
Curriculum Vitæ

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Research Interests

Economic inequality, perceptions of and beliefs about economic inequality, political preferences, digitalisation, digital inequalities, quantitative methods.

Academic Positions

- 01/2023— Postdoctoral researcher
Chair of Social Stratification and Inequality Research (Roland Verwiebe),
University of Potsdam
– 01/2026-10/2026 parental leave
– 11/2023-09/2024 parental leave
- 03/2021–11/2023 Postdoctoral researcher
Project 'Cohesion in Europe - Perceptions and Fields of Action (perzepEU)',
Hertie School, Berlin
- 09/2022–12/2022 Visiting fellow
International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
- 11/2019–02/2021 Research associate
Chair of Social Stratification and Inequality Research (Roland Verwiebe),
University of Potsdam
- 02/2012–12/2016 Student assistant
Collaborative Research Centre *Political Economy of Reforms* (Bernhard Ebbinghaus; J. Timo Weishaupt) / Chair of Macrosociology (Bernhard Ebbinghaus), University of Mannheim

Education

- 09/2016–11/2021 Dr. rer. pol. (*summa cum laude*), Hertie School, Berlin
Title: *The role of perceived economic inequality in the formation of political preferences* (committee: Anke Hassel, Tobias Wolbring, Bernhard Kittel, Roland Verwiebe)
- 08/2014–08/2016 Sociology M.A., University of Mannheim
- 08/2011–07/2014 Sociology (minor: Economics) B.A., University of Mannheim

Publications (peer-reviewed)

Kalleitner, F., L. Bobzien. *forthcoming*. How much is home worth? Subjective housing wealth and life satisfaction in Germany. (*Special Issue on Perceptions of Wealth Inequality in Historical Social Research.*)

Weissmann, S. & L. Bobzien. *forthcoming*. The Gender Gap on YouTube: Unpacking Gender Inequality in Content Creator Earnings. (*Special Issue*

in Soziale Welt: Computational Social Science: Current Trends and State of the Art.)

Bobzien, L., Verwiebe, R. & F. Kalleitner. 2025. Visualizing age-specific digital platform usage in Germany. *Socius*. 11.

Kalleitner, F., Schlogl, L. & L. Bobzien. 2025. How much for whom? Explaining Preferences for Short-time Work and Unemployment Benefits. *Journal of European Social Policy*. 35(1). 83-97.

Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A., Adem, M., Adriaans, J., Akdeniz, E., ... & Slegers, W. (2025). The reliability of replications: a study in computational reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science*, 12(3), 241038.

Kalleitner, F. & L. Bobzien. 2024. Taxed fairly? How differences in perception shape attitudes towards progressive taxation. *European Sociological Review*. 40(3). 535-548.

Bobzien, L. 2023. Income Inequality and Political Trust: Do Fairness Perceptions Matter? *Social Indicators Research*. 169(1-2), 505-528.

Breznau, N. et al. 2022. Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(44). e2203150119.

Bobzien, L. & F. Kalleitner. 2021. Attitudes towards European financial solidarity during the covid-19 pandemic: Evidence from a net-contributor country. *European Societies*. 23(1). 791-804.

Bobzien, Licia. 2020. Polarized perceptions, polarized preferences? Understanding the relationship between inequality and preferences for redistribution. *Journal of European Social Policy* 30(2). 206-224.

Contributions to edited volumes and blog posts (selection)

Bobzien, L. and Verwiebe, R., Linking beliefs in meritocracy and inequality concerns: perceived inequality as mediator, in F. Duina and L. Storti (eds.), *The Social Acceptance of Inequality: On the Logics of a More Unequal World*, Oxford University Press, 2025.

Hassel, A., L. Bobzien. 2022. Interview on the project *perzepEU* funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research: 'Cohesion in the EU: Perceptions and fields of action.' (*in german*)

Kalleitner, F., L. Schlogl, L. Bobzien. 2022. Who should get how much? Preferences for social benefits for short-time work and unemployment (*in german*).

Bobzien, L., F. Kalleitner, L. Schlogl. 2022. income \neq income? Should income from labour, savings, and income from real estate be taxed differently? (*in german*)

Kalleitner, F., L. Bobzien. 2020. European solidarity during the COVID 19 pandemic? The public opinion on European crisis financing. (*in german*)

Bobzien, L., H. Maul, J. Rauschenberger, M. Swoboda. 2019. Randomly drawn. How democracy could be vitalized. *Neue Gesellschaft Frankfurter*

Hefte (*in german*)

Work in Progress

Robots, migrants, or offshoring—What explains variation in perceptions of labour market risks and preferred policy responses? (*with Fabian Kalleitner & Lukas Schlogl, under review*)

Who should get and who should give? A survey experiment on public preferences for both sides of redistribution (*with Jan Gniza and Tilmann Woerz, under review*)

How much is home worth? Subjective housing wealth and life satisfaction in Germany (*with Fabian Kalleitner for a Special Issue in Historical Social Research on Perceptions of Wealth Inequality, under review*)

Political Communication on TikTok and X: a platform comparison based on bot-generated data *mit Ulrich Kohler, Aaron Philipp, Jasper Tjaden, Roland Verwiebe, Sarah Weissmann, Johannes Wolfgram, work in progress*)

The political implications of homeownership in lowly financialized countries: Economic worries and homeownership in Germany (*with Anke Hassel and Lukas Jerg, work in progress*)

Digital subjective social status: what is it and does it matter to individuals? (*with Roland Verwiebe, work in progress*)

Software & data

- 2024 Framework for the usage of automated bots to collect digital trace data: TikTok Regional Election Monitor 2024: Methods Report. (*with Johannes Wolfgram, Jasper Tjaden, Aaron Philipp, Sarah Weißmann, Ulrich Kohler, and Roland Verwiebe, OSF preprint*)
- 2022 Module for the Innovation Sample of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-IS), 'Digital platform usage and life satisfaction' (*with Fabian Kalleitner, Roland Verwiebe, and Ulrich Kohler*)
- 2022 Kalleitner, F., L. Bobzien, L. Schlogl. Work and Corona Dashboard (incl. code) (interactive dashboard for the visualisation of data on the topic of work and Corona)

Research Grants

- 01/2021–11/2023 Project Project 'Cohesion in Europe - Perceptions and Fields of Action (perzepEU)' funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Hertie School & Jacques Delors Centre; role: contribution to proposal, PIs: Anke Hassel, Markus Jachtenfuchs: approx. 945 000 EUR
- 05/2021–06/2023 Project 'WoCo: Work and Corona' funded by the Austrian Chamber for Workers and Employees under the funding scheme 'Digifonds', Hertie School & University of Vienna; role: Co-PI with Lukas Schlögl and Fabian Kalleitner): 125 602 EUR
- 2022 Module for the Innovation Sample of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-IS), 'Digital platform usage and life satisfaction' (*with Fabian Kalleitner, Roland Verwiebe, and Ulrich Kohler*)

2022	CIVICA Postdoctoral mobility scheme grant: research visit, London School of Economics and Political Science
2018–2021	German National Academic Foundation & Friedrich-Ebert Foundation: PhD scholarship
2014–2016	German National Academic Foundation: Student scholarship

Research Visits

09/2022–12/2022	International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
05/2019–07/2019	Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR)
01/2019–04/2019	University of Vienna, Department of Economic Sociology
08/2015–12/2015	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Department of Sociology

Teaching

Summer 2025	Societal Cleavages: A Sociological Perspective (Graduate course, University of Potsdam)
Summer 2025	Justice: Theories & Empirics (Undergraduate course, University of Potsdam)
Fall 2024	Societal Cleavages: A Sociological Perspective (Graduate course, University of Potsdam)
Fall 2024	Inequality & Institutions (Undergraduate course, University of Potsdam)
Spring 2023	Inequality & Institutions in Europe:
Fall 2022	Institutions and inequality: How do institutions shape life chances? (Undergraduate course, University of Potsdam)
Winter 2020	The social psychology of inequality (Undergraduate course, University of Potsdam)
Summer 2020	Inequality, mobility and redistribution: How do institutions shape life chances? (Graduate course, University of Potsdam)
Fall 2018	Statistics I - Teaching Assistant to Philipp Broniecki (Hertie School, Berlin)
Fall 2017	Statistics I - Teaching Assistant to Mark Kayser (Hertie School, Berlin)

Additional Training

08/2018	Summer School (ECPR): Causal Inference in the Social Science [CEU, Budapest]
07/2018	Summer School (HSE-IPSA): Bayesian Statistics [HSE, St. Petersburg]
04/2017	Summer School: Survey Experiments [University of Bergen, Bergen]