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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2012 **Doctor of Social and Behavioural Sciences**, *Universiteit van Amsterdam*.
Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR), *with Distinction*
- 2008 **Master of Arts, Social Sciences**, *Humboldt Universität zu Berlin*.
Institute of Social Sciences, Graduation: 1.0 *with Distinction*
- 2006 **Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences**, *Humboldt Universität zu Berlin*.
Institute of Social Sciences, Graduation: 1.1 *with Distinction*

Professional Career

- 2018- **Associate Professor**, *University of Copenhagen*, Department of Sociology.
- 2015-2017 **Temporary Associate Professor of Demography and Social Inequality**, *University of Cologne*, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (no tenure, five year contract).
- Winter 2014/15 **Temporary Visiting Full Professor**, *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)*, Department of Sociology, Media and Cultural Studies (no tenure, one semester contract).
- 2009–2015 **(Senior) Researcher**, *WZB Berlin Social Science Center*, Department “Migration Integration Transnationalization”.

Fellowships

- Since 2016 **External Fellow**, *WZB Berlin Social Science Center*, Department “Migration Integration Transnationalization”.
- 2014-2018 **External Fellow**, *MZES Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung*, Department A “European Societies and their Integration”.

Visiting Scholarships

- 2017 **Visiting Scholar**, *University of California, Los Angeles, USA*.
Center for the Study of International Migration, Department of Sociology
- 2010 **Visiting Scholar**, *Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA*.
Kennedy School of Government
- 2010-2012 **Doctoral Student**, *Universiteit van Amsterdam*.
Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)

Awards

- 2018 **Outstanding Article Publication in Mathematical Sociology** Award of the American Sociological Association.
- 2017 **Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population** Award of the American Sociological Association.
- 2016 **Anatol Rapoport Prize** of the Section “Model Building and Simulation” of the German Sociological Association.

Research Grants

2019 **Residential Mobility Among Ethnic Minorities and its Consequences for Social Embeddedness and Subjective Well-Being (WELLMOB)**, with Sarah Carol (University College Dublin), German Science Foundation (DFG): 167,657.- Euro approx. 1,251,896.- DKK.

Professional Services

Associate Editor Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, since 2018.

Ad-hoc Reviews

Journals American Journal of Sociology (3x), American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cities, City & Community, Ethnic and Racial Studies, European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review (10x), Geoinformatics & Geostatistics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (5x), Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Happiness Studies (2x), Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Forces, Social Indicators Research (3x), Social Networks, Social Science Research, Soziale Welt, Survey Research Methods, Swiss Political Science Review, Urban Research and Practice, Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Publishers Routledge, Ashgate (2x)

Institutions Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (4x), Cusanuswerk (1x), Estonian Research Council (ETAg).

Professional Engagement

International Coordinator International coordinator of all student and staff exchange programs (e.g., Erasmus) of UCPH's Department of Sociology, since 2019.

Postdoc Representative Elected postdoc representative at WZB Berlin Social Science Center's academic council, 2012-2014.

Memberships Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), ISA RC28 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility.

Teaching

Title	Course Type	Evaluation (Best Grade: 1.0)	Semester	University
Bachelor level				
Socio-Cultural Differentiation	Lecture	tba	Winter '19	UCPH
Sociology in the Age of Big Data	Seminar	tba		
Data and Regression Analysis A	Lecture	1.6/5	Summer '17	UoC
Demographic Transition and Immigration	Seminar	1.1/5		
Data and Regression Analysis A	Lecture	1.5/5	Summer '16	
Demographic Transition and Immigration	Seminar	*		
Introduction to Sociology	Lecture	1.69/5	Winter	KIT
Applied Introduction to Sociology	Exercise	1.78/5	'14/15	
Immigration, Integration & Acceptance	Seminar	1.78/5		
Immigration and Integration	Seminar	1.67/6	Summer '16	HU
Introduction to Social Theory	Seminar	1.14/6	Winter '09/10	
Master level				
Applied Multilevel Analysis	Seminar	tba	Winter '19	UCPH
R for Social Data Science	Seminar	tba	Spring '19	
Contextual Sources of Social Behavior	Seminar	tba		
R for Social Data Science	Seminar	100%	Winter '18	
Job Mismatches	Seminar	1.3/5	Winter	UoC
Spatial Demography and Social Inequality	Seminar	1.5/5	'17/18	
Job Mismatches	Seminar	1.5/5	Winter	
Spatial Demography and Social Inequality	Seminar	1.7/5	'16/17	
Social Capital and Immigrant Integration	Seminar	*		
Job Mismatches	Seminar	1/5	Winter	
Spatial Demography and Social Inequality	Seminar	1.7/5	'15/16	
Social Capital and Social Cohesion	Seminar	1.7/5		
Migration and Integration Research	One week Seminar	-	Spring '15	Uni Bilbao
Migration and Integration Research	One week Seminar	1.68/5	Spring '14	
Migration and Integration Research	One week Seminar	-	Spring '13	
Migration and Integration Research	One week Seminar	1.5/5	Spring '12	
Introduction to Statistics	One week Seminar	1.4/5	Winter '15	TUD
Introduction to Statistics	One week Seminar	1.16/5	Winter '14	
Introduction to Statistics	One week Seminar	1.76/5	Winter '13	
Introduction to Statistics	One week Seminar	1.47/5	Winter '12	
Migration Policy and Immigrant Integration	Seminar	1.83/6	Winter '12/13	HU
PhD level				
Sociological Analysis in Progress	One day workshop	tba	Winter '20	UCPH
Advanced Sociological Theory	Seminar	2	Winter '17/18	
Social Science at its Best	Seminar	*	Summer '17	UoC
Social Science at its Best	Seminar	*	Summer '16	

* Less than five students in class at day of evaluation (class attendance is not obligatory in Germany or Denmark).
 HU: Humboldt University Berlin; KIT: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology; TUD: Technical University Darmstadt;
 UCPH: University of Copenhagen, UoC: University of Cologne; University of Deusto Bilbao.

Publications

My publications have been cited 509 times with an H-index of 13 according to Google Scholar.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 13 Elff, M., Heisig, J.P., Schaeffer, M. & Shikano, S. (*forthcoming*): Multilevel Analysis with Few Clusters: Improving Likelihood-based Methods to Provide Unbiased Estimates and Accurate Inference. *British Journal of Political Science*.
- 12 Heisig, J.P. & Schaeffer, M. (2019): Why You Should Always Include a Random Slope for the Lower-Level Variable Involved in a Cross-Level Interaction. *European Sociological Review* 35(2): 258-279.
- 11 Schaeffer, M. (2019): Social Mobility and Perceived Discrimination: Adding an Intergenerational Perspective. *European Sociological Review* 35(1): 65-80.
- 10 Heisig, J.P., Schaeffer, M. & Giesecke, J. (2017): The Costs of Simplicity: Why Multilevel Models May Benefit from Accounting for Cross-Cluster Differences in the Effects of Controls. *American Sociological Review* 82(4): 796-827.
- 9 Klinger, J., Mueller, S. & Schaeffer, M. (2017): The Halo Effect: Are People Who Live in Homogeneous Neighborhoods that Border Ethnically Diverse Neighborhoods More Xenophobic? *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 46(6): 402-419.
- 8 Legewie, J. & Schaeffer, M. (2016): Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethno-Racial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict. *American Journal of Sociology* 122(1): 125-161.

ASA Mathematical Sociology Award 2018 *Our analysis of neighborhood conflict at fuzzy boundaries between ethnically homogeneous enclaves was awarded the Outstanding Article Publication in Mathematical Sociology Award 2018 of the American Sociological Association (ASA).*

ASA Population Award 2017 *Our article was also awarded the Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award 2017 of the American Sociological Association (ASA).*

- 7 Schaeffer, M., Höhne, J. & Teney, C. (2016): Income Advantages of Poorly-Qualified Immigrant Minorities. Why school drop-outs of Turkish origin earn more in Germany. *European Sociological Review* 32(1): 93-107

Anatol Rapoport Prize 2016 *Our analysis of income advantages among less-qualified persons of immigrant origin was awarded the Anatol Rapoport Prize 2016 of the Section "Model Building and Simulation" of the German Sociological Association.*

- 6 Koopmans, R. & Schaeffer, M. (2016): Statistical and Perceived Diversity and Their Impacts on Neighborhood Social Cohesion in Germany, France and the Netherlands. *Social Indicators Research* 125(3): 853-883
- 5 Koopmans, R. & Schaeffer, M. (2015): Relational Diversity and Neighbourhood Cohesion. Unpacking Variety, Balance and In-Group Size. *Social Science Research* 53: 162-176
- 4 Schaeffer, M. (2014): The Social Meaning of Inherited Assets. Moral Ambivalences of Intergenerational Transfers. *Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung/Forum Qualitative Research* 15(1): Art. 13

Reprint *Historical Social Research* 2014, 39(3/4)

- 3 Schaeffer, M. (2013): Can Competing Diversity Indices Inform us About Why Ethnic Diversity Erodes Social Cohesion? A Test of Five Diversity Indices in Germany. *Social Science Research* 42(3): 755-774
- 2 Schaeffer, M. (2013): Inter-Ethnic Neighbourhood Acquaintanceships Between Migrants and Natives in Germany. On the Brokering Roles of Inter-Ethnic Partners and Children. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 39(8): 1219-1240
- 1 Schaeffer, M. (2013): Which Groups are Mostly Responsible for Problems in Your Neighbourhood? The Use of Ethnic Categories in Germany. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 36(1): 156-178

Peer-Reviewed Monographs

- 1 Schaeffer, M. (2014): *Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion: Immigration, Ethnic Fractionalization and Potentials for Civic Action*. Aldershot: Ashgate

Reviews of the Book "I will be including it in the reading list for substantive courses both on diversity and neighbourhood effects and research methods discussing measurement techniques, model building, the use of open-ended questions, and the graphical presentation of results", Neli Demireva (University of Essex), *European Sociological Review*.

"This is both a thorough and very thoughtful book, with much to recommend it to scholars interested in the impacts of ethnic diversity on social cohesion and trust from a range of disciplines, and it deserves the very positive cover endorsements from Robert Putnam, Miles Hewstone and Michael Banton", Paul Thomas (University of Huddersfield), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

"The book comprises significant empirical work and has considerable theoretical depth. [...] Scholars and policy-makers who engage in these topics will benefit from this book", Yunus Kaya (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), *Contemporary Sociology*.

"Overall, *Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion* should be an essential read for social scientists studying social change in European societies brought about by international mobility and ethnic diversification", Aneta Piekut (University of Sheffield), *Central and Eastern European Migration Review*.

Edited Volumes

- 1 Koopmans, R., Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, M. (2015): *Immigration and Social Cohesion in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions and Causality*. London: Routledge

Book Chapters

- 3 Schaeffer, M. (2016): Diversity erfassen: Statistische Diversitätsindizes. In T. Ringeisen & P. Genkova: *Handbuch Diversity Kompetenz: Perspektiven und Anwendungsfelder*. Wiesbaden: Springer.
- 2 Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, M. (2015): Moving to Diversity: Residential Mobility, Changes in Ethnic Diversity and Concerns about Immigration. In R. Koopmans, B. Lancee & M. Schaeffer: *Immigration and Social Cohesion in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions and Causality* London: Routledge.
- 1 Koopmans, R., Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, M. (2015): Ethnic Diversity in Diverse Societies: An Introduction. In R. Koopmans, B. Lancee & M. Schaeffer: *Immigration and Social Cohesion in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions and Causality*. London: Routledge

Discussion Paper

- 2 Schaeffer, M. (2013): Ethnic Diversity, Public Goods Provision and Social Cohesion. Lessons from an Inconclusive Literature *WZB Discussion Paper SP IV 2013-103*.
- 1 Koopmans, R., Dunkel, A., Schaeffer, M. & Veit, S. (2011): Ethnische Diversität, soziales Vertrauen und Zivilengagement. Projektbericht im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend. *WZB Discussion Paper SP IV 2011-703*.

Data Collection

EDCAS "The Ethnic Diversity and Collective Action Survey": Three country CATI survey with two oversamples of persons of immigrant origin (n = 10,200).

Technical Report Schaeffer, M., Koopmans, R., Veit, S., Wagner, M. & Wiedner, J.: The Ethnic Diversity and Collective Action Survey (EDCAS). Technical Report. *WZB Discussion Paper SP IV 2011-701*.

Dissemination to the Public

- 8 "Invisible networks", *SWR Radio* (2016): <http://bit.ly/2yrDAgP>
- 7 "Les événements de Cologne sont un catalyseur", *Deutsche Welle Afrique Radio* (2016): <http://bit.ly/2mAB2v5>
- 6 "Low qualified employees of immigrant origin have income advantages"
- 6.6 *Berliner Zeitung* (2016): <http://bit.ly/21BKF7I>
- 6.5 *Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger* (2016): <http://bit.ly/2m2QPks>

- 6.4 *Mitteldeutsche Zeitung* (2016): <http://bit.ly/2mirX92>
- 6.3 *Telepolis* (2016): <http://www.heise.de/tp/artikel/46/46102/1.html>
- 6.2 *Köln Nachrichten* (2016): <http://koeln-nachrichten.de/bildung/studien/migranten-ohne-qualifikation-sind-belastbarer/>
- 6.1 *Phys Org* (2016): <http://bit.ly/2lC4X0a>
- 5 “Study uses 311 Complaints To Track Where Neighborhood Conflict Emerges”
- 5.8 *Der Tagesspiegel* (2016): <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/wirtschaft/immobilien/segregation-weniger-streit-in-durchmischten-kommunen/13881160.html>
- 5.7 *Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger* (2016):
- 5.6 *Washington Times* (2015): <http://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/21/study-fuzzy-ethnic-boundaries-more-neighbor-compla/>
- 5.5 *New York Magazine* (2015): <http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2015/08/what-311-calls-can-tell-us-about-gentrification.html>
- 5.4 *Science Daily* (2015): <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/08/150821082721.htm>
- 5.3 *Government Technology* (2015): <http://www.govtech.com/data/cities-using-311-data-in-novel-ways-discover-drawbacks.html>
- 5.2 *The Atlantic, City Lab* (2015): <http://bit.ly/2mlIoSi>
- 5.1 *Zee News* (2015): <http://zeenews.india.com/news/science/how-and-where-neighbourhood-conflicts-emerge.html>
- 4 “Kids as catalytic converters of neighborhood cohesion”
- 4.2 *Stimme der Familie* (2017), 64. JG. Ausgabe 03: <http://bit.ly/2xKros4>.
- 4.1 *migazin* (2013): <http://www.migazin.de/2013/11/05/studie-kinder-katalysatoren-vielfalt/>
- 3 “Which neighbors are the most troublesome?”
- 3.9 *RBB Kultur Radio*: http://www.kulturradio.de/programm/sendungen/120417/kulturradio_am_vormittag_0905.html
- 3.8 *SWR2 Wissenschaft Radio*: <http://www.swr.de/blog/wissenschaftaktuell/2012/04/18/laute-teenager-und-meckernde-senioren/>
- 3.7 *Multicult.fm Radio*: <http://cogniradio.blog.de/2012/04/18/cogninews-20-april-13537393/>
- 3.6 *Der Tagesspiegel*: <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/studie-lieber-tuerken-als-teenies/6493514.html>
- 3.5 *Welt*: http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/article106174628/Politik-Kompakt.html
- 3.4 *Der Standard*: <http://bit.ly/2mTejX6>
- 3.2 *The Local*: <http://www.thelocal.de/society/20120411-41871.html>
- 3.1 *Sabah*: <http://www.sabah.de/yabancilar-degil-gencler-sorunlu.html>
- 2 “Eroded Cohesion: What characterizes ethnically diverse neighborhoods”, *WZB-Mitteilungen* (2012): http://www.wzb.eu/sites/default/files/u6/wm135_interview.pdf
- 1 “Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion in the Netherlands”, *Migration Education* (2011): <http://www.migrationeducation.org/47.1.html?&rid=201&cHash=7975c211a0c28156e87f9af2a89b0c29>

Invited Talks (past two years)

- 2019 “Ethnic Diversity and Social Trust: Mapping a Diverse Field Through a Meta-analysis”. Forschungskolloquium Empirische Sozialforschung at *University of Konstanz*, Germany: October 29th
- “Ethnic Diversity and Social Trust: Mapping a Diverse Field Through a Meta-analysis”. "INTERACT" workshop at *Bocconi University*, Italy: July 5th
- 2018 “The Educational System and the Ethnic Skills Gap Among the Working-Age Population. An Analysis of 16 Western Immigration Countries”. *VIVE – The Danish Center for Social Science Research*, Denmark: December 12th
- “Career Trajectories Into Undereducation. Which Skills and Resources Allow Individuals to Seek Careers That Lie Beyond Their Formal Education?”. *Rockwool Fonden*, Denmark: October 24th
- “Contested Boundaries and Halo Effects: Explaining Where Ethnic Diversity Diminishes Social Cohesion”. *Kraks Fond: Institute for Urban Economic Research*, Denmark: Mai 3rd
- “Unintended Consequences of Persons of Immigrant Origin’s Status Aspirations: Ethnic Skills Gaps and Perceived Diskrimination in European Comparison”. AMCIS seminar series at *University of Amsterdam*, Netherlands: April 26th
- “Contested Boundaries and Halo Effects: Where does Ethnoracial Neighborhood Diversity Provoke Antipathy?”. 10th Global Empowerment Meeting at *Harvard Kennedy School*, USA: April 18th
- “Unintended Consequences of Persons of Immigrant Origin’s Status Aspirations: Ethnic Skills Gaps and Perceived Diskrimination in European Comparison”. Institutskolloquium at *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*, Germany: January 10th

Conference Presentations (past two years)

- 2018 “Karrierepfade in die Unterqualifikation”. *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)*, 39. Kongress “Komplexe Dynamiken globaler und lokaler Entwicklungen” at Universität Göttingen, Germany: September
- “Soziale Mobilität und wahrgenommene Diskriminierung: Eine intergenerationale Perspektive”. *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)*, 39. Kongress “Komplexe Dynamiken globaler und lokaler Entwicklungen” at Universität Göttingen, Germany: September
- “It Just Ain’t Dope to Drop the Slope! Why You Should Always Include a Random Slope for the Lower-Level Variable of a Cross-Level Interaction”. *ISA-RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility* Conference “Rethinking Social Inequality in the Globalizing World” at Yonsei University, South Korea: May 25th
- “Who Are The Undereducated? An Investigation of the Skills and Resources That Allow Individuals to Seek Careers That Lie Beyond Their Formal Qualification in Great Britain and Germany”. *ISA-RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility* Conference “Rethinking Social Inequality in the Globalizing World” at Yonsei University, South Korea: May 25th