

# ROBERT VIEF

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Neighborhood Effects
- Social Inequality, Segregation & Cities
- Spatial Data / GIS
- Covid19 Restrictions and Their Social Implications
- Intersection of School & Residential Segregation
- (Unequal) Access to Education and Schools in the City
- Social Networks and Their Spatial Dimension(s)

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| SINCE 04/22   | <b>Ph.D. Research fellow (Pre-Doc)</b><br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL SOCIOLOGY   |
| 05/18 - 03/22 | <b>Ph.D. Research fellow (Pre-Doc)</b><br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE 1265 “RE-FIGURATION OF SPACES”<br><b>Project C04: The World Down My Street: Resources and Networks Used by City Dwellers (Lead: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland)</b><br><i>funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)</i>                 |
| 05/20 - 12/21 | <b>Research fellow</b><br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>GEORG-SIMMEL CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES (GSZ)<br><b>Project: Getting things done in a City on hold. How SARS-COV-2 affected Practices of Urban Care (Lead: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland)</b><br><i>funded by the Berlin University Alliance (“Special Call: Pandemic Research”)</i> |

## EDUCATION

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| 2023<br>(EX-PECTED) | Ph.D. (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland)<br><b>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</b>  |
| 10/15 - 04/18       | Master of Arts (M.A.), SOCIAL SCIENCES<br><b>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</b>  |
| 08/16 - 06/17       | Visiting student Ph.D. program, SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE<br>GRADUATE CENTER at <b>City University of New York</b> , United States |
| 10/11 - 09/15       | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), SOCIAL SCIENCES<br><b>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</b>  |
| 2011                | Graduation from High-School<br><b>Rückert-Gymnasium</b> in Berlin-Schöneberg   |

## PUBLICATIONS

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| 2022 | <b>Roots and routes in neighbourhoods. Length of residence, belonging and public familiarity in Berlin, Germany</b><br>In <i>Urban Studies</i> (OnlineFirst).<br>DOI: 10.1177/00420980221136960 (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger & H.Schultze)  |
| 2022 | <b>Exploring latent neighbourliness: Does turning locally for support in major challenges matter and if it doesn't, then what may?</b><br>In L. Cheshire (Ed.), <i>Neighbours Around the World. An International Look at the People Next Door</i> (pp. 207-229). Emerald Publishing Limited.<br>DOI: 10.1108/978-1-83909-476-720221012 (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger, H.Schultze, V.Regnault & J.Benz) |
| 2021 | <b>Making Sense of Segregation in a Well-Connected City: The Case of Berlin.</b><br>In M. van Ham, T. Tammaru, R. Ubarevičienė, & H. Janssen (Eds.), <i>The Urban Book Series. Urban Socio-Economic Segregation and Income Inequality</i> (pp. 249–270). Springer International Publishing. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-64569-4_13 (with T.Blokland)   |
| 2021 | <b>Where we Turn to. Rethinking networks, urban space and research methods.</b><br>In A. Million, C. Haid, I. C. Ulloa, & N. Baur (Eds.), <i>Spatial Transformations: Kaleidoscopic Perspectives on the Refiguration of Spaces</i> (pp. 258–268). Routledge. DOI: 10.4324/9781003036159-23 (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger & H.Schultze)   |
| 2021 | <b>Städtisches Leben während Corona</b><br>In P. Misselwitz & J. Hoerning (Eds.), <i>Räume in Veränderung - ein visuelles Lesebuch: Ein- und Ausblicke des interdisziplinären Forschungsverbundes zur Refiguration von Räumen</i> (pp. 26–37). jovis Verlag. (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger, H.Schultze & J.Benz)   |

## WORKING PAPERS

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| 2022 | <b>Does Rent Control turn Tenants into NIMBYis?</b><br>(with A.Hager & H.Hilbig) |
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## SCIENTIFIC BLOGPOSTS

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| 07/2021 | <p><b>Digital care: How social support during the Covid-19 pandemic shifted to the digital and our worries became “surplus value”</b></p> <p>Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with D.Krüger, N.Margies &amp; T.Blokland)</p>                  |
| 12/2020 | <p><b>Leaving the house to talk in private. How COVID19 restrictions affected how and where we find someone to talk to</b></p> <p>Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with T.Blokland &amp; D.Krüger)</p>  |
| 05/2020 | <p><b>Just because we have to do it, it doesn’t mean it is right: why #stayathome should not become a moral imperative and social isolation not a habituation</b></p> <p>Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with T.Blokland &amp; D.Krüger)</p> |

## ONGOING PROJECTS

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- Talking while walking but not with the locals: social support and domesticity in public space before and during Covid19 in Berlin, Germany  
*R&R* at Journal of Urban Affairs (with D.Krüger & T.Blokland)
- Living small in the big city under lockdown: Did limited living space affect how strongly people missed the amenities of their city and was their mental wellbeing affected differently as a result?  
(with T.Blokland & A.Holm)
- Redistribution Gone Wrong: How Rent Control Sparks Opposition to State Intervention in the Economy?  
(with A.Hager & H.Hilbig)
- Stacking the Odds. The Intersection of School and Neighborhood Segregation in NYC  
(with S.Catsambis)

## CONFERENCES / TALKS

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| 02/2023 | <p><b>Der Zusammenhang von Wohnungskrise, Gentrifizierung und Schulsegregation am Beispiel von Berlin</b></p> <p><i>Dortmunder Konferenz Raum- und Planungsforschung</i> Dortmund, Germany.</p>  |
| 10/2022 | <p><b>Increasing the ‘odds’ for medical encounters in underserved neighborhoods in Berlin: Does a new distribution logic for out-patient practices bring more healthcare into neighborhoods with fewer doctors?</b></p> <p><i>European Sociological Association, Research Network 37 (Urban Sociology). Midterm Conference “Seeing Like a City / Seeing the City Through”</i> Berlin, Germany. (with D.Krüger)</p> |
| 08/2022 | <p><b>The interrelation of housing affordability, gentrification, and school segregation – insights from Berlin, Germany</b></p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)</i> Los Angeles, US.</p>  |

- 03/2022 **The development of the neighborhood-school segregation gap – how neighborhood change influences school segregation**  
*ECSR Spring School on “Geography, Mobility and Social Stratification”* Torino, Italy.
- 10/2021 **Refiguring neighbourhood relations - rethinking neighbourhood expectations**  
*Spatial Refiguration: Dynamics, Challenges, and Conflicts (Third International Conference of the Collaborative Research Centre “Re-Figuration of Spaces”)*. Berlin, Germany. (with T.Blokland, H.Schultze & D.Krüger)
- 08/2021 **Was spielt es für eine Rolle für Unterstützungsnetzwerke, wenn die Stadt alles schließt? Der Einfluss von Corona-Maßnahmen auf Sozialkapital und sozialen Support am Beispiel von Berlin**  
*Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) und Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (ÖGS)*. Digital Meeting. (with H.Schultze, D.Krüger & T.Blokland)
- 07/2021 **Do Neighbourhoods Have Shapes? Studying Urban Practices and the Contours of the Imagined Neighbourhood**  
*Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association (RC21)*. Digital Meeting, organized in Antwerp, Belgium. (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger & H.Schultze)
- 03/2021 **Talking it Through in the Street – How Berlin Residents Organize Social Support During COVID-19 Restrictions**  
*Soziologische Perspektiven auf die Coronakrise, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)*. Digital Meeting. (with D.Krüger & T.Blokland)
- 09/2020 **Führen Gentrifizierungsprozesse zu mehr oder weniger Schulsegregation?**  
*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)*. Digital Meeting, organized in Berlin, Germany.
- 09/2019 **Breaking up the Ground: Fluidity and Boundedness in Social Networks of Support**  
*Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association (RC21)*. New Delhi, India. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)
- 08/2019 **Profits of Trans/locality? Spatial Segregation and Practices of Organizing Resources in Times of Translocal Mobility and Communication.**  
*European Sociological Association (ESA)*. Manchester, UK. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)
- 07/2019 **Trans/local: Spatial Variability within Ego-Centered Social Support Networks.**  
*European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*. Zagreb, Croatia. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)
- 02/2019 **Taking Urbanity Beyond Place: Thoughts on Translocal Networks, Space, and Research Methods.**  
*Re-Figuration of Spaces: Mediatization, Mobility, Globalization and Social Dislocation (First International Conference of the SFB 1265)*. Berlin, Germany. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)
- 04/2018 **Stacking the Odds: The Intersection of Neighborhood and School Segregation for New York City Schools.**  
*American Educational Research Association (AERA)*. New York City, US. (with S.Catsambis)

## TEACHING

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| SUMMER 23  | <b>Spatial Dimensions of Inequalities: Causes, Developments and Consequences of Segregation</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES (VERTIEFUNGSEMINAR / ADVANCED EMPIRICAL SEMINAR), HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN |
| FALL 22/23 | <b>Urban Theory</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES (PRO-SEMINAR), HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN  |
| SUMMER 22  | <b>Mapping social inequalities: Introduction to GIS software and spatial data</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES (METHODS III SEMINAR), HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN  |
| FALL 21/22 | <b>Introduction to Scientific Research Methods</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN   |
| FALL 20/21 | <b>Sociological Theory</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN   |
| FALL 20/21 | <b>Introduction to Scientific Research Methods</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN   |
| FALL 19/20 | <b>Mapping the city (and more): sozialwissenschaftliche Kartierungen in ArcGIS</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES (METHODS III SEMINAR), HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN   |
| 07/18      | <b>Workshop: Introduction to ArcGIS</b><br>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN  |

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 01/17 - 05/17 | Data fellow<br>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT, NEW YORK CITY   |
| 06/13 - 07/16 | Student Assistant<br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>Department of Urban and Regional Sociology (Prof Dr. Talja Blokland)          |
| 10/13 - 04/16 | Tutor & Teaching Assistant<br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>Department of Empirical Social Research (Prof Dr. Johannes Giesecke) |
| 05/16 - 08/16 | Project Assistant<br>HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN<br>Membership Survey of the Union "IG Metall"                                    |

## IN MEDIA

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- **Newspaper article:** [Zuhause im Kiez: Wo sich Berliner wohlfühlen](#)  
In: Berliner Morgenpost. March 5, 2023, p.18-19.
- **Newspaper article:** [Zu Hause im Kiez: Je länger, desto vertrauter? Gilt nicht mehr](#)  
In: Der Tagesspiegel. January 16, 2023.
- **Podcast:** [Berlins Chance auf Neuwahlen und gute Nachbarschaft](#)  
In: Berliner und Pfannkuchen, Der Tagesspiegel (with Ann-Kathrin Hipp & Lorenz Maroldt). May 20, 2022.
- **Video-Interview:** [Armen- vs. Reichenviertel: Das kann die Spaltung aufhalten](#)  
In: Youtube/Television, rbb24 series JETZT MAL KONKRET (moderated by Jafaar Abdul Karim). April, 2022.
- **Report:** [„Es ist wichtig, dass wir Schulen haben, wo sich Menschen mit verschiedenen Lebenshintergründen begegnen.“](#)  
In: Humboltds17 - Expeditionen - Nachbarschaft (protocolled by Kristina Vailant). October, 2021.
- **Podcast:** [#35 - Robert Vief über Sozialleben im Lockdown und Feiern als \(Berliner\) Grundbedürfnis](#)  
In: SHOW DOWN - Der Feierkultur Podcast (interviewed by Leonie Gerner & Julian Krohn). January 27, 2021.
- **Newspaper article:** [Großsiedlungen: Hier treffen Ausgangsbeschränkungen die Berliner besonders hart](#)  
In: Berliner Zeitung. April 8, 2020.
- **Newspaper article:** [AKADEMISCHES SPRUNGBRETT](#)  
In: Die ZEIT (protocolled by Astrid Herbold). Nr. 10/2020. February 27, 2020.

## ORGANISATORIAL WORK

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| 10/2022     | <b>Session Organizer:</b> Housing affordability and segregational developments: New Perspectives on neighborhood change<br><i>European Sociological Association, Research Network 37 (Urban Sociology).</i> Midterm Conference "Seeing Like a City / Seeing the City Through", Berlin, Germany. (with K.Zapatka)                         |
| 02/2021     | <b>Session Organizer:</b> Urban Practices and Urban Institutions: Thoughts on Segregation and the Spatiality of Everyday Resource Organization, Social Networks and Social Capital<br><i>European Sociological Association, Research Network 37 (Urban Sociology).</i> Midterm Conference, Digital Meeting. (with T.Blokland & D.Krüger) |
| 2020 - 2021 | <b>Editorial Team:</b> Blog of the Collaborative Research Centre 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces"<br>(with M.Schinagl, J.Fülling, F.Gülzau & V.Sayman)   |

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 01/17 - 05/17 | Fellowship, Center for Urban Studies, Graduate Center, City University of New York            |
| 2016 - 2018   | Fellow of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation ("Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes") |
| 08/16 - 12/16 | PROMOS Grant of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)                                   |

## SKILLS & OTHER INFORMATION

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| SOFTWARE<br>(STATISTICAL)    | STATA, R   |
| SOFTWARE<br>(GIS)            | ArcGIS, QGIS   |
| SOFTWARE<br>(OTHER)          | L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), MAXQDA   |
| QUESTIONNAIRE<br>PROGRAMMING | LimeSurvey, UniPark, VOXCO, OfflineSurveys   |
| MEMBERSHIPS                  | American Sociological Association (ASA), Research Committee 21 (RC21) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), European Sociological Association (ESA), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), Georg-Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies (GSZ) |
| LANGUAGES                    | German (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent)   |