

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Director

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIETIES • Cologne since 2005

### Member of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE • Cologne since 2020

### Member of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE • Cologne since 2005

### Professor of Sociology (C 4)

GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN • Göttingen 2003-2005

### Associate Professor of Sociology

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BREMEN • Bremen 2002-2003

### John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow

HARVARD UNIVERSITY • Center for European Studies • Cambridge MA. 2001-2002

**Research Fellow** (Habilitationstipendiat) of Deutsche  
Forschungsgemeinschaft at FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

1999-2001

### Junior Faculty Member (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter)

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • John F. Kennedy Institute • Berlin 1993-1999

### Visiting Research Fellow

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • Department of Sociology • Princeton, N.J. 1994-1995

### Research Assistant

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • Department of Sociology • Berlin 1991-1993

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## EDUCATION

*Degrees:*

### Habilitation in Sociology

*Unearned Wealth. A Comparative Sociology of Inheritance Law.*

Venia Legendi in Sociology

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY

July 2003

**Dr. phil. in Sociology***Cooperation, Uncertainty, Innovation. Action-theoretic Preconditions for the Explanation of Economic Efficiency.*

Grade: "magna cum laude".

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY

July 1996

**Master of Business Administration (Dipl.-Kfm)**

(focus areas: Organization Theory, Strategic Business Planning, Labor Economics)

Grade: "excellent" ("sehr gut").

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN • BERLIN/GERMANY

Nov. 1993

**M.A. in Sociology**

(focus areas: Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Theory)

Grade: "with honors".

NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH • NEW YORK, N.Y.

May 1991

**Abitur (University Entrance Qualification)**

Grade: „excellent“ (1,1).

ALBERT SCHWEITZER GYMNASIUM • OFFENBACH a.M.

June 1986

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**VISTING RESEARCH STAYS**

NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH • New York • Theodor-Heuß-Professor

Sept.19-May 20

INSTITUT D'ETUDES AVANCEES (IEA) • Paris • Fellow

Sept 2018

SCIENCES PO • Paris • Visiting Researcher

Sep. 15-June 16

INSTITUT D'ETUDES AVANCEES (IEA) • Paris • Fellow

Oct.12-June 13

SCIENCES PO • Centre de Sociologie des Organisations (CSO) • Paris  
Visiting Researcher

Nov. 08-Jan. 09

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE • Florence  
Fernand Braudel Fellow

Oct. 07-Jan. 08

CORNELL UNIVERSITY • New York  
Luigi Einaudi Chair

April 2007

HARVARD UNIVERSITY • Center for European Studies •  
Cambridge MA., John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow

Sept. 01-Jun. 02

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY • Department of Sociology • Princeton, N.J.  
Visiting Research Fellow

Sept. 94-July 95

## HONORS

<i>Academy Memberships</i>	Member of the Academia Europaea / The Academy of Europe	since 2021
	Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities	since 2010
	Member of the „Junge Akademie“ at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities	2000-2005
<i>Fellowships:</i>	Fernand Braudel Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence/ Italy	Oct.07-Jan.08
	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge MA	2001-2002
	German American Center for Visiting Scholars, Washington	Jan.-Mar. 2000
	Carl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler-Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	1994-1995
	University Fellowship - NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH	1990-1991
	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship	1989-1990
	Fellow of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Scholarship Foundation)	1987-1993
<i>Awards:</i>	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz-Preis of Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), awarded on March 1, 2018 in Berlin	2018
	Prize of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities - donated by Commerzbank Foundation -	2005
	Herbert Weichmann Medaille - Prize for young journalists in Germany - donated by Körber Stiftung Hamburg -	1987
<i>Prizes awarded for publications:</i>	Nominated for the German Non-Fiction Prize for "Verkaufte Zukunft: Warum der Kampf gegen den Klimawandel zu scheitern droht" (Suhrkamp 2024)	2024
	Nominated for the Leipzig Book Fair Prize in the category non-fiction/essay for "Verkaufte Zukunft: Warum der Kampf gegen den Klimawandel zu scheitern droht" (Suhrkamp 2024)	2024
	Karl Polanyi Prize by the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS). Award for "Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics" (HUP, 2016)	2018
	Honorable Mention of Beckert, Jens, 2016: Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics (Cambridge: HUP) for the 2017 Zelizer Award for Best Book in Economic Sociology	2017

Finalist for the George R. Terry Award 2017 of the Academy of Management: Beckert, Jens, 2016: Imagined Futures. Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics (Cambridge: HUP)	2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for articles in the social sciences of the year 2014: Akyel, Dominic/Jens Beckert, 2014: Pietät und Profit – Kultureller Wandel und Marktentstehung am Beispiel des Bestattungsmarktes. In: <i>Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie</i> , 66, 425-444	2015
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for articles in the social sciences of the year 2007: Beckert, Jens/Mark Lutter, 2007: Wer spielt, hat schon verloren? Zur Erklärung des Nachfrageverhaltens auf dem Lottomarkt. In: <i>Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie</i> 59, 240-270	2008
Best Law Book of the Year: Jens Beckert „Unverdientes Vermögen“. Frankfurt : Campus 2004. - Neue Juristische Wochenschrift 46/2005 –	2005

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#### EDITORSHIPS/EDITORIAL BOARDS

<i>Editor:</i>	European Journal of Sociology	since 2010
	Socio-Economic Review	2006-2010
	Economic Sociology. European Electronic Newsletter	2001-2002
<i>Editorial Boards:</i>	Historical Social Research, Consulting Editor	since 2019
	Palgrave book series on Literature, Culture and Economics, Advisory Board	since 2017
	Managementforschung, Editorial Board	2016-2018
	Socio-Economic Review, Advisory Committee	since 2017
	Socio-Economic Review, Editorial Board	2010-2016
	VS-Verlag, Reihe Wirtschaft + Gesellschaft, Editorial Board	since 2007
	Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Advisory Board, Theorie und Gesellschaft, Campus Verlag, Co-Editor	2006-2022
	Geschichte und Gesellschaft. Zeitschrift für Historische Sozialwissenschaft, Editorial Board	since 2006
	European Studies Forum, Editorial Board	2006-2009
Economic Sociology. European Electronic Newsletter, Editorial Board	since 1999	

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