

Dr. Katja Schmidt

Curriculum Vitae (06/2023)

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Research Areas

Migration, Political Sociology, 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 Universitaet 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 Universitaet 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; 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

Wie blicken Journalistinnen und Journalisten auf die Welt? Eine vergleichende empirische Analyse von Persönlichkeitsmerkmalen und politischen Einstellungen auf Basis des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP), work in progress.

Other Articles

- 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

- 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

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| 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

- 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

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