

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

since 2009 Full Professor of Comparative Politics and the Political Systems of Eastern Europe, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Academic Career

2007 - 2009 Director of Studies at the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2003 - 2006 Visiting Professor, Comparative Analysis of the Political Systems of Eastern Europe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2001 - 2002 Visiting Professor, Political System of Germany, Martin-Luther University Halle/Wittenberg
1992 - 2000 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Researcher/Lecturer (wissenschaftliche Assistentin)

Education

May 2001 Post-doctoral degree (Habilitation), Department of Social Sciences, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Venia Legendi for political science
March 1993 Dr. phil. (summa cum laude), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
March 1990 Journalism Degree (Diplom) (outstanding), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
July 1989 Certificate d'études politiques (mention bien), Institut d'études Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris
1988 - 1989 Institut d'études Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris
1985 - 1990 Journalism, Political Sciences, Public Law, Sociology, Slavic Studies; Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
1985 - 1992 German School of Journalism, München
1985 Abitur, Wittelsbacher Gymnasium, München

Professional Activities (Memberships, Research Councils, Advisory Boards)

since 2021	Board-Member, Stiftung Wissenschaft Politik
since 2020	Member of the Academic Committee of the Advisory Board of the Federal Academy for Public Administration
since 2020	Member of the Steering Committee „Leitbild Lehre“ (General Principle of Teaching Committee) of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
since 2019	Vice Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2019	Member of the Academic Advisory Committee for the accreditation of political science courses at the Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (HSE)
since 2018	Member of the Permanent Tenure Board at the President’s Executive Council of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2018	Member of the Academic Advisory Committee for the Accreditation of the Social Science Faculty of the Higher School of Economics, Moscow (HSE)
since 2017	Member of the Advisory Committee of the Research Service Center at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
since 2017	Member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Eastern European and International Studies (ZOiS)
since 2016	Member of the Academic Directorate of the Institute for European Politics (IEP)
2015 - 2018	Director of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS)
since 2014	“Vertrauensdozentin” (Tutor), Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
2013 - 2019	Member of the Academic Advisory Board, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
since 2013	Member of the Politics and Law Section of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)
since 2009	Director of International Relations, Institute of Social Science, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2002 - 2010	Member of the Advisory Board of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung)
2006 - 2012	Member of Selection Committees, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
2004 - 2005	Member of the Enquête-Commission, Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin, “A future for Berlin”
1999 - 2006	Speaker of the Section “Post-socialist societies”, German Political Science Association (DVPW)

1994 - 1998	Coordinator of Erasmus Programs at Geschwister-Scholl-Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Ongoing	Membership in several national and international scholarship commissions (e.g. DAAD, German-French Parliamentary Scholarship)
Ongoing	Referee for several academic foundations, e.g. Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), VolkswagenStiftung, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, as well as for national and international journals, e.g. Democratization, Journal of Democracy, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP), Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Parlamentsforschung (ZParl), Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft (ÖZP)

Third Party Funded Research Projects (selection)

since July 2021	Founding Member of “Center for Comparative Research on Democracy”, funded by Stiftung Mercator
since July 2021	Research Project „Judicial Autonomy under Authoritarian Attack”, funded by Einstein-Stiftung Berlin
since 2020	The Laws of Social Cohesion (LSC) – On the importance of law for the democratic design of social cohesion, funded by the Grand Challenges Initiative of the Berlin University Alliance (with resources from Excellence Initiative of the DFG)
2017-2021	Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey II, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ece Göztepe (Bilkent University Ankara), funded by Stiftung Mercator in the program “Blickwechsel: Studien zur zeitgenössischen Türkei”
since 2016	Constitutionalism Under Stress: Comparative Perspectives (CONSTRESS), Joined Seminars and Academic Workshops in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Anna-Bettina Kaiser (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Law Faculty) and Prof. Dr. Jan-Werner Müller (Princeton University), funded by the Princeton-HU Strategic Partnership Initiative
2014 - 2016	Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey I, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ece Göztepe (Bilkent University Ankara), funded by Stiftung Mercator
2011 - 2014	The Influence of Constitutional Courts on the Process of Transformation. A Comparative Perspective on Turkey and Germany, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ayşe Ayata and Prof. Dr. Ayca Ergun (Middle East Technical University, Ankara) funded by BMBF and TÜBITAK
2011	Advocates or Notaries of Democracy? A Comparative Socio-legal Analysis of the Role of Constitutional Courts in Political Transformation Processes, funded by Thyssen Stiftung

- 2010 - 2011 De Facto States in the Post-Soviet Area. Conflict prevention in Nagorny Karabakh and Transnistria”, in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ayca Ergun, funded by DAAD
- 2009 - 2011 Implementation of legal norms. Violence against women in Turkey and Germany, funded by Bosch Stiftung

(Co-)Organization of Conferences and Workshops (selection, since 2016)

- Sep./Oct. 2022 Humboldt-Princeton Workshop: “Political Parties and Other Associations from Historical, Legal, and Normative Perspectives”, Princeton
- July 2022 Humboldt-Princeton Workshop: “Executives and Emergencies: Normative, Legal, and Empirical Transatlantic Perspective”, Berlin
- May 2022 Spring School “The Laws and Politics of (In)Security and Social Cohesion. An Interdisciplinary Conversation” for the Integrated Research Institute Law & Society (LSI), together with Centre Marc Bloch and the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies der Universität Oxford
- Dec. 2019 Workshop „Changing Political Regime. Implications for Social Politics: Putting Turkey in Comparative Perspective“, Research Lab Constitutional Politics in Turkey and Research Project „How ‚social‘ is Turkey?“, Prof. Dr. Leisering, Universität Bielefeld
- Nov. 2019 Winterschool „Politics and Law – An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Social and Legal Sciences, Integrated Research Institute Law & Society (LSI), together with the Centre Marc Bloch and the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies of the Oxford University
- Nov. 2019 Rights and Equality in Contemporary Turkey, joint Event of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, Berlin
- June 2019 Research Lab Fellows Workshop, Berlin
- June 2019 Humboldt-Princeton Workshop: “Freedom of Speech”, as part of the Research Project “Constitutionalism Under Stress”, Berlin
- March 2019 Humboldt-Princeton Workshop: “The Other ‘Transitology’: Pathways into and out of Authoritarianism in the Twenty-First-Century - Empirical and Normative Perspectives”, as part of the teaching research project “Constitutionalism Under Stress”, Princeton
- July 2018 Humboldt-Princeton Workshop: “Constitutionalism, Dissent, and Resistance”, in the framework of the project “Constitutionalism Under Stress”, Berlin

Mai 2018	Rights and Equality in Contemporary Turkey: Institutions, Interactions, Discourses, International Conference in the framework of Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies, Berlin
March 2018	Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches to Legal Texts, Legal Practices and Parliamentary Work, Workshop of the Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey II, Berlin
December 2016	Workshop: „Decision-Making: Courts, Parliaments and Constituent Assemblies Compared“, in the framework of the project “Research Lab: Constitutional Politics in Turkey”, Berlin
November 2016	International Conference: “Blickwechsel: Contemporary Turkey Studies. Changing Perspectives“
September 2016	DVPW Conference of the Politics and Law Section: „Constitutional boundaries“, Berlin

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations (selection, since 2017)

March 2020 rescheduled for Jan. 2022 (due to Pandemic)	„La situation des cours constitutionnelles dans les pays en voie de „dé-démocratisation““, Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne
March 2020	„Beyond socio-political sources of legitimation: The Constitutional Court of Turkey between legal and political reasoning“, Workshop „Socio-legal perspectives on the rule of law“ of the Law & Society Association, Frankfurt (Oder)
Nov. 2019	„Judicial Appointment Procedures: (De)stabilizing Effects on the Autonomy of Courts“, V-Dem-Conference, WZB Berlin
Aug. 2019	„Judicial Independence in Limbo: The Precarious Role of Constitutional Courts in De-democratizing Countries and the ECtHR“, Freie Universität Berlin
Sep. 2018	„Authoritarian Constitutionalism – a pathological use of constitutional law and politics?“, Congress of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), with Ertug Tombus and Maria Abad, Frankfurt (Main)
Nov. 2017	„Judicial Independence in Limbo: The Precarious Political Role of Constitutional Courts in Turkey and Russia“, International Congress of the German Association for Eastern European Studies (DGO), Bonn
Nov. 2017	„Forschung in Europäischen Netzwerken: Grenzüberschreitend Gemeinsam Erfolgreich“, Conference of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES): „Wissenschaft hält Europa zusammen – Vom <i>March of Science</i> bis zu <i>Horizon 2020</i> “, Berlin

Oct. 2017 „Democratic Backsliding’ within the EU. Did the normative power of Europe fail?“, Guest-Lecture at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Awards and Scholarships

Oct. 2016 Humboldt Price for “Excellence in Teaching”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Nov. 2010 Price for “Excellence in Teaching”, Philosophische Fakultät II, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

2001 - 2003 Post-Habilitation Scholarship, Excellence Pool, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

1991 - 1992 PhD Scholarship, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

1985 - 1990 Full Scholarship, Bayerische Begabtenförderung

Affiliations

since 2013 DVPW Research Group "Politik und Recht" (Politics and Law)

since 2001 German Association für Parliamentary Questions (DVParl)

since 1998 German Association for Eastern European Studies (DGO)

since 1996 German Political Science Association (DVPW)

Berlin, August 13th 2022

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