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

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

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EDUCATION

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PUBLICATIONS



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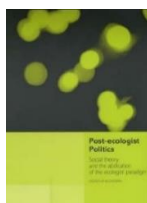
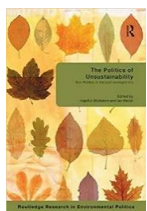
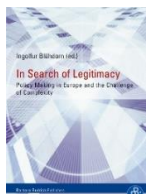
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