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**APPOINTMENTS**

Since	<b>Hertie School, Centre for Fundamental Rights, Berlin</b>
08/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Post-Doctoral Researcher in the ERC project ‘Refugees are Migrants (RefMig): Refugee Mobility, Recognition and Rights’, principal investigator Prof. Cathryn Costello</li></ul>
12/2020- 06/2021	<b>University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, Amsterdam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Post-Doctoral Researcher in the project ‘Outsourcing Migration Control: Externalizing European Borders to Africa’, principal investigator Prof. Joakim Berndtsson, University of Gothenburg</li></ul>
09/2016- 09/2020	<b>University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, Amsterdam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PhD Researcher at the Department of Political Science, funded by individual ‘Research Talent’ grant of the Dutch Research Council NWO for the project ‘Categories on the Move: Governing Refugees in Transnational Admission Programmes to Germany’</li></ul>
02/2015- 08/2016	<b>Freie Universität Berlin, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Sciences, Berlin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research Associate (‘Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin’) at the Chair of European Integration Dr. Sabine von Oppeln/Prof. Tania Börzel</li></ul>

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**RESEARCH STAYS**

09/2023	<b>European University Institute, Florence</b> Visiting researcher at the Migration Policy Centre, hosted by Federica Infantino
10-11/2018	<b>Koç University Istanbul, Turkey</b> Visiting researcher at the Migration Research Centre (MiReKoç)
04/2018	<b>Notre Dame University Beirut, Lebanon</b> Visiting researcher at the Lebanese Emigration Research Centre (LERC)

## EDUCATION

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- 06/2021 **PhD in Political Science, passed with distinctions ‘Cum Laude’ (top 5 percent), University of Amsterdam**
- Title: ‘Categories on the Move. Governing Refugees in Transnational Refugee Admission Programmes’
  - Supervisors: Prof. Marieke de Goede and Dr. Liza Mügge (University of Amsterdam)
  - Examiners: Prof. Claudia Aradau (King’s College London), Prof. Luiza Bialasiewicz (University of Amsterdam), Dr. Saskia Bonjour (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Gülay Çağlar (Freie Universität Berlin), Prof. Anna Korteweg (University of Toronto) and Dr. Beste İşleyen (University of Amsterdam)
- 09/2016-12/2020 **University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, Amsterdam**
- PhD-Candidate at the Department of Political Science
- 2012-2014 **Freie Universität Berlin, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Sciences & Sciences Po Paris, Paris School of International Affairs, Berlin & Paris**
- Double-M.A. in International Relations & Political Science
  - Course in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action; Concentration in Migration
- 2011-2012 **University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Social Sciences, Amsterdam**
- Erasmus studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2009-2011 **Sciences Po Paris, French-German Campus, Nancy**
- Interdisciplinary, trilingual Bachelor programme in European Studies; Bachelor ‘Cum Laude’ (top 10 percent of the year)

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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- 10/2021 **PhD bonus of the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)**  
Received bonus for completing and defending PhD thesis in time, €1.500
- 10/2018 **PhD Grant of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES)**  
Received additional funding for fieldwork, €2.000
- 08/2016 **Research Talent (Onderzoekstalent) Grant 2016, Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)**  
PhD grant of the Dutch Research Council NWO, funding a four-year full-time PhD position, €219.747
- 11/2015 **Excellence Award 2015, DFH/UFA (French-German University), Paris**  
Received award for Master thesis and intercultural commitment, €1.500
- 08/2014 **Research Scholarship, DFJW/OFAJ (French-German Youth Office)**  
Received research scholarship covering fieldwork in Paris for Master thesis, €150

## INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC EVENTS (selection)

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- 02/2023 **University of Washington, Centre for West European Studies**  
Invited research presentation on the topic ‘Slipping off or turning the tide? Gender equality in EU external relations’
- 11/2022 **Heinrich Böll Foundation Hessen, Frankfurt am Main**  
Panel discussion ‘Sichere Fluchtwege unter Einbindung der Zivilgesellschaft (engl. Safe Pathways through Community Sponsorship)’
- 04/2022 **Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Migration and Minorities**  
Invited research presentation together with Saskia Bonjour to present research on family norms in refugee resettlement
- 02/2022 **University of Warsaw, Interdisciplinary Seminar in Empirical Social Science**  
Invited research presentation on refugee deservingness in European resettlement programmes
- 12/2021 **Human Rights Film Festival Berlin/Hertie School of Governance**  
Panel discussion on border violence at EU borders following the film screening ‘Shadow Games’
- 11/2021 **Berlin Senate, Progressives Zentrum and Initiative Offene Gesellschaft Berlin**  
Expert input on the topic ‘Diversity, inclusion and gender equality in the EU’ at citizens’ dialogue (Bürgerforum) on the topic of ‘Social Europe’
- 11/2021 **German Federal Academy for Security Policy, Berlin**  
Input and workshop with participants on the topic of ‘Migration and security’ as part of the seminar for German civil servants on ‘Networked security in the context of Turkey’
- May 2021 **University of Nürnberg-Erlangen, Workshop Series Displacement, Mobility and Human Rights**  
Panel discussion ‘Immobility through delays in resettlement and family reunification’ with representatives of the German Ministry of the Interior, Caritas Germany, and Freie Universität Berlin
- March 2021 **Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, State of the Art Annual Meeting on ‘Moving Across Borders’**  
Presentation ‘Families First? The Mobilization of Family Norms in Refugee Resettlement’ together with Saskia Bonjour
- June 2020 **Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Bonn: ,Gleichstellungspolitik in Europa – Nur auf dem Papier ist nicht genug‘ (engl. Gender equality in Europe – only on paper is not enough)**  
Input lecture ‘Feminism and Gender Equality in Europe. Five Questions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIAPTIONS (selection)

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- 07/2023 **IMISCOE Network Annual Meeting, Warsaw**
- Presenter: 'Whose Strategic Use? The EU's Legitimation of Refugee Resettlement'
- 09/2022 **German Network for Forced Migration Studies, Chemnitz/online**
- Presenter: 'Promising Victimhood. Contrasting Deservingness Requirements in Refugee Resettlement'
  - Presenter at roundtable on 'Active Refugee Admission Policies'
- 03/2022 **Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Nashville/online**
- Presenter 'Promising Victimhood. Contrasting Deservingness Requirements in Refugee Resettlement'
  - Panel-organiser and chair 'Feminist Approaches to EU Migration and Security Policies'
- 09/2021 **European International Studies Association (EISA), online**
- Presenter: 'Practicing Companionship. A Feminist Reading of Symmetrical Research to Security'
- 08-09/2021 **Royal Geographic Conference**
- Presenter, with Saskia Bonjour: 'Families first? The Mobilization of Family Norms in Refugee Resettlement'
- 10/2020 **German Network for Forced Migration Studies, Cologne, online**
- Presenter: 'Unequal Access. Categorisation Practices in Germany's Transnational Refugee Admission Programmes'; roundtable organiser with Marcus Engler: 'Active Refugee Admission Policies. Multiple Roles, Diverging Perspectives and Complex Interactions'
- 09/2019 **European International Studies Association (EISA), Sofia**
- Presenter: 'Security for Whom? Categorising Refugees in European Admission Programmes'; and 'The Chain of Refugee Admission. Translating a Refugee's Life into a German Residence Permit'
  - Chair & Discussant for the Section 'International Migration, Nationalism and International Relations'
- 07/2019 **European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Amsterdam**
- Panel organiser with Lucy Hall: 'New Directions in Research on Forced Migration and Gender'; presenter with Saskia Bonjour: 'Families First? The Mobilisation of Family Norms in Refugee Selection'
- 09/2018 **European International Studies Association (EISA), Prague**
- Presenter: 'Protecting Refugees Inside, Protecting Borders Abroad? Gender in the EU Refugee Crisis'
- 05/2018 **European Union International Affairs (EUIA) Conference, Brussels**
- Presenter: 'Bringing Gender to the Front-Line? The EASO Training Materials on Gender and Sexual Orientation'
- 06/2017 **European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Lausanne**
- Speaker at the closing round-table 'Gender in the "Refugee Crisis"'

## CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ORGANISED

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- 07/2022 **'Feminist and Postcolonial Approaches to European Union Security Policies'**  
Workshop at the European Workshops of International Studies (EWIS), Thessaloniki, co-organised with Marijn Huijink and Hanna Muehlenhoff
- 06/2021 **'Feminist and Postcolonial Approaches to European Union Security, Humanitarian and Migration Governance'**  
Panel at the International Conference of Europeanists (CES), co-organised with Marijn Huijink and Hanna Muehlenhoff
- 11/2019 **'Active Refugee Admission Policies in Europe: Exploring an Emerging Field'**  
Kick-off workshop of the working group within the German Network of Forced Migration Research; Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) & German Network of Forced Migration Research, co-convener with Marcus Engler
- 11/2019 **'Stay, Move on Return. Mobility Aspirations in Contexts of Forced Migration'**  
Two-day interdisciplinary workshop, Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES), University of Amsterdam, co-convener with Lea Müller-Funk
- 10/2018 **Annual Conference of German Network of Forced Migration Research**  
Centre for Flight and Migration, University of Eichstätt, Germany, member of the organising team
- 10/2017 **'Categorisations in Migration Policy and Research'**, one-day conference of the Dutch Association for Migration Research (DAMR), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, co-convener with Saskia Bonjour, Jeroen Doornik, and Lea Klarenbeek
- 05/2017 **Workshop 'Gender & Intersectionality in the European Union's External Relations'**, University of Amsterdam, Vrije University Amsterdam, ACCESS Europe, Co-convener with Hanna Muehlenhoff

## TEACHING

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- Summer 2023 **'Refugee Resettlement to Europe: Humanitarian Tool or Migration Control?'**, invited guest lecture at the Jean-Monnet EUMIGSEC Summer School, organised Christian Kaunert and Sarah Léonard, 20 students, online
- Fall 2022 **'Global Governance of Migration'**, 22 students, MA-level, Hertie School Berlin
- Spring 2022 **'International Organisations in Migration and Humanitarian Governance'**, 12 students, MA-level, Technical University Dresden
- Fall 2021 **'EU External Relations and Migration'**, 20 students, advanced BA-level, Technical University Dresden
- 2016-2020 As my contract did not allow me to teach I gave, whenever possible, occasional guest lectures in the Political Science, European Studies as well as in the Politics, Philosophy, Law and Economics (PPLE) programme
- Spring 2016 **'Refugee Policies in the European Union'**, two seminar groups with 35 students each, BA-level, Freie Universität Berlin
- Fall 2015 **'Introduction to Migration and Asylum in the European Union'**, two seminar groups with 35 students each, BA-level, Freie Universität Berlin.

## SUPERVISION & PHD COMMITTEES

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### *PhD Committee work*

09/2022 Postdoctoral member of the PhD committee of Till Schöfer, thesis title: 'Trading Places. Rethinking Trade Governance and the Status of Emerging Powers', Hertie School Berlin

### *BA and MA-Supervision*

Winter 2022 Michelle Gutsch, BA thesis Debates about 'Climate Refugees: IOs Discourse on Climate-Induced Migration', TU Dresden, 2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor

Spring 2021 Franca Schneider, BA thesis, 'What characterises resettlement states? A comparative analysis of 15 European countries between 2011 and 2019', TU Dresden, 1<sup>st</sup> supervisor

Lara Popovic, MA thesis 'A Discourse Network Analysis comparing the European Union's policy responses to Refugees in 2015 and 2022', TU Dresden, 2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES

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12/2022 Member of the selection committee for a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Fundamental Rights, Hertie School

10/2019-10/2020 Coordinator of the Theme Group 'Diverse Europe' of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES, University of Amsterdam)

2016-2019 PhD representative of the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS), University of Amsterdam

03/2016 Representative of academic mid-level employees ('akademischer Mittelbau') in the appointment committee for a W2-professorship in European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

2015-2016 Coordination of selection and admission for the Franco-German study programmes with Sciences Po Paris and HEC Paris at Freie Universität Berlin

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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06/2023 **National Science Centre Poland (Narodowe Centrum Nauki)**

Reviewer for postdoctoral mobility grant

06/2023 **Swiss National Science Foundation**

Application reviewer

02/2023 **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland Research Incentive Grant**

Application reviewer

Since **Council of European Studies (CES)**

10/2022 Board member of the 'Gender and Sexuality Research Network'

Since **German Network of Forced Migration Studies**

09/2022 Board member

09/2019- **'PhD Lunch Meetings'**

01/2020 Convener of weekly lunch meetings with fellow PhDs to discuss common themes of academic life and practice, such as conference attendance, academic writing, or networking.

- Since **Working Group ‘Active Refugee Admission Policies’**
- 12/2019 Initiator and co-convenor of an interdisciplinary and cross-sector working group within the German Network of Forced Migration Researchers on the topic of active refugee admission programmes
- 06/2019 **European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG)**, Amsterdam  
Member of scholarship (fee-waiver) committee and co-organiser of Early Career Scholar programme
- 05/2018 **Short-intensive-course on ‘Feminist Methodologies in Qualitative and Quantitative Social Sciences’**, University of Amsterdam  
One-day PhD training with Prof. Jaqui True (Monash University) and Dr. Nicky Pouw (University of Amsterdam), co-organised with Dragana Stojmenovska
- 09/2016-09/2020 **Convener of Masterclasses and PhD Meetings with** Anna Korteweg (University of Toronto), Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent University), Laura Shepherd (University of Sidney), Lewis Turner (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute Freiburg), University of Amsterdam
- 04/17-08/2020 **PhD-Club on ‘Gender and Sexuality’** of the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality, initiated and co-convened with Dragana Stojmenovska
- 01/2019-03/2020 **Regular attendance of Diversity Meetings** of the Political Science Department University of Amsterdam
- Reviews** for Journal of Common Market Studies, European Journal of International Relations, International Political Sociology, European Security, Global Affairs, Global Policy, Geopolitics, Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space, American Ethnologist, International Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Refugee Studies, Migration Politics, Ethnography, European Journal of Social Work, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Social-Policy.ch, Z’Flucht

## METHODS TRAINING

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- 02/2022 **Qualitative Interviewing**, by Dr. Marie Østergaard Møller, Hertie School of Governance
- 03/2018 **Vignette Methods for Interpretive Research**, by Dr. Marie Østergaard Møller, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg  
**Analysing Political Language**, by Prof. Dvora Yanow, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg
- 04/2017 **English Academic Writing**, by Dr. Amal Chatterjee, University of Amsterdam
- 04/2017 **Qualitative Interpretative Methods**, by Dr. Marie Østergaard Møller, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg  
**Introduction to MaxQDA**, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg
- 11-12/2016 **Ethnographic Methods**, by Prof. Annemarie Mol, University of Amsterdam.
- 09-10/2016 **Research Design**, by Prof. Brian Burgoon and Prof. Annette Freyberg-Inan, University of Amsterdam

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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European International Studies Association (EISA)

German Network for Forced Migration Studies (Netzwerk Fluchtforschung)

Working group 'International Partnerships'

Working group 'Active Refugee Admission Policies'

Working group 'Refugeehood and Gender'

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)

International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)

## **LINGUISTIC & IT SKILLS**

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German          Mother Tongue

English      &      C2

French

Polish          C1

Dutch          B1

Spanish        A2

IT-Skills        Excellent command of Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Powerpoint, Excel)

Excellent command of MaxQDA, AtlasTi, NVivo, Qualtrics