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CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

AFFILIATION: Department of Urban and Regional Sociology, Institute for Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
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FORMER AFFILIATION: Collaborative Research Centre 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces”

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social Inequality & Segregation within Cities
- Neighborhood Effects
- Spatial Data / GIS / Mapping / Spatial Statistics
- 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

SINCE 04/22	Ph.D. Research fellow (Pre-Doc) HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN, INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL SOCIOLOGY
01/24 - 05/24	Research fellow HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN, INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL SOCIOLOGY Project: Police presence and the perception of safety (Lead: Dr. Andrej Holm) <i>funded by Berlin's State Office for Citizens' and Regulatory Affairs</i>
05/18 - 03/22	Ph.D. Research fellow (Pre-Doc) HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE 1265 “RE-FIGURATION OF SPACES” Project C04: The World Down My Street: Resources and Networks Used by City Dwellers (Lead: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland) <i>funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)</i>
05/20 - 12/21	Research fellow HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN GEORG-SIMMEL CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES (GSZ)

Project: Getting things done in a City on hold. How SARS-COV-2 affected Practices of Urban Care (Lead: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland)
funded by the Berlin University Alliance (“Special Call: Pandemic Research”)

EDUCATION

2024 (EXPECTED)	Ph.D. (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Talja Blokland) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
10/15 - 04/18	Master of Arts (M.A.), SOCIAL SCIENCES Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
08/16 - 06/17	Visiting student Ph.D. program, SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE CENTER at City University of New York , United States
10/11 - 09/15	Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), SOCIAL SCIENCES Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2011	Graduation from High-School Rückert-Gymnasium in Berlin-Schöneberg

PUBLICATIONS

2024	Talking while walking but not with the locals: Social support and domesticity in public space before and during COVID-19 in Berlin, Germany In <i>Journal of Urban Affairs</i> OnlineFirst. DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2024.2326498 (with D.Krüger & T.Blokland)
2023	Roots and routes in neighbourhoods. Length of residence, belonging and public familiarity in Berlin, Germany In <i>Urban Studies</i> 60 (10), pp. 1949–1967. DOI: 10.1177/00420980221136960 (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger & H.Schultze)
2022	Exploring latent neighbourliness: Does turning locally for support in major challenges matter and if it doesn't, then what may? In L. Cheshire (Ed.), <i>Neighbours Around the World. An International Look at the People Next Door</i> (pp. 207-229). Emerald Publishing Limited. DOI: 10.1108/978-1-83909-476-720221012 (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger, H.Schultze, V.Regnault & J.Benz)
2021	Making Sense of Segregation in a Well-Connected City: The Case of Berlin. 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	Where we Turn to. Rethinking networks, urban space and research methods. 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 | **Städtisches Leben während Corona**
In P. Misselwitz & J. Hoerning (Eds.), *Räume in Veränderung - ein visuelles Lesebuch: Ein- und Ausblicke des interdisziplinären Forschungsverbundes zur Refiguration von Räumen* (pp. 26–37). jovis Verlag. (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger, H.Schultze & J.Benz)

WORKING PAPERS

2022 | **Does Rent Control turn Tenants into NIMBYis?**
(with A.Hager & H.Hilbig)

SCIENTIFIC BLOGPOSTS

07/2021 | **Digital care: How social support during the Covid-19 pandemic shifted to the digital and our worries became “surplus value”**
Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with D.Krüger, N.Margies & T.Blokland)

12/2020 | **Leaving the house to talk in private. How COVID19 restrictions affected how and where we find someone to talk to**
Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with T.Blokland & D.Krüger)

05/2020 | **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**
Blog Post CRC 1265 “Re-Figuration of Spaces” (with T.Blokland & D.Krüger)

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Integrated neighborhoods, polarized schools. The patterns of residential and school segregation in Berlin, Germany (Ph.D. thesis, monograph)
- Living small in the big city under lockdown: How urban amenities mattered for the influence of housing conditions on the emotional experience of the COVID19 in Berlin, Germany
(with T.Blokland & A.Holm)
- Redistribution Gone Wrong: How Rent Control Sparks Opposition to State Intervention in the Economy?
(with A.Hager & H.Hilbig)
- Increasing the ‘odds’ for medical encounters in underserved neighborhoods: the segregation of doctors in Berlin
(with D.Krüger)
- Does a neighborhood have a certain size? Neighborhood measurement in survey research and its deviations from institutional definitions
(with M.Sprengholz)
- When Suddenly ‘The eyes on the street’ Disappear: Functional Diversity, Public Familiarity, and Neighborhood Resilience in Berlin under COVID-19
(with T.Blokland)

- 09/2024 **What is your neighborhood and how does it look like? Self-defined concepts of neighborhoods in survey research compared to pre-defined boundaries**
ECSR (European Consortium for Sociological Research) 2024 Conference Barcelona, Spain. (with M.Sprengholz)
- 06/2024 **Integrated neighborhoods, polarized schools? The patterns of residential and (primary) school segregation in Berlin, Germany**
Institut für Qualitätsentwicklung im Bildungswesen (Institute for Educational Quality Improvement) Berlin, Germany (invited).
- 01/2024 **School Choice and School Segregation: the impact of gentrification and housing affordability**
University College London, Faculty of Education and Society (IOE) London, UK (invited).
- 10/2023 **The entanglement of gentrification, housing affordability and school segregation in limited school choice settings**
Gentrification & Displacement. What Can We Do About it? An International Dialogue Boston, US.
- 06/2023 **Rent Increases, Mobility Patterns and School Segregation**
XX World Congress of Sociology of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Melbourne, Australia.
- 02/2023 **Der Zusammenhang von Wohnungskrise, Gentrifizierung und Schulsegregation am Beispiel von Berlin**
Dortmunder Konferenz Raum- und Planungsforschung Dortmund, Germany.
- 10/2022 **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?**
European Sociological Association, Research Network 37 (Urban Sociology). Midterm Conference “Seeing Like a City / Seeing the City Through” Berlin, Germany. (with D.Krüger)
- 08/2022 **The interrelation of housing affordability, gentrification, and school segregation – insights from Berlin, Germany**
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA) Los Angeles, US.
- 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	<p>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</p> <p><i>Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) und Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (ÖGS). Digital Meeting. (with H.Schultze, D.Krüger & T.Blokland)</i></p>
07/2021	<p>Do Neighbourhoods Have Shapes? Studying Urban Practices and the Contours of the Imagined Neighbourhood</p> <p><i>Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association (RC21). Digital Meeting, organized in Antwerp, Belgium. (with T.Blokland, D.Krüger & H.Schultze)</i></p>
03/2021	<p>Talking it Through in the Street – How Berlin Residents Organize Social Support During COVID-19 Restrictions</p> <p><i>Soziologische Perspektiven auf die Coronakrise, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB). Digital Meeting. (with D.Krüger & T.Blokland)</i></p>
09/2020	<p>Führen Gentrifizierungsprozesse zu mehr oder weniger Schulsegregation?</p> <p><i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS). Digital Meeting, organized in Berlin, Germany.</i></p>
09/2019	<p>Breaking up the Ground: Fluidity and Boundedness in Social Networks of Support</p> <p><i>Research Committee 21 of the International Sociological Association (RC21). New Delhi, India. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)</i></p>
08/2019	<p>Profits of Trans/locality? Spatial Segregation and Practices of Organizing Resources in Times of Translocal Mobility and Communication.</p> <p><i>European Sociological Association (ESA). Manchester, UK. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)</i></p>
07/2019	<p>Trans/local: Spatial Variability within Ego-Centered Social Support Networks.</p> <p><i>European Survey Research Association (ESRA). Zagreb, Croatia. (with D.Krüger, H.Schultze & T.Blokland)</i></p>
02/2019	<p>Taking Urbanity Beyond Place: Thoughts on Translocal Networks, Space, and Research Methods.</p> <p><i>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)</i></p>
04/2018	<p>Stacking the Odds: The Intersection of Neighborhood and School Segregation for New York City Schools.</p> <p><i>American Educational Research Association (AERA). New York City, US. (with S.Catsambis)</i></p>

TEACHING

SUMMER 24	<p>Think and Drink Colloquium</p> <p>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN (co-teaching with C.Barwick)</p>
FALL 23/24	<p>Introduction to Scientific Research Methods</p> <p>B.A. SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN</p>

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

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01/17 - 05/17	Data fellow COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT, NEW YORK CITY
06/13 - 07/16	Student Assistant HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN Department of Urban and Regional Sociology (Prof Dr. Talja Blokland)
10/13 - 04/16	Tutor & Teaching Assistant HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN Department of Empirical Social Research (Prof Dr. Johannes Giesecke)

IN MEDIA

- **Interview: Sozialforscher: Soziale Segregation an Berliner Schulen nimmt zu**
In: nd DIE WOCHE. February, 10, 2024, p.26.
- **Interview: Soziale Diversität ist an Berliner Schulen nur schwer herstellbar**
In: Presseportal Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. January, 24, 2024.
- **Guest editorial and data visualization: Die Stadt wird durchmischer, die Schulen polarisierter**
In: Der Tagesspiegel. January, 7, 2024.

- **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

07/2024	<p>Session Organizer: School segregation across the North and South: exploring the interplay between households' choice and public policy <i>International Sociological Association, Research Network 21 (RC 21).</i> Conference "The politics and spaces of encounters: advancing dialogues between and within the Global North and the Global South", Santiago, Chile. (with C.Caciagli, M.Cordini, C.Pacchi, A.Parma & Q.Ramond)</p>
10/2022	<p>Session Organizer: Housing affordability and segregational developments: New Perspectives on neighborhood change <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)</p>
02/2021	<p>Session Organizer: Urban Practices and Urban Institutions: Thoughts on Segregation and the Spatiality of Everyday Resource Organization, Social Networks and Social Capital <i>European Sociological Association, Research Network 37 (Urban Sociology).</i> Midterm Conference, Digital Meeting. (with T.Blokland & D.Krüger)</p>
2020 - 2021	<p>Editorial Team: Blog of the Collaborative Research Centre 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces" (with M.Schinagl, J.Füllung, F.Gülzau & V.Sayman)</p>

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

SOFTWARE (STATISTICAL)	STATA, R
SOFTWARE (GIS)	ArcGIS, QGIS, R
SOFTWARE (OTHER)	L ^A T _E X, MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), MAXQDA
QUESTIONNAIRE 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)