

# Curriculum Vitae

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## University address

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## Current Position

Since 08 / 2020

Univ.-Professor for Theory of Politics (W3/Full professor);  
Humboldt University Berlin

## Research- and Teaching Areas

### *I. Innovations of political order:*

Political protest & the democratic order  
Democracy & Public sphere,  
Constitutional Theory & Philosophy of law

### *II. The Global Reshaping of Rule and State:*

Global Constitutionalism  
Transformation of State and Sovereignty  
Transnational Activism and new forms of rule

### *III. Political Theory and Social Theory*

Modern Political and Social Theory  
Law and politics in the history of political ideas  
Politics and Memory in Europa

## Education

### PhD

2010

PhD in Political Science at the RWTH Aachen  
(*Summa cum laude*)

- Submission of the PhD-Thesis: 4 July 2008
- Defense of Thesis: 12 February 2009
- Publication & PhD certificate: 22. January 2010

Topic of the PhD-Thesis

*Die Ordnung der Freiheit. Recht und Politik im Denken Hannah Arendts*

Committee

Prof. Helmut König  
Prof. Hubertus Buchstein  
Prof. Emanuel Richter

### Magister Artium

1999 - 2004

Studies of Political Science, Economy, Social and Economic History at the RWTH Aachen (*with distinction*)

## Academic Career

11/2019

Offer of tenured full professorship for 'Theory of Politics' at Humboldt University Berlin (offer accepted)

08/2016-07/2020

Associate Professor for Political Science with a special focus on Politics and Law (tenured); Free University Berlin

04/2016

Offer of tenured associate professorship for Political Science with a special focus on politics and law at the Free University Berlin (offer accepted)

03/2016

Offer of tenured associate professorship for Political Theory and the History of Ideas at the University of Trier (offer rejected)

10/2015-03/2016

Parental leave (daughter was born on 13 January 2015)

2012 - 2016

Assistant Professor (W1) for Political Theory (Tenure-Track-Option); Trier University; Positive mid-term evaluation in January 2015

2011 - 2012

Principal Investigator of the DFG-Research Project *The Concept of Sovereignty in the Transnational Constellation*; HU Berlin.

2011

Guest researcher at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Research Unit *Transnational Conflicts and International Institutions*

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| 2010 - 2011                               | Postdoc and Coordinator of the Research Unit <i>Internationale Dissidenz. Widerstand und Herrschaft in der globalen Politik</i> , Cluster of Excellence „Formation of Normative Orders“, Johann-Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main |
| 2009 - 2010                               | Postdoc and Coordinator of the DFG Research Training Group <i>Multilevel Constitutionalism: European Experiences and Global Perspectives</i> , HU Berlin   |
| 2009                                      | Lecturer at the Universities of Aachen, Augsburg and FU Berlin   |
| 2008/2009                                 | Teaching Fellow at the European Inter-University Centre in Venice (Italy)  |
| 2005 - 2008                               | Doctoral fellowship of the German National Academic Foundation ( <i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i> )   |
| 2002 - 2004                               | Teaching Assistant at the Department of Political Science of the RWTH Aachen University  |
| <b>Research and Teaching Stays Abroad</b> |  |
| 2018                                      | Visiting Professor at Radzyner School of Law, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel (March)  |
| 2016                                      | Visiting Fellow at the Hannah Arendt Center at Bard College (September)  |
| 2014                                      | Guest Professor at the University of Colorado Boulder; March/April 2014  |
| 2008/2009                                 | Teaching Fellow at the European Inter-University Centre in Venice (Italy)  |
| 2007                                      | Visiting Assistant in Research; Yale University (USA); Cooperation with Seyla Benhabib & Robert Post   |
| 2007                                      | Visiting Scholar; New School for Social Research (USA); Cooperation with Andrew Arato & Jerome Kohn  |
| 2006                                      | Visiting Assistant in Research; Yale University (USA); Cooperation with Seyla Benhabib   |
| <b>Other Lectureships</b>                 |  |
| 2010/2011                                 | Lectureship at the Goethe-University Frankfurt   |

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| 2010      | Lectureship at the HU Berlin              |
| 2009/2010 | Lectureship at the FU Berlin              |
| 2009/2010 | Lectureship at the University of Augsburg |
| 2009      | Lectureship at the RWTH Aachen            |

## Third-Party Projects / Research Proposals

### Third-Party Funds

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| 2019 | <p>DFG-Project <i>Participation and inequality 'beyond the state'. An explorative study on the opportunities for participation of transnational civil society actors in institutions of global economic governance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Sole Applicant</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 200.000 €</li> <li>▫ Approved in July 2018; Starting date: July 2019</li> </ul> |
| 2017 | <p>ERC Starting Grant <i>Protest and Order. Democratic theory, contentious politics, and the changing shape of western democracies (POWDER)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Sole Applicant</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 1.400.000 €</li> <li>▫ Approved in August 2017; Starting date: May 2018</li> </ul>   |
| 2011 | <p>DFG-Project <i>The Concept of Sovereignty in the transnational constellation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Sole Applicant</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 250.000 €</li> <li>▫ Approved in March 2011; Project was transferred from the HU Berlin to Trier University</li> <li>▫ Expiration date: December 2014</li> </ul>   |

### Further third-party funds

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| 2020 | <p>“Spheres of Citizenship in Rio de Janeiro and Berlin: Rights, Frontiers, Agencies”, together with Prof. Bethania Assy (PUC-Rio), funded by the German Academic Exchange Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Application together with Prof. Bethania Assy</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 50000 €</li> </ul> |
| 2017 | <p>Conference on <i>Formwandel der Demokratie</i>, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Application together with Prof. Winfried Thaa</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 5500 €</li> </ul>   |

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| 2014  | <p>Start-up financing for a Research proposal <i>Der transnationale modern Staat</i>, received from the Research Division of Trier University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Sole Applicant</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 5.100 €</li> </ul>  |
| 2013  | <p>Workshop on <i>Transnational Process and the Modern State: Changing Modes of Socio-Political Organization through Transnationalization</i>, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Sole Applicant</li> <li>▫ Funding amount 8000 €</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Involved in Third-Party funds activities</b> |   |
| 2018  | Principal Investigator of the Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS   |
| 2016-2018                                       | Principal Investigator of the DFG Research Training Group <i>Human Rights under Pressure</i> (FU Berlin & Hebrew University Jerusalem)  |
| 2010  | <p>DFG-Research Group <i>Internationale Dissidenz: Widerstand und Herrschaft in der globalen Politik</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Coordinator of the framework proposal</li> <li>▫ Framework proposal was positively assessed; negative complete assessment because too many individual projects failed</li> </ul>                    |
| 2009  | <p>Renewal Proposal of the DFG Research Training Group <i>Multilevel Constitutionalism: European Experiences and Global Perspectives</i>, HU Berlin ,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Coordinator of the renewal proposal and the preparation for the on-site visit by the DFG</li> <li>▫ Positive assessment in March/April 2010</li> </ul> |
| <b>Pending Applications</b>                     |   |
| 2019  | <p><i>Spheres of Citizenship in Rio de Janeiro and Berlin: Rights, Frontiers, Agencies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ DAAD Program for Project-Related Personal Exchange with PUC-Rio (Brazil)</li> <li>▫ Application together with Prof. Bethania Assy</li> <li>▫ Funding amount: 50.000 €</li> </ul>                                  |
| <b>Awards &amp; Grants</b>                      |   |
| October 2014                                    | Lehrpreis (Teaching Award) from the University of Trier (2,000€)  |
| October 2013                                    | <p>Award „Geisteswissenschaften International“</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ 15.000 €</li> </ul>   |

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|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Awarded by the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels, the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, the VG WORT and the Foreign Office</li> <li>▫ Funding of the translation costs of the monograph ‚Die Ordnung der Freiheit. Recht und Politik im Denken Hannah Arendts‘ ins Englische</li> </ul> |
| January 2010   | „Brochers-Plakette“ of RWTH Aachen for an excellent PhD   |
| September 2009 | Publication fellowship of the Johanna-and-Fritz-Buch-Memorial-Foundation (2000 €)   |
| August 2009    | Audience award of the Salzburger Hochschulwochen (500 €)  |
| 2006/2007      | Study-abroad scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)  |
| 2005 - 2008    | Doctoral fellowship of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)   |
| June 2005      | “Springorum-Medal” of the RWTH Aachen University for an excellent M.A.-Degree (with distinction), Highest Honours   |

## Conferences & Workshop Organization

### *After the Event. Conceptualizing Political Protest*

30 May - 1 June 2020, Humboldt University Berlin

- POWDER-Workshop (ERC Starting Grant)

### *Formwandel der Demokratie*

29-31 March 2017, University of Trier

- Conference organizer together with Prof. Winfried Thaa

### *Boundaries in the Public: Inherent Exclusions and the Presence of the Barred Other*

Panel at the ICON-S Inaugural Conference ‘Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space’, Florence

26-28 June 2014.

- Together with Dana Schmalz and Benedict Vischer (MPI Heidelberg)

### *Transnational Process and the Modern State: Changing Modes of Socio-Political Organization through Transnationalization. An International Interdisciplinary Workshop,*

24-26 April 2014, University of Trier

- Conference organizer

### *What does Transnationalization do with Sovereignty and the State? Normative Implications and Reconfigurations of Politics,*

Panel at the 7th General Conference of ECPR, Bordeaux  
4.-7. September 2013.

*The Rule of Law in a World of Multilevel Jurisdiction*,  
2 October 2009, HU Berlin

- Coordination and organization

*Human Rights Diplomacy*,  
30/31 January 2009, European Inter-University Centre  
(Venice/Italy)

- Conference organization and coordination

*Aachener Herbstgespräche*  
RWTH Aachen, yearly Lecture series in November/December  
2006, 2007, 2008

- Conference organization and coordination

## Knowledge Transfer

*Martin Luther King und der zivile Ungehorsam*, DLF (Sein und  
Streit), Radiogespräch, 1 April 2018

*AfD-Vertreter am Hannah-Arendt-Institut in Bard*, DLF (Kultur  
heute), Radiogespräch, 25 October 2017

*Make Fakten relevant again*, Panel discussion, Digitaler Salon &  
DRadio Wissen, Berlin, 22 February 2017

*Demokratie und Protest*, Panel discussion, *AG Theorie – Gesell-  
schaft-Politik* of Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Berlin, 4-6 July  
2014

*Hannah Arendt – Movie and Discussion with Winfried Thaa and  
Christian Volk*, Asta-Kulturreferat and Broadway Cinema  
Trier, 14 May 2013

*Menschenrechte - zwischen Utopie und Wirklichkeit*, City Campus.  
Trier's Long Night of the Sciences, 28 September 2012

- Poster presentation, talk, and panel discussion on Human  
rights and Politics in Europe

*Geist und Ungeist der Utopie*, 26/27 March 2010, Bischöflichen  
Akademie Aachen (Aachen/Deutschland)

- Seminar on the topic of political utopia within the frame-  
work of the Academy's program for adult education

Diverse articles in newspapers and magazine (see Publication  
List)

## Training in Didactics and Higher Education

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| 2010 | Workshop on key qualifications „Presentation and rhetoric“ at DFG Research Training Group <i>Multilevel Constitutionalism</i>               |
| 2007 | <i>Designing and Conducting Seminars</i> , Workshop organized by the German National Academic Foundation, Gustav-Stresemann-Institute, Bonn |
| 2004 | Workshop on Didactics, Rhetoric and Teaching Seminars, Rollefferberg, Aachen  |
| 2003 | Workshop on Didactics, Rhetoric and Teaching Seminars, Rollefferberg, Aachen  |

### Languages

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| English: | Excellent knowledge in speech and writing |
| French:  | Basic knowledge in speech and writing     |
| Spanish: | Basic knowledge in speech and writing     |
| Italian: | Basic knowledge in speech                 |
| Latin:   | Latinum                                   |

### Memberships & further activities

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft  
 American Political Science Association  
 International Society of Public Law  
 International Studies Association  
 Association for Social and Political Philosophy

Editor of the series “International Political Theory” with Nomos Publishing House

Founding member of ‘theorieblog – Ein Forum für politische Theorie und Philosophie’, [www.theorieblog.de](http://www.theorieblog.de)

Reviewer and permanent member of the Evaluation board of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

### Review activities

German Research Foundation (DFG), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Politische Vierteljahresschrift, American Political Science Review, Transnational Legal Theory, Zeitschrift für Politische Theorie, Leviathan, Philosophy of History, Political Studies, Ratio Juris, Constellations, Global Constitutionalism, Political Theory, European Journal for Political Theory, Stanford University Press, Polity etc.



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