

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

My main interests are in the areas of **migration sociology** and **transitions in youth**. In the past, I primarily focused on **structural aspects** of immigrant integration and **transitions from school to work**. My current work extends to the **cultural, social and subjective aspects** of immigrants' integration. Interest in both **individual and contextual characteristics** in explaining societal processes drives my research, which relies on **advanced quantitative methods** and predominantly **survey data**. I have coordinated a number of large-scale projects, including several international collaborations.

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnicity and migration, integration of immigrants, social stratification and mobility, transition from school-to-work, comparative research

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Since October 2009	Full Professor of Comparative Sociology (W3), University of Mannheim
October 2007-September 2009	Full Professor of Sociology (W3), Social Structure Analysis, University of Bamberg
October 2007-September 2009	External Fellow at Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)
April 2006-September 2007	Senior research fellow, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany

January 2005-March 2006	Researcher, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
April 2002-December 2004	DAAD scholarship holder, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
October 2001-March 2002	Researcher, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
October 2000-September 2001	MZES scholarship holder, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany

EDUCATION

2000-2006	Dr. rer. soc.; Doctoral Thesis at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim; Dissertation: “Labour Market Integration of Immigrants in the European Union: The Role of Host Countries’ Institutional Context” (Summa cum laude). Committee: Prof. Dr. Walter Müller, Prof. Dr. Hartmut Esser
1997-2000	MA studies of Sociology and Anthropology, Gershon H. Gordon Department of Social Sciences at Tel Aviv University (Israel); Thesis: “Labor Market Attainment of Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in Israel and Canada” (Magna cum laude) Committee: Prof. Noah Lewin-Epstein, Prof. Moshe Semyonov
1996-1997	MA preparatory year at Gershon H. Gordon Department of Social Sciences at Tel Aviv University (Israel)
1990-1995	Foreign Language Studies and Pedagogics, Kherson State Pedagogical University (Ukraine); Graduate paper: “Usage of Computer Methods in the Advanced Teaching of Foreign Languages” (with distinction)

PROJECT PARTICIPATION/ACQUIRED EXTERNAL FUNDING

2023-2028	The Knowledge Network on Racism Research – Exchange and further development of racism research. Subproject: Regional Network South (WinRa), BMBF (€ 266 970)
2021-2027	ERC Grantee “Partnership Formation in the Context of Refugee Migration” (PARFORM), ERC (€ 1 999 998)
2014-2028	Co- PI “Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey – Germany (CILS4EU-DE)”, DFG (€3 059 270)
2021-2024	PI “Upwardly Mobile Through STEM? STEM Competences, Participation and Returns Among Ethnic Minority Women and Men in Germany” (STEMobile), Fritz Thyssen Foundation (€ 275 000)
2021-2024	Co-PI “Pioneering Policies and Practices Tackling Educational Inequalities in Europe” (PIONEERED), EU Horizon2020 (€ 215 000)

2014-2019	PI “Inside Integration and Acculturation – Migrants’ Life Satisfaction in Europe”, DFG (€ 270 432)
2012-2015	Co-PI “Competence Acquisition and Learning Preconditions“, German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) (€ 256 591)
2012-2015	PI “Competences and educational choices across gender and immigrant background in Germany – The role of gender socialization”, funded by the DFG in the framework of the research program “Education as a Lifelong Process” (€ 160 602)
2010-2013	PI “The Role of Social Resources for the Explanation of Ethnic Educational Inequalities in the German School System”, funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research (€ 101 989)
2009-2013	Co-PI “Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey in Four European Countries (CILS4EU)” (Norface, € 448 958)
2007-2008	Co-PI “The Economic Integration of Skilled Migrants in Four Countries”, (Population, Migration and Environment (PME) Foundation, € 14 500)
2007	PI, Organisation of a summer school „Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Europe“ in Varna, Bulgaria (DAAD, funding programme „Summer Schools im Ausland 2007“, € 24 949)
2006-2007	PI “Transition from Education to work in Serbia and Ukraine” (European Training Foundation, € 25 000)
2006-2009	Co-PI “Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Central and Eastern European Transformation Countries”, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, € 378 200
2006-2009	Co-PI “Young immigrants in the German and the Israeli educational systems”, funded by the German Ministry for Education and Research, € 348 774
2006-2009	Research associate “Labor market integration: <i>Aussiedler</i> and Jewish immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in Germany and Israel“, funded by GIF (German-Israeli Foundation), directed by Yinon Cohen, Yitchak Haberfeld [University of Tel Aviv] and Frank Kalter [University of Leipzig]
2006	PI “Evaluation of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 1997) for Comparative Research (EDUC)“, Equalsoc Network, funded by EU, € 23 850)
2002-2005	Research associate “Ethnic minorities education and occupational attainment” (directed by Anthony Heath, Nuffield College, University of Oxford)
2001-2002	Research associate and coordination “Evaluation and analyses of the LFS 2000 ad hoc module data on school-to-work transitions in Europe”(funded by EUROSTAT, directed by Walter Müller, MZES and University of Mannheim)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025	Elected member of the Academy of Sciences and Literature Mainz
2019	European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant for the project “Partnership formation in the context of recent refugee migration” (PARFORM)
2018	Associate Fellow of the D-Lab “Advancing the study of discrimination and inequality”, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (Research stay 02-06/2018)
05-06/2012	Ontario/Baden-Württemberg Faculty Mobility Grant for a two-month research stay at the University of Toronto, Canada
2010	External Fellow, Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London
2009	Elected Fellow of the European Academy of Sociology
2007	DAAD grant for advancement of training program “Summer Schools abroad 2007”; Organisation of a summer school “Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Europe”, Varna, Bulgaria
2002-2004	DAAD scholarship for doctoral studies in Germany
2002	The best paper of young scholars presented at the conference of the TIY research network “Transition Research in Europe: Past Achievements and Future Challenges”, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
2001, 2005	Two travel grants to present papers at the RC28 Meetings in University of California (UC) Berkeley and UC Los Angeles, USA
2001, 2004	Two travel grants to present papers at the ECSR conferences in Kerkrade, Netherlands, and Granada, Spain.
2000-2001	MZES scholarship for doctoral studies
05/2000	Dean’s grant for high educational achievement from the Faculty of Social Sciences, TAU
1999-2000	Annual study grant from the Faculty of Social Sciences, TAU the Faculty of Social Sciences, TAU

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Director of the MZES (2020-2023)
- Head of the Sociological Department A of the MZES (2014-2016)
- Equal opportunity officer of the School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim (2010-2022)
- Secretary-Treasurer of the European Consortium for Social Research (ECSR) (2013-2021)
- Board member of the ECSR (2009-2021)
- Board member of the ISA-Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (2010-2014)
- Board member of the research network “Transition in Youth (TIY)” (since 2008)
- Member of the GIF (German-Israeli Foundation) Advisory Committee for Political and Social Sciences (since 2014)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of Institute for Employment Research (IAB) (since 2018)
- Reviewing Board member for the Gerhard-Fürst Prize of the German Statistical Office (2009-2020)
- Member of Advisory Board, project “The Challenges of Migration, Integration and Exclusion”, research initiative of the Max Planck Society (2017-2020)
- Member of Advisory Board, project “Growth, Equal Opportunities, Migration and Markets” funded by EU Horizon 2020 (2015-2018)
- Member of Advisory Board, “ Institutionelle Bedingungen des Zusammenhangs von atypischer Beschäftigung und sozialer Ungleichheit in Europa“ Project of the Hans-Böckler Foundation (2012-2014)

- Organisation of a summer school “Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Europe”, Varna, Bulgaria 2007, financed by the DAAD grant for advancement of training program “Summer Schools abroad 2007”;
- Organisation of two conferences of the Transition in Youth Network in Bamberg (2008) and Mannheim (2018)

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- Transition in Youth Network (since 2002)
- German-Israeli Research Consortium “Migration and Societal Integration“, funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) (2006-2009)
- Research network “Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion (EQUALSOC), funded under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission (2005-2009)
- Research network “Economic Change, Unequal Life Chances and Quality of Life (CHANGEQUAL)”, funded under the 5th Framework Programme of the European Commission (2003-2004)

REFEREE ACTIVITIES

European Research Council (ERC), Horizon2020, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Volkswagen Foundation, The German Israeli Foundation (GIF), Israeli Science Foundation, Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, Swiss Science Foundation, Wiener Wissenschafts-, Forschungs- und Technologiefonds, German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Council of Norway, Academy of Finland, Belgian Science Policy Office, Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Miur, Italy), Research Foundation-Flanders.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- Editorial Board member of the journals *Acta Sociologica* (since 2021), *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (since 2014), *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* (since 2010), *Croatian Journal of Social Policy* (since 2010), *Studies of Transition States and Societies* (since 2009), *Sociology of Education* (2014-2016)
- Associate editor of the *European Sociological Review* (2013-2021)

REVIEWER ACTIVITIES IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Child Indicators Research, Demography, European Journal of Population, European Societies, European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Migration, International Sociology, Irish Education Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Methoden-Daten-Analysen, Nordic Journal of Migration Research, Population, Space and Place, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Sociology of Education, The Sociological Quarterly, West European Politics, Zeitschrift für Familienforschung, Zeitschrift für Soziologie

TEACHING

Lectures:

Social structure in international comparison (BA)
 Social structures and processes (BA)
 European societies (BA)
 Social structure in international and historic comparison I + II (BA)
 Introduction into migration sociology (BA)
 Ethnic Inequality: Comparative approach (BA, in English)
 Theory and Methodology of Migration Studies (graduate)

Seminars:

Social inequality (MA)
 Integration of immigrants and ethnic differentiation (MA)
 Integration of immigrants and ethnic inequality (BA)
 Social and ethnic inequality (BA)
 Educational systems and labour markets: Theory and empirical evidence (BA)
 Language acquisition of immigrants and their host country integration (BA, MA)
 Resource endowment and structural assimilation of immigrants and their offspring (MA)
 International migration in the 20th century (BA)
 Prejudices and discrimination (MA)
 Educational systems and labour markets in Europe (MA and post-graduate)

Research seminars/ research courses:

Controversies of migration and integration sociology (MA)
 Migration and integration (MA)
 Social Inequality and ethnic discrimination (MA)
 Migration sociology I+II (MA)

SUPERVISION

Since 2007	Supervision of 11 doctoral dissertations as a principle supervisor (completed) Supervision of ca. 22 doctoral dissertations as member of advisory committee, thereof 6 international committees (completed) Supervision of ca. 50 Diploma/MA theses.
Currently	Supervision of 4 Postdocs and 6 PhD students