

Personal Details

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Academic Career and Education

- 10/2019- Junior Professor of European History at the Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, holder of the Sofja Kovalevskaja Preis (€1.648.000) of the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, leader of junior research group: “Europe’s Postwar Consensus: A Golden Age of Social Cohesion and Social Mobility?”
- 10/2015–09/2019 Postdoctoral researcher at the KU Leuven, Belgium;
postdoctoral fellowship from the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO),
project title: “Europe on Strike: Wildcat Strikes as a pan-European Phenomenon, 1945-1953” (highest-ranked proposal in History in 2015 application round)
- 9/2011–5/2015 PhD student at the University of Portsmouth, UK
Bursary (maintenance and fees) from the Centre for European and International Studies Research, project Title: “Across the Iron Curtain: European Socialism between World War and Cold War, 1943-1948”
First supervisor: Professor Wolfram Kaiser
Viva passed without revisions on 20 May 2015; examiners Professor Martin Conway (Oxford) and Professor Paul Flenley (Portsmouth)
- 9/2009–11/2010 Employee of Centre for Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, University of Leiden, NL;
writing reviews of books on terrorism and radicalization for the Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs, working on funding application from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 9/2007–9/2009 Master in History at Utrecht University, NL
Research Master “History: Cities, States and Citizenship” (selective two-year program)
Graduated cum laude (the highest possible honor for Bachelors and Masters in Dutch system)
- 11/2007–2/2009 Teaching assistant to Dr. Arthur Langeveld at Utrecht University;
assistant for courses ‘Russian History’ and ‘Brezhnev: Golden Age or Period of Stagnation?’
- 9/2004–9/2007 Bachelor in History at Utrecht University, NL;
Graduated cum laude (the highest possible honor for Bachelors and Masters in Dutch system)

Grants, Fellowships, Honors

- 04/2023 Conference funding from Fritz Thyssen Stiftung for organization of conference
“Workers and the ‘Golden Age of Social Democracy’, 1945-1975” (€ 15.000)
- 04/2019 Sofja Kovalevskaja Preis, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (€ 1.648.000)

10/2018	European Holocaust Research Infrastructure Fellowship for a two-week research stay at the Jewish Museum, Prague, Czech Republic (declined)
5-7/2018	Heinrich Winkelmann Stipendium from the Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum (€ 6.000)
3-4/2017	Postdoctoral Fellowship from the German Historical Institute Warsaw, Poland (€ 2.400)
10/2015–9/2019	Postdoctoral fellowship from the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium; four-year full-time position to conduct research project at the KU Leuven including € 12.000 fieldwork allowance
9/2011–9/2014	PhD Bursary from the Centre for European and International Studies Research, University of Portsmouth, UK; (stipend of £ 13.590 per year, full tuition fees, and fieldwork allowance of £ 2.000)
3–4/2013, 10/2013	Research Grant from the Society for the Study of French History for archival trips to Paris and to Lille, France (€ 750)
5–6/2013	Research Grant from the British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies for archival trips to Prague and Plzeň, Czech Republic (€ 450)
8–9/2012	Doctoral Fellowship from the German Historical Institute Warsaw, Poland (€ 1.650)
9–12/2008	Grant from the Stichting Internationale Informatie en Communicatie for research stay at the Labour History Archive and Study Centre, Manchester, UK (€ 1.500)

Institutional Responsibilities & Memberships

Since 2024	Internationalisation Officer, Institute for Social Movements
Since 2022	Member Young Academy of Europe
Since 2021	Member Historisches Institut, Faculty of History, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Since 2019	Board Member, Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
2015–19	Member Modernity and Society 1800-2000 Research Group, KU Leuven

Organisation of Scientific Meetings

2021–23	Member organizing committee conference ‘Workers and the “Golden Age of Social Democracy”, 1945-1975’
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Reviewing Activities

Since 2023	Associate editor, <i>European Review</i>
2021	Expert reviewer for the Polish National Science Centre (NCN)
Since 2020	Member Editorial Board, <i>Moving the Social</i>
Since 2020	Member of Advisory Board, Palgrave Studies in the History of Social Movements
2018–21	Book reviews for e.g. <i>American Historical Review</i> and <i>Contemporary British History</i>
2009–11	Reviewing recent books on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism, and (De-)Radicalisation for the Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs