Göttingen): „Post-Colonialism, Multiple Modernities and Historical-Comparative Sociology“, ISA Session at the 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Budapest, June 2008

(with Gabriele Dietze and Claudia Brunner, HU Berlin): „Kritischer Okzidentalismus: Migrationsregime, Neorassismen und Europolitiken“, Institute for Critical Inquiry (ICI), Berlin, May 29-30, 2008 (sponsored by the ICI Berlin)

(with José Maurício Domingues & João Feres Jr., IUPERJ, Brazil): “Critical Thought/Transformative Practice. Peripheral Conditions and the (Dis)Location of Latin America”, Rio de Janeiro, October 11-13, 2007 (sponsored by FINEP, FAPERJ CAPES, Brazil)

(with the interdisciplinary working group „Normalität des Fremden“, KUEI): „Mental Maps. Globale Räume – vernetzte Identitäten“, Eichstätt, November 16, 2005/June 29, 2007 (sponsored by the Maximilian Bickhoff-University Foundation)

(with the interdisciplinary working group „Normalität des Fremden“, KUEI): „Des Fremden Freund, des Fremden Feind“, Eichstätt, July 2004 (sponsored by the Maximilian Bickhoff-University Foundation)

(with Siegfried Lamnek, KUEI): „Geschlecht-Gewalt-Gesellschaft. Gegenwartsdiagnosen“, Eichstätt, July 3-5, 2003

(Sponsored by the Otto-von-Freising-Foundation of the Department of History and Social Sciences, KUEI).

(with the interdisciplinary working group „Normalität des Fremden“, KUEI): „Abgrenzen und Entgrenzen. Zur Produktivität von Grenzen“, January 2002 (sponsored by the Maximilian-Bickhoff University Foundation).

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- [ACLS Collaborative Fellowship for the project “Comparatizing Transylvania”](#) (with Anca Parvulescu, Washington University St. Louis, USA), 2018-2020
- [Sociologist of the Month](#), awarded by the journal *Current Sociology*, September 2017
- „World-Systems Analysis for the 21st Century. Methodological Innovations, Global Data Sets and Inequalities on a World Scale“, DFG grant for the establishment of international cooperations, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Maryland, College Park, April 2016
- Research Fellowship, [desiguALdades.net](#), Freie Universität Berlin, March-August 2011
- Conference travel grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), July 2009
- DAAD/FAPERJ research grant at the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), Brazil, November 2008-February 2009
- German Research Community (DFG) cooperation grant at the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), Brazil, August-October 2008
- Conference travel grant, German Research Community (DFG), April 2005
- PhD Thesis Fellowship, Maximilian Bickhoff University Foundation, 2000-2002
- Outstanding Student Award, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, 1998
- Advanced Studies Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), University of Bonn, Germany 1997-1998
- Advanced Studies Scholarship, British Council, King’s School of English, Bournemouth, UK, July-August 1993

COURSES TAUGHT (in German and English; occasionally in Spanish and Portuguese)

Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg (2015-2019):

- Global and Regional Transformations. Theories, Trends, Interdependencies
- Dynamics of Inequalities in a Global Perspective
- The Haves and the Have-Mores: The Global Rich in the Worldwide Inequality Structure
- Sociology of Global Inequalities
- Macrosociology of the 21st Century
- Global Social Thought: Decolonizing the Canon

Freie Universität Berlin (2010-2015):

- Europe as a Process, a Project, and a Problem
- The Caribbean in the Atlantic World: Societies, Cultures, Entanglements (with Claudia Rauhut)
- Latin America as Laboratory of Modernity (with Barbara Fritz)
- Interdisciplinary Research on Latin America: Topics and Projects (with Alexandra Ortiz Wallner)
- Global and Regional Transformations. Theories, Trends, Interdependencies
- Present-day Latin America: Old and New Inequalities (with Marianne Braig)
- Inequality as Feminization: Poverty, Migration, Labor (with Maria Lidola)
- Latin America as Laboratory of Modernity (with Sérgio Costa)
- Interdisciplinary Research on Latin America: Topics and Projects (with Alexandra Ortiz Wallner)
- The Americas: Connections and Divergencies
- Global Social Inequalities (with Sérgio Costa)
- Development: Theories and Policies

Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (2003-2010)

- Introduction to Sociology I: Basic Concepts
- Introduction to Sociology II: Theoretical Approaches
- Progress, Development, Modernization: Concepts of Social Change in Theories of Modernity
- Europe as a Project, a Process and a Problem
- Reading Course: Max Weber
- Reading Course: Karl Marx
- Reading Course: Emile Durkheim
- Gender Identities: Construct vs. Social Reality
- Globalization and Social Inequalities
- Identity and Alterity as Categories of a Sociology of Culture
- Macrosociology of the 21st Century
- Cultural Change and Evolutionary Theory

Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro (2007-2008)

- Macrosociologia do século XXI (IUPERJ, Brasil)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Editorial Board, *Current Sociology* (since 2019)

President, Research Committee 56 Historical Sociology, International Sociological Association (since 2016)

Review editor, *Zeitschrift für Weltgeschichte* (since 2012)

Member of the editorial board, *Zeitschrift für Weltgeschichte* (since 2010)

Member of the editorial board, *Geopolítica(s). Estudios sobre Espacio y Poder* (since 2010)

Series editor, *Zentrum und Peripherie* series, *Nomos* (since 2010)

Series editor, *Gesellschaft-Entwicklung-Politik*, Mandelbaum Verlag, Vienna (since 2010)

Member of the editorial board, *Journal of World-Systems Research* (since 2008)
ERASMUS coordinator of the academic exchange with the universities of Salamanca, Sevilla (Spain), Bucharest (Romania), Lodz (Poland) and Pilsen (Czech Republic), Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (2007-2010) and Freie Universität Berlin (2010).
Member, Examination Committee, Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Eichstätt (2003-2010)
Council Member, Interdisciplinary Working Group “Normalcy of the Other”, Catholic University of Eichstätt (1998-2008)
Secretary-Treasurer, Working Group 02 Historical and Comparative Sociology, International Sociological Association (ISA) (2007-2014)
Member, Political Sociology Section, German Sociological Association (DGS) (since 2006)
Member, Sociology of East and East Central Europe Section, DGS (2006-2010)
Member, Center for Latin American Studies (ZILAS), Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (since 2006)
Member, German Association for Research on Latin America (ADLAF) (since 2005)
Ad-hoc reviewer for: *Current Sociology*, *Third World Quarterly*; Austrian Ministry of Culture, Austria; *Revista Dados*, Brazil; *Journal of World-Systems Research*, USA; *Peripherie. Zeitschrift für Politik und Ökonomie in der Dritten Welt*, Germany; Working Paper series, Center for Area Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

RECENT KEYNOTE SPEECHES AND INVITED PAPERS (SELECTION):

“Unfinished Decolonization and Forgotten Europes”, invited paper, [conference A Shared European History: Empire, Decolonization, and the Making of Modern Europe](#), Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies, Amsterdam, February 2020

“Decolonizing European Borders”, [South by Midwest Conference “Liquid Borders/Fronteras Liquidas”](#), Washington University St. Louis, October 2019

“Europe Otherwise. On Decolonization, Creolization, and Inter-Imperiality“, [opening plenary](#) speech, 14th European Sociological Association conference, Manchester, UK, August 2019

“Eurocentrism, Occidentalism, and Unequal Europes”, [Decolonial Summer School Middelburg “Democracy and the Others of Europe”](#), University of Utrecht, July 2018

[“Exclusion through Citizenship and the Double Standards of Modernity/Coloniality”](#), **Plenary Session “Overcoming Boundaries and Polarizations Between Centers and Peripheries”**, ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 2016

“Historical Privilege and Global Accumulation: The Colonial Entail of Whiteness and Citizenship”, Conference [“Chaos and Governance in the 21st Century. Prospects and Challenges to Peace and Justice in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline”](#), Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, February 2016

“Uniqueness of the West as a Research Agenda. A Postcolonial Critique of Weber’s Theory of Race, Religion, and Ethnicity”, [International Workshop “Provincializing the Social Sciences”](#), Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, June 2015

[“The Global South and Postcolonial Perspectives in International Sociology”](#), ISA integrative session at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 18, 2014

“Commodification of Citizenship. Global Inequalities and the Modern Transmission of Property”, Conference “Austere Histories: Social Exclusion and the Erasure of Colonial Memories in European Societies”, Linköping University, Museum of Work, Norrköping, Sweden, December 2013