

Dr. Katja Schmidt

Curriculum Vitae (11/2024)

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Research Areas

Migration, Gender Studies, Inequality Research, Attitudes and Attitude Change, Cohorts and Generations, Quantitative Data Analysis

Academic Career

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| Since 01/2023 | Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Social Sciences, Research Unit Macrosociology, Lead: Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau, Humboldt University, Berlin, DE |
| 06/2020 – 12/2022 | Project Management and Research Associate at Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), DIW Berlin, DE
Project: Sharing Knowledge and Creating New Formats for Communication and Knowledge Transfer between Science and Society Based on the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP-Transfer), funded by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) |
| 02/2018 – 12/2022 | PhD Candidate in Sociology
Humboldt University, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS), Berlin, DE

Dissertation Topic: “Large-scale attitude changes toward immigrants and refugees: The roles of cohort affiliation and threat perceptions.” (summa cum laude)
Supervisor: Jürgen Schupp (Freie Universität Berlin), Steffen Mau (Humboldt University). |
| 02/2018 – 08/2021 | Doctoral researcher at Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), DIW Berlin, DE
Project: Affective and Cultural Dimensions of Integration Following Forced Migration and Immigration (AFFIN), funded by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) |
| 10/2017 - 02/2018 | Student Assistant at Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), DIW Berlin, DE
Quantitative Data Analysis, Integration and Migration Research |
| 10/2014 - 09/2017 | Master of Arts in Sociology – European Societies
Freie Universität Berlin, DE |

Thesis title: Changes in Attitudes and Voting Behavior in Times of Rising Immigration. A Study on the Reasons for the Change in Attitudes toward Immigrants between 2002 and 2016 and their Effects on Voting Behavior in Parliamentary Elections. (1,7)

10/2009 - 09/2013 Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Sociology, Political Science, Communication and Media studies)

Heinrich-Heine University, Duesseldorf, DE

Thesis Title: Does German Foreign Policy Behavior Conform with the Role Concept of a Civil Power in the Fight against International Terrorism? (1,9)

09/2011 - 04/2012 Politics and International Relations
Reading University, Reading, UK

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Schmidt, Katja; Schultz, Tanjev; Wagner, Gert G. (2023). How do journalists view the world?. A comparative empirical analysis of personality traits and political views, based on the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). *Journalism Research*, 6(3/4): 284-317. DOI: 10.1453/2569-152X-3_42023-13637-en, open access. [\(LINK\)](#)

Schmidt, Katja; Jacobsen, Jannes; Iglauer, Theresa (2023). Proximity to refugee accommodations does not affect locals' attitudes toward refugees: evidence from Germany. *European Sociological Review*, jcad028, open access. [\(LINK\)](#)

Schmidt, Katja (2023). Eine migrationsfreundlichere Gesellschaft durch den Generationenwandel? Kohortenanalysen für Ost- und Westdeutschland, *SozW Soziale Welt*, 73(4): 639-679. DOI: 10.5771/0038-6073-2022-4-639. [\(LINK\)](#)

Schmidt, Katja (2022). Large-scale Attitude Changes toward Immigrants and Refugees: The Roles of Cohort Affiliation and Threat Perceptions. DOI: 10.18452/25363. Cumulative Dissertation. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. [\(LINK\)](#)

Breznau, Nate; Rinke, Eike Mark; Wuttke, Alexander; Nguyen H. V., Hung, [...] Schmidt, Katja [165 authors] (2022): Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty. *(PNAS) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*, 119 (44), open access. [\(LINK\)](#)

Schmidt, Katja (2021). The Dynamics of Attitudes towards Immigrants: Cohort analyses for Western EU member states. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 2021; 62(4): 281-310, open access. [\(LINK\)](#)

Work in Progress

Bohmann, Sandra; Schmidt, Katja; Hamjediers, Maik. *FirstGen* Income Penalty in Germany. Its Extent and Development over the Life Course.

Schmidt, Katja. Growing More Polarized. Cohort divides along questions of diversity.

Other Articles

Schmidt, Katja, 2024: Boomer-Geschichte(n). Rezension zu „Abschied von den Boomern“ von Heinz Bude, in: Soziopolis vom 07.03.2024 ([LINK](#))

Schmidt, Katja; Jacobsen, Jannes; Krieger, Magdalena (2020). Social Integration of Refugees is Improving. DIW Weekly Report 34, 356-363. Available in English and in German. ([LINK](#))

Schmidt, Katja; Krieger Magdalena (2020). Mehr Miteinander zerstreut Sorgen über Zuwanderung: Kommentar. DIW Weekly Report 41, open access. ([LINK](#))

Breznau, Nate; Rinke, Eike M.; Wuttke, Alexander [...] Schmidt, Katja [...] (2019). The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences. Executive Report. DOI: 10.31235/osf.io/6j9qb, preprint. ([LINK](#))

Science Communications & Outreach

Stuttgarter Zeitung. 5.7.2024: „Extreme Meinungen bekommen mehr Aufmerksamkeit“ – Interview: Die Soziologin Katja Schmidt spricht darüber, was der Erfolg der AfD mit der Angst vor Verlusten zu tun hat. Gann, Florian ([LINK](#))

Das Wissen, SWR Kultur. 23.5.2024: „Boomer, Millenials, Gen Z – Was die Generationen trennt und eint.“ Czilwik, Sofie ([LINK](#))

Zukunfts-Podcast der Tagesschau. 2.11.2023: „Mal angenommen, alle Geflüchteten in Deutschland arbeiten.“
ARD Audiothek: ([LINK](#))
tagesschau: ([LINK](#))

Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (FAS). Fortschritt für die Frauen. 8.1.2023, Bernau, Patrick; Datenauswertung: Schmidt, Katja ([LINK](#))

ZEIT Online. Bausparer leben auf dem Land, Sammler in der Stadt. 1.1.2022, Groll, Tina; Datenauswertung: Schmidt, Katja ([LINK](#))

ZEIT Online. Wer sind die Immobilienbesitzer in Deutschland? 30.12.2021, Groll, Tina, Datenauswertung: Schmidt, Katja, Grabka, Markus, Iglauer, Theresa ([LINK](#))

MiGAZIN.de. Sorgen über Zuwanderung - Mehr Miteinander gestalten. Gastbeitrag von Schmidt, Katja; Krieger, Magdalena 09.09.2020, open access ([LINK](#))

Conference Presentations & Talks

2024 *FirstGen* Income Penalty in Germany. Its Extent and Development over the Life Course, Berlin, 5.2.2024, Research Colloquium Makrosoziologie, with Sandra Bohmann and Maik Hamjediers.

2022	Wissenschaft für die Gesellschaft – Aktuelle Studienergebnisse und deren Medienresonanz, Webinar, 15.09.2022, Socio-Economic Panel Study, „Deutschland Exklusiv“ – a new webinar series for SOEP interviewers.
2021	SOEP-Transfer: Analysepotenziale des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels für (Daten-) JournalistInnen, Dortmund, 12.11.2021, Where Science Meets Computerassisted Reporting: 5. SciCAR-Konferenz, Netzwerk Recherche.
2020	Fünf Jahre "Wir schaffen das": Unterschiedliche Perspektiven der Integration Geflüchteter: Symposium des DIW Berlin. Mit Cornelia Kristen, C. Katharina Spieß, Felicitas Schikora, Katja Schmidt, 19.08.2020.
2019	The Dynamics of Attitudes towards Immigrants. A Pseudo Panel Approach among Western EU Member States, Manchester, UK, 22.08.2019 - 23.08.2019, Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging: 14th Conference of the European Sociological Association 2019.
2019	Changes of Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe - A Pseudo Panel Approach, Mannheim, Germany, 15.04.2019 - 17.04.2019, Turbulent Times in Europe Instability, Insecurity and Inequality: 4th International ESS Conference.
2019	Structural and Cultural Determinants for Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in the European Context, London, UK, 10.04.2019 - 12.04.2019, Graduate Network Conference: London School of Economics.
2018	Warum verändern sich Einstellungen gegenüber Zugewanderten?, Köln, 11.10.2018, GESIS Tagung zu Migration und interethnischen Beziehungen.
2018	Einstellungswandel in Zeiten steigender Zuwanderung - Mechanismen für den Wandel von Einstellungen zu Zuwanderern in Deutschland zwischen 2002 und 2016, Göttingen, 24.09.2018 - 29.09.2018, 39. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie: Ad-Hoc-Gruppe: Affektive Dimensionen der Integration von Geflüchteten.

Teaching

Winter 2024/25	The Second Sex – Beauvoir from a Sociological Perspective Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, undergraduate seminar
Summer 2024	Theories of Social Conflict Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Master's seminar
Summer 2024	Social Structure and Diversity
Winter 2023/24	The Second Sex – Beauvoir from a Sociological Perspective Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, undergraduate seminar
Summer 2023	Social Structure and Diversity Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, undergraduate seminar
Summer 2023	Group Conflict Theories Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, undergraduate seminar

Workshops

2022	SOEP-Transfer: Wie Journalist*innen SOEP-Forschungsdaten auswerten können, Dortmund, 27.08.2022, Where Science Meets Computerassisted Reporting: 6. SciCAR-Konferenz, Netzwerk Recherche.
2022	Sozialstatistiken und Wirtschaftsdaten lesen. Eine Einführung anhand der Daten des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP), 07.04.2022, taz Redaktion. Mit Gert G. Wagner.
2021	Datenanalysen mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel. Eine Einführung für Journalist*innen, Online Workshop, March 2021, Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP).
2021	Forschungspotenziale des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels für zeithistorische Forschung, München, Germany, October 2021, Institut für Zeitgeschichte (IfZ).

Refereeing

European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Soziale Welt, Perspectives on Politics

Activities

2020 / 2021	Organising the Colloquium for the Empirical Social Sciences. SOEP at DIW Berlin, Winter Term 2020/21, Summer Term 2021
2018 - 2022	Doctoral Representative at BGSS

Colloquia & Training

2022	Teaching in Higher Education. Hertie School, Berlin
2019 / 2020	Colloquium for the Empirical Social Sciences. SOEP, Berlin
2020	Advanced Quantitative Methods: Longitudinal Data Analysis. Humboldt University, Berlin
2019	Advanced Quantitative Methods: Cross-Sectional Data Analysis. Humboldt University, Berlin
2019	Research Design and Implementation. Humboldt University, Berlin
2018	Literature Review. Humboldt University, Berlin
2018	The Logic of Social Science Methods. Humboldt University, Berlin

Non-Scientific Professional Activities

02/2015 - 05/2016	Student Assistant, International Relations, Körber Foundation, Berlin, DE Conference Management and Research tasks on international politics
02/2014 - 07/2014	Intern, goodz GmbH, Berlin, DE Online-Editorial and Content-Management
09/2012 - 08/2013	Student Assistant, Theatre: Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus, Düsseldorf, DE Public Relations / Marketing
06/2012 - 08/2013	Student Assistant, Strategic Communications Adviser HERING SCHUPPENER, Düsseldorf, DE
10/2009 – 08/2011	Bartender, Düsseldorf, DE
08/2008 - 07/2009	Work and Travel in Australia and New Zealand, AUS, NZ

Languages

German (first language), English (fluent, spoken and written), French (good knowledge),
Portuguese (beginner)

Additional Skills

Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Powerpoint and Excel), STATA, R, SPSS, MAXQDA, Adobe
Photoshop, InDesign