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**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Transformation of Democratic Consumer Societies, Environmental and Sustainability Politics, Social Movements, Emancipatory Politics, Eco-political Theory, Social Theory, Theory of Democracy

**KEY CONCEPTS** Post-Democratic Turn, Post-Ecologist Turn, Second-Order Emancipation  
Politics of Simulation, Simulative Democracy  
Post-Ecologist Politics, Politics of Unsustainability  
Legitimation Crisis of Democracy, Post-Democratic Constellation

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**2001 – 2005** Senior Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies, University of Bath (GB)

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**1992 – 1995** Lecturer in European Studies, Department of European Studies, De Montfort University Leicester (GB)

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- Post-Ecologist Politics. Social Theory and the Abdication of the Ecologist Paradigm*, London/New York: Routledge, 2000.
- 'An Offer one Might Prefer to Refuse. The Systems Theoretical Legacy of Niklas Luhmann', in: *European Journal of Social Theory*, 3/3 (2000), pp.339-354
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