

Dr. Mitja Sienknecht

Research Focus

Responsibility in World Politics · Digitalization of Violence · Peace and Conflict Studies · Theories of International Relations · World Society Approaches · Border- und Boundary Studies

Professional Positions

- Since 12/2021 Postdoctoral researcher at the European News School of Digital Studies – European University Viadrina
- Researcher in the project SKILL - Artificial Intelligence for research-based learning
 - Independent research on argumentation in theories of international relations and political debates, and on the digitalization of violence
- 10/2021-10/2022 Interim Professor (Vertretungsprofessur) “European and International Politics” at the European University Viadrina
- Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences [Chair: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer]
 - Research on the digitalization of violence, theories of international relations, responsibility in world politics
 - teaching and supervision on the B.A. level
 - mentoring of PhD students
- Since 01/2020 Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Münster
- Institute of Political Science, Chair for Global Governance, Prof. Dr. Antje Vetterlein
 - research on responsibility in world politics, borders and conflicts; preparation of third party funds applications
 - teaching on the B.A. and M.A.-level
- Since 01/2020 Visiting Researcher at the Berlin Social Science Center, WZB
- Department for Global Governance, Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn
- 06/2017–12/2019 Postdoctoral Researcher at the Berlin Social Science Center, WZB
- Department for Global Governance, Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn
 - research on responsibility in world politics, de-bordering processes in intrastate conflicts, rebel governance and referendums
 - data collection, preparation of third-party funds application, conduction of interviews, building and editing of the WZB-Blog “Orders Beyond Borders”
- 04/2016–05/2017 Research Positions at the European University Viadrina

- Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION
 - Research fellow in the research group “Border & Boundary Studies”, research on the complexity, infrastructures, and contestations of borders, 01/2017-06/2017
 - Postdoctoral fellowship at the Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION, research on conflicts and b/orders, 10/2016-12/2016
 - Active member of the working group “Grenztheorien”, [*Border & Boundary Studies*], preparation of a successful Seed-Money-project application, 04/2016-09/2016
- 06/2013–12/2015 Research Fellow Positions at the European University Viadrina
- Chair of European and International Politics, Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer
 - Seed-Money Project: „Contesting the European Border Regime: How, Where and When Do Good Arguments Matter?” (2015), funded by the European University Viadrina
 - research on responsible decision-making processes of European Institutions in the European Asylum policy, European Foreign and Security Policy
 - teaching, committee work
- 11/2012–11/2014 Research Fellow at Bielefeld University
- Chair of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
 - Project: „The discursive construction of conflict and international organizational decision-making processes between normative frameworks of peacebuilding and securitization – the case of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI)”, funded by the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)
 - research on international interventions and the construction of peace and security in (post-)conflict contexts
 - short-term fieldwork stay in New York/U.S. to conduct interviews with UN-personnel
- 07/2009–07/2015 Doctoral Fellow at European University Viadrina
- Research Training Group „Transformations in Global Governance. Europe and the World Order in Historical Perspective”, headed by Prof. Dr. Nützenadel and Prof. Dr. Neyer
 - Several short-term fieldwork stays in Strasbourg and Brussels to conduct interviews with EU-personnel and NGOs
- 09/2008–02/2009 Student Research Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
- Research Division: Europe/EU, Dr. Annegret Bendiek
 - Research on European Foreign and Security Politics, EU-Turkey relations, M.A. thesis

- 04/2007–09/2007 Graduate Assistant at University of Tübingen
- Chair of International Relations/ Peace and Conflict Studies, Prof. Dr. Volker Rittberger
 - Assistance of the lecture “Germany/EU in international politics”
- 08/2003–08/2006 Student Assistant at Bielefeld University
- Chair of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
 - Assistance in the Collaborative Research Center 584 “The Political as Communicative Space in History”
 - Assistance of the Fifth Annual European Summer School in EU Studies “Global and European Governance” (ECPR)

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. at the European University Viadrina (Dr. phil.), Frankfurt (Oder)
- Thesis Title: „Entgrenzte Konflikte in der Weltgesellschaft. Eine Untersuchung kommunikativer Entgrenzungsprozesse am Beispiel des kurdischen Konfliktes in der Türkei“
[*Debordered Conflicts in World Society. An analysis of communicative de-bordering processes in the Kurdish conflict in Turkey*]
 - Grade: magna cum laude
 - Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer, Prof. Dr. Mathias Albert
- 02/2012–06/2012 Visiting Scholar at Koç-University in Istanbul/Turkey
- associated with the Graduate School of Social Sciences, Ph.D. program in International Relations and Political Science, Prof. Belgin San-Akca
 - interviews with experts on the Kurdish conflict in Turkey
 - field research in Diyarbakir/Turkey to conduct interviews with local politicians, experts and civil society organizations
- 07/2009–07/2015 Doctoral Fellow at the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
- Research Training Group „Transformations in Global Governance. Europe and the World Order in Historical Perspective”
- 10/2006–05/2009 M.A. in International Politics and Peace Research, University of Tübingen
- Grade: 1,3
- 01/2008–06/2008 University of Uppsala (Sweden)
- Erasmus Student at the Department for Peace- and Conflict Research
 - M.A. Program on Peace- and Conflict Studies

- 10/2002–04/2006 B.A. in Political Science, Bielefeld University
- Grade: 1,5 (Graduation with distinction)
 - Certificate of honor of the Faculty for Sociology for best student in the year
 - Certificate of honor of the Faculty for Sociology for the outstanding B.A. thesis (Grade: 1,0)
- 10/2005–09/2006 Bielefeld University
- Supplementary Study Program „Europa Intensiv“ [Europe Intense] at the Faculties for Sociology, Law, Economics, History/Philosophy, Health Science

Scholarships and awards

- 2019 Selection for the ProFiL Mentoring Program “Professionalisierung für Frauen in Forschung & Lehre: Mentoring – Training – Networking”, [*Professionalisation of Women in Research and Teaching: Mentoring – Training – Networking*], joint program of the HU Berlin, FU Berlin, TU Berlin in order “to support highly qualified female scholars in their quest to attain a full professorship”.
- 2018 Honored with the *zib Best Paper Award* of the German Political Science Association, Section International Relations, for the paper: “Entgrenzte Konfliktkommunikation. Zum Aufbau von Kommunikationsstrukturen von nichtstaatlichen Konfliktparteien ins weltpolitische System”, [*De-Bordered Conflict Communication. The Development of Communication Structures in World Politics*], in: Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen (ZIB), Vol. 25, No. 1, p. 5-34. Paper presented at the Conference of the Section International Relations in Bremen 2017.
- 10–12/2017 Postdoctoral Scholarship from the Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION at the European University Viadrina
- 2010–2014 Several travel grants of the Viadrina Center for Graduate Studies (European University Viadrina) for the participation in conferences, workshops and field research
- 2009–2012 PhD Scholarship awarded by the European University Viadrina
- 01–06/2008 Scholarship awarded by the Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg for a study program at the University of Uppsala, Sweden
- 2006 Certificate of the Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University, best of her B.A. class in Political Science
- 2006 Certificate of the Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University, best B.A.-thesis in Political Science

Third Party Funding

- 2017 Seed-Money-Project, European University Viadrina, Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION
- Title: „Infrastrukturen der Grenze“ [*Infrastructures of Borders*]
 - Collaboration in the application, principal applicant: Hannes Krämer
 - requested funding amount: 279.940,00€
- 2015 Seed-Money-Project, European University Viadrina, Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION
- Title: „Contesting the European Border Regime: How, Where and When Do Good Arguments Matter?“
 - Collaboration in the application, principal applicant: Jürgen Neyer
 - Requested funding amount: 102.512,00€

Teaching

University	Semester	Title	BA/MA	Type	Language
European University Viadrina	2021/22	Internationale Organisationen in der Weltpolitik	BA	Seminar	DE
		Einführung in die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung	BA	Seminar	DE
University of Münster	2021	Einführung in die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung	BA	Seminar (digital)	DE
	2020/21	Einführung in die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung	BA	Seminar (digital)	DE
	2020	Conflicts and Borders	MA	Seminar (digital)	EN
		Conflicts and Borders	MA	Seminar (digital)	EN
University Potsdam	2017	Einführung in die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung	BA	Seminar (digital)	DE
		Europäische Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik	BA	Seminar	DE

European University Viadrina	2016/17	Einführung in die Friedens- und Konfliktforschung	MA	Seminar	DE
	2014	Viadrina Model United Nations 2014 – Maritime border conflicts in the China Seas	BA	Simulation	EN
	2013/14	Die EU als globaler Akteur – Europäische Außenpolitik zu Beginn des 21. Jahrhunderts	BA	Seminar	DE

Organized Conferences, Workshops and Panels

- 2020 DVPW Conference of the Section: International Relations, Freiburg (digital)
- Organization, chairing, paper presentation (together with Antje Vetterlein), Panel: „Verantwortung in den Internationalen Beziehungen“ [*Responsibility in International Relations*]
 - Paper Presentation (together with Friederike Luise Kelle)
- 2019 ISA-Annual Conference, Toronto
- Organization, chairing (together with Sassan Gholiagha)
 - Panel: “Responsibility in World Politics – International institutions as subjects of responsibility”
 - *cancellation of own participation due to parental leave*
- 2018 DVPW-Annual Conference, Frankfurt/ Main
- Organization, chairing
 - Panel: „Grenzen der Demokratie überwinden – Kosmopolitische Verantwortung als politisches Konzept“, [*Overcoming Barriers to Democracy – Cosmopolitan Responsibility as a Political Concept*]
 - *cancellation of own participation due to parental leave*
- 2017 DVPW, Conference of the Section: International Relations, Bremen
- Organization, chairing, paper presentation
 - Panel: „Grenzkonflikte und Entgrenzte Konflikte“, [*Border Conflicts and De-Bordered Conflicts*]
- 2016 Conference „Komplexe Grenzen – Dimensionen, Dynamiken, Technologien“ [*The Complexity of Borders – Dimensions, Dynamics and Technologies*] at European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
- Organization, chairing
- 2015 ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans
- Organization, chairing, paper presentation
 - Panel: “Conflicts as Social Systems in World Society”
 - supported by the DVPW, section for International Relations

- 2014 Workshop “Justifying the European Border Regime and holding it to account: Ideational versus Material Dimensions?” at European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
- Organization, paper presentation

Invited Talks and Workshops

- 2021 Thomas-Morus Akademie Bensberg
- Presentation: “Challenges from de-bordered Conflicts for the NATO” (cancellation due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
- 2018 HSU Hamburg, Workshop: “Non-Recognition of Armed Non-State Actors: Risks and Opportunities for Conflict Transformation”
- organized by Maéva Clément, Anna Geis, Hanna Pfeifer)
 - Presentation: “The PKK’s zig-zag in its Global Quest for Recognition”
- 2017 ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo
- Presentation: “Cosmopolitan Responsibility: Between Normative Aspirations and Political Reality”
- 2017 Summer School „Border(Land) Studies“, European University Viadrina
- Presentation: “Borders and Boundaries in Conflict Situations. Analyzing and overcoming ethnical boundaries in violent conflicts”
- 2016 University of Frankfurt/Main, Authors Workshop: “Politik und Verantwortung. Analysen zum Wandel politischer Entscheidungs- und Rechtfertigungspraktiken”, [*Politics and Responsibility. Analysis of transforming practices of decision-making and justification*]
- organized by Christopher Daase, Julian Junk, Stefan Kroll, Valentin Rauer
 - Presentation: „Verantwortung für Andere: Flüchtlingspolitik im EU-Mehrebenensystem der EU“, [*Responsibility for Others: Refugee Policy in the multi-level EU system*]
- 2016 Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing
- Presentation: „Die Vereinten Nationen – Eine internationale Organisation vor neuen Herausforderungen“, [*The United Nations – An International Organisations facing new Challenges*]
- 2016 IFAIR – Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations e.V., Symposium on the idea of a World Parliament
- comment on the presentation of Prof. Thomas Pogge (Yale University)
 - Presentation: „Kosmopolitische Verantwortung und globale Institutionen“, [*Cosmopolitan Responsibility and global institutions*]
- 2013 University of Potsdam, Authors Workshop: “International Organizations”, organized by Eugénia da Conceicao-Heldt, Martin Koch, Andrea Liese

- Presentation: Integrierte UN-Interventionen in der Weltgesellschaft“, [*Integrated UN-Interventions in World Society*]

Conference & Workshop Participation

- 2021 SVPW (Swiss Political Science Association)
ISA Annual Convention
DVPW
- 2020 German Political Science Association (DVPW), Section: International Relations, University of Freiburg
- 2019 ISA Annual Convention, Toronto (*eigene Teilnahme wegen Elternzeit abgesagt*)
- 2018 Jahreskongress der DVPW, Frankfurt/Main (wegen Elternzeit abgesagt)
Workshop at the HSU Hamburg: „Non-Recognition of Armed Non-State Actors: Risks and Opportunities for Conflict Transformation“
Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK), Berlin
- 2017 Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK), Schwerte
Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA), Barcelona
DVPW, Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Bremen
- 2015 Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA), Sicily
International Conference for Europeanists, Council of European Studies (CES), Paris (Sciences Po)
ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans
- 2014 DVPW, Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Magdeburg
ISA Annual Convention, Toronto
- 2011 Graduate Student Workshop at Koç University, Istanbul
- 2010 Annual ASN World Convention, „Nations and States: on the map and in the mind“ at Columbia University, New York

Services to the Profession

- 2020-2021 University of Münster
- Representative of the academic staff in the board of the political science institute
 - Representative of the academic staff in the commission “Tenure Track”
- 2018-2020 Member of the Christiane Rajewsky-Jury, AFK
- Annual selection of the best graduate thesis in peace and conflict studies

- 2018 Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
- Postdoctoral Representative in the Committee “Flexible Funding”
- 2015 European University Viadrina
- Representative of the research associates in the appointment committee for a professorship in “International Relations”
- 2015-2016 European University Viadrina
- Representative of the research associates in the faculty council
- 2015-2016 European University Viadrina
- Representative of the research associates in the committee for internal accreditation
- 2002-2006 University Bielefeld
- founding member of the students council social science/political science

Membership

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK)
- Co-opted Member of the Institute for World Society at the Bielefeld University

Further Qualifications

Language skills	German (native) English (fluent) French, Swedish, Turkish (basic knowledge)
Methods	expert interviews, semi-structured interviews, qualitative content analysis, comparative designs, descriptive statistics
Software skills	QCA/ fsQCA MAXQDA Wordpress

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