

# Britta Baumgarten

## Research and Teaching Interests

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Civil Society and Social Movements  
Unemployment, Poverty and Social Inequality  
Discourse Analysis

## Work Experience

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Since August 2008 Postdoc Researcher at Social Science Research Centre (WZB) Berlin;

Nov. 2006–August 2008 Assistant Researcher at Centre for Social Policy  
Research/University of Bremen/ Germany, DFG project: “Politische  
Verbindlichkeit” (Prof. Dr. Frank Nullmeier)

July 2005 – Nov. 2005 Training Coordinator at KURVE Wustrow/ Germany

Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2004 Assistant Researcher at University of Bamberg/ Germany  
employed in the project: “UNEMPOL - Contentious Politics of Unemployment in  
Europe: Political Claims Making, Policy Deliberation, and Exclusion from the  
Labour Market” (Prof. Dr. Christian Lahusen)

May – Sept. 2000 CARE Germany e.V., Bonn

Oct. 1998 – Feb. 2000 Tutor “Analysis of the German Social Structure” by Prof. Dr. Hans-  
Peter Blossfeld and Dr. Fabrizio Bernardi, University of Bielefeld/Germany

Feb. – March 1997 Technologieberatungsstelle beim DGB, Koblenz

## Degrees

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2009 Dr. des. (equivalent to PhD) Faculty of Humanities, University of Duisburg–Essen

- Title: “The German Discourse on Unemployment – An Analysis of the  
Communication Strategies of the Representatives of the Unemployed“

2001 Diplom Soziologie (equivalent of a master’s degree in sociology), University of  
Bielefeld

- Specialized in sociology of development (development planning and policies)
- Exams: Social Anthropology, Social Theory, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods  
of Social Research, Sociology of Development, Social Structure Analysis,  
Economics

Oct. – Dec. 2000 Two months research in Ecuador for the dissertation: „Civil Society in Ecuador: Resistance and Alternatives to 'Global Liberalisation' “

July – Oct. 1999 Three months research in Bangladesh financed by DAAD

Aug. 1997 – May 1998 ISCTE Lisbon/ Portugal with an Erasmus scholarship

1986 – 1995 Sebastian- Münster- Gymnasium, Ingelheim (High School Diploma)

## **Languages**

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- German (native speaker)
- English (fluent oral and writing)
- Portuguese (intermediate oral and writing, excellent reading)
- Spanish (intermediate oral and writing, excellent reading)
- French (basic oral and writing, good reading)
- Bengali (basic oral)

## **Computer Skills**

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MS-Office, Max.qda, HTML, SPSS, Citavi

## **Organisation of Workshops and Conferences**

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11-15 October 2010 “Soziale Bewegungen in einer transnationalisierten Welt – Theorien und Mechanismen”; Ad hoc-Gruppe DGS, in Frankfurt (with Nicole Dörr, Andres Pettenkofer; Mundo Yang and Jochen Roose)

1-3 October 2010 “Öffentlichkeit und Demokratie”; Conference organised together with “Personenbündnis "Initiative Öffentlichkeit und Demokratie“

23-25 April 2009 “Civility. An interdisciplinary and comparative approach” at Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (with Dieter Gosewinkel, Dieter Rucht and Jan Behrends)

## **Memberships**

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- International Sociological Association (ISA)
- ECPR , Standing Group “Forms of Participation”
- Research Project “Transnational Struggles for Recognition”
- DFG Nachwuchsnetzwerk: Neue Perspektiven auf soziale Bewegungen und Protest (network of young researchers on social movements)