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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2009: PhD (Dr. phil. in Sociology), Witten/Herdecke, Germany. Dissertation (summa cum laude): „Social Forms. Methodology, Communication, Differentiation.“

2002: Diploma (Social Sciences), magna cum laude, University of Wuppertal, Germany. Thesis prized in 2003 by the „Gesellschaft der Freunde der Bergischen Universität“ (GFBU).

Positions

Currently Research Assistant at the Chair of Sociology of Technology and Organization, RWTH Aachen University.

2007-2009: Lecturer and Research Assistant in Sociology, RWTH Aachen University.

2002-2007: Research Assistant at the Chair of Sociology, University of Witten/Herdecke.

Areas of Interest

Sociological theory, organizations, networks, systems, management, form modeling, cognitive sociology, boundaries.

Publications

Risiken, ihre Organisation und die Technik ihrer Vermeidung [Risks, their Organization, and the Technology of their Avoidance], in: *Revue für postheroisches Management*, Heft 1, 2010, S. 116-119.

Soziale Formen. Fortführung eines soziologischen Programms [Social Forms. Continuing a Sociological Program], Bielefeld: transcript, 2010.

Entkopplung und Kopplung. Wie die Netzwerktheorie zur Bestimmung sozialer Grenzen beitragen kann [Decoupling and Coupling: How Network Theory Can Attribute to Ascertaining Social Boundaries], in: Roger Häußling (Hrsg.), *Grenzen von Netzwerken*, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, 2009.

Systemdifferenzierung und Systemtypen [Systems Differentiation and Types of Systems], Module V of the distant learning course “Systemic Management”, Center for Distance Studies and Continuing Education, Kaiserslautern, 2006.

Soziale Systeme [Social Systems], Module III of the distant learning course “Systemic Management”, Center for Distance Studies and Continuing Education, Kaiserslautern, 2005.

Alles nur Dienstleistung? Das sozialpolitische Aufgabenprofil der Arbeitgeberverbände in Gegenwart und Zukunft [Is Service a Panacea? The Socio-political Task-profile of Employers’ Associations in Present and Future], final report of a research project on behalf of the Employers’ Associations in Ruhr/Westfalen, Witten, 2005.

Die Hotelgesellschaft [Hotel Society], in: *Studium fundamentale* 03/04, Beiblatt, 2003.

Organisation als generalisiertes Medium der modernen Gesellschaft [Organization: A Generalized Medium of Modern Society], Diploma Thesis, Wuppertal, 2002.

Journalism

Bilder zu Immobilien [Immobile Canvases], in: *die tageszeitung nrw*, 26./27. Februar 2005, p. 3.

Translations

All translations from english to german. All published in Dirk Baecker (ed.), *Schlüsselwerke der Systemtheorie* [Key Works in Systems Theory], Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, 2005.

Stephan Fuchs, Handlung ist System [Action is System], on Talcott Parsons’ “The Social System”, pp. 51-53.

Ranulph Glanville, Lernen ist Interaktion, [Learning is Interaction], on Gordon Pask’s “An Approach to Cybernetics”, pp. 75-94.

Louis Kauffman, Das Prinzip der Unterscheidung [The Principle of Distinction], on George Spencer Brown’s “Laws of Form”, pp. 173-190.

Bernard Scott, Selbstbeobachtung [Self-Observation], on Ranulph Glanville’s “Objekte”, pp. 325-346.

Interviews

Fit für die Zukunft [Fit for the Future], eMail Interview on employers’ associations with Athanasios Karafillidis, in: *randstad korrespondent* 36 (2), March 2006, pp. 2-3.

Organizing Failures, Nils Brunsson on Management and Organization, interviewed by Athanasios Karafillidis, in: *Revue für postheroisches Management* 1/07, pp. 37-43.

Presentations

Organisieren ist Re-formieren. Die Medialisierung der Organisation [Organizing ist Re-Forming. The Medialization of Organization], Conference „Organisationen im Chaos?“ of the the formed DGS-Section „Organisationssoziologie“, 14.-15. October 2011, Potsdam.

Management: Situationen, Breakdowns, Mikromomente [Management: Situations, Breakdowns, Micromoments], Summer School „Next Society“, 30. June-03. July 2011, Friedrichshafen.

Epistemologie des Netzwerks [Epistemology of Network], Spring Conference „Netzwerke zwischen Gesellschaft und sozialen Situationen“ of the DGS-Sections „Soziologische Netzwerkforschung“ and „Soziologische Theorie“, 20.-21. May 2011, Aachen.

Social Divisions and Identities out of Boundary Events: Playing, Organizing, and Conflicting, presentation at the BSA Annual Conference 2011 in London, 6-8 April.

The Autopoiesis of Society: Some Theoretical Considerations and Methodological Implications for the Study of Organizations, Keynote address at the 6th HSSS National & International Conference “Systemic Approaches in Social Structures”, 23-26 June, 2010 in Mitilini, Lesvos Island, Greece.

Networks and Boundaries, International Symposium on the Relational Sociology of Harrison C. White, Berlin, September 25th, 2008.

Wie die Netzwerktheorie zur Bestimmung sozialer Grenzen beitragen kann [How network theory can contribute in ascertaining social boundaries], Spring Conference of the AG Netzwerkforschung of the DGS (German Sociological Society) „Grenzen von Netzwerken“, ZKM-Vortragssaal, Karlsruhe, May 15th, 2008.

Management in Situationen [Management in Situations], Sociological Colloquium (Dirk Backer), Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, October 25th, 2007.

Kommunikation und Kausalität: Black Boxes, Nicht-triviale Maschinen und Beobachter [Communication and Causality: Black Boxes, Non-trivial Machines, and Observers], Congress „Impuls und Wirkung“, Kunsthaus Zürich, Switzerland, June 1st, 2007.

Planung und Kommunikation [Planning and Communication], Ten-year anniversary Belz GmbH, Zürich, Switzerland, September 15th, 2005.

Systemtheorie der Organisation [Systems Theory of Organization], Seminar “Theories and Concepts of Organization” (Gert Schäfer and Björn Thies), Institute for Political Science, University of Hannover, July 6th, 2004.

Medientheoretische Ergänzungen zu einer Gesellschaftstheorie der Organisation [Media Extension for a Societal Theory of Organization], Colloquium on Organizational Sociology (Thomas Kurtz, Veronika Tacke, Hendrik Vollmer, Christof Wehrsig), University of Bielefeld, January 22nd, 2003.

Reviewer

Soziale Systeme. Zeitschrift für soziologische Theorie

Time & Society

Working Papers in progress

Boundaries Out of Events: Conflicting, Gaming, Organizing.

Management: Microbreakdowns in Every Situation

Networks and Boundaries

f (Rahmung): Die Technik der Ausstellung [Frahming: The Technique of Exposition]

The Form of Management Situations

Planung und Kommunikation [Planning and Communication]

Falling Asleep and Waking Up: Social Determination of Sleep

Teaching

Medien der Kommunikation [Media of Communication], WS 2011/2012, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziale Grenzen [Social Boundaries], WS 2011/2012, RWTH Aachen University.

Identität und Kontrolle [Identity and Control], SS 2011, RWTH Aachen University.

Systemtheorie der Organisation [Systems Theory of Organization], SS 2011, RWTH Aachen University.

Formale Soziologie [Formal Sociology], WS 2010/2011, RWTH Aachen University.

Grenzen der Organisation [Boundaries of Organization], WS 2010/2011, RWTH Aachen University.

Organisation und Gesellschaft [Organization and Society], SS 2010, RWTH Aachen University.

Netzwerktheorie [Network Theory], SS 2010, RWTH Aachen University.

Organisation und Technik [Organization and Technology], WS 09/10, RWTH Aachen University.

Künstliche Intelligenz [Artificial Intelligence], WS 09/10, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziologie des Managements [Sociology of Management], SS 09, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziologische Theorien II, Übung [Sociological Theories II, Exercise Course], SS 09, RWTH Aachen University.

Kognitive Soziologie [Cognitive Sociology], WS 08/09, RWTH Aachen University.

Bruno Latours „Eine neue Soziologie für eine neue Gesellschaft“ [Bruno Latour's „Reassembling the Social“], WS 08/09, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziologische Theorien I, Übung [Sociological Theories I, Exercise Course], WS 08/09, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziologie der Organisation [Sociology of Organization], SS 08, RWTH Aachen University.

Management und Organisationen [Management and Organizations], WS 07/08, Bielefeld University.

Organisation, Netzwerk, Gesellschaft [Organization, Network, Society], WS 07/08, RWTH Aachen University.

Soziologische Theorie [Sociological Theory], WS 07/08, RWTH Aachen University.

Systemtheorie [Systems Theory] (2006/2007), with Dirk Baecker, University of Witten/Herdecke.

Niklas Luhmann's Theory of Society (2004/2005), University of Witten/Herdecke.

Tutorial „Einführung in die Managementtheorie“ [Introduction to Management Theory], based on a lecture by Dirk Baecker (2003), University of Witten/Herdecke.

Collegiate Consulting and Research Projects

(Projects were all conducted at the Chair of Sociology in Witten/Herdecke University and comprise seminars, interviews, workshops, and final reports)

Merger in Social Banking (2003)

The Phenomenon of Shrinking Spaces (2003)

A Task-Profile of Regional Employer's Associations (2004/2005)

The Corporate Culture of an Automobile Club (2006)

Regional Budgeting for Psychiatric Institutions (2006/2007)

An Evaluation Instrument for Cultural Institutions (2006/2007)

Occupational Experience

2004-present: Management Center Witten (MZW), Berlin.

2000-2002: Institute für Consulting and Training GmbH (IBT), Schwelm

1999: Arbeit Innovation Qualifikation e.V. [Work Innovation Qualification], Social Scientific Institute, Dortmund.