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### **Research Interests**

- Anthropology of law, bureaucracy & the state
- Bureaucratic practices
- Citizenship & migration
- Conceptualization of identity
- Artificial intelligence (AI) & ethics
- AI-related legal, societal and institutional processes & dynamics

### **Fieldwork & Qualitative Research**

<i>Ongoing</i>	Qualitative research carried out within the field of AI & German law enforcement/police
<i>2012-2014 (16 months)</i>	Fieldwork conducted at the Immigration Office, Integration Courses, Naturalization Offices, Berlin
<i>2011 (2 months)</i>	Fieldwork at the immigration authorities, governmental unemployment agency (Job Center) & organizations offering counselling for migrants and refugees, German middle size town

### **Academic Degrees**

<i>2012-2023 (expected)</i>	PhD candidate in Social and Cultural Anthropology supervised by Prof. Dr Thomas G. Kirsch & Prof. Dr Judith Beyer
<i>2008-2011</i>	M.A. Studies in European Culture “An anthropological study on the production and positioning of ‘the migrant’ as a subject of German bureaucracy” (Thesis)
<i>2009-2019</i>	Semester abroad at the School of Social Sciences & School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New-Delhi, India (DAAD scholarship)
<i>2004-2008</i>	B.A. Sociology & Slavic Studies
<i>2005-2006</i>	Two semesters abroad at the Russian State University for the Humanities (GoEast-DAAD scholarship)

### **Academic Positions**

<i>2021-present</i>	Researcher at the Berlin Institute for Safety and Security Research (FÖPS), Berlin School of Law and Economics
<i>2012-2017</i>	Researcher at the Cluster of Excellence, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Konstanz

### **Professional Activities and Memberships**

<i>2021-present</i>	Active member of the Committee for Equal Opportunities (Chancengleichheit, CGK) at the Berlin School of Law and Economics
<i>2021-present</i>	Active member of the Research and Junior Academics (FNK) at Berlin School of Law and Economics
<i>2012-2016</i>	Member of the committee for internationalization at the University of Constance

## Conferences and Seminars

- 2022 Artificial Intelligence - Threat or Opportunity for our Security? An interdisciplinary approach at the example of Deepfakes, "Smart big data policing. Opportunities, Risks and Regulatory Challenges", 5th Hamburg Security Law Day, 25.10.2022 (with Milan Tahraoui)
- 2022 Video analysis using artificial intelligence (AI) to detect false and manipulated identities (FAKE-ID), poster session, forum of innovations "protection and rescue of people" of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), 03.05.2022
- 2022 Deepfake-based disinformation activities targeting democratic political processes, Global Meeting on Law and Society in Lisbon, Portugal, from ISCTE University Institute Lisbon, 14.07.2022 (with Milan Tahraoui)
- 2016 Dealing with Distrust, Differences and Diversities in Contemporary German Immigration Bureaucracy, presented at the Workshop for Experiencing Differences and Diversities in Contemporary Germany, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin, 15-16/04/ 2016.
- 2016 "To become (or be made) German - Integration as a systematic procedure". Guest lecture presented at the workshop for Opportunities and Challenges within German and European Policies towards Immigration and Refugees, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Bonn, 14/04/2016.
- 2015 Presentation and discussion of the results from the research project "The making of 'the immigrant'. An ethnography on the shaping of immigrant identities in the German immigration bureaucracy". Organized and presented in Berlin, 30/10/2015.
- 2015 Immigration in the Context of German Bureaucracy. Reflections from a Cultural and Social Anthropological Perspective, invited lecture presented at the public lecture series Diversity Without limits in Extremely Diverse Societies. Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd, 24/11/2015.
- 2015 Mapping Emotional Geographies in German Authorities Dealing with Immigration and Naturalization, paper presented at 5th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies, Edinburgh, Scotland, 10–12/06/2015.
- 2014 Bureaucratic Encounters in German Immigration Offices, paper presented at Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution - innovation and continuity in an interconnected world, 13th EASA Biennial Conference, Tallinn, Estonia, 31/07–03/08/2014.
- 2014 Immigration bureaucracy – Who's in and who's out in membership terms, paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conclave of the "Cultural Foundations of Integration", Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland, 17–19/07/2014.

## Publications

- 2022 Das Phänomen Deepfakes. Künstliche Intelligenz als Element politischer Einflussnahme und Perspektive einer Echtheitsprüfung, in M. Friedewald, A. Roßnagel, J. Heesen, N. Krämer & J. Lamla (eds), Künstliche Intelligenz, Demokratie und Privatheit, (with M. Tahraoui, H. Aden, J. Fähmann, C. Krätzer & J. Dittmann), 265-287. <https://www.nomos-elibrary.de/10.5771/9783748913344/kuenstliche-intelligenz-demokratie-und-privatheit?hitid=50&search-click>
- 2019 Komik der Authentizität. Gemeinsames Lachen im Kontext der deutschen Ausländerbehörde, in Ö. Ezli, D. & U. Wirth (eds) Komik der Integration, Grenzpraktiken und Identifikationen des Sozialen. Berlin: Kadmos.
- 2016 Integration im Kursformat – Die Tücken erhöhter Standardisierung, Kommentar zum neuen Integrationsgesetz aus ethnologischer Perspektive, <https://www.exc16.uni-konstanz.de/intg-kommentar-louban.html>