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RESEARCH INTERESTS Critical Theory, Political and Environmental Sociology, Subject Theories, Societal Transformation, Digitalization, Autonomy, Emancipation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2021- November 2021 Maternal Leave

Since October 2020 PhD Fellowship at Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (Research Cluster Socio-Ecological Transformation)

January 2020 to September 2020 Research and Teaching Associate Research Associate at the Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna

Research Project: "Urban Experiments in Socio-Ecological Transformation"

January 2019 to December 2019 Research and Teaching Associate (PhD-Candidate) at the Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna

May 2018 to December 2018 Research Associate at the Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna

Research Project: "Centre for Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity"

EDUCATION

Since January 2019 PhD Program in Economic and Social Sciences at WU Vienna (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

August 2017 Master of Science degree in Social Ecology (with distinction) at the Institute of Social Ecology, Vienna, Alpen Adria-University

Topic of thesis: "Nutrition Transition in Mumbai. A Practice-Theoretical Investigation of Changing Food Consumption in India's Urban Middle Class."

September 2014 Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Sciences at the European University Viadrina

2011 – 2017 Studies of Cultural Sciences and Social Ecology at European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris and Alpen-Adria University in Vienna

PUBLICATIONS

2022: Klimaethik an den Grenzen realpolitischer Machbarkeit. Rezension zu „From Big Oil to Big Green. Holding the Oil Industry to Account for the Climate Crisis“ von Marco Grasso.

Soziopolis: Gesellschaft beobachten.

<https://www.soziopolis.de/klimaethik-an-den-grenzen-realpolitischer-machbarkeit.html>

2020: Entgrenzte Freiheit. Demokratisierung im ökologischen Notstand? IGN-Interventions Febr/2020, INSTITUT FÜR GESELLSCHAFTSWANDEL UND NACHHALTIGKEIT (IGN), Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Austria, (together with Ingolfur Blühdorn).

2020: Entrenzte Freiheit. Über Mündigkeit und die Agenda der Selbstbegrenzung. Soziopolis: Gesellschaft beobachten, (together with Ingolfur Blühdorn). <https://www.soziopolis.de/beobachten/gesellschaft/artikel/entgrenzte-freiheit/>

2019: Befreiung aus der Mü(n)digkeit: Demokratische Krise, flüchtiges Subjekt und digitale Revolution. In: Ursula Baatz (Hg.): DEMOKRATIE! Zumutung oder Zukunft. Die Alternative zu Demokratie ist Demokratie: Doch wie soll sie aussehen?, S. 33-48, (together with Ingolfur Blühdorn).

PUBLICATIONS IN
THE PIPELINE

Autonomy within Digital Surveillance and Manipulation: Digital Enlightenment for a Societal Transformation? (Working Title) (Monography).

Limiting Consumption while maintaining Freedom, Peace and Pleasure? Paradoxes of Introducing Consumption Corridors in Liberal-Democratic Capitalism (together with Deflorian, Michael; Haderer, Margaret; Hausknost, Daniel).

Transformative Capacities of Bottom-up Local Experiments for Democratic, Sustainable Futures: Academic Ascriptions and Initiatives' Self-Conceptions, (together with Haderer, Margaret; Dannemann, Hauke).

CONFERENCES

2023: „Die Verteidigung des Status Quo im Social Web: Authentische Selbstbestimmung in Zeiten multipler Krisenerfahrungen“. Ad-Hoc-Gruppe „Die stabilisierende Funktion von Krisen. Zur Nachhaltigkeit nicht-nachhaltiger Strukturen“, ÖGS-Kongress: Kritische Zeiten, Wien.

2023: „Zur Autonomie im Social Web: Authentische Selbstbestimmung im Nullsummenspiel differierender Wahrheiten“. Panel „Krise und Kritik im Social Web“ Sektion Technik- und Wissenssoziologie, ÖGS-Kongress: Kritische Zeiten, Wien.

2022: Exceeding the Issue of Digital Surveillance and Manipulation: Towards an Investigation of Notions of Autonomy within the Social Web. Panel 'Kant and the Future of Autonomy', European Conference for Political Research, General Conference, Innsbruck, Austria.

2020: Transforming Unsustainable Nature-Society Relations from the Bottom-Up: An Empirical Reconstruction of Scope and Limits of Local Experiments in Socio-Ecological Change, Panel' Stuck in their own Bubble? – Civic Activism and its Dynamics of Social Closure', Back to the Future? European Progressions and Retrogressions ESA 2020 Conference, online, (together with Margaret Haderer and Hauke Dannemann).

2020: Between Normative Ascription and Self-Conception: On the Transformative Thrust of Bottom-Up, Local Experiments for More Democratic and Sustainable Futures, Panel' Democratic Futures and Sustainable Possibilism', European Conference for Political Research, General Conference, online, (together with Hauke Dannemann).

2020: The Awesome Life: Why Degrowthers Need to Talk about the Feeling of Entropy, Degrowth Vienna 2020: Strategies for Social-Ecological Transformation, Panel 'Limits, Ethics, Unsustainability and Change' online (together with Michael Deflorian).

2019: „Gutes Leben, geiles Leben. Das Subjekt zwischen dem Wunsch nach Nachhaltigkeit und dem Reiz des Nicht-Nachhaltigen“, Panel „Gutes Leben, geiles Leben. Zur Attraktivität und Dialektik (nicht-)nachhaltiger Lebensweisen“, DFG-Konferenz Great Transformation: Zur Zukunft moderner Gesellschaften, Jena, (together with Deflorian, Michael; Haderer, Margaret; Hausknost, Daniel).

MEMBERSHIP European Consortium for Political Research, International Sociology Association

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