

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **PERSONAL DATA**

Place of Birth: Aurich (Lower Saxony, Germany)  
Citizenship: German

## **CURRENT POSITION**

*09/2018-today*      Oberassistent  
Chair „Sociology, focus Media and Networks“  
Professorship: Sophie Mützel, Ph.D.

## **EDUCATION**

*09/2011-08/2018*      University of Washington, Seattle (USA)  
Ph.D. Program: Sociology

*10/2004-09/2010*      University of Leipzig (Germany)  
Magister Artium: Sociology  
Minors: Psychology, Communication and media studies  
Overall grade: *with distinction*

*08/2008-05/2009*      University of Arizona, Tucson (USA)  
Student Exchange, Academic Studies at the Graduate Level  
Department of Sociology and Eller College of Management

*08/1993-06/2000*      Secondary School: Gymnasium Ulricianum, Aurich

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Comparative Historical Sociology, Economic Sociology, Organizations, Social Networks, Theory

## PUBLICATIONS

Wurpts, Bernd: Social Networks in the Economy: Challenges and Best Practice from Historical Sociology. Forthcoming in: *The Power of Networks. Prospects of Historical Network Research*. Edited by Florian Kerschbaumer, Linda van Keyserlingk, Martin Stark, and Marten Düring. Publisher: Routledge, 2018.

Wurpts, Bernd, Corcoran, Katie E., and Pfaff, Steven: The Diffusion of Protestantism in Northern Europe: Historical Embeddedness and Complex Contagions in the Adoption of the Reformation. *Social Science History* Volume 42 (2): 213-244, 2018.

Wurpts, Bernd: Soziale Netzwerke und soziales Kapital bei der Zahnarztsuche. (Social Networks and Social Capital in the Search for a Dentist.) *IDZ Information* (since 2018 titled *Zahnmedizin, Forschung und Versorgung*) 3/2011.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Wurpts, Bernd: Selten angeklickt. Die Rolle des Internets bei der Zahnarztsuche. *IGZ Die Alternative*. 1/2012: 18-19.

## SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE

Reports of my article published in IDZ-Information (since 2018 titled *Zahnmedizin, Forschung und Versorgung*)

- dens. Mitteilungsblatt der Zahnärztekammer und Kassenzahnärztlichen Vereinigung Mecklenburg-Vorpommern 11/2011: 25.
- Geschäftsbericht der Kassenzahnärztlichen Bundesvereinigung 2011/2012.
- Praxismanagement 2012, Website M+W Dental.
- zm. Zahnärztliche Mitteilungen 5/2012: 48.
- Thüringer Zahnärzte Blatt 04/2013: 6-7.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Wurpts, Bernd, and Stovel, Katherine W.: From Plague to Politics: Local Institutions, Will Making Networks and the Emergence of the Medieval Hansa.

Wurpts, Bernd: The Duality of Specialization in Trade: Affiliation Networks in Northern Markets at the Origins of Western Capitalism.

Wurpts, Bernd: Simmel's Last Theory of Group Persistence: A Clarification and Critical Analysis.

Wurpts, Bernd: Trade Networks and Institutionalization Failure in Medieval Lübeck, 1311-1361.

Wurpts, Bernd: Testing Simmel's Theory on Group Persistence: Elite Networks and Institutional Development in the Medieval Hansa, 1356-1516.

## **CONFERENCES/ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

*03/2018* Network Coping and Institutional Emergence: The Black Death and the Emergence of the Medieval Hansa, 1358 (with Kate Stovel), ASREC 2018, Paper Session: Historical Origins of Institutions, in Orange, California (USA)

*11/2017* The Diffusion of Protestantism in Northern Europe: Historical Embeddedness and Complex Contagions in the Adoption of the Reformation (with Katie Corcoran and Steve Pfaff), SSHA Annual Meeting, Paper Session: The Flow of Time in History, in Montreal, Quebec (Canada)

*08/2016* Testing Simmel's Theory on Group Persistence: Elite Networks and Institutional Development in the Medieval Hansa, 1356-1516, ASA Annual Meeting, Panel: Directions in Relational Sociology, in Seattle, Washington (USA)

*04/2016* Trade Networks and Institutionalization Failure in Medieval Lübeck, 1311-1361, INSNA Sunbelt Conference, in Newport Beach, California (USA)

*07/2014* Plague and Position: The Black Death and the Emergence of the Medieval Hansa (with Kate Stovel), EUSN Conference, in Barcelona, Catalonia (Spain)

*06/2014* Plague and Position: The Black Death and the Emergence of the Medieval Hansa (with Kate Stovel), INAS Conference, in Mannheim, Baden-Württemberg (Germany)

- 02/2014* Plague and Position: The Black Death and the Emergence of the Medieval Hansa (with Kate Stovel), INSNA Sunbelt Conference, in St. Petersburg, Florida (USA)
- 04/2012* Social Capital and Finding a Doctor: Do contacts matter? Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of Washington in Seattle, Washington (USA)
- 04/2010* Social Capital and Finding a Doctor: Do contacts matter? Kolloquium für Sozialtheorie, University of Leipzig, in Leipzig, Saxony (Germany)

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

American Journal of Sociology (2 articles)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA), Sections: Comparative Historical Sociology, Economic Sociology, Theory; International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA); Social Science History Association (SSHA), Economic History Association (EHA)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS**

- 11/2017* SSHA/Tilly Graduate Student Travel Award, SSHA Conference
- 05/2014* GSFEI Graduate Student Travel Award, EUSN Conference
- 02/2014* CSSS Travel Grant, INSNA Sunbelt Networks Conference
- 08/2008-05/2009* Fulbright Commission Travel Grant, Student Exchange at U of A

## **WORKSHOPS**

- 06/2017* IRES Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University in Orange, California (USA)
- 03/2016* „Introduction to the Economics of Religion“ Graduate Student Workshop/ASREC 2016, IRES (Chapman University), in Orange, California (USA)

## **WORK**

- 06/2015-today* Instructor, University of Washington (Sociology)  
- Economy and Society: 2 Quarters  
- Statistical Concepts and Methods for Social Sciences: 2 Quarters  
Function: Teach lectures, grading, maintenance of course website
- 09/2011-today* Teaching Assistant, University of Washington (Sociology)  
- Comparative Social Change: 3 Quarters  
- Statistical Concepts and Methods for Social Sciences: 1 Quarter  
- Sociological Theory: 7 Quarters  
- Foundations of Social Inquiry: 2 Quarters  
- Drugs and Society: 1 Quarter  
- Criminology: 2 Quarter  
- Sociology of Religion: 2 Quarters  
- Population and Society: 1 Quarter  
Function: Teach sections, grading
- 05-06/2011* Freelance Collaborator, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)  
Function: Generate matrices for network analysis, initial analyses

## **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

- 08/2002-07/2004* Professional training as advertising merchant  
- in-firm training at Schlasse GmbH. Für Kommunikation in Wuppertal, a full-service advertising agency  
- school providing vocational education: Walter-Eucken-Berufskolleg in Düsseldorf  
Functions: account consulting, client counseling (B2B & B2C)

## **INTERNSHIPS**

- 09/2007-10/2007* Institut für Marktforschung in Leipzig  
*Market research company*  
Function: survey, data input, analysis and interpretation
- 08/2001-07/2002* Schlasse GmbH. Für Kommunikation in Wuppertal  
*Advertising agency*  
Function: media planning, production of advertising material

## **SELECTED SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATION**

<i>2013-2014</i>	CSSS Representative/CSSS Liaison
<i>2009-2011</i>	Fulbright Community in Leipzig
<i>2004-2006</i>	WILMA ( <a href="http://www.wilma-leipzig.de">www.wilma-leipzig.de</a> ) - organization of volunteer students who take care of foreign students in Leipzig
<i>09/2000-05/2001</i>	Civilian service at surgical ambulance and emergency room
<i>08/1998-06/2000</i>	Class representative of advanced course in French at Gymnasium
<i>05/1995</i>	Student exchange and guest family stay in Grasse (French high school)

## **COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

Work mostly in R, also Stata, Ucinet and Pajek

## **LANGUAGES**

German (native), English (fluent), Frisian (good/very good), French (7 years in high school), Latin (2 quarters in college)

## **REFERENCES**

Prof. Sophie Mützel (habilitation adviser), [sophie.muettel@unilu.ch](mailto:sophie.muettel@unilu.ch)

Prof. Katherine Stovel (dissertation adviser, department chair), [stovel@uw.edu](mailto:stovel@uw.edu)

Prof. Steven Pfaff (dissertation committee member), [pfaff@uw.edu](mailto:pfaff@uw.edu)

Prof. Edgar Kiser (dissertation committee member), [kiser@uw.edu](mailto:kiser@uw.edu)