

# Christian König

*Curriculum vitae*

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## Current Position(s)

01/2024– *Research Fellow* in the Research Unit on Skill Formation and Labor Markets (head: Heike Solga), WZB Berlin Social Science Center

## Research Interests

Environmental Inequality  
Residential segregation  
Health Inequality  
Spatial data analysis  
Transportation and Mobility

## Previous Employment

2019–2023 *Research Fellow* in the Research Group on Health and Social Inequality (head: Jan Paul Heisig), WZB Berlin Social Science Center

2019–2021 *Research Assistant* at the Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality" (supervisors: Guido Schwerdt, Stephan Maurer), University of Konstanz

2018 *Graduate Trainee* in the Directorate General for Innovation and Technology, European Parliament

## Education

- 2024 PhD in Sociology (*summa cum laude*), Free University Berlin  
*Dissertation title: "(Un)healthy Places: Causes, Patterns, and Consequences of Environmental Inequality in Urban Germany"*  
Commission: Jan Paul Heisig (supervisor, reviewer), Rourke O'Brien (reviewer), Heike Solga, Martin Ehlert, Alessandro Ferrara
- 2019 M.Sc., Economics, University of Konstanz  
*Thesis Title: "Do Voluntary Environmental Information Programs Affect Individual Transportation Choice?"; Supervisor: Stephan Maurer*
- 2016 B.A., Political Science and Economics, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen  
*Thesis Title: "Stakeholders and Opportunities in German Fiscal Policy"; Supervisor: Daniel Buhr*

## Research Stays Abroad

- 2021 *Visiting PhD Researcher*, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen
- 2017 *Visiting Graduate Student*, Department of Economics and Department of Environmental and Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

## Administrative tasks

### *Committee Work*

- 2020– Department representative at the Academic Council, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 2020 Representative of junior researchers at the flexible funding selection committee, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

### *Organisation*

- 2021 Organisation of Workshop on "Spatial analysis of social, environmental, and health inequalities", WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 2020 Organisation of EAERE 2020 conference session (panel session on "Transportation and Environment")

## **Referee Work**

*European Sociological Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Urban Studies*

## **Memberships**

ISA Research Committee 28 on "Social Stratification and Mobility", European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)

## **Funds**

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| 2021 | WZB Berlin Social Science Center seed money for an online survey experiment (10.500 EUR) |
| 2019 | WZB Berlin Social Science Center funds for data purchase (20.000 EUR)                    |

## **Awards and Scholarships**

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| 2021 | WZB World Merit Fellowship (6.200 EUR)   |
| 2017 | Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst (DAAD), PROMOS (2.800 EUR)                                       |
| 2012 | Award for best written exam (baccalaureate) in French, Friedrich-Hecker Gymnasium Radolfzell (500 EUR) |

## **Research**

### **Publications**

- König, C. (2024) 'Neighborhood structure and environmental quality: A fine-grained analysis of spatial inequalities in urban Germany', *Urban Studies*. Available (Open Access): <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00420980231224224>.
- König, C., Heisig, J. P. (2023). Environmental Inequality and Health Outcomes over the Life Course. In R. Hoffmann (Ed.), *Handbook of Health Inequalities Across the Life Course*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Heisig, J.P., König, C. and Solga, H. (2022a) 'Arbeit und Beschäftigung', in *Abschlussbericht Repräsentativbefragung zur Teilhabe von Menschen mit Behinderungen*. Bonn: Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales.
- Heisig, J.P., König, C. and Solga, H. (2022b) 'Bildung', in *Abschlussbericht Repräsentativbefragung zur Teilhabe von Menschen mit Behinderungen*. Bonn: Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales.
- Heisig, J.P., König, C. and Solga, H. (2022c) 'Ökonomische Situation und materielle Sicherheit', in *Abschlussbericht Repräsentativbefragung zur Teilhabe von Menschen mit Behinderungen*. Bonn: Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales.

Heisig J. P., König C. (2021) Dicke Luft - Arme Haushalte und Menschen ohne deutschen Pass leben häufiger in Gegenden mit hoher Umweltbelastung. *WZB Mitteilungen*, Heft 173, September 2021: 16-19

Heisig J.P., König C., Löbl S. (2021) Ängste, Sorgen und psychische Gesundheit in der Corona-Pandemie. In: Badura B., Ducki A., Schröder H., Meyer M. (eds) *Fehlzeiten-Report 2021. Fehlzeiten-Report*, vol 2021. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. Available at: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-63722-7\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-63722-7_8)

Heisig, J. P. and König, C. (2020). Das Virus ist nicht demokratisch - Soziale Ungleichheit prägt den Verlauf der Infektion. *WZB Mitteilungen*, Heft 168, Juni 2020: 39-41.

Heisig, J. P. and König, C. (2020). Wie und warum die gesundheitlichen Folgen vom sozialen Status abhängen. *Corona und die gesellschaftlichen Folgen - Schlaglichter aus der WZB-Forschung*.

### **Work in Progress**

Environmental Quality, local infrastructures, and residential choice: A survey experiment on ethnic differences in neighborhood preferences (*with Jan Paul Heisig, Tobias Rüttenauer, Merlin Schaeffer, and Jonas Wiedner*)

Understanding Variation in Neighborhood Environmental Inequalities: The Influence of Residential Segregation, Gentrification, and other City-Level Factors (*with Katja Salomo and Marcel Helbig*)

Ethnic differences in environmental quality and educational outcomes in Italy (*with Risto Conte Keivabu, Fabrizio Bernardi, and Jan Paul Heisig*)

Residential environmental quality and health: Effect heterogeneities by SES and origin?

## Presentations

\* *Invited talks*

09/2024	Austrian Economic Association (NOEG) annual conference, BOKU Vienna
05/2024	ISA Research Committee 28 annual conference, NYU Shanghai
04/2024	Workshop "Exploring the Role of Geography in Educational Inequality Research", UNED Madrid*
09/2023	European Consortium for Sociological Research, Annual Conference 2023, Institute of Sociology at Czech Academy of Sciences
09/2022	Workshop on Environmental Inequality in Europe and Beyond, Technical University of Kaiserslautern
09/2022	British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Conference 2022, University of Winchester
09/2022	Projektabchlussstagung "Umweltbelastungen und Umweltressourcen: Soziale Ungleichheiten und gesundheitliche Folgen", University of Göttingen*
04/2022	ISA Research Committee 28 annual conference, London School of Economics (LSE)
10/2021	Climate Talk, Center for Sustainability and Society (SUSY), University of Copenhagen*
10/2021	European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Annual Conference (online)
09/2021	Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen*
06/2021	ISA Research Committee 28 spring meeting, Turku (online)
03/2021	Virtual Inequality Brownbag, University of Michigan (online)
02/2021	Workshop on "Spatial analysis of social, environmental, and health inequalities", WZB Berlin Social Science Center (online)
08/2020	Workshop Environmental Social Sciences, University of Bern (jointly organized with University of Oxford, Nuffield College)
06/2020	EAERE 2020 annual conference, Berlin (online)
04/2020	Public Economics Seminar, University of Konstanz*

## Teaching

- 2022 Inequality and Social Stratification (Seminar, MA, together with Misun Lim), Free University Berlin
- 2024 Mapping inequalities across the Life Course (Seminar, MA, together with Carla Hornberg), Free University Berlin (Fall term 2024)

## Media Appearances

(Background) Interview, quoted in "Die Wege des Virus", *Welt am Sonntag*, April 18, 2021.

(Background) Interview, quoted in "Dritte Welle: Besonders viele Migranten auf Intensivstationen?", *Faktenfuchs Bayerischer Rundfunk*, May 5, 2021.

## Languages and Software

- Languages German (native), english (fluent), spanish (good), french (good), Latinum
- Software R,  $\LaTeX$ , Markdown, Git, QGIS, MS Office, Python (basic), Stata (basic)

## References

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