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- ❖ Dr. phil. in Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany (2010)
- ❖ Best published Dissertation Award, German Political Science Association (2012)
- ❖ Professor for Political Theory and Digital Democracy, European New School of Digital Studies, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany (since October 2020)
- ❖ Associated researcher at Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin, Germany
- ❖ Member of editorial boards of New Media & Society & Nordic Journal of Media Studies

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Research profile:

Political communication, impact of technologies on democracy (algorithms, bots etc.), digital public spheres, comparative studies on elections, disinformation

Methods: qualitative and quantitative research designs, content analysis, network analysis, comparative research designs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since October 2020	Professor for Political Theory and Digital Democracy (W2) Associated researcher at Weizenbaum Institute, Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin, Germany
July 2019 – Sep 2020	Vice Chair of study program Digital Media and Technology, (Master and Bachelor, a cooperation of Technological University Berlin and Free University Berlin), https://bit.ly/2n9EDBT
Feb 2018 – Sep 2020	Assistant Professor (W1) for Digital Communication, Free University Berlin, Germany
Feb 2018 – Sep 2020	Head of research group „News, Campaigns and the Rationality of Public Discourse“, Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin, Germany
Oct 2009 – Jan 2018	Senior Research and Teaching Assistant at IKMZ - Department for Mass Communication and Media Research, Division „Media & Politics“, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Mar 2017-May 2017	Visiting Scholar at the Center for Information Technology and Society CITS, University of California at Santa Barbara UCSB, USA
Sep 2016-Jan 2017	Interim Professor for Digital Communication, Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen, Germany
2013 – 2015	Managing Director of the research division „Media & Politics“, University of Zurich, Switzerland
2011-2014	Departmental International Mobility Coordinator at IKMZ - Department for Mass Communication and Media Research (International cooperations, student exchange programs)
2013	Summer Fellow at HIIG - Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Germany
2007 - 2009	Research Assistant at the Institute of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany

2006-2007	Several months of research visits in Italy (Università degli Studi di Milano, Università degli Studi di Perugia) and Mexico (Colegio de México, Mexico City)
2004 - 2007	Post-Graduate Assistant at the Center for North American Studies (ZENAF), Frankfurt, Germany
2004-2005	Post-Graduate Assistant at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK), Project Assistant: Phenotypes and Causality of Violence in Latin America
2001-2004	Graduate Assistant at the Center for North American Studies (ZENAF), Frankfurt

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2010	Dissertation „Medienmonopole und defekte Demokratien: Pluralismusregulierung und Demokratiequalität in Italien und Mexiko“ [Media Monopolies and Defective Democracies. Pluralism Governance and the Quality of Democracy in Italy and Mexico], Institute of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
2001-2004	Goethe University Frankfurt am Main (Graduate Studies of Political Science, American Studies, History, Social Psychology), Diploma in December 2004 Thesis: Problems of Democratic Legitimation in East Germany: Social and Economic Policy Outputs and the Legitimacy of Political Systems.
1998-2001	Dresden University of Technology (Undergraduate Studies of Political Science, American Studies and Social and Economic History)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2018	Top Paper Award, International Communication Association, Political Communication Section, “Social bots in Germany’s 2017 national election campaign: Theoretical, empirical and methodological implications”
2012	Best Dissertation Award, German Political Science Association (DVPW) (Laudatio published in Politische Vierteljahresschrift PVS 4/2012)
2011-2012	Gertrude J. Robinson Mentoring Program for Female Scholars, German Communication Association
2007	PhD scholarship, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (returned)
2006-2007	PhD scholarship, Goethe University Frankfurt

RESEARCH FUNDING

2018	Research project with VHW - Bundesverband Wohnen und Stadtentwicklung e.V.: „Local Public Spheres“ (principal investigator, with Prof. Otfried Jarren, University of Zurich)
2018	Joint Seed Money Funding University of Zurich and FU Berlin: “Social Bots in Digital Public Spheres” (principal investigator, with Prof. Mike Schäfer, University of Zurich)
2016	International Short Visits Grant, Swiss National Science Funds SNF, Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Information Technology and Society (CITS), University of California at Santa Barbara UCSB

- 2014 Research project with VHW - Bundesverband Wohnen und Stadtentwicklung e.V.: „Local Communication Spaces and Social Cohesion“ (principal investigator, with Prof. Otfried Jarren)
- 2012 Swiss National Science Fund: „Participatory Online Communication in Swiss Cities“ (principal investigator, with Prof. Dr. Otfried Jarren)
- 2009 Series of three panel discussions “Democracy in Spain and Latin America: Between Visions and Reality”, cooperation of the Institute of Political Science and the Instituto Cervantes in Frankfurt, Mai-June.

RESEARCH COOPERATIONS

- 2019-2021 EU Election Campaigns in comparative perspective: political parties on Facebook, with Karolina Koc Michalska (Audiencia Business School Nantes, Paris, France)
- 2019-2020 Echo-Chambers and Cross-Commenting on Facebook, with Noah Bubenhofer (University of Zurich, Zurich Center for Linguistics, Switzerland)
- 2018 Social Bots in digital public spheres, with Mike Schaefer and Tobias Keller (University of Zurich, Department for Mass Communication and Media Research)
- 2018-2020 Populism on Facebook: a longitudinal and cross-sectional comparison, with Karolina Koc Michalska, Audiencia Business School Nantes, Paris, France
- 2015 – 2017 Member of the working group “Assessing Big Data” (www.abida.de), WZB – Berlin Social Science Center, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- 2014 – 2017 Member of the research network “Values and Norms in Communication Science”, funded by German Research Foundation DFG
- 2007 – 2009 Associated member EU-research network COST Action 30: „East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda“

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2021 Annual Conference of the German Communication Association’s Political Communication Division, 12 February 2021 www.polkomm2021.de
- 2021 Conference “Digital campaigning in dissonant public spheres“ (with Karolina Koc-Michalska and Andrea Römmele), 9-12 May 2021, Caddenabbia, Italy, <https://responsabilite-societale.audencia.com/recherche-et-etudes/digital-campaigning-in-dissonant-public-spheres/>
- 2021 Annual Weizenbaum-Conference 2021, Berlin, 17-18 June 2020, <https://www.weizenbaum-institut.de/en/events/detail/News/3rd-weizenbaum-conference-democracy-in-flux-order-dynamics-and-voices-in-digital-public-spheres/>
- 2021 Workshop „Behind the Algorithm“ (with Jakob Svensson, University of Malmö, Sweden), Malmö, Sweden, postponed to Spring 2021, <https://www.behindthealgorithm2020.de>
- 2019 Annual Conference of the German Communication Association’s Digital Communication Division, “Automating Communication in the Networked Society: Contexts, Consequences, Critique”, 06-08 November 2019, Berlin, www.digikomm2019.de

- 2014 International Summer School on Information and Communication Technology For Democracy, 16-22 March, 2014, New Delhi, India
- 2011 Workshop Director of ECPR Joint Sessions in St. Gallen („After Medialization: How Governments and Parties Communicate and Legitimize Political Action“), 12-17 April 2011
- 2010 Panel discussion „Quality-TV in Crisis? Television between profits and sophistication“, with Ingrid Deltenre, General Directors of European Broadcasting Union and Götz Mäuser, Vice Chair of Board of Directors ProSieben Sat.1 Media AG and associate at financial investor Permira. 19.05.2010, University of Zurich
- 2009 Panel Discussion Series “Democracy in Spain and Latin America: Between Visions and Reality”, cooperation of the Institute of Political Science and the Instituto Cervantes, September & October 2009 in Frankfurt
- 2007 Workshop „Professional Teaching and Publishing for Young Academics“, cooperation of NAPOKO Network of Young Scholars and Goethe University Frankfurt, July 2007

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION AND EXTERNAL REVIEW

- Since 2018 Supervision of four doctoral candidates
- 2020/2021 Member of a PhD adjudication committee, opponent in public PhD defense, IT University Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2016 Member of a PhD adjudication committee, opponent in public PhD defense, Department of Media and Communication, University of Oslo, Norway

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- Since Nov 2020 Elected chair of the German Communication Association’s Digital Communication Division, <https://www.dgpuk.de/de/digitale-kommunikation.html>
- Member of the editorial Board of SCM (Studies in Communication/Media)
- Member of the Editorial board of the open-access publication series “Digital Communication Research” <https://www.digitalcommunicationresearch.de>
- Since 2019 Member of the Editorial Board of New Media & Society
- Since 2019 Member of the Editorial Board of Nordic Journal of Media Studies
- 2016 Kaid-Sanders Best Article of the Year Award Committee member, ICA Political Communication Section
- 2008-2011 Elected Chair of the young academics network NAPOKO (Young Academics in Political Communication Research), associated with the German Political Science Association and the German Communication Association

Reviewer for the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Austrian Science Fund (FwF)

Reviewer for academic journals (among them New Media & Society; Policy & Internet; Political Communication; European Journal of Political Research; Journal of Information Technology & Politics; Communications; Information, Communication and Society; International Journal of Communication; Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication; Journal of Latin American Communication Research, The Social Science Journal)

Reviewer for academic conferences (among them ICA Annual Conference, ECREA und ECREA Political Communication Section Conferences, AoIR Annual Conference, DGPuK conferences – German Communication Association’s Annual Conference, Political Communication Section and Digital Communication Section Annual Conferences)

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