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Sociology, Department of Social Sciences (FB08), SOCIUM, University of Bremen

Born in 1971

Research Interests

- Social stratification and mobility
- Educational inequality
- Poverty and social exclusion
- Economic inequality
- Longitudinal methods and mixed method

Academic Positions

2021-present	Speaker of the Research Institute Social Cohesion
2015 – 2020	Dean of BIGSSS
2013 – present	Professor (W2) for Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bremen (UB)
2009 – present	DIW Berlin Research Professor
2009 – 2013	Junior Professor (W1) for “Sociology”, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bremen (UB), and BIGSSS Field Coordinator
2006 – 2009	Senior Researcher (Postdoc), German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin
2002 – 2006	Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Sociology, University of Münster

Academic Qualifications

2002 – 2006	Ph.D. in Sociology, Institute of Sociology, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
1991 – 2000	Studies of Sociology, Philosophy and Modern History at Münster and Kassel (1994 – 1995) Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology

Scholarships, Awards & Nominations

2022 – present	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the “Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung” (IAB)
2020	RC28 Significant Scholarship Award
2020 – present	Member of the “Fachkollegium Sozialwissenschaften” of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
2017 – 2021	Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Sixth Poverty and Wealth Report of the German Government
2012 – 2013	Member of the Evaluation Board „Programmgruppe Gesamtevaluation der ehe- und familienbezogenen Leistungen“
2011 – 2020	Speaker of the Section “Social Stratification and Social Structure Analysis” of the German Sociological Association (DGS)

2010	Prize „Bester DIW-Wochenbericht 2009“
2005	EPU-Net Research Visitor at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex, Colchester, UK

Third-party Funds (since 2014)

2020 – 2024	Forschungsinstitut Gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt. BMBF
2021 – 2025	DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme. DAAD
2018 – 2020	Aufbau eines "Instituts für gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt". Bremer Schwerpunkt: Die Mittelschichten. Bewahrer und Gefährder gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalts. BMBF
2018 – 2019	Soziale Lagen in multidimensionaler Längsschnittbetrachtung - Ein Beitrag zur Armuts- und Reichtumsberichterstattung in Deutschland. BMAS
2014 – 2016	Qualitative Befragung langjähriger SOEP-Befragter mit türkischem Migrationshintergrund (DFG)
2013 – 2017	Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructure Diffusion "InGRID" (Co-PI for Bremen, EU)

Three Important Publications

Nicole Deitelhoff, Olaf Groh-Samberg, Matthias Middell (Hrsg.) (2020): Gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt. Ein interdisziplinärer Dialog. Campus

Florian R. Hertel and Olaf Groh-Samberg (2019): The Relation between Inequality and Intergenerational Class Mobility in 39 Countries. *American Sociological Review*, 84(6), 1099–1133.

Groh-Samberg, Olaf; Hurch, Nepomuk; Waitkus, Nora (Hg.), 2018: Dynamiken sozialer Ungleichheit, WSI-Mitteilungen, Sonderband/71, Baden-Baden: Nomos

Supervised PhD Students (completed since 2015)

Matthias Pohlig: Why working lives become unequal? Studies on unemployment, careers and work inequalities (compl. 2021)

Daria Ukhova: How class shapes gender inequality at home. Three essays on the gender division of unpaid work in post-socialist contexts (compl. 2021)

Jean-Yves Gerlitz: The rise of the adult worker model. In-Work Poverty and Economic Vulnerability in Times of Institutional Change (compl. 2020)

Nora Waitkus: Wealth Inequalities in Western Capitalist Societies (compl. 2019)

Lara Minkus: Equal but different? Mechanisms of Gender Wage Differentials (compl. 2019)

Theresa Büchler: Bildungsverläufe und Bildungsungleichheiten (compl. 2018)

Thomas Lux: Dissecting Later-Life Employment: The Social Structure of Work after Pension Age in Germany and the United Kingdom (compl. 2017)

Ge Yu: Employment of Chinese Older Workers (compl. 2017)

Jan Brülle: Structural Change and Poverty. Contrasting Trends in Great Britain and Germany (compl. 2017)

Mauricio Reichenbachs: The German Welfare State and the Third Sector. The End of Corporatism? (compl. 2017)

Ramsey Wise: Education, Work and Life Chances: Understanding the Effects of Atypical Employment During the School-to-Work Transition (compl. 2017)

Lukas Hoppe: Immigration and Poverty Dynamics (compl. 2017)

Susanne Götz: Kindererziehung und Pflege von Angehörigen im Lebens- und Erwerbsverlauf von Frauen (compl. 2016)

Nils Witte: The Legal and Symbolic Boundaries of Membership (compl. 2015)

Florian Hertel: Social Mobility over the Course of the 20th Century in the United States and Germany (compl. 2015)

Anne-Luise Baumann: Immigrant Pathways – A Longitudinal Perspective on Intergenerational Status Transmission Among Former Guestworkers and Natives in Germany (compl. 2015)

Iryna Kyzyma: Changing Patterns of Income Poverty in Rich Countries (compl. 2015)

Daniel Horn: Political Demobilization and the Welfare State: Criminal Disenfranchisement in Perspective – North Carolina Case Study (compl. 2015)