

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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Education

- 09/2021 – 12/2022 **University of Amsterdam**, The Netherlands
Amsterdam School of Communication Research
Assistant Professor of "The Human Factor in New Technologies"
Project: *Democratic Implications of AI – A Human-centric Approach*
- 09/2021 – 12/2022 **University of Amsterdam**, The Netherlands
Amsterdam School of Communication Research, Research Priority Area Human(e) AI
Post-Doc in Political Communication & Humane AI (Prof. Claes de Vreese)
Project: *Democratic Implications of AI – A Human-centric Approach*
- 09/2018 – 09/2021 **Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf**, Germany
Department of Social Sciences
Post-Doc in Political Communication (Prof. Frank Marcinkowski)
Project: *Algorithmic Fairness, Discourse Data for Policy*
- 10/2017 – 09/2018 **Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf**, Germany
Department of Social Sciences
PhD-Student in Political Communication
Project: *European Solidarity under Scrutiny: Empirical Evidence for the Effects of Media Identity Framing* (Monograph, Prof. Frank Marcinkowski)
- 10/2012 – 09/2017 **University of Münster**, Germany
Department of Communication
PhD-Student in Political Communication (Prof. Frank Marcinkowski)
- 04/2010 - 10/2012 **University of Music, Drama & Media Hanover**, Germany
Department of Journalism and Communication Research
Master of Arts (M.A.). Media Management (Prof. Helmut Scherer)
- 01/2009 - 06/2009 **Université Stendhal 3 Grenoble**, France
Study visit as part of an ERASMUS scholarship
- 10/2006 - 04/2010 **University of Music, Drama & Media Hanover**, Germany
Department of Journalism and Communication Research
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.). Media Management (Prof. Beate Schneider)

Affiliations & Research Visits

- 05/2022 **Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS)**, Paris, France
Visiting Research Fellow

Collaboration with Dr. Oksana Huss, Dr. Nils Köbis, Dr. Marina Povitkina, Dr. Ilona Wyszulek

Since 10/2019 **Heine Center for Artificial Intelligence & Data Science (HeiCAD)**, Germany
Affiliated Alumni
Co-PI of research project *Factual & Perceived Fairness of AI Decision-Making*

Since 09/2018 **Düsseldorf Institute for Internet & Democracy (DIID)**, Germany
Affiliated Alumni
Co-PI of research project *Discourse Data 4 Policy*

02/2016 – 03/2016 **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**, Greece
Department of Communication
Research & Teaching Visit
Collaboration with Prof. Stylianos Papathanassopoulos

External Funding

05/2024 – 05/2029 **Rescuing Democracy from Political Corruption in Digital Societies (RESPOND)**
Principal Investigator, Horizon Europe project funded by the *European Commission*

07/2023 – 07/2024 **Understanding the Human in the Loop: Behavioral Insights to Develop Responsible Algorithms (HUMAINE)**
Principal Investigator, collaboration with behavioral economists, project funded by the *UvA IP theme “Responsible Digital Transformations”*

03/2021 – 02/2024 **Responsible Academic Performance Prediction: Factual and Perceived Fairness of Algorithmic Decision-Making (FAIR/HE)**
Principal Investigator, collaboration with computer scientists, project funded by the *German Federal Ministry for Education & Research*

08/2020 – 10/2022 **Discourse Data 4 Policy: AI-based Understanding of Online Discourses for Evidence-based Policy-Making (DD4P)**
Principal Investigator, collaboration with computer scientists, project funded by the *Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf*

01/2020 – 01/2023 **Corruption & Anti-Corruption in Empirical Research: Critical Reflections on Concepts, Data & Methods**
Principal Investigator, funded by the *Constructive Advanced Thinking Initiative*
Budget: 13.500€

Other Activities

ongoing **Guest Editor of the Special Issue “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on AI (Un)fairness” with Minds & Machines (Springer)**
(together with Prof Dr. Tobias Blanke, Prof Dr. Natali Helberger, Prof Dr. Sonja Smets, Prof Dr. Claes de Vreese, all University of Amsterdam)

10/2022 **Guest Editor of the [F1000 research series on AI & Democracy](#) (Taylor & Francis)**

(together with Dr. Zach Bastick, University of Oxford)

Since 03/2019

KickBack – The Global Anticorruption Podcast

Co-founder & co-host of a podcast on (anti-)corruption (>70.000 total listeners), guests include world-leading corruption researchers, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalists, UN whistleblowers

Collaborators: Prof. Matthew Stephenson (Harvard Law School), Dr. Nils Köbis (Max Planck Institute)

08/2016 – 12/2018

EU-Russia Civil-Society Forum

Member of the expert group '*Fighting Transborder Corruption*', network of researchers and investigative journalists for understanding and exposing corruption

Reviewer Activities

Nature Human Behavior, Science Advances, New Media & Society, Big Data & Society, Digital Journalism, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Government Information Quarterly, Journal of Business Ethics, Political Studies, Information Processing and Management, German Federal Ministry for Education & Research (Funding Initiative: *Social Cohesion in Europe*), Annual Conference of the ICA (Political Communication Section)

Awards & Honors

2021: Young Researcher Award for the best paper on sociological network research of the German Society for Sociology (section "Sociological Network Research")

2018: Best Paper Award of the journal *Studies in Communication Sciences*