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Curriculum Vitae, as of January 17, 2025

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Current position

Since January 2024 **Post-doc position**, *Copenhagen University, Department of Sociology*, Project: "Social Mobility of Siblings in Comparative Perspective (the SIBMOB project)", PI: Kristian Karlson.

Current tasks: designing and analyzing a survey for a sample of 100.000 Danish siblings and cousins to measure the family influence on political attitudes, personality and affective polarization

Research interests

- Opinion dynamics and polarization
- Educational inequalities and aspirations
- Ethnic diversity and social cohesion

Methods

- Causal inference with observational data
- Application of panel data
- Estimation of context effects

Previous Positions

2020–2023 **Post-doc position**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Project: "Opinion Polarization on Identity Politics and Denationalization Issues: A Longitudinal Comparative Perspective", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Principal investigator: Prof. Céline Teney; Link: [https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/...](https://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/)

2018–2020 **Post-doc position**, *University of Bamberg*, Project: "When immigrants are aiming high: Educational achievement and attainment in light of greater aspirations", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Principal investigators: Cornelia Kristen, Christoph Spörlein, Gisela Will; Link: [https://www.uni-bamberg.de/sozstruk/...](https://www.uni-bamberg.de/sozstruk/)

Absences

2020–2021 **Parental leave**, *April 2020 to June 2020; December 2020 to March 2021; September 2022.*

Research stays

2022–2023 **Visiting researcher**, *Copenhagen University, Department of Sociology*, Collaboration with Prof. Merlin Schaeffer: "The promise of fact-checking: Does correcting political beliefs decrease opinion polarization? The case of attitudes towards immigration".

2018–2020 **Visiting Researcher**, *Repeated visits at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) to work with regional data and the SOEP.*

Education

2015–2018 **PhD, with distinction**, *Sociology*, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen, Thesis: "Longitudinal Perspectives on Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion - Mass Media, Neighborhoods and Residential Mobility".

Supervision: Michael Windzio (University of Bremen), Céline Teney (Freie Universität Berlin) and Merlin Schaeffer (University of Copenhagen).

2012–2015 **Master of Science Sociology and Empirical Research**, *University of Cologne*, Thesis: "Context Effects on Attitudes towards Immigration–Evidence from German Panel Data", Supervision: Clemens Kroneberg.

2009–2012 **Bachelor of Arts Sociology**, *University of Mannheim*, Thesis: "Implementation of a Nonresponse-Analysis Using the Example of the Nationwide German DFG-Study ÄSP-kardio", Supervision: Henning Best.

Peer-review

Reviewed for **European Sociological Review, PNAS Nexus, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, European Journal of Political Research, Western European Politics, International Migration Review.**

Scholarships and Funding

June 2019 **Project Leader and 'Expert'**, *BIGSSS Summer School in Computational Social Science: Research Incubators on Data-driven Modeling of Conflicts, Migration, and Social Cohesion*, Hotel and travel expenses for two-week summer school.

2015–2018 **Three Year PhD Fellowship**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*, Funding for a three-year PhD position, appr. €46,800.

Organization Activities

2024, ongoing **Organizer of the QuantClub, a seminar series in Copenhagen**, *University of Copenhagen*.

2022 **Selection of Master students at the Freie University Berlin.**

2022 **AK Nachwuchsförderung**, *transl.: Working Group for the Promotion of Early Career Researchers, informing the Dean's Office.*

2016–2018 **Coordinator of BIGSSS lecture series**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Science*, University of Bremen.

2016–2018 **BIGSSS Fellow Representative**, *Bremen International Graduate School of Social Science*, University of Bremen.

Membership in Research Associations

RC28 Social Stratification of the International Sociological Association, German Society for Empirical Educational Research (GEBF), German Sociological Association.

References

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- Bremen University: Michael Windzio mwindzio@uni-bremen.de