

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current position: Head of Project Group: National Educational Panel Study at the
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Research interests:

Social stratification in a life-course perspective: social mobility, educational inequality, gender segregation; measures of social inequality in cross-national comparative perspective

Positions:

since Jan 2014 Professor (W2) of Sociology at the Freie Universität Berlin
since Oct 2012 Head of Project Group: National Educational Panel Study; WZB Berlin
Social Science Center
May-Jul 2012 Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, USA
2009-2012 Senior researcher at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center;
Project Group: National Educational Panel Study
2007-2008 Research fellow at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center;
Research Unit: Inequality and Social Integration
2001-2006 Research associate for Methods of Empirical Social Research and Applied
Sociology, University of Mannheim, Department of Social Sciences

Education:

- 2009 University of Mannheim
Ph.D. (Dr. rer. soc.) in social sciences, (thesis: “Equal opportunities through education? A comparative study of the effects of education on social mobility in 20th century Europe”)
- 1998-2001 University of Mannheim
M.A. („Diplom“) in social sciences, 2001 (thesis: “Education and social mobility in Germany”)
- 1997-1998 Indiana University Bloomington, USA
- 1994-1997 University of Mannheim
- 1984-1993 Albertus-Magnus-Gymnasium, Viernheim

Academic publications:

Books:

- 2013 Soziale Mobilität, Ursachen für Auf- und Abstiege. Studie für den 4. Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht der Bundesregierung im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Arbeit und Soziales [Social mobility, sources for upward and downward mobility; study for the German Federal Government’s 4th Report on Poverty and Wealth]. Berlin: BMAS. 313 S. (with Mark Trappmann, Jutta Allmendinger)
- 2010 Kaum Bewegung, viel Ungleichheit. Eine Studie zu sozialem Auf- und Abstieg in Deutschland [Limited social mobility, ample social inequality. A Study on Upward and Downward Social Mobility in Germany]. Schriften zu Wirtschaft und Soziales 5. Berlin: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung.
- 2007 From Origin to Destination: Trends and Mechanisms in Social Mobility and Social Stratification Research; Frankfurt/Main: Campus. (with Stefani Scherer, Gunnar Otte, and Markus Gangl (eds.))

Journal articles in peer reviewed journals:

- 2012 Bildungsdisparitäten nach sozialer Herkunft und Geschlecht im Wandel – Deutschland im internationalen Vergleich [Changing social and gender inequalities in education – Germany in comparative perspective]; in: Rolf Becker and Heike Solga (eds.): Soziologische Bildungsforschung, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, special issue 52: 346-373. (with Richard Breen, Ruud Luijkx, and Walter Müller)
- 2011 Adult Education and Lifelong Learning; in: Hans-Peter Blossfeld; Hans-Günther Roßbach, and Jutta von Maurice (eds.): Education as a Lifelong Process. The German National Educational Panel Study (NEPS), Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft, special issue 14: 283-299. (with Jutta Allmendinger et al.)
- 2010 Educational Expansion and its Consequences for Vertical and Horizontal Inequalities in Access to Higher Education in West Germany; in: European Sociological Review 26: 415-430. (with David Reimer)

- 2010 Long-term Trends in Educational Inequality in Europe: Class Inequalities and Gender Differences; in *European Sociological Review* 26: 31-48 (with Richard Breen, Ruud Luijkx, and Walter Müller)
- 2010 Soziale Disparitäten in der Sekundarstufe und ihre langfristige Entwicklung [Social disparities in secondary education and its long-term development]; in *Zeitschrift für Erziehungswissenschaft*, special issue 12-2009: 47-73. (with Markus Klein, Steffen Schindler, and Walter Müller)
- 2009 Micro-Class Mobility - Social Reproduction in Four Countries; in *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (4): 977-1036. (with Jan O. Jonsson, David B. Grusky, Matthew Di Carlo, and Mary C. Brinton)
- 2009 Nonpersistent Inequality in Educational Attainment: Evidence from Eight European Countries; in *American Journal of Sociology* 114 (5): 1475-1521. (with Richard Breen, Ruud Luijkx, and Walter Müller)
- 2008 Educational Fields of Study and the Intergenerational Mobility Process in Comparative Perspective; in: *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 49: 369-388. (with Michelle Jackson, Ruud Luijkx, Louis-André Vallet, and Herman van de Werfhorst)

Journal articles in other journals and book chapters:

- forthcoming Germany: Rising Inequality and the Transformation of Rhine Capitalism; in: Brian Nolan, Wiemer Salverda, Daniele Checchi, Ivo Marx, Abigail McKnight, István György Tóth, and Herman G. van de Werfhorst (eds.): *Changing Inequalities and Societal Impacts in Rich Countries. Thirty Countries' Experiences*; Oxford: Oxford University Press. (mit Giacomo Corneo und Sonja Zmerli)
- 2013 Soziale Mobilität [Social mobility]; pp. 189-197 in: Statistisches Bundesamt (ed.): *Datenreport 2013. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*; Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
- 2011 Occupations and Social Mobility: Gradational, Big-class, and Micro-Class Reproduction in Comparative Perspective; pp. 138-171 in: Timothy Smeeding, Robert Erikson, and Markus Jäntti (eds.): *Persistence, Privilege and Parenting. The Comparative Study of Intergenerational Mobility*; New York: Russell Sage Foundation. (with Jan O. Jonsson, David B. Grusky, Matthew Di Carlo, and Carina Mood)
- 2011 Soziale Mobilität [Social mobility]; pp. 180-187 in: Statistisches Bundesamt (ed.): *Datenreport 2011. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*; Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
- 2011 It's a Decent Bet That Our Children Will Be Professors Too; pp. 499-516 in: David B. Grusky, Szonja Szelényi (eds.): *The Inequality Reader. Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender. Second Edition*; Boulder: Westview. (with Jan O. Jonsson, David B. Grusky, and Matthew Di Carlo)
- 2011 Nonpersistent Inequality in Educational Attainment. Evidence from Eight European Countries; pp. 455-468 in: David B. Grusky, Szonja Szelényi (eds.): *The Inequality Reader. Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender. Second Edition*; Boulder: Westview. (with Richard Breen, Ruud Luijkx, and Walter Müller)

- 2010 The Comparative Measurement of Supervisory Status; pp. 138-157 in: David Rose, Eric Harrison (eds.): Social Class in Europe. An Introduction to the European Socio-Economic Classification Validation; London: Routledge. (with Gerrit Bauer, Walter Müller, Felix Weiss, and Heike Wirth)
- 2010 Measuring Social Class: The Case of Germany; pp. 114-137 in: David Rose, Eric Harrison (eds.): Social Class in Europe. An Introduction to the European Socio-Economic Classification Validation; London: Routledge. (with Heike Wirth, Cornelia Gresch, Walter Müller, and Felix Weiss)
- 2009 Hochschulbildung und soziale Ungleichheit [Tertiary education and social inequality]; pp. 281-319 in: Rolf Becker (Hrsg.): Lehrbuch der Bildungssoziologie; Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. (with Walter Müller, David Reimer, and Steffen Schindler)
- 2009 Issues in the Comparative Measurement of the Supervisory Function using the Examples of the ESS and the EU-LFS; pp. 173-206 in: Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Slađana Sakač Magdalenić, Christof Wolf (eds.): International vergleichende Sozialforschung. Ansätze und Messkonzepte unter den Bedingungen der Globalisierung; Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. (with Heike Wirth, Felix Weiss, Gerrit Bauer, and Walter Müller)
- 2008 Soziale Mobilität [Social mobility]; pp. 180-187 in: Statistisches Bundesamt (ed.): Datenreport 2008. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland; Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
- 2008 Social Mobility in Japan: A New Approach to Modeling Trend in Mobility; pp. 1-25 in: Tsutomu Watanabe (ed.): Intergenerational Mobility and Intragenerational Mobility; 2005 SSM Research Project Series, Volume III. (mit David B. Grusky, Yoshimichi Sato, Jan O. Jonsson, Satoshi Miwa, Matthew Di Carlo, and Mary C. Brinton)
- 2008 Die Europäische sozio-ökonomische Klassifikation (ESeC) – zukünftiges Standardinstrument für internationale Vergleiche im Bereich sozialer Ungleichheit [The European Socio-economic Classification (ESeC): A prospective standard measure of social inequality for cross-national research]; pp. 2614-2623 in: Karl-Siegbert Rehberg (Hrsg.): Die Natur der Gesellschaft. Verhandlungen des 33. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie in Kassel 2006; Frankfurt/Main: Campus. (with Walter Müller, Heike Wirth, Gerrit Bauer, and Felix Weiss)
- 2007 Germany: Institutional Change and Inequalities of Access in German Higher Education; pp. 240-265 in: Yossi Shavit, Richard Arum, Adam Gamoran (eds.): Stratification in Higher Education; Stanford: Stanford University Press. (with Karl Ulrich Mayer and Walter Müller)
- 2007 Introduction: from origin to destination; pp. 9-34 in: Stefani Scherer, Reinhard Pollak, Gunnar Otte, Markus Gangl (eds.): From Origin to Destination: Trends and Mechanisms in Social Mobility and Social Stratification, Research; Frankfurt/Main: Campus. (with Stefani Scherer, Gunnar Otte, and Markus Gangl)
- 2007 Entwicklung einer Europäischen Sozioökonomischen Klassifikation ([Developing a European Socio-Economic Classification]); in: Wirtschaft und Statistik, 2007; pp. 527-530. (with Walter Müller, Heike Wirth, Gerrit Bauer, and Felix Weiss)

- 2006 ESeC - Kurzbericht zur Validierung und Operationalisierung einer Europäischen Sozioökonomischen Klassifikation [ESeC - Report on validation studies and operationalization of a European socio-economic classification]; in: ZUMA Nachrichten 59: 111-119. (with Walter Müller, Heike Wirth, Gerrit Bauer, and Felix Weiss)
- 2006 Soziale Mobilität [Social mobility]; pp. 597-606 in: Statistisches Bundesamt (ed.): Datenreport 2006. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland; Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
- 2004 Social mobility in West Germany. The long arms of history discovered?; pp. 77-113 in: Richard Breen (ed.): Social Mobility in Europe; Oxford: Oxford University Press. (with Walter Müller)
- 2004 Weshalb gibt es so wenige Arbeiterkinder in Deutschlands Universitäten? [Why are there so few working class children at German universities?]; pp. 311-352 in: Rolf Becker, Wolfgang Lauterbach (eds.): Bildung als Privileg? Erklärungen und Befunde zu den Ursachen der Bildungsungleichheit; Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. (with Walter Müller)
- 2004 Soziale Mobilität [Social mobility]; pp. 614-622 in: Statistisches Bundesamt (ed.): Datenreport 2004. Zahlen und Fakten über die Bundesrepublik Deutschland; Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
- 2004 Soziale Mobilität in Ost- und Westdeutschland im ersten Jahrzehnt nach der Wiedervereinigung [Social mobility in East and West Germany in the first decade after reunification]; pp. 69-95 in: Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Martina Wasmer, Achim Koch (eds.): Sozialer und politischer Wandel in Deutschland. Analysen mit ALLBUS-Daten aus zwei Jahrzehnten; Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. (with Walter Müller)
- 2003 Soziale Durchlässigkeit in Westdeutschland gestiegen. Analysen zur intergenerationalen sozialen Mobilität von Männern und Frauen für den Zeitraum 1976-2000 [Increase of social fluidity in West Germany. Analyses on the intergenerational mobility of men and women from 1976-2000]; in: Informationsdienst Soziale Indikatoren 29: 8-11.

Working paper:

- 2009 Validating the ESeC-scheme as operationalization of social class: The case of Germany; working paper No. 117; Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung. (with Heike Wirth, Cornelia Gresch, Walter Müller, and Felix Weiss)
- 2007 Micro-Class Mobility. Social Reproduction in Four Countries; working paper No. 100; Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung. (with Jan O. Jonsson, David B. Grusky, Matthew Di Carlo, and Mary C. Brinton)
- 2005 The impact of social origin on the transition to tertiary education in West Germany 1983 and 1999; working paper No. 85; Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung. (with David Reimer)

Research Grants:

- 2012 Research project: “Employment-related further education in Germany: Motives, forms, and returns”, funded by Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (€ 258,000)
- 2011 Study on “Social mobility, sources for upward and downward Mobility”, funded by Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (€ 164,000)
- 2006-2010 EQUALSOC – EU Network of Excellence (€ 11,500)

Teaching experience:

- 2013 Social Mobility in Europe – *M.A. level*
The Social Structure of European Societies (lecture) – *M.A. level*
- 2012 Colloquium for educational and labor market inequalities – *M.A. level*
- 2011 Colloquium for educational and labor market inequalities – *M.A. level*
The (Mis-) Use of Concepts in Specific Empirical Fields – *Ph.D. level*
- 2010 Ethnic educational inequality – *M.A. level*
- 2006 Methods of empirical social research II – *B.A. level*
- 2005 Methods of empirical social research I – *B.A. level*
Education and social mobility II – *M.A. level*
Education and social mobility I – *M.A. level*
- 2004 Introduction to research methods and statistical analysis – *B.A. level*
Linear regression models – *graduate level*
Methods of empirical social research II – *B.A. level*
- 2003 Methods of empirical social research I – *B.A. level*
Linear regression models – *graduate level*
Methods of empirical social research II – *B.A. level*
- 2002 Introduction to research methods and statistical analysis – *B.A. level*
Methods of empirical social research II – *B.A. level*
Preparation course for final exams on advanced statistical methods – *M.A. level*
- 2001 Introduction to research methods and statistical analysis – *B.A. level*
Preparation course for final exams on advanced statistical methods – *M.A. level*
Structural Equation Modeling – *M.A. level*
- 2000 Preparation course for final exams on advanced statistical methods – *M.A. level*

Presentations at academic conferences and seminars (selection from 2006 onwards):

International

- 2013 Spring meeting of the Research Committee (RC) 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Trento (*The mobility triangle revisited – changes in educational inequality, educational returns and social mobility over periods and cohorts in Germany*)
- 2012 NEPS International Workshop on Longitudinal Studies in Vocational and Adult Education, Berlin (*Lifelong Learning, Life-Course Research and Competence Development of Adults*)
- 2011 Colloquium at the Department of Sociology, Universität Trento (*Intergenerational social mobility in a micro-class perspective: Did we miss something by looking at big classes only?*)
- 2010 International Sociological Association World Congress 2010, Gothenburg (*Is Gender Essentialism Everywhere the Same? The Underlying (Worldwide) Structure of Occupational Sex Segregation*)
International Sociological Association World Congress 2010, Gothenburg (*A Glance Into A Black Box: Examining the ‘Direct Path’ of the Mobility Triangle Between Origin and Destination for Seven Countries Over Time*)
EQUALSOC final conference, Amsterdam (*More women, less pay? Trends in occupational sex segregation and their relationship to changing labour market rewards in Germany*)
Seminar at the Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm (*The German National Educational Panel Study (NEPS): Sociological, economic and psychological perspectives on child development and life-long learning*)
- 2009 Colloquium at the Department of Sociology, Tilburg University (*Occupational vs. big class inheritance: The benefit of a disaggregated class perspective for understanding social mobility*)
WTW Research Center and Department of Labour and Welfare Studies, Universität Milan-Bicocca; international research workshop on “Inequality of educational opportunities in Italy” (*Class inequalities and gender differences in 20th century Italy in comparative perspective*)
Permanent Seminar at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences at the Juan March Foundation, Madrid (*Equal opportunities through education? A comparative study of the effects of education on social mobility in 20th century Europe*)
- 2007 Spring meeting of the Research Committee (RC) 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Brno (*Long term trends in educational inequality in Europe: class inequalities and gender*)
- 2006 International Sociological Association World Congress 2006, Durban (*The Effects of Declining Educational Inequality on Social Mobility: A Comparative Analysis of Four European Countries*)

2006 Spring meeting of the Research Committee (RC) 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, Nijmegen (*The effect of intergenerational micro-class inheritance of women and its implications for occupational sex segregation*)
Villa Vigoni (Deutsch-Italienisches Zentrum) Konferenz zum „Bericht zur Lage der Gesellschaft in Europa“, Loveno di Menaggio (*Die Entwicklung der sozialen Mobilität in Deutschland*)
Third workshop on the European Socio-Economic Classification, Lisbon (*Validation of ESeC: The Effect of Coding Procedures and Occupational Aggregation Level*)

National

2012 33rd meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (German Sociological Association), Bochum (Organisation of ad-hoc group on *Diversity and Exclusion: Results using the National Educational Panel Study*)

2011 Colloquium at the Department of Sociology, University of Constance (*Warum fällt der Apfel nicht weit vom Stamm? Theoretische Überlegungen für eine umfassendere Erklärung von sozialer (Im-) Mobilität* [Like father, like son: Outline of a more comprehensive theory of social (im-) mobility])

2010 Colloquium at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (*Welche sozialen Positionen werden eigentlich "vererbt"? Neue Befunde zu Form und Ausmaß sozialer (Im-) Mobilität durch eine disaggregierte Klassenperspektive* [Which positions get actually transferred? New evidence on the form and the amount of social (im-) mobility using a disaggregated class scheme])

2009 Seminar at the graduate program of Hans Böckler foundation „Lifelong Learning“, Technical University Dresden (*Soziale Ungleichheit und ihre Auswirkungen auf Bildungsverläufe* [Effects of social inequality on educational trajectories])

Seminar at the graduate program of Hans Böckler foundation „Education and social inequality, University of Halle (*Chancengleichheit durch Bildung? Zum Einfluss der Bildung auf soziale Mobilität im Europa des 20. Jahrhunderts* [Equal opportunities through education? On the impact of education on social mobility in 20th century Europe])

2007 Seminar at the Mannheim Centre of European Social Research, University of Mannheim (*Welche Positionen werden eigentlich „vererbt“? Eine Analyse intergenerationaler sozialer Mobilität mit Mikro-Klassen in den USA, Japan, Deutschland und Schweden* [Which positions get actually transferred? An analysis of intergenerational social mobility using micro-classes for the U.S., Japan, Germany, and Sweden])

Reviews for:

American Journal of Sociology
British Journal of Sociology
European Sociological Review
Sociology of Education
Zeitschrift für Soziologie
European Societies

Memberships:

Research Committee 28 (Social Stratification and Mobility) of the
International Sociological Association
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (German Sociological Association)
Sektion „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“ in der Deutschen
Gesellschaft für Soziologie [Section on Social Inequality and Stratification of
the German Sociological Association]

Departmental service:

2011-2013 Member of the task force on the future development of the WZB
2011-2013 Elected member of the representative body for disabled employees
2010-2011 Elected member of the Scientific Council of the Social Science Research
Center Berlin
2004-2006 Elected member of the social science faculty council
2003-2004 Member of the selection commission for a new chair in the field of methods
of empirical social research and applied sociology
2002-2004 Departmental student advisor for sociology and social sciences

On leave:

2013/2014 Parental leave (3 months)
2012 Parental leave (5 months)
2007 Sick leave for 6 months due to serious injury

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