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Sociology, Research,
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WORK EXPERIENCE

DeZIM — Berlin, Germany
Postdoc — 2025 – Present

- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research
- National Monitoring of Discrimination and Racism (NaDiRa)
- Media Monitoring

Humboldt University of Berlin — Berlin, Germany
Postdoc — 2021 – Present

- Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM).
- Project (Lead): "Media Diets and Democratic Values (MEDIVA)".
- Project (Lead): "Radicalization Potentials on TikTok (RaPoTik)".
- Project: "German Islam as an alternative to Islamism? (D:ISLAM)".

Transformakers GmbH — Berlin, Germany
Lead Data Scientist — 2024

- Collecting and Analyzing Online Data on Online Communities.
- Developing evidence-based policy recommendations.

London School of Economics (LSE) — London, UK
Visiting Research Student — 2023

- Data Science Institute
- Social Research Methods

University of Potsdam — Potsdam, Germany
Research Associate — 2019 – 2021

- Chair of Inequality Research and Social Stratification Analysis.

DeZIM — Berlin, Germany
Freelance Researcher — 2020 – 2021

SKILLS

</> R · Python · Stata · LaTeX
Git · NVivo · MAXQDA
SQL · TensorFlow

🔤 German · native
English · fluent
Arabic · native
French · proficient

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

SUBJECTS	Sociology of the Internet
	Extremism and Radicalization
	Digital Religion
	Culture and Politics
	Racism and Discrimination
METHODS	Computational Methods
	Natural Language Processing
	Surveys and Experiments
	Non-probability Designs
	Mixed-Methods

FREELANCE

2024	**CLAIM Allianz** AMR TikTok Analysis
2022	**UFA GmbH** Employee Survey on DEI issues

- DeZIM: German Center for Integration and Migration Research.
- Project: "Spaces and possibilities of action against racism".

2021 **#AFROZENSUS**
Drafting an online data explorer

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)   Berlin, Germany
Research Assistant   2018 – 2019

- Center for Civil Society Research.

University of Potsdam   Potsdam, Germany
Research Assistant   2018 – 2019

- Chair of General Sociology.

EDUCATION

University of Mannheim & London School of Economics   Mannheim, Germany
Dr. rer. soc., Sociology and Data Science   2021 – 2025

- **Oral defense:** May 6th, 2025. **Grade:** 0.4 (German grading)
- Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (Mannheim)
- Data Science Institute (LSE)

University of Potsdam   Potsdam, Germany
M.A., Sociology   2018 – 2020

Humboldt University of Berlin   Berlin, Germany
B.A., Social Sciences   2014 – 2018

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

2022 – 2024   **Council for European Studies (CES)**
Research Coordinator of the Radicalism and Violence research network.

2022 – 2023   **The Atlantic Study of Islam and Muslims (ASIM)**
Coordinator of the research cluster CVE and "Radicalization"

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023 **Humboldt and Princeton University Strategic Partnership**
Research grant for the project "Media Diets and Democratic Values" (MEDIVA)
Funding amount: 35,488€ EUR

2023 **Berlin State Commission against Violence**
Research grant for the project "Radicalization Potentials on TikTok" (RaPoTik)
Funding amount: 160,000 EUR

2022 **Young Scholar Award**
Award by the University of Mannheim for the project "Deconstructing Radical Content on TikTok"
Funding amount: 2,000 EUR

PUBLICATIONS

2025 **Beyond the hijab: Performing religious identity on TikTok**
Social Compass

2025 **Possibilities for action in cases of racial discrimination**
How social constellations affect reaction behavior
Book Chapter in "Consensus and conflict in the post-migrant society"

2024 **Exploring the Role of TikTok for Intersectionality Marginalized Groups**
The Case of Muslim Female Content Creators in Germany
Frontiers in Political Science 2024, 6, 1496833

2024 **Exploring (Anti-)Radicalism on TikTok**
German Islamic Content Creators between Advocacy and Activism
Religions 2024, 15(10)

2024 **Culture, Migration, And Theology**
Types of Actors, Networks and Discourses of Anti-Muslim Racism on TikTok
Report for the Civil Society Situation Report on Anti-Muslim Racism
CLAIM – Allianz gegen Islam- und Muslimfeindlichkeit

2021 **Potentials of Natural Language Processing in the Study of Radicalism.**
A Methodological Exploration on the example of Hizb ut-Tahrir affiliated Twitter accounts.
Conference Proceedings of the Science Conference 2021
Center for Analysis and Research (German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution)

2021 **Response strategies to racism. The Importance of Contextual Factors**
for Strategies of Action in the Case of Racial Discrimination.
DeZIM Project Report

Media

2025 **'Islamist' tendencies in German-speaking countries**
Interview with ARD (world's largest public broadcaster)
German, i.a. available [here](#).

2024 **TikTok: "Considered en vogue among extremist"**
Interview with WDR 5 Morgenecho (West German Broadcasting)
German, available [here](#).

2021 **"Controversy is a selling point"**
Insights into research on the dissemination of extremist content on TikTok
Interview with Ufuq.de
German, available [here](#).

Hosted and Organized Events

Radicalization Potentials on TikTok
 Berlin, Germany
Symposium
 2024

Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims
 Berlin, Germany
Conference
 2024

"Anti-Muslim Realities"
 Berlin, Germany
Symposium
 2023

"Media as a Fuel for Radicalization?"
 Berlin, Germany
Expert Talk
 2023

D:Islam Webinar Series: "National Islams in 'The West'"
 Online
Webinars
 2021-2022

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

XIII. Future Forum Islam
 Frankfurt, Germany
Conference
 2024
Workshop: Social networks and social polarization - the new media makers?

NAFS
 Berlin, Germany
Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims
 2024
Presentation: Investigating TikTok's Role in Radicalizing Muslim Users in Germany

Council for European Studies
 Lyon, France

Conference: 30th International Conference of Europeanists   2024
Panel Chairs:
Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects
Navigating the Radical Web: How the Internet Facilitates Extremism and What to Do about It
Presentations:
How Muslim TikTok Content Creators React To Islamophobia
Radicalization Potentials on TikTok - Presenting New Findings
Constructing Gendered Religious Identities - TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

Ufuq.de   Berlin, Germany
Webtalk: Anwendung von KI-Tools in der zivilgesellschaftlichen Projektarbeit   2024
Presentation: Application of AI tools in Civil Society Project Work

Federal Agency for Civic Education   Bonn, Germany
MasterClass: The Field of Islamism Prevention   2024
Panel Discussion: Civic education and Prevention, a Field of Tension?! - Reflecting on one's own Role in
the Field of Islamism Prevention

NAFS   Erlangen, Germany
Conference: Network for Empirical-Analytical Social Research on Muslims   2023
Presentation: Constructing Religious Identities TikTok's Muslim Female Content Creators

Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport   Hanover, Germany
Conference: Lower Saxony Competence Forum for the Prevention of Islamism   2023
Panel Discussion: Digital Threats - Opportunities and Challenges for the Prevention of Islamism

MZES-DeZIM   Mannheim, Germany
Workshop: Social Science Meets Digital Data: Methods of Computational Social Science   2023
Presentation: Investigating radical content on TikTok - A computational approach.

Ufuq.de   Berlin, Germany
Webtalk: Kollektive Emotionen in Radikalisierungsprozessen und die Rolle von TikTok   2022
Presentation: Collective emotions in radicalization processes and the role of TikTok.

MOTRA   Wiesbaden, Germany
Conference: MOTRA-K   2022
Presentation: Potentials of radicalization on TikTok.

Council for European Studies   Lisbon, Portugal
Conference: 28th International Conference of Europeanists   2022
Panel Chair: Islamism and Xenophobia in Europe: Dynamics of Extremism and Feedback Effects.
Presentation: Narratives of Xeno- and Islamophobia in Islamist Communication

Zentrum für Analyse und Forschung   Berlin, Germany

Conference: Wissenschaftskonferenz 2021
Panel Chair: Ways into the Rabbit Hole
Presentation: Islamist strategies of radicalization