

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

Director

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIETIES • Cologne since 2005

Member of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE • Cologne since 2020

Member of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE • Cologne since 2005

Professor of Sociology (C 4)

GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN • Göttingen 2003-2005

Associate Professor of Sociology

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BREMEN • Bremen 2002-2003

John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow

HARVARD UNIVERSITY • Center for European Studies • Cambridge MA. 2001-2002

Research Fellow (Habilitationsspendiat) of the Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft at the FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

1999-2001

Junior Faculty Member (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • John F. Kennedy Institute • Berlin 1993-1999

Visiting Research Fellow

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • Department of Sociology • Princeton, N.J. 1994-1995

Research Assistant

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • Department of Sociology • Berlin 1991-1993

EDUCATION

Degrees:

Habilitation in Sociology

Unearned Wealth. A Comparative Sociology of Inheritance Law.

Venia Legendi in Sociology

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY July 2003

Dr. phil. in Sociology

Cooperation, Uncertainty, Innovation. Action-theoretic Preconditions for the Explanation of Economic Efficiency.

Grade: "magna cum laude".

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY July 1996

Master of Business Administration (Dipl.-Kfm)

(concentration: Organization Theory, Strategic Business Planning, Labor Economics)

Grade: "excellent" ("sehr gut").

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY Nov. 1993

M.A. in Sociology

(concentration: Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Theory)

Grade: "with honors".

NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH • NEW YORK, N.Y. May 1991

VISTING RESEARCH STAYS

NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH • New York • Theodor-Heuß-Professor Sept.19-May 20

INSTITUT D'ETUDES AVANCEES (IEA) • Paris • Fellow Sept 2018

SCIENCES PO • Paris • Visiting Researcher Sep. 15-June 16

INSTITUT D'ETUDES AVANCEES (IEA) • Paris • Fellow Oct.12-June 13

SCIENCES PO • Centre de Sociologie des Organisations (CSO) • Paris Nov. 08-Jan. 09
Visiting Researcher

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE • Florence Oct. 07-Jan. 08
Fernand Braudel Fellow

CORNELL UNIVERSITY • New York April 2007
Luigi Einaudi Chair

HARVARD UNIVERSITY • Center for European Studies • Cambridge Sept. 01-Jun. 02
MA.
John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • Department of Sociology • Princeton, N.J Sept. 94-July 95
Visiting Research Fellow

HONORS

<i>Academy Memberships</i>	Member of the Academia Europaea / The Academy of Europe	2021
	Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities	since 2010
	Member of the „Junge Akademie“ at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities	2000-2005
<i>Fellowships:</i>	Fernand Braudel Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence/ Italy	Oct.07-Jan.08
	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge MA	2001-2002
	German American Center for Visiting Scholars, Washington	Jan.-Mar. 2000
	Carl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler-Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	1994-1995
	University Fellowship - NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH	1990-1991
	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship	1989-1990
	Fellow of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Scholarship Foundation)	1987-1993
<i>Prizes awarded:</i>	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz-Preis of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), awarded on March 1, 2018 in Berlin	2018
	Prize of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities - donated by the Commerzbank Foundation -	2005
	Herbert Weichmann Medaille - Prize for young journalists in Germany - donated by the Körber Stiftung Hamburg -	1987
<i>Prizes awarded for publications:</i>	Karl Polanyi Prize by the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS). Award for “Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics” (HUP, 2016)	2018
	Honorable Mention of Beckert, Jens, 2016: Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics (Cambridge: HUP) for the 2017 Zelizer Award for Best Book in Economic Sociology	2017
	Finalist for the George R. Terry Award 2017 of the Academy of Management: Beckert, Jens, 2016: Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics (Cambridge: HUP)	2017
	2 nd Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for articles in the social sciences of the year 2014: Akyel, Dominic/Jens Beckert, 2014: Pietät und Profit – Kultureller Wandel und Marktentstehung am Beispiel des Bestattungsmarktes. In: <i>Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und</i>	2015

Sozialpsychologie, 66, 425-444

1st Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for articles in the social sciences of the year 2007: Beckert, Jens/Mark Lutter, 2007: Wer spielt, hat schon verloren? Zur Erklärung des Nachfrageverhaltens auf dem Lottomarkt. In: *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 59, 240-270 2008

Best Law Book of the Year: Jens Beckert „Unverdientes Vermögen“. Frankfurt : Campus 2004. 2005
- Neue Juristische Wochenschrift 46/2005 –

TURNED DOWN OFFERS

Professor of Sociology (C 4)
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG 2003

Tenure track Assistant Professor
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MADISON • Department of Sociology 1998

RESEARCH GRANTS

“Demand and Distributive Effects of Lotteries in Germany”.
DFG research grant (95.000,- EUR) 2005

„Price Formation in the Market for Contemporary Art.“
Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (17 500,- DM) (together with Hans Joas and Jörg Rössel) 2000

„Inheritance in France, Germany, and the United States“.
DFG research grant for Habilitationsproject (20 000,- DM) 1999

„Inheritance in France, Germany and the United States“. Freie
Universität Berlin Nachwuchsförderung (10 000,- DM) 1998

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

<i>Editor:</i>	European Journal of Sociology	since 2010
	Socio-Economic Review	2006-2010
	Economic Sociology. European Electronic Newsletter	2001-2002

<i>Editorial Boards:</i>	Historical Social Research, Consulting Editor	since 2019
	Palgrave book series on Literature, Culture and Economics, Advisory Board	since 2017
	Managementforschung, Editorial Board	2016-2018
	Socio-Economic Review, Advisory Committee	since 2017
	Socio-Economic Review, Editorial Board	2010-2016
	VS-Verlag, Reihe Wirtschaft + Gesellschaft, Editorial Board	since 2007
	Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Advisory Board, Theorie und Gesellschaft, Campus Verlag, Co-Editor	since 2006
	Geschichte und Gesellschaft. Zeitschrift für Historische Sozialwissenschaft, Editorial Board	since 2006
	European Studies Forum, Editorial Board	2006-2009
	Economic Sociology. European Electronic Newsletter, Editorial Board	since 1999
<i>Boards:</i>	Member of Scientific Advisory Council, Excellence cluster initiative ConTrust „Conflicts and Trust“, Land Hessen	since 2021
	Nominating Committee for Max Planck Humboldt Research Award	2021-2022
	Nominating Committee for Hans-Böckler Award of the City of Cologne 2021	2020
	Centre Marc Bloch e.V. – A Franco-German Centre for Social Science Research, Member in the Scientific Council	since 2020
	Member of the Conseil de l'Ecole doctorale of Sciences Po	since 2017
	International Committee for Scientific and Strategic Orientation (COSS), Collège de France, Paris	since 2017
	American Sociological Association, Section on Economic Sociology, nominating committee member for section chair	since 2016
	Soziopolis, Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, Editorial Board	since 2015
	American Sociological Association, nominating committee member for the chair-elect and council members of the Theory Section	October 2014 - 2015
	American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology Section Council Member	July 2011- June 2014
	Coordinator for the Humanities Section in the Max Planck Society's "Commission on Research Perspectives 2010+"	July 2008- October 2010

	Member of the financial advisory board and the Minerva Center Committee of the Max Planck Society's Minerva Foundation	2009-2013
	Member of the Board "Italy and Germany in Europe – Europe in the world" of the German-Italian Center of Villa Vigoni, Lovenno di Menaggio, Milan	2009-2011
	Chair and Member of Faculty of The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)	since 2007
	Chair of DGS Economic Sociology Section's Executive Board	2006-2010
	Member of the Board of Trustees (Kuratorium) of the German Students Award (Deutscher Studienpreis), Körber-Stiftung	2006-2013
	Member of the Board of Trustees (Kuratorium) of SOFI (Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen)	2006-2012
	Member of the Executive Board, Society for Comparative Research	2006-2008
	Member of the Executive Council of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics	2005-2011
	Member of Board of the „Junge Akademie“	2000-2001
<i>Member-ships:</i>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Section Sociological Theory and Economic Sociology	
	American Sociological Association, Section Economic Sociology	
	Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics	
	Arbeitskreis moderne Sozialgeschichte	
<i>External reviews:</i>	among others for Acta Sociologica, Annual Review of Sociology, Archives Européennes de Sociologie, American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Institutional Economics, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Organization Studies, Theory and Society, Zeitschrift für Soziologie. Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press. Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Thyssen Stiftung, Volkswagenstiftung.	
<i>Conference Organization:</i>	"Wealth: Sociological and historical perspectives", Conference MPIfG Cologne (with Lukas Arndt, Isabell Stamm and Daria Tisch)	March 2022
	Co-Organization of Mini-Conference "Imagined Capitalist Transformations: Towards new Conceptions of the Economic Public Sphere, Economic Policy and the State", SASE Annual Meeting 2021, online	July 2021

Kick-off Workshop Online: “Whither Democratic Capitalism? Transformations, Struggles, and Imaginaries of the Future Economy in Europe and Latin America”, organized with Aldo Madariaga, Socioeconomic Transformations Observatory of the MPIfG in Chile	March 2021
Organization of Sub-theme 49: Dreams, Fictions and Calculations: Imagined Futures in Organizational Life, together with Professor Klaus Weber. 35 th EGOS Colloquium, July 4-6, 2019	July 2019
Session organization of Author-Meets-Critics session on Christoph Deutschmann: Disembedded Markets, SASE Annual Meeting, New York	June 2019
Presentation of Christoph Deutschmann, Disembedded Markets together with Elena Esposito and Greta Krippner, SASE Annual Meeting, New York	June 2019
30. Annual SASE Meeting, 27.-29.6.2019, Member of the Program Committee for the Conference in New York 2019	Sept. 2018
“The Role of the Future in Economic and Political Sociology”, Joint PhD Seminar of Sciences Po, Paris and the MPIfG, Köln (together with Jenny Andersson, Sciences Po)	September 2018
“Economic Futures: Imaginaries, Narratives and Calculation”, Joint Conference Institut d’Etudes Avancées (IEA) and Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo), Paris (together with Richard Bronk, London School of Economics)	March 2016
27 th Annual SASE Meeting, Coordinator of the Miniconference “Uncertain Futures in Economic Decision-Making” together with Richard Bronk	July 2015
States and Markets, Joint Workshop VII, “Politics and Society in the Age of Financialization”, MaxPo und MPIfG Köln (together with Olivier Godechot)	April 2015
Conference “Interfaces between Legality and Illegality in Markets”, Workshop MPIfG Cologne (together with Dr. Matías Dewey)	February 2015
“Sociology in Cologne”, Joint Workshop MPIfG and University of Cologne (together with Prof. Clemens Kronenberg)	
“Research Frontiers in Political Economy”, Symposium MPIfG Köln (together with Wolfgang Streeck)	April 2013
“Embeddedness and Beyond: Do Sociological Theories Meet Economic Theories?”, Moskau, Higher School of Economics/ National Research University. Chair of Mini-Conference 1 (with Patrik Aspers): “New Theoretical Perspectives in Economic Sociology”	October 2012
American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, Session Organizer: Section on Economic Sociology, Paper Session: Illegal Markets	August 2012

“Toward an Economic Sociology of Illegal Markets”, Workshop MPIfG Köln (together with Renate Mayntz und Frank Wehinger)	Feb. 2012
Coping with Instability in Market Societies”, Max Planck Sciences Po Conference (with Prof. Patrick Le Galès, Prof. Christine Musselin Sciences Po Paris and Prof. Wolfgang Streeck MPIfG Köln)	Dec. 2011
“Risk and Uncertainty in the Economy: Historical, Sociological, and Anthropological Perspectives”, Fourth Max Planck Summer Conference on Economic Sociology and Political Economy, Villa Vigoni, Lago di Como, Italien (with Prof. Hartmut Berghoff, German Historical Institute, Washington, USA)	June 2011
States and Markets, Joint Workshop IV “The Constitution of Quality in Markets”, Sciences Po and MPIfG Köln (with Professor Christine Musselin, Sciences Po Paris)	May 2011
“Where Do New Markets Come From?” Workshop MPIfG Köln (with Prof. Dr. Guido Möllering)	Dec. 2010
MPIfG Lecture Series “Sozialtheorie” (Social Theory), Fall 2010 to Spring 2011	Oct. 2010- Febr. 2011
States and Markets, Joint Workshop III: „Expert Knowledge in Economic Governance“, Sciences Po and MPIfG Köln (with Cornelia Woll, Sciences Po, Paris)	April 2010
“Die Ökonomie des Konsums - der Konsum in der Ökonomie”, Section Conference in Berlin, jointly organized by the Consortium “Sociology of Consumption” (AG Konsumsoziologie) together with the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS) and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (together with R. Diaz-Bone, University of Lucerne)	November 2009
“Price and Value in Markets and Firms”, SASE Mini-Conference at the 2009 Conference of the Society of the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Sciences Po, Paris (with Patrik Aspers, MPIfG Köln)	July 2009
“Valuation and Price Formation on Markets”, Third Max Planck Summer Conference on Economic Sociology and Political Economy, Villa Vigoni, Lago di Como, Italy (with Patrik Aspers, MPIfG Köln)	June 2009
Joint Workshop Series I and II: “States and Markets”, SciencesPo Paris and MPIfG Köln (with Cornelia Woll, Sciences Po, Paris)	Dec. 2008 / March 2009
Panel Organization „Uncertain Changes. Innovation, Stability, and the Societal Repercussions of Contemporary Capitalism” Plenary Session of the Section on Economic Sociology at the 34 th Biannual Meeting of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Jena	October 2008
Workshop „Economic Sociology“, Special Issue of the Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie (KZfSS), MPIfG Köln (with Christoph Deutschmann, Universität Tübingen)	Sept./Oct. 08
„Das Lottospiel in sozialwissenschaftlicher Perspektive“.	February

Workshop About the Origins, Regulation, Demand, and Effects of Lottery Game in Germany, MPIfG Köln (with Mark Lutter, MPIfG Köln)	2008
“Theoretische Ansätze der Wirtschaftssoziologie”. Conference of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies together with the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Harnack-Haus Berlin (with Sophie Mützel, Humboldt-Universität Berlin)	February 2008
„Why History? The Contribution of Historical Explanation to the Analysis of the Economy“, Second Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, Ringberg Castle, Tegernsee, Germany	July 2007
“Die institutionelle Einbettung von Märkten”, Symposium MPIfG Köln (with Stefanie Hiß, Wolfgang Streeck and Hajo Weber)	Jan. 2007
“Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism”, Conference in Honor of Wolfgang Streeck on his 60th Birthday, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Cologne (with Dr. Christine Trampusch, MPI Cologne und Prof. Dr. Edgar Grande, University of Munich)	November 2006
“Economic Sociology and Political Economy”, First Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, Villa Vigoni, Lago di Como, Italy	July 2006
American Sociological Association, 101st Annual Meeting Montréal, Canada, Session Organizer: Section on Economic Sociology and Political Economy	August 2006
„Solidarity beyond the Nation State“, Berlin (with Julia Eckert, Martin Kohli and Wolfgang Streeck)	Jan. 2004
„Economic Sociology in Europe“, Stockholm (with Richard Swedberg)	June 2000
