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PERSONAL DATA

* 30.10.1979, Tübingen, Germany

married, 2 children (*2011, *2016), first generation academic

CURRENT POSITION

Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin

Since 04.2025 *Co-PI, international cooperation project “Powering Wealth”*

- with El Colegio de México
- Group size at FU Berlin: 5 team members
- €1.392.000 total, out of which €748.300 at FU Berlin

Since 05.2021 *Head of Freigeist Research Group*

- Group size: 4 team members
- €1.045.100

Video summary of the group’s research agenda:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/de/news/story/dem-verhaeltnis-von-macht-und-geld-auf-der-spur>

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

10.2019-09.2020 **Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin**
PostDoc (50%), Chair for International and Comparative Political Economy

10.2014-06.2019 **Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom**

- Dissertation (no corrections)
- 1. Price, Deutscher Studienpreis Köber-Stiftung 2020
- Gates Cambridge PhD Stipend (ca. 1% success rate)
- 6 months parental leave

02.2019-05.2019 **Hertie School of Governance, Berlin**

09.2017-01.2018 *Adjunct Professor*

01.2011–08.2014 **Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin**

Associate Director, Board Member

- 6 months parental leave
- Field research across many countries in the Global South and the Global North

05.2006–12.2010 **Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin**

Research Associate & Project Manager

10.2005–03.2006 **Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen**

Teaching Fellow

EDUCATION

- 10.2014-06.2019 **University of Cambridge, United Kingdom**
PhD in Politics and International Studies
- 10.2000–08.2005 **Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Germany**
Magister Artium in Political Science, Economics and Rhetorics
Grade: ‘very good’
- Institut des Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris, France**
Erasmus exchange (6 months)
- The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland**
Erasmus exchange (1 year)
- 10.1999–09.2000 **Universität Augsburg**
Magister Artium in Political Science, Economics and Communication
Science
- 06.1999 **Gymnasium in der Glemsaue, Ditzingen**
Abitur: 1,6

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAYS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 DAAD-Cambridge Hub, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 2020/21 Global Governance Futures, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Senior Fellow
- 2017 Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2015 Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City

THIRD PARTY FUNDING

- 2025 Research grant: *Powering Wealth: How rich families shape the energy transition (2025-2029)*, VolkswagenStiftung mit Alice Krozer (Colmex) & Thorsten Benner (GPPi)
€1.392.000
- 2021 Freigeist Fellowship (2021-2027), VolkswagenStiftung
€1.045.100 Early Career Research Group
- DAAD-Cambridge Research Hub
£4.000 Visiting Fellowship
- 2016 POLIS, University of Cambridge
£5.700 Feldforschungsgrant
- 2010 European Commission (DG RELEX)
€275.000 Research grant (with Julia Steets, GPPi and Christopher B. Barrett, Cornell University)
- 2008 Europea Commission (DG RELEX)
€475.000 Research grant (with Wolfgang Reinicke, Jan Martin Witte, GPPi und Daniel S. Hamilton, Johns Hopkins University)
- 2006 Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung

€150.000 Research grant (with Wolfgang Reinicke, Thorsten Benner und Philipp Rothmann)

AWARDS

- 2025 Nominated for Heinz-Maier-Leibnitz Preis 2026 by the president of FU Berlin
- 2024 *Offshore Finance and State Power*, Short-listed for the BISA-IPEG Best Book Award
- 2022 Fellow, Die Junge Akademie, elected 2022-2027
- 2020 Deutscher Studienpreis, Körber-Stiftung
1. Prize in the Social Sciences, €25.000
- 2014-2019 Gates Cambridge Scholarship
PhD Stipend (full cost)
- 2014 Cambridge European Scholarship
PhD Stipend (fees) (declined)
- 2003–2004 Fellow Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg
Stipend for Studies Abroad
- 2001–2005 Fellow Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Stipend for outstanding students covering the entire Magister Artium course

INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2026 Keynote: Revisiting Bretton Woods – From Gold to Oil? Belgian Political Economy Working Group, July
- Panel discussion: Staatsschulden im 21. Jahrhundert: Befunde und Reformoptionen mit Isabel Schnabel und Jörg Rocholl, Berlin Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, April
- Talk: Offshore Finance and Geopolitics, presentation, VWL research seminar, KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, February
- 2025 Public Lecture: *Einführung in die Offshore-Finanz*, part of the lecture series “Financial crises and monetary systems”, Critical Economics, Freie Universität Berlin.
- Talk: *The Roads Taken – The German Russian Gas Relationship c.1900-2023*, paper presentation, research seminar, Zentrum für Demokratieforschung, Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg
- Talk: *Scoping the Eurodollar system 1977 -2022*, Current Avenues in Comparative and International Political Economy, Lecture Series, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, 18 June 2024.
- Panel discussion: *The Geopolitics of Liquidity Management*, The Political Economy of Liquidity Idea Lab, Columbia Center for Political Economy, with Linda Goldberg, Federal Reserve of NY, online, 25 March 2024.
- 2024 *The State of Finance Capitalism*, book talk on *Offshore Finance and State Power*, Global Climate Forum, Berlin, January.

2023 *Offshore Finance and State Power*, book presentation at the Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, 30 May 2023.

Offshore Finance and State Power, book presentation at the London School of Economics, 31 May 2023.

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2026 Member of the Programme Advisory Board for the accreditation of the Individual Research Master
Leuphana Universität Lüneburg
Co-organiser of the project “Proofing the Academy – Academic Freedom in strenuous times”
Die Junge Akademie
- 2025 Selection Committees
Zuwahlverfahren, Die Junge Akademie
Ausschreibung Potentiale Strategisch Entfalten, VolkswagenStiftung
- Seit 2022 Speaker of the Working Group “Money and Society”
Die Junge Akademie
- 2021-2019 Speaker Working Group International Political Economy
Deutsche Vereinigung Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
- 2014-2016 Founding member of the Cambridge Migration Society
University of Cambridge

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science, Business and Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Disasters, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of European Public Policy, Review of International Political Economy, Third World Quarterly*

TEACHING

2003–2025	FU Berlin (Wiwi)	Einführung in die Offshore Finanz	Vorlesung (2h)
WiSe 24–25	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	The role of the rich in politics	BA-Seminar
SoSe 24	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Argument and Evidence in IPE	BA-Seminar
WiSe 23–24	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	The IPE of offshore finance	MA-Seminar
SoSe 23	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Argument and Evidence in IPE	MA-Seminar
WiSe 22–23	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Banks and banking in global politics	BA-Seminar
SoSe 22	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Banks and banking in global politics	BA-Seminar
WiSe 20–21	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Banks and banking in global politics	BA-Seminar
SoSe 20	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	Money and International Politics	BA-Seminar
WiSe 19–20	FU Berlin (PolSoz)	The IPE of offshore finance	MA-Seminar
SoSe 19	Hertie School	The IPE of offshore finance	MA-Seminar
WiSe 17–18	Hertie School	The IPE of offshore finance	MA-Seminar
2017	Cambridge University	Global tax governance	Vorlesung (1 h)
WiSe 05–06	Universität Tübingen	Introduction to International Relations	BA-Seminar (4SWS)
2019–	First supervisor of 15 BA and 8 MA theses, currently supervising 1 PhD thesis		

COOPERATION PARTNERS

Current:

- Alice Krozer, Colmex

- Thorsten Benner, GPPi
- Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Sciences Po Paris and Oxford University
- Helen Thompson, University of Cambridge
- Jakob Miethe, Ludwig-Maximilian Universität München
- Juan H. Flores Zendejas, Université de Genève

Past:

- Christopher B. Barrett, Cornell University

TRANSFER ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Since 2022 Initiator and Moderator of the **Talk Series: Ideas of ... – big problems, deep thinking** with *Dezernat Zukunft & Global Public Policy Institute* (funded by Körber Stiftung)

The series brings together internationally renowned academics with policy makers, journalists, civil society and business representatives to discuss economic concepts behind pressing policy problems. First season (5 talks): “Ideas of Inflation”, second season (6 talks): “Ideas of Energy” Speakers included: Helen Thompson, Leah Downey, Jens v’ant Klooster, Anders Levermann, Jean Baptiste Fressoz and others.

2025 *Geldvorstellung*: Unsichtbarkeiten der Geldschöpfung, Gesprächsrunde mit dem Theaterkollektiv Voll:milch im Frankfurt LAB, Frankfurt am Main.

Grammar of Calculated Ambiguity, Video-Installation von Gabriela Löffel, <https://loeffelgabriela.com/grammar-of-calculated-ambiguity/>.

Dollar-Plan: Will Trump eine schwache Währung? Interview, Deutschlandfunk, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft, 8 April 2025., <https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/dollar-plan-will-trump-eine-schwache-waehrung-wie-weiter-im-zollstreit-100.html>

2024 *Geld aus dem Nichts?* Talk series „Irritieren Sie mich!“ with with Peter-André Alt, Wübben Stiftung für die Wissenschaft, Sparkasse am Alexanderplatz, 24. April 2024

Legal, illegal, scheißegal?! Offshore-Finanzien und die Macht des Staates, Buch-Event, re:publica 2024, 28. Mai 2024

Panelist at *Kilkenomics Festival, The World’s First Economics and Comedy Festival*, Ireland, November 2024 <https://www.kilkenomics.com/shows>

Geldgeschäfte im Ausland – legal und illegal zugleich? Deutschlandfunk Nova, Hörsaal, <https://www.ardaudiothek.de/episode/hoersaal-deutschlandfunk-nova/geldgeschaefte-im-ausland-legal-und-illegal-zugleich/deutschlandfunk-nova/13677833/>, 29. August 2024

2023 *Offshore Finance and State Power*, book presentation at the Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, 30 May 2023.

Offshore Finance and State Power, book presentation at the London School of Economics, 31 May 2023.

What is happening in Germany? The David McWilliams Podcast, guest, 06.07.2023,
<https://shows.acast.com/20b97d01-ba9b-5fb0-9acf-161391a88cb0/64a56871b7d1560011f6aede>

Geld aus dem Nichts – Wann kommt der nächste Finanzcrash? Planet Wissen,
SWR/WDR, 11.4.2023 <https://www.planet-wissen.de/video-geld-aus-dem-nichts--wann-kommt-der-naechste-finanzcrash-100.html>

Invited discussant at the Executive Table at the Falling Walls Conference: "*Wie viel Exzellenz ist möglich?*", November 2023.

2022 *Kann Geld aus dem Nichts entstehen?* Arte42 Die Antwort auf fast alles –
Wissensendung, 01.07.2022,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMUFAzV6C5M&t=2s>

Panelist at Kilkenomics Festival, The World's First Economics and Comedy
Festival, November 2022, Ireland <https://www.kilkenomics.com/shows>

Finanzialisierung leicht erklärt, video premiere and discussion, Finanzwende
Recherche, 14.12.2022

2021 *Junge Forscherinnen ausgebremst*: discussion with Sabine Kunst, president of
Humboldt Universität and other participants about the impact of Covid19 crisis
on female early career researchers, KörberStiftung, Video-Livestream, 06.05.2021

2020 *Offshore Geldschöpfung und globale Finanzstabilität*, Finanzwende e.V.
Wohnzimmersgespräche (Webseminar), 19.11.2020,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIMBhH-nbOw>

2019 *Dialog ohne Grenzen*, Paneldiskussion with dem Staatssekretär für Auswärtige
Angelgenheiten, Niels Annen, Ärzte ohne Grenzen, 19 February 2019.

2014 *World Bank delays loan to Uganda following passing of anti-gay law*, Interview,
Agenda Talk Show, DW, Deutsche Welle, 04.03.2014.

The post-MDG debate and rising powers, Expert briefing for Prof. hc. Dr. Horst
Köhler, Bundespräsident a.D. as preparation for his participation in the UN
Secretary-General's High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015
Development Agenda, Berlin.

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Languages: German (first language) English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (basics)

Data: Bloomberg Terminal, Bank for International Settlements Banking Statistics