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Education

- 2004- present Ph.D. Student, Yale University (expected August 2009)
Thesis title: "Nature + Nurture = Love? Biological and sociological approaches to the study of parental favoritism and differential parental investment."
- 2008 M.Phil., Sociology, Yale University, USA
- 2006 M.A., Sociology, Yale University, USA
- 2003 Diplom, Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
(Minors: Statistics, Economics)
- 1999 Semester abroad, Lunds Universitet, Sweden

Research Interests

Social Networks Life Course Analysis Social Inequality

Biosociology Social Mechanisms Quantitative Methods

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

Schnettler, S. (2009). "A structured overview of 50 years of small-world research." SOCIAL NETWORKS, doi: [10.1016/j.socnet.2008.12.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2008.12.004).

Peer Reviewed Articles (continued)

Schnettler, S. (2009). “A small world on feet of clay? A comparison of empirical small-world studies against best-practice criteria.” *SOCIAL NETWORKS*, doi: [10.1016/j.socnet.2008.12.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2008.12.005).

Books

Schnettler, S. (2008). “OHNE KINDER ALT WERDEN. DIE SOZIALEN UNTERSTÜTZUNGSBEZIEHUNGEN VON KINDERLOSEN U. ELTERN IN DEUTSCHLAND.” [“Aging without children. The social support relations of the childless and parents in Germany.”] Saarbrücken: VDM.

Book Chapters

Schnettler, S. (2008). “Mythos 'Kleine Welt'? Eine konstruktive Kritik an der Konzeption u. Methodologie der Small World Forschung.” [“The 'small world' myth? A constructive criticism of the conception and methodology of small-world research.”] In: K.-S. Rehberg (Ed.): “DIE NATUR DER GESELLSCHAFT. VERHANDLUNGEN DES 33. KONGRESSES DER DEUTSCHEN GESELLSCHAFT FÜR SOZIOLOGIE IN KASSEL 2006.” Frankfurt/M.: Campus, pp. 798-817.

Mayer, K.U., S. Schnettler, & S. Aisenbrey (Forthcoming). “The process and impacts of educational expansion. Findings from the German Life History Study.” In: A. Hadjar & R. Becker (Eds.): EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED CONSEQUENCES OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION IN EUROPE AND USA – THEORETICAL APPROACHES AND EMPIRICAL FINDINGS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE”. Prisma.

Selected Professional Presentations

- 2009 Invited Talk: “Gezielte Suchprozesse in einer kleinen Welt.” (“Targeted searches in a small world.”) RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM OF THE CHAIR OF EMPIRICAL SOCIAL RESEARCH, PROF. T. HINZ, UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ.
- 2008 “Inequality in old age: A comparison of social support networks of parents and the childless in Germany.” SUMMER MEETING OF THE RC 28 ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION & MOBILITY, INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL AS-

SOCIATION: WORK, POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, PALO ALTO, CA.

- 2007 “Educational expansion and changes in unequal opportunities in West-Germany, 1940-2005.” Findings from the German Life History Study. CONFERENCE ON EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED CONSEQUENCES OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION, ASCONA/SWITZERLAND. (*With K.U. Mayer & S. Aisenbrey*)
- “Putting the course back into the life course. A complementary view on event history, optimal matching, and multilevel models for the analysis of life courses”. ASA METHODOLOGY SECTION MEETING, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, USA (*With A. Fasang & S. Aisenbrey*)
- 2006 Plenary Talk: “Eine konstruktive Kritik an der Konzeption u. Methodologie der 'Small World' Forschung.” (“A constructive criticism of the conception and methodology of 'small world' research”). GERMAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, BIENNIAL MEETING, KASSEL/GERMANY.
- “Small worlds and large organizations.” 1ST INTERNATIONAL SPRING BREAK MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF GROUP RESEARCH, BROOKLYN COLLEGE, NYC. (*With C. Gockel*)
- 2005 & 2006 Poster: “The German Life History Study.” ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION IN MONTREAL, EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN BOSTON. (*With S. Aisenbrey & H. Brueckner*)

Fellowships

- 2008-2009 Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 2008 Camp Mini Grant for Oxford Spring School in Quantitative Methods for Social Research (Prof. Snijders/Everett), University of Oxford, UK
- 2006 Camp Mini Grant for participation in ICPSR Summer School, University of Michigan, USA

- 2003-2008 Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007-2008 Erasmus stipend for study exchange to Lunds Universitet, Sweden

Professional Experience

- 2004-present Fellow, Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course (CIQLE), Yale University, New Haven/CT, USA
- 2004-present Research Assistant, Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course (CIQLE), Yale University, New Haven/CT, USA
Statistical analyses; translations and language editing; preparation of academic presentations; statistical software instruction.
- 2008-present Specialized Freelance Translator Social Sciences
Translated social science manuscripts and questionnaires from German to English.
- 2003-2004 Associate Consultant, Plexus Consulting Group, Washington/DC, USA
Background research for consulting projects (Web-based research, structured phone interviews with company CEOs, preparation and analysis of industry-relevant statistics); presentation of research results in association Board meetings; client acquisition.
- 2000-2003 Research and Teaching Assistant, Freie Universität Berlin, Research Group on Aging and the Life Course (FALL), Germany
Taught a tutorial on comparative European social structure for 2.5 years; assisted in research and teaching for other classes; created and updated teaching and reference materials.
- 2000 Research Assistant, Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Dept. for Social Structure and Social Reporting, Germany
Assisted in research projects and conference preparation; translated study materials from Swedish to German.
- 1999-2000 Research Assistant, German Center for Gerontology Berlin (DZA), Germany
Assisted the coordinating office for the preparation of the third national social report on the situation of the elderly in Germany (3.

Altenbericht).

Teaching Experience

- 2008 (Spring) Teaching Fellow/Grader, Yale University
Survey Methods
- 2007 (Fall) Teaching Fellow, Yale University
Methods of Inquiry
- 2007 (Spring) Teaching Fellow/Instructor for SPSS Lab Sessions, Yale University
Survey Methods
- 2006 (Fall) Teaching Fellow, Yale University
Contemporary American Society
- 2007 (Feb.) Instructor, Dept. of Sociology, Yale University
Intro SAS Workshop for Faculty and Doctoral Students
- 2000- 2003 Instructor, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
Tutorial on European Comparative Social Structure

(students' evaluations are available upon request)

Professional Service

- 2009-present Referee, Social Networks
- 2006-present Referee, Sociological Theory
- 2007-2009 Graduate Affairs and Admissions Committee,
Dept. of Sociology, Yale University
- 2007-2008 Co-representative and student faculty liaison,
Yale Sociology Graduate Students Association (SGS)

2007-2008 Voluntary work for student-run career service for social scientists and students in the humanities (Career Service Network, CSN)

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association

Skills

Language German (native), English (fluent), French (good), Swedish (good)

Computer R, SPSS, SAS, STATA, MS Office, OpenOffice, HTML

References

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