



OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH INTERESTS _ DOCTORAL MEMBERS

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Education, Personal Development and Learning from Early Childhood to Adulthood

› **Barthelemy Muzaliwa Baluma**, Education Science

Educational quality | Competency-Based Language Teaching and Learning | Cognitive activation

› **Aashna Doshi**, Psychology

Self-Regulation | Socio-Emotional Behaviours | Academic Achievement | Competency Assessment

› **Klara Hermes**, Psychology

Early Childhood | Language Development | Executive Functions | Socio-Emotional Development | Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children | Parent-Child Interaction

› **Edouard Ntakirutimana**, Educational Science

Educational Quality | Global Education | Research Training

› **Essaw Samgwa'a**, Economics

Resilience and sustainable growth

› **Jana Welling**, Psychology

Disengaged and Careless Responding

› **Eva Zink**, Empirical Educational Research

Plausible Values | Hierarchical Data Structure | Missing Value

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Educational and Social Inequality across the Entire Life Course

› **Lea Ahrens**, Educational Science

Education Decisions | Transition towards Professional Training and the Labour Market | Vocational Education

› **Anika Bela**, Empirical Microeconomics

Sociology and Economics of Education

› **Alice Broggi**, Sociology

Social Stratification and Inequalities | Gender Inequalities | Educational Upgrading | Social Mobility

› **Tillman Claus**, Sociology

Social inequalities and change | aging | perceptions and attitudes | cross-national comparisons and quantitative research methods



› **Moritz Fischer**, Sociology

Skill Mismatch | Returns to Education | Social Inequalities in Education and the Labor Market | Methods of Modern Causal Analysis

› **Anja Grauenhorst**, Sociology

Social Stratification and Inequality | Education and Labour Market Returns | Further Education

› **Melanie Hochmuth**, Business Education

Educational Trajectories and Educational Decisions | Transitions, especially from School to Vocational Training | Prevention of Vocational Training Drop-Outs | Vocational Training Satisfaction and Quality | Discrimination Processes in Vocational Training

› **Lana Huber (née Blažević)**, Sociology

Occupational | Educational and Skill Mismatches | Overqualification | Overskilling
| Migration | Integration | Discrimination | Methodological Questions

› **Julia Hufnagl**, Economics and Business Education

Global Learning and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) | Intersectional Disadvantages and Discriminatory Processes in Vocational Education and Training | International Comparison of Vocational Education and Training (Focus Europe and North America)

› **Evangelia Ioannidi**, Criminal Psychology

Serial Killers | Victims of Hate Crime | Psychopathology

› **Regina Jusri**, Sociology

Educational Inequality | Social Capital

› **Rachael Kyalo**, Statistics

Small Area Estimation | Big Data | Machine Learning

› **Laura Löwe**, Sociology

Stratification in Higher Education | Education as Positional Good | Labour Market Returns to Higher Education | Social Inequality

› **Julia Mayr**, Sociology

Educational and Social Inequality | Returns to Education | Human Capital | Political Interest and Behaviour | Political Science Education | Institutional and Social Trust | Quantitative Research Methods

› **Paul Messer**, Statistics

Computational Statistics | Edit-Imputations, Geocomputational and Spatial Statistics, Machine Learning

› **Elif Sari**, Sociology

Social Inequality | Educational Research | Parental Practices | Cultural Capital | Mixed Methods Research

› **Susanne Schmid**, Sociology

Social Inequality | Education in the Life Course | Early Childhood Education and Care | Compatibility of Work and Family | Maternal Employment | Social and Family Policies | Quantitative Methods

› **Kerstin Schörner**, Sociology

Social Inequality | Social Capital | Teaching and Learning with ICT | Network Analysis



› **Florian Weber**, Sociology

Perceived Discrimination | Educational Mismatches | Integration | Methodological Questions

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Changes in Human Capital, Labour Markets and Demographic Structures and their Relation to Social Inequalities in Modern Societies

› **Nana Oye Blay**, Psychology

Global Mobility | Personality Traits | Social Integration

› **Jane Siew Wai Burmeister**, Human Resource Management

Global Mobility | Expatriation, Migration & Integration | Diversity & Inclusion

› **Michaela Dreier**, Sociology

Life course research, esp. family and work | gender inequality and attitudes | comparative welfare state research

› **Miriam Gauer**, Sociology

Social and Ethnic Inequalities | Sociology of the Family | Migration and Integration | Gender Equality | Quantitative Methods

› **Sascha-Christopher Geschke**, Sociology and Economics

Social Inequality and Stratification (esp. Poverty Dynamics) | Life Course | Labor Market | Digital Transformation | Migration and Gender | Methods of Empirical Social Research that allow Causal Interpretation

› **Rafael Kothe**, Behavioural Macroeconomics

Behavioural macroeconomics and monetary policy | bounded rationality and heterogeneous agents | networks and financial markets

› **Michael Mühlbauer**, Statistics

Small Area Estimation | Generalized Linear Mixed Modelling | Spatial Data Analysis | Random Forests

› **Franz Prücklmair**, Statistics

Non-Probability Samples | Weighting Methods | Survey Calibration

› **Lea Römisch**, Sociology

Migration and integration | life course sociology | social networks

› **Marc Saur**, Economics

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› **Pauline Schneider**, Sociology



Sociology of Work | Digitalisation of Work | Digital Labour | Global Production Networks, esp. Logistics | Qualitative Social Research

› **Regine Schmidt**, Sociology

Migration and Integration | Social and Ethnic Inequality with Focus on Labor Market | Quantitative Research Methods

› **Shreya Singh**, Economics

Social Inequality | Inequality and Demography | Gender Demography | Health | Ageing | Labor Market Economics

› **Daniel Witt**, Economics

Economics of education, applied micro

› **Barbara Zimmer**, Sociology

Working Conditions and Health | Life-Course Transitions and Quantitative Methods

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Governance, Institutional Change and Political Behaviour

› **Christopher Altstädt**, Political Science

Theories of Secession | Republicanism | Liberalism

› **Armin Aminian**, Economics

Resilience and sustainable growth

› **Julian Apel**, International Relations

Transboundary Water Management | Hydropolitics

› **David Beck**, Political Science

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› **Valentin Berger**, Political Science

Comparative Politics | Party Competition | Public Policies | Emerging Issues | Salience | Policy Impact | Quantitative Methods

› **Jenna Birnbohm-Kaminski**, Political Science

Gender and Politics | Human Rights | Norm Contestation | International Relations | Global Governance

› **Eileen Böhringer**, Political Science

Parliamentary Studies | Legislative Institutions and Behaviour | Bicameralism



› **Josephine Dehn**, Political Science

Social Policy and Welfare States (Particularly in Global and Historical Perspectives) | Intrastate Warfare | Colonialism

› **Michael Eberhardt**, Sociology

Discourse Analysis | Sociology of Knowledge | Sociology of Religion | Qualitative Methods

› **Henning Bergmann**, Political Science

Comparative Politics | Cabinet Survival | Political Representation of Minorities | Legislative Behaviour | Quantitative Research Methods

› **Lucie Bohdalová**, Political Science

Gender and Politics | Political Representation of Minorities | Women, Peace and Security Policies | Migration Politics | Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods

› **Monika Bozhinoska Lazarova**, Political Science

Political Behaviour of Citizens with Immigrant Origin | Political Participation and Political Representation of Migrants | International Migration | EU Mobility

› **Gervin Chanase**, Political Science

Third-Sector Governance | Decolonization | Africa Philanthropy | Localization

› **Julian Gierenz**, Political Science

Political Communication | Political Psychology | Political Sociology | Social Media | Computational Social Science | Large Language Models Artificial Intelligence | Agent-Based-Simulations | Social Network Analysis | Computational Cognitive Science

› **Wolfgang Goldbach**, Political Science

Voting Behaviour and Political Attitudes | Political Parties and Party Systems | Multi-Level Politics | Regionalism, Nationalism and Identity | British and Scottish Politics

› **Micaela Grossmann**, Political Science

Political Representation | Political Behaviour | Underrepresented Groups | Ethnic Minorities | Democratic Innovations

› **Philipp Hoffmann**, Political Science

Political Attitudes | Election Behaviour | Political Behaviour | Immigration | Migration Policy | Quantitative Methods

› **Marlene Joger**, International and European Politics

International Organizations (UN, EU) | Human Rights | Migration and Integration | Political Participation | Italian Politics

› **Agata Maria Kraj**, Political Science/Political Psychology

Political Representation | (In)Equality | Women's Representation | Political Parties | Candidate Selection | Gender | Stereotypes | Prejudices | Discrimination

› **Anja Carolin Lippstreu**, International and European Politics

Norms in International Relations | Human Rights and Environmental Degradation



› **Dmytro Lutsenko**, Political Science

Political Parties | Political Campaigns | Election Manifesto Analysis

› **Jon Meyer**, Political Science

Digital Transformation | Digital Agriculture | Semi-Conductor industrial Policy

› **Maximilian Noichl**, Political Science

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› **Sebastian Neumann**, Political Science/Sociology

Agent-Based Modelling | Organisational Theory | Fundamentalism

› **Lara Panning**, Political Science/European Politics

EU institutions (esp. European Commission and Parliament) | Informal Negotiation Processes | Rise of Populism and Euroscepticism | Qualitative Methods

› **Sergei Pashakhin**, Political Science

Platformization | Autocratization | Computational Methods

› **Ivan Samolovov**, Political Science

Economic Sanctions | Economic Power | International Relations Theory | European Union | Actorness

› **David Schmuck**, Political Science

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› **Douglas Eduard Steinert**, Political Science

European Integration | Defense | Populism

› **Kening Wang**, Political Science

Comparative Social Policy with a focus on Global South Countries

› **Frederik Wilhelmi**, Political Science

Normative Political Theory | Liberalism | Multiculturalism | Philosophy of Education

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