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Main Areas of Research

Qualitative Social Science Methodologies; Participatory Research; Research Ethics;
Sociology of Health and Illness; Migration, Diversity and Ethnicity.

Education

06/2005	<i>Promotion, Dr. phil. (Ph.D. equiv.)</i> Philosophical Faculty Thesis: 'Multiple stigmatization of lesbian and bisexual mothers with HIV/AIDS in New York– A qualitative Study'	University of Hannover <i>Supervisors: Gudrun-Axeli Knapp (University of Hannover); Anke A. Ehrhardt (Columbia University)</i>
07/1998	<i>Diploma in Social Sciences (M.A. equiv.)</i> Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Law; Diploma thesis in Sociology	University of Hannover <i>Supervisors: Barbara Duden; Gudrun-Axeli Knapp</i>
06-10/1993	<i>Summer session</i> Ethnic Minority Studies, Art History	University of California, Berkeley (USA)
10/1992	<i>Diplom-Vorprüfung (B.A. equiv.) (Social Sciences)</i> Political Science, Psychology	University of Hannover

Professional Positions

since 04/2013	Professor (W2) (<i>equiv. Associate Prof.</i>) of Sociology with a focus on qualitative methods of empirical social research (<i>tenured in 2016</i>)	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich, Germany Department of Sociology
09/2012 – 03/2013	Researcher (Post Doc) Research Group 'Science Policy Studies'	WZB Berlin Social Science Center Germany
05/2006 – 05/2012	Researcher (Post Doc) Research Group 'Public Health'	WZB Berlin Social Science Center Germany
01/2006 – 12/2008	Freelancer, Consultant (part time) <i>Netzwerkstatt</i> : Online Research Group and Interdisciplinary Network	Free University Berlin, Institute of Qualitative Research Germany
10/2005 – 05/2006	Researcher (Post Doc) (part time)	Otto v. Guericke University Magdeburg; Institute of General Medicine, Germany
04/2000 – 06/2004	Research Worker	Columbia University NYSPI und Mailman School of Public Health, New York, USA
05/1999 – 01/2000	Administrative Assistant BMA Foundation for AIDS	British Medical Association (BMA), London, UK

Research Projects

Principal Investigator (PI)

2024-2026	Challenges and Innovative Changes in Research Ethics Reviews (CHANGER) <i>Funding: EU HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-1</i>	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich; Department of Sociology <i>Partner in the Coordination and Support Action Project (Coordination: DEMOCRITOS, Athens, Greece)</i>
2024-2025	Qualitative Research on AI with AI: Research Project with Students <i>Funding: self-funded</i>	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich; Department of Sociology <i>Collaborative Project with Y. Jeanrenaud</i>

2019-2022	<p>‘Vulnerability and Empowerment: Participatory Approaches to Health Promotion with Refugees’ (EMPOW) <i>Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (German Research Foundation)</i></p>	<p>Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich; Department of Sociology <i>Part of the Research Group PH-Lens (Coordination: O. Razum, University Bielefeld)</i></p>
2018-2021	<p>‘Civil Society Organisations and the Challenges of Migration and Diversity: Agents of Change’ (ZOMiDi) <i>Funding: German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)</i></p>	<p>Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich Department of Sociology <i>Collaborative Project with K. Schönwälder (MPI Göttingen) and S. Karakayali (HU Berlin)</i></p>
2016-2017	<p>‘Young Refugees, Education and Work:’ Research project with MA students and Dr. Petra Schütt <i>Funding: City of Munich (Referat/Dept. of Labor and Economy)</i></p>	<p>Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich Department of Sociology</p>
2012-2015	<p>‘Changing Categories: Im/migrants in epidemiological, preventive and legal discourses on HIV and Tuberculosis. A country comparison (Germany/UK).’ <i>Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (German Research Foundation)</i></p>	<p>Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich Department of Sociology <i>(2012 at the WZB)</i></p>
2008-2011	<p>‘Participatory Development of HIV prevention with im/migrants’ (PaKoMi) in Collaboration with Deutsche Aidshilfe e.V. <i>Funding: Federal Ministry of Health (BMG)</i></p>	<p>WZB Berlin Social Science Center Research Group ‘Public Health’</p>
2001-2004	<p>‘Multiple stigmatization of lesbian and bisexual women with HIV/AIDS in New York: A Qualitative Study’ <i>Funding: HIV Center, NYSPI, CU New York</i></p>	<p>HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Columbia University & NYSPI, NY (USA)</p>
1997-1999	<p>‘A game of hide and seek with the virus: An empirical study on problems and solutions in the everyday life of HIV-positive women’ <i>Funding: Deutsche Aidshilfe e.V., Berlin</i></p>	<p>University Hannover Dept. of Social Science and Humanities</p>

Further Research Work and Project Coordination

2007- 2008	<p>‘Using experience, deepening knowledge, improving practice: Participatory Quality</p>	<p>WZB Berlin Social Science Center Research Group ‘Public Health’</p>
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	Assurance and Evaluation in Health Promotion for the Socially Disadvantaged' PI: Michael T Wright/Rolf Rosenbrock	
2007-2008	'Participative evaluation the NetzWerkstatt as a prototype of a scientific virtual community' PI: Anja Herrmann, Katja Mruck, Günter Mey	Freie University Berlin
2006-2008	'Structures to strengthen evaluation and quality assurance in the primary prevention of AIDS service organisations' PI: Michael Wright/Rolf Rosenbrock	WZB Berlin Social Science Center Research Group 'Public Health'
2006-2007	'General medicine as a field of research' PI: Markus Herrmann	Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg Institute of General Medicine
2000-2004	'Randomized Clinical Trial Testing the Efficacy of an HIV Prevention Intervention with Women Who Are Living with a Severe Mental Illness' PI: Pamela Y Collins	Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health NY (USA)

Reviewer for

Canadian Journal of Bioethics
Critical Public Health
Culture, Health and Sexuality
Forum Qualitative Social Research (FQS)
International Journal of Qualitative Methods
Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics
Journal of Public Health
Research Ethics
Social Science & Medicine
Soziale Welt: Zeitschrift für sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung & Praxis
Zeitschrift für Qualitative Forschung
Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, Bonn
German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
German Research Foundation (DFG)
Austrian Agency for Scientific Integrity (Österreichische Agentur für wissenschaftliche Integrität)

Administrative Responsibilities

since 2015	Chair of the Research Ethics Committee at the Faculty of Social Sciences	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich
since 2024	Elected speaker of neks	Network of Research Ethics Committees in the Social Sciences (neks)
since 2024	Associate Member of EUREC, working group 2	European Network of Research Ethics Committees (EUREC)
since 2024	Member of the joint Ethics Committee of the German Sociological Association (DGS) and BSiD	German Sociological Association (DGS)
2025-2027; 2021-2023	Elected member of the faculty board at the Faculty of Social Sciences	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich
2018-2020	Director of the Department of Sociology	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich
2016-2018	Elected member of the board of the DGS section "Qualitative Methods of Social Science Research"	German Sociological Association (DGS)
2015-2017	Member of the working group "Research Ethics"	German Data Forum / Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten (RatSWD)
2013-2015	Member of the faculty board Faculty of Social Sciences	Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich
2011-2013	Speaker of the Postdoc-Initiative	WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Member of Advisory Boards (since 2017)

- Qualiservice Data Sharing, data service center for qualitative social science research data, University Bremen (PI: Betina Hollstein)
- The Rural Educational Environments of Young Refugees in In-company Vocational Training (LaeneAs), participatory project funded by the BMBF, University Potsdam (PI: Stefan Thomas, Anette Korntheuer)
- ‚Imagining Desires‘, scientific-artistic research project on sexuality, visual culture and pedagogy, Institute for the Artistic Teaching Profession, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria (PI: Marion Thuswald)

- 'META - mHealth: Ethical, legal and social aspects in the technological age', University of Augsburg (PI: Verina Wild)
- 'Positive Stimmen 2.0' (positive voices 2.0; German subproject of the international Peer Project 'People living with HIV Stigma Index'), Deutsche Aidshilfe e.V. and Institute for Democracy and Civil Society (PI: Heike Gronski, Janine Dieckmann)
- 'Harm reduction and addiction support for and with migrants' (PaSuMi), participatory research project funded by the German Ministry of Health; Deutsche Aidshilfe e.V. (PI: Tanja Gangarova, Dirk Schäffer)

Memberships

German Sociological Association (DGS)

- DGS Section 'Methods of Qualitative Social Science Research'
- DGS Section 'Sociology of Knowledge'
- DGS Section 'Biographical Research'
- DGS Section 'Migration and Ethnic Minorities'

German Association of Social Medicine and Prevention (DGSMMP)

International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research (ICPHR)

German Network for Participatory Health Research (PartNet)

Scholarships, Visits and Awards

2017	Honorary Visiting Fellowship in the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS)	La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia
2013 – 2016	Guest Researcher Research Group 'Science Policy Studies'	WZB Berlin Social Science, Berlin, Germany
2015	Connect-Program of the Japanese-German Frontiers of Science Symposium Alexander von-Humboldt-Foundation and JSPS	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan
2011	ProFiL: Professionalization for women in research and teaching	Technical University Berlin, Germany
2009 – 2011	'Fast Track – Career program for young female scientists'	Robert Bosch-Foundation, Germany

2007 Travel fund to attend the 30th International German Research Foundation
Congress on Law and Mental Health, Padua, (DFG)
Italy

Selected Teaching at the Department of Sociology (LMU)

- ‘Introduction to qualitative methods of social science research’
BA Lecture (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)¹ (regular lecture in the winter semester)
- ‘Qualitative Research Workshop’
Colloquium for doctoral students and Postdocs (2 SWS)
- ‘Applied qualitative research: Research Ethics’
BA Course (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)
- ‘Epistemological and methodological foundations of qualitative social research’
MA Seminar (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)
- ‘Advanced Methods of Qualitative Research 1 & 2’
MA Seminar and Exercise (4 SWS, 6 ECTS) 2-semester course
with changing foci: Qualitative Research with AI; Grounded Theory Methodology; Situational Analysis; Qualitative Online Research; Qualitative Interviewing and Analysis; Exploring local initiatives of health promotion and sustainability; Lived Experiences in a Postmigration Society
- ‘Situational Analysis’ of Health Discourses
MA Seminar and Exercise over 2 semesters (*team teaching with Dimitra Kostimpas, MA*) (4 SWS, 9 ECTS)
- ‘Mixed Method-Designs’
BA Course (*team teaching with Prof. Alexander Libman*) (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)
- ‘Applied qualitative research: Online Ethnography’
BA Course (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)
- ‘Grounded Theory Methodology’
BA Course (*team teaching with Anna Huber, MA*) (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)
- ‘Exploring new forms of Online Work with qualitative methods’
MA Qualitative Research Practicum (*team teaching with Prof. Hans Pongratz*) (4 SWS, 9 ECTS)
- Research Areas in Sociology
MA Lecture (*together with other research units at the Department of Sociology*) (2 SWS, 6 ECTS)

¹ SWS: weekly hours per semester (Semester-Wochen-Stunden); ECTS: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System