



# Activity Report 2018

# Chair of Social Stratification and Sociology of European Societies

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#### 1. Preface

More than ten years after the establishment of the Professorship of Social Stratification and the Junior Professorship for the Sociology of European Societies, it is once more time to look back onto a busy year of research, teaching and academic self-administration. With one professorship, one junior professorship and a team of 10 research fellows, we form an essential pillar of the Institute of Social Sciences.

For us, research is always channeled by projects. The biggest running project is currently a large joint research project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)/the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). The Research Unit "Horizontal Europeanization", coordinated by Martin Heidenreich at the University of Oldenburg, had received three more years of funding until 2018 and was extended until 2019. In this project, 2018 was a year in which many loose ends were being tied together. Building upon the first and the second period of research, we are now in a stage of publishing the results.

Jannika Mattes was granted a junior research group on "Regional Energy Transition: The social processes of negotiating, norming and learning in the wind energy sector" (REENEA), which is funded with 1.3 million EUR by the German Research Foundation's Emmy Noether-Programme. The three project collaborators started their work in 2018 and are now in the middle of the empirical work.

In cooperation with other professorships of the Institute for Social Sciences, a draft proposal for a DFG (German Research Foundation) research training group on the reinvention of solidarities was submitted at the end of June, which, however, was unfortunately rejected.

In the scope of our DFG-projects, but also from individual projects and other initiatives, our group has again started and completed numerous publication projects in journals and books. A full list of the completed papers is available in this report. We are also proud of the recognition our research gets: Jannika Mattes was awarded this year's research prize by the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture.

Moving from research to teaching, we are again happy to thank the whole team for the extraordinary teaching performance in the Bachelor, Master, Diploma and Magister degree programmes of our department. It is due to the high effort of everyone that even big lectures with more than 300 students are now easily manageable for us and nonetheless receive the appropriate attention and high-quality teaching input they deserve. We continue to offer courses in English, even though some of our students seem to need a little more time to get used to that.

In the Institute for Social Sciences, our team again took an active part in keeping the administrative processes running. Martin Heidenreich once more acted as the director of the institute, while Jannika Mattes is one of the equal opportunity commissioners. Patricia Bruns takes charge of the position of the departmental Erasmus+ coordinator. Many members of the group have additionally been involved in the

various department and faculty committees, for example in appointment committees, in the department board, in student advisory service, in examination boards, in doctoral thesis committees and so on.

Last but not least, we had four new employees join our team in the course of this year. Marie-Luise Assmann supports the "Horizontal Europeanization" project, whereas Camilla Chlebna, Meike Löhr and Sebastian Rohe started their work in the REENEA project. We are happy to have you here! On the other side of the coin, two employees left: Deborah Rice is now professor for sociology, focusing on labour and social stratification, at the Hochschule der Bundesanstalt für Arbeit. Thomas Jackwerth is now a researcher at the Competence Center "Politik – Wirtschaft – Innovation" of the Fraunhofer ISI. We wish them our very best for their new positions!

In the remaining report, we present in some more detail our activities related to research and teaching for 2018. But before doing so, we would like to thank all those people and institutions whose great support helps us so much in our work: Thank you very much. We are looking forward to continuing our work in 2018, and we are thankful to have so many people who back this up and facilitating support structures that enable us to do so.

Oldenburg, December 2018

Martin Heidenreich and Jannika Mattes

#### 2. Projects and other research activities

The research activities of our unit are focused on several areas: attracting more attention to the European dimension of social stratification (2.1) and analysing the (sustainable) transition towards an innovation-oriented and globally-oriented knowledge-based society (2.2). Finally, we focus on cultural aspects of social stratification (2.3).

As an outstanding success, Jannika Mattes was granted a junior research group on "Regional Energy Transition: The social processes of negotiating, norming and learning in the wind energy sector", funded with 1.3 million EUR by the German Research Foundation's Emmy Noether-Programme. Since January 2018, this project has been looking at energy transitions as social processes. It proposes the concept of regional transition fields to capture and explain how globally and nationally embedded actors and institutions from different social fields shape regional transition processes in the wind energy sector through processes of negotiating, norming and learning. The project will investigate this empirically in six in-depth case studies.

#### 2.1 Internationally comparative and European social stratification

Our first research focus is the Europeanization and internalization of national societies with the aim of helping to overcome the methodological nationalism of inequality research. Complementary to the relevant activities of the University of Bremen, our unit seeks to analyse the transformation of national societies from a social and economic perspective.

Our interest in the Europeanization of national society and economic spaces is based on the notion that processes of socialization – e.g. education systems, employment systems and social protection systems as central determinants of social inequality – can no longer be analysed in a national framework. Through the Europeanization of adjudication, monetary policies, household policies, regional policies and agricultural policies, social inequalities are increasingly created and regulated on a European level. The cognition of social inequalities is also no longer limited to national levels. The activation and definition of inequalities as well as tackling inequalities increasingly takes place in supranational spaces. The hitherto national interpretative and regulatory standards regarding social inequalities are now changing through the aggregation of European regulation structures and the involved political integration and dependence (vertical Europeanization) as well as through transnational communication relationships, exchange relationships and changing learning processes (horizontal Europeanization).

In 2018, this theoretical interest in the Europeanization of social inequalities and its determining factors was addressed in our DFG/FWF research unit "Horizontal Europeanization".

The first phase of the DFG/FWF research unit "Horizontal Europeanization" was successfully

completed in 2015. The second phase was approved by DFG/FWF and will end in 2018 (extended until 2019). In the context of this research group, we also analyse the Europeanization of social inequalities based on pan-European income and labour market data. The follow-up of this project will grant us the opportunity to deepen our assessment of the impact of the Eurozone crisis on Europeanisation and its winners and losers.

These activities take place within the framework of the *Centre for Europeanisation and Transnational Regulations* Oldenburg (CETRO), which was recognized by the European Union as a Jean Monnet toplevel research centre in autumn 2008. CETRO facilitates the coordination, organization and support of internationally comparative and European scientific research projects. It supports the profile development of the involved professorships by helping to secure third-party funds, creating synergy effects between the involved disciplines and raising the visibility of the social research activities in Oldenburg in this area.

#### a) DFG/FWF funded Research Unit "Horizontal Europeanization"

("Europäische Vergesellschaftungsprozesse: Horizontale Europäisierung zwischen nationalstaatlicher und globaler Vergesellschaftung") 1st phase 2012 - 2015, 2nd phase 2015 - 2018 (extended until 2019)

Launched in 2012, the Research Unit investigates the question how the opening of social fields and social spaces in the course of political integration in Europe goes along with increasing cross-border dependencies among citizens (horizontal Europeanisation). The fields of analysis also include transnational social interactions, attitudes, and subjective interpretations and their influence on the transformation of social relationships and life circumstances among individuals and families.

In the first phase (2012–2015), the focus of the research group lay on horizontal Europeanisation processes in academic, bureaucratic, professional and associational fields, as well as on related conflicts and bargaining relations and their impact on patterns of social inequality. Complementary to the Europeanisation of social fields, the Europeanisation of social spaces (P. Bourdieu) was analysed, including everyday practices, collective memories and social inequalities. Different modes of Europeanization were distinguished to explain an increasing transnationality of norms, attitudes and behaviour in the academic world, in asylum administrations, everyday life, professional behaviour, industrial relations, and individual perceptions of social inequality. The modes analysed were power and coercion, competition, communication, and cooperation.At the beginning of 2015, the German Research Foundation and the Austrian Science Fund granted the continuation of the Research Unit for three more years, until September 2018. In the second phase (2015–2018) the research group emphasizes the analysis of conflicts and tensions between national and European regulations, subjective identifications, and patterns of integration and social inequality against the background of the current Euro crisis. Explored areas of conflict are, for example, asylum management, the reorganization of higher education, labour relations, and the distribution of life-course opportunities. The analysis builds on typologies and theoretical approaches developed in the first phase of the project, namely *double dualization*, *politicization*, *uncertainty*, and *controversial solidarities*. In the following, these leading concepts will be explained briefly.

Europeanization processes are characterized by tensions associated with the unequal distribution of social resources and opportunities. We can observe a deepening of centre-periphery cleavages in Europe with regard to social inequality in various fields, as well as an increase in social inequalities between different socio-demographic groups (*double dualization*). Second, Europeanization is characterised by conflictual processes of regulation and standardization in a multi-level political-administrative system. In the course of this integration process, a *politicization* of social fields can be observed. Furthermore, Europeanization processes are characterized by conflicting modes of interpretation and identification. This goes along with an erosion of trust in the EU and with general feelings of *uncertainty* in everyday life. Lastly, transnational *solidarities* are currently renegotiated in the face of the Euro crisis and refugee crisis.





Panel discussion: Das "Projekt Europa" in Zeiten des Populismus - Brauchen wir eine neue Idee von Europa und ein neues Politikverständnis? (The 'project Europe' in times of populism – do we need a new idea of Europe and a new political understanding?)

The work of the research group was concluded by a panel discussion on 28 September 2018 in Oldenburg:



European integration means mobility for humans, money and goods. Nowadays, we have got the opportunity to travel to most EU countries without being controlled at the borders. We are able to carry out international transactions in euros instead of converting currency rates and observing customs regulations. However, in many countries populists are strengthening. In almost every country the call for stronger national states is getting louder. Instead of seeing what Europeans have in common, more and more people want 'Germany first' or 'Hungary to the Hungarians'. On the other

hand, in nearly every country there are proponents of a strong Europe. In times of euro crisis and influx of refugees, they claim solidarity irrespective of borders. And they point out that even strong Germany alone would be too weak to rival with the USA and China economically. According to their opinion, Europe must act together in order to keep playing an important role in world politics. The question is how to shape Europe in these times. What kind of Europe is possible and necessary against the background of growing tensions? These questions were discussed with Rebecca Harms (member of the European Parliament for Bündnis 90/Die Grünen).



Martin Heidenreich, Jan Delhey, Jürgen Gerhards, Rebecca Harms

A major challenge in 2018 was the drafting, revision, and coordination of the common final publication of the research group. This volume which will be published in 2019 with Routledge (London) summarises major lessons from the eight projects of the DFG-funded research group. Here its title and table of contents:

# Horizontal Europeanisation: The transnationalisation of daily life and social fields in Europe

Abstract: European integration has transformed the social life of European citizens. Daily life and work no longer take place primarily in a local and national context, but increasingly also in a European and transnational frame. Horizontal Europeanisation refers to the increasingly European context of social practices, relations and frames of reference, which increases not only the life chances of, but also conflicts among, European citizens. This book focuses on seven Europeanisation processes in the academic, bureaucratic, professional and associational field, as well as on the Europeanisation of solidarity, networks and social inequalities, as well as the related conflicts. The theoretical framework underlying this book departs from the concepts of the social space and social fields proposed by French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu. It concludes with a comparison of the structure and dynamics of the analysed horizontal Europeanisation processes. This comparison highlights the crucial role of national practices and perceptions in a transnational context, the related conflicts between Europeanisation winners and losers, and the reinforcement of centre-periphery structures in Europe.

1.	Introduction: The transnationalisation of daily life and social fields in Europe Martin Heidenreich1
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	Vincent Gengnagel, Stephanie Beyer, Christian Baier & Richard Münch			
8.	A European field of public administration?			
	Administrative co-operation of asylum agencies in the Dublin system			
	Christian Lahusen & Marius Wacker			
9.	Europeanisation at home?			
	Features and obstacles of domestic EU professionalism			
	Sebastian M. Büttner, Steffen Mau, Lucia Leopold & Katharina Zimmermann			
Part IV: Summary and Outlook				
10. Architectures, modes and conflicts.				
	The Europeanisation of social fields and the social space			
	Martin Heidenreich & Jenny Preunkert			

The research group (subprojects) of the second phase:

Sub- project	Head	Researchers	University	Торіс
1	Prof. Dr. Richard Münch	Christian Baier, Stephanie Beyer (from 10/2016), Nilgun Massih-Tehrani (until 09/2016), Vincent Gengnagel	ZU Friedrichshafen	Europeanization of Higher Education
2	Prof. Dr. Christian Lahusen, Prof. Dr. Karin Schittenhelm	Stephanie Schneider, Carolin Nieswandt, Marius Wacker	University of Siegen	Europeanization of Asylum Admin- istrative Practice
3	Prof. Dr. Jürgen Gerhards, Dr. Zsófia Ignácz	Maximilian Priem	FU Berlin	European Solidarity
4	Prof. Dr. Jan Delhey	Auke Aplowski, Katharina Cirlanaru, Emanuel Deutschmann, Monika Verbalyte	OvG Magdeburg	Cross-border Interactions and Transnational Identities
5	Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau, Dr. Sebastian Büttner	Lucia Leopold, Katharina Zimmermann, Ole Oeltjen	HU Berlin, FAU Erlangen	Professionalization of EU Expertise

Sub- project	Head	Researchers	University	Торіс
6	Prof. Dr. Susanne Pernicka, Dr. Vera Glassner	Dr. Torben Krings, Nele Dittmar, Dr. Klaus Neundlinger (from 11/2016)	JKU Linz	Europeanization of Labour Relations
7	Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich, PD Dr. Jenny Preunkert	Prof. Dr. Stefanie Kley (until 03/2016), Sven Broschinski, Fabian Hamann (until 08/2016), Matthias Pohlig (since 10/2016), Patricia Bruns (since 04/2017)	CvO Oldenburg	Europeanization of Social Inequalities
Z	Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich	PD Dr. Jenny Preunkert, Marie-Luise Assmann since 01/2018)	CvO Oldenburg	Central tasks of the research group

The research group members on 28 September 2018:



 b) Research Project "Europeanization of Social Inequalities" (Subproject 7 of the Research Unit "Horizontal Europeanization") 1st phase 2012 - 2015, 2nd phase 2015 – 2018; extended until 2019

The approach of the subproject concentrates on the meso-level of social fields and the micro-level of social interactions, interpretations and attitudes. The project investigates the consequences of Europeanization processes across various social fields, namely academia, bureaucracy, European identity, European professionalism and labour relations. Heterogeneous processes of Europeanization are expected to



have an effect on social stratification within Europe and to contribute to a specific distribution of resources, life chances, and scopes for individual action.

On the basis of different micro-data sources (EU-SILC, LFS), the structures of income inequality, poverty, material deprivation and unequal chances of societal participation were investigated in the first phase.

In the second phase (2015-2018, extended until 2019), subproject 7 focuses on reference groups for the subjective perception of social inequalities, and on the impact of Europeanization processes on work and family life. The data for these analyses come from various micro-data sources, such as the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), the EU Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS), the European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) and the Generations and Gender Survey (GGS). Additionally, context variables from Eurostat and OECD-Statistics are used to obtain insights on the explanatory power of economic factors.

Project members: Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich; PD Dr. Jenny Preunkert; Prof. Dr. Stefanie Kley (until 03/2016); Marie-Luise Assmann (from 01/2018), Sven Broschinski, M.A.; Fabian Hamann (until 08/2016); Matthias Pohlig (since 10/2016); Patricia Bruns (since 04/2017).

# c) Jean Monnet Centre for Europeanisation and Transnational Regulations Oldenburg (EU, project status: ongoing)

The Jean Monnet Centre for Europeanisation and Transnational Regulations (CETRO) at the University of Oldenburg focuses on the Europeanisation of national societies through the transnational regulation of social, labour and economic relations within the European Union (EU). By exploiting the advantages of the interdisciplinary composition of our research centre, we focus on two substantive

issues and one procedural issue. We analyse a) the impact of the EU and its economic policies (especially the common market, the monetary union and the liberalization of public services) on national economies in Europe, b) the corresponding (trans-)formation of the European Social model and its crucial institutional pillars (national welfare policies, labour law, collective bargaining systems and other labour market regulations), and c) the interaction and mutual reinforcement of different forms of governance (joint regulation by common legal rules, mutual recognition of national regulations, private regulation in transnational networks, "negative integration" by economic externalities, redistribution and "softer", more participatory forms of policy coordination). Our emphasis on links between economic, social and regulatory aspects is motivated by the current situation of the EU which is characterized by an asymmetry between the economic and socio-political dimensions of transnational integration. Thus, faced with a growing scepticism towards further Europeanisation and globalization, the EU must take into account the social implications of European integration and in particular its impact on national welfare systems, labour law and collective bargaining relations.

The focus on economic, social and regulatory aspects of European integration is translated into different activities exploiting our multi-disciplinary resources and interests in research, teaching and communication (international conferences, lecture series, workshops, summer schools, working papers etc.).

# 2.2 Regional Energy Transition: The Social Processes of Negotiating, Norming and Learning in the Wind Energy Sector



REENEA combines competencies from sociology, political sciences, economics and economic geography. Together the team develops innovative, interdisciplinary concepts to complement existing approaches in transition theory.

The role of actors from different societal fields (politics, administration, industry, science, finance, representative bodies and civil society) in the regional innovation and transformation process is analysed through the concept of regional transformation fields. Regional transformation is explained through the interplay of processes of negotiation, norming and learning.

The regional level is at the centre of attention for the project but dependencies of and impacts on the supra-regional context (national, international and global) are also considered. Six regions in Germany are chosen for a detailed analysis of the change processes taking place in the regional wind energy sector through mainly qualitative research methods (document analysis, 20 to 30 interviews, observation).

On the one hand, this comparative design enables the REENEA team to draw conclusions on the dynamics which underpin the social processes of transitions. Thus, they contribute to the further conceptual development of transition theory. On the other hand, existing concepts and theories about the place specificity of transition processes are empirically substantiated. Finally, the methodical review of the results allows the REENEA team to develop policy recommendations for a regionally sensitive

management of necessary or desired transitions.

# Workshop "Energy Systems in Transition – The Role of Actors in Regional Change Processes" (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th May 2018)

On 3rd and 4th May an introductory kick-off workshop organised by the project team of the DFG funded REENEA project led by Prof Jannika Mattes took place at University of Oldenburg. Ten internationally renowned transition scholars followed the invitation to the event titled "Energy Systems in Transition – The Role of Agents in Regional Transition Processes" and gave inspiring talks. Discussions amongst participants immediately after the talks were lively and continued informally over coffee and cake. The REENEA team gained important insights on the relations between agents and institutions and on the relevance of the regional level in wider reaching transition processes. The team wishes to thank the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Europeanising Coastal Regions" for the financial support of the workshop.

#### Choice of case study regions

Following an intensive exploratory period, the regions for the next case studies in the REENEA project were agreed in August and September 2018. To allow a clear focus REENEA uses small scale regions (NUTS3 level or "Landkreis" in Germany) as starting point but remains open for the regional boundaries which agents define themselves. Following the pilot study in Oldenburg case studies in



Uckermark, in and around Magdeburg as well as in Hamburg are currently being started. Case studies in Bremerhaven/Cuxhaven and Nordfriesland will follow. At the same time the REENEA team also considers developments on the super-regional [and international] level and will therefore do interviews with agents who have this perspective in parallel to the regional case studies.

# Special Session on Social and Spatial Dynamics of Regional Energy Transitions RSA Conference from 5th to 7th June 2019



We are happy to announce that the REENEA team is organising a special session titled "The social and spatial dynamics of regional energy transitions" at the Annual Event of the Regional Studies Association in Santiago de Compostela taking place from 5th to 7th June 2019.

Project members: Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes, Dr. Camilla Chlebna, Meike Löhr, Sebastian Rohe:



### 2.3 "Oldenburger Museen und ihre Besucher"

The project aims to answer three research questions.

- 1. Who visits which museums?
- 2. Where does the interest in museums stem from?
- 3. What do visitors do in museums?

Question 1 has been examined relatively well in cultural and sociological studies, so that the results from this project can be compared with regard to status, age or gender and allow to underline specific features of the visitors in the Oldenburg museums. Questions 2 and 3, however, have been examined only marginally until now. For example, there are only a few empiric studies on what people do in museums when they are there. As to the question where the interest in art or museums stems from, no reliable findings have been published so far. In order to answer the research questions, various compatible empirical studies are undertaken in the two Oldenburg federal state museums as well as in the three urban museums. This includes, in addition to ethnographic research, an online and a print questionnaire. The latter is available in the museums.

Project leader: Dr. Christian Steuerwald

Project participant: Merle Toborg

# 3. Publications

#### **Martin Heidenreich**

(2019) Martin Heidenreich: Regionale Muster von Bildungsarmut. In G. Quenzel & K. Hurrelmann (Eds.), Handbuch Bildungsarmut: Wiesbaden: Springer, pp. 29–38.

https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-658-19573-1\_2

(forthcoming) Martin Heidenreich, Jannika Mattes: Regionale Innovationssysteme und Innovationscluster. In B. Blättel-Mink, I. Schulz-Schaeffer & A. Windeler (Eds.), Handbuch Innovationsforschung. Wiesbaden: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-17671-6\_12-1

2018 Martin Heidenreich, Petra Hiller, Steffen Dörhöfer: Redesigning organizational boundaries and internal structures: A sociological interpretation of activation policies. In Towards Permeable Boundaries of Organizations? Eds. L. Ringel, P. Hiller & C. Zietsma, 169–193. Bingley: Emerald Pub.

2018 Sven Broschinski, Jenny Preunkert, Martin Heidenreich: Lohnentwicklungen im öffentlichen Sektor : ein Brennpunkt europäischer Austeritätspolitik? Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie : ÖZS Berlin : Springer Bd. 43 (2018), Suppl. 1, Seite 117-145.

#### **Jannika Mattes**

(forthcoming) Martin Heidenreich, Jannika Mattes: Regionale Innovationssysteme und Innovationscluster. In B. Blättel-Mink, I. Schulz-Schaeffer & A. Windeler (Eds.), Handbuch Innovationsforschung. Wiesbaden: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-17671-6\_12-1

2018 Teis Hansen, Jannika Mattes: Proximity and power in collaborative innovation projects. Regional Studies, Vol. 52 (1), S. 35-46.

#### Camilla Chlebna

2018 Camilla Chlebna, James Simmie: New technological path creation and the role of institutions in different geo-political spaces, European Planning Studies, 26:5, 969-987.

#### **Jenny Preunkert**

2018 Sven Broschinski, Jenny Preunkert, Martin Heidenreich: Lohnentwicklungen im öffentlichen Sektor : ein Brennpunkt europäischer Austeritätspolitik? Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie 117-145.

#### **Deborah Rice**

2018 (with Vanesa Fuertes and Lara Monticelli): Does individualized employment support deliver what is promised? Findings from three European cities. International Social Security Review 71(4), 91-109.

#### **Christian Steuerwald**

In the book series: Kunst und Gesellschaft, edited by Christian Steuerwald, Springer VS, five new books were published in 2018.

#### Sven Broschinski

2018 Sven Broschinski, Jenny Preunkert, Martin Heidenreich: Lohnentwicklungen im öffentlichen Sektor : ein Brennpunkt europäischer Austeritätspolitik? Österreichische Zeitschrift für Soziologie 117-145.

#### Katharina Zimmermann

(2019) Katharina Zimmermann: Local policies and the European Social Fund. Bristol: Policy Press.

#### 4. Presentations and other activities

[17.12.2018] 'Vielfältige Akteure und gegensätzliche Interessen im Windenergieausbau: Energiewandel als sozialer Prozess'. Jannika Mattes and Sebastian Rohe participate as experts in the round table discussion on wind energy organised by the Landkreis Wesermarsch in Brake.

[01.11.-31.12.2018] Jenny Preunkert is on a visiting fellowship on 'Coping with Instability in Market Societies' at the Max Planck Sciences Po Center in Paris.

[22.11.2018] Christian Steuerwald presents his paper 'Kunstorganisationen und ihre Besucher. Über Normierungsweisen von Nicht-Mitgliedern in Kunstorganisationen' at the annual meeting "Künste und Mächte - Politiken in und durch die Künste" of the working group "Soziologie der Künste" in Lüneburg.

[15/16.11.2018] First REENEA paper presented at yearly winter conference of the Regional Studies Association (RSA) in London, UK, by Dr. Camilla Chlebna: 'When the novelty fades – The role of fragile stabilisation for regional energy transitions'.

[26.09.2018] Jannika Mattes presents her paper 'Regionale Transitionsfelder: Energiewandel als sozialer Prozess' during the section "Innovationsfelder. Handlungsfelder der Koordination komplexer Innovationen" at the 39th congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie in Goettingen.

[14.09.2018] Jenny Preunkert presents her paper 'Financialization of government debt. Government debt management approaches in the eurozone' at the "ESA Economic Sociology Midterm Conference" in Konstanz.

[06.09.2018] Energy transition: actors in flow. At the Science Soirée, the audience is appointed in a lottery. Jannika Mattes presents empirical results from the Oldenburg case study of the REENEA project

in front of about 30 people. In the discussion that followed, it particularly became clear how important also interested citizens regard social science research in relation to energy transitions.

[30.08.2018] At the annual meeting of the Energy Cluster Oldenburg (OLEC), innovative energy projects from the North-West region around Oldenburg were presented, and regulatory challenges were discussed with stakeholders from science, administration and the economy. The REENEA team contributed to the annual meeting by sharing their first insights regarding the development of the regional wind energy sector: Sebastian Rohe presented first results from the Oldenburg case study to regional energy actors.

[29.06.2018] Deborah Rice presents her paper 'Building Active Welfare States: How policy shapes caseworker practice' at the Workshop "Moving from Welfare to Work" in Dublin.

[18.06.2018] Marie-Luise Assmann presents her paper 'Improving school-to work transitions with the European Youth Guarantee? A cross-country comparison' at the international seminar in Lisbon "Young NEETS and the Youth Guarantee Program - Make the future today".

[18.06.2018] International Sustainability Transitions Conference, Manchester, United Kingdom: Three members of the REENEA project team represented the department for European Societies at University of Oldenburg at the International Sustainability Transitions Conference. During four intensive days Jannika Mattes, Meike Löhr and Camilla Chlebna established many new international contacts, heard of interesting current research projects and got to know the political and industrial Manchester along the way. Jannika Mattes presented the status quo of the REENEA project to a full seminar room. Numerous questions both right after her presentation and throughout the conference period show the strong interest that REENEA raised with the transitions community.

[04. - 06.06.2018] Camilla Chlebna introduces the theoretical framework and first results out of the REENEA project at the "Regional Studies Association Annual Event" in Lugano, Switzerland.



[15.05.2018] 'Internationalisierung der Arbeit - Innovationsprozesse in

multinationalen Konzernen'. In the course of the event 'Zukunft der Arbeit' organised by the cooperation centre 'University - Trade Unions' Jannika Mattes elaborates on innovation processes in multinational groups. The event takes place on the occasion of the research year 2018 'Arbeitswelten der Zukunft'.

[18.05.2018] Martin Heidenreich and Marie Heidenreich (Project Management Jülich) present 'The social construction of a sectoral knowledge base in the offshore wind industry: Local innovations in a global industry' at the Research Symposium "Marine Biodiversity Research: Law meets Science" in Oldenburg.

[28.04.2018] 'Regionaler Energiewandel unter der Lupe - Die Rolle der Akteure'. Jannika Mattes lectures on regional energy transition in the "Uni am Markt", organised by the Center for Lifelong Learning (C3L).

[06.04.2018] Martin Heidenreich and Sven Broschinski attend the first congress of the "Akademie für Soziologie" in Munich and present their paper 'The double dualization of European labour market during the crisis. Wages, unemployment and job insecurity of labour market outsiders within and between Eurozone countries'.

[22.03.2018] Marie-Luise Assmann presents her dissertation project 'Die widersprüchlichen Ansätze von öffentlichen Arbeitsverwaltungen in Europa zur Bekämpfung von Jugendarbeitslosigkeit - Die Rolle von Organisationspolitiken für eine 'individualisierte Jugendaktivierung' at the doctoral workshop during the meeting of the Research Unit "Horizontal Europeanization" at the Johannes Kepler University Linz.

[15. -16.02.2018] Martin Heidenreich presents his paper 'The Europeanisation of Social Space and Social Fields' at "Globalization – Transnationalization – Society, An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Theories of Society and Cross-Border Studies, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF)", Bielefeld University.

[22.01.2018] Sven Broschinski gives a lecture during the seminar "Sociology of Europeanization" at Humboldt University Berlin.

Since October 2018 Christian Steuerwald is one of the speakers of the working group "Arbeitskreis Soziologie der Künste" in the DGS (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie).

# 5. Teaching

#### Lectures and seminars in the autumn semester 2017/18

#### Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich

Einführung in die Soziologie European Identity and Solidarity Einführung in die Arbeitsmarktsoziologie Einführung in die Organisationsforschung Kolloquium

#### Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes

Organisationen und Internationalisierung Kolloquium

#### **Dr. Deborah Rice**

Arbeitsmarkt- und Sozialpolitik in Europa (x2)

#### **Dr. Christian Steuerwald**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie (x4)

#### **Patricia Bruns**

Causes and Consequences of Euroscepticism

#### **Thomas Jackwerth**

Wissen und Innovationen in Organisationen

#### **Merle Toborg**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie (x3)

#### Lectures and seminars in the spring semester 2018

#### Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich

Einführung in die Sozialstruktur Einkommens- und Vermögensungleichheiten in Europa Sociology of the European integration Income and labour market inequalities in a comparative perspective Kolloquium

#### Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes

Schwerpunkt Organisation: Innovation und Organisation

Globalisierung und Gesellschaft

Kolloquium

#### **Dr. Deborah Rice**

Globalisierung und Gesellschaft Gibt es einen globalen Arbeitsmarkt?

#### **Dr. Christian Steuerwald**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur

Museen und ihre Besucher aus kultur- und ungleichheitssoziologischer Perspektive (Lehrforschung Teil I)

#### Sven Broschinski

Income and labour market inequalities in a comparative perspective

#### **Patricia Bruns**

Seminar zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur Sociology of the European integration

#### **Merle Toborg**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur

Museen und ihre Besucher aus kultur- und ungleichheitssoziologischer Perspektive (Lehrforschung Teil I)

#### **Matthias Pohlig**

Income and labour market inequalities in a comparative perspective

#### Lectures and seminars in the autumn semester 2018/19

#### Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich

Einführung in die Soziologie Wandel der Arbeitswelt in der globalisierten Gesellschaft Einführung in die Arbeitsmarktsoziologie Einführung in die Organisationsforschung Kolloquium

#### Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes

Energiewandel in Europa – Erklärungsansätze Kolloquium

#### **Dr. Christian Steuerwald**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie

#### Patricia Bruns

Seminar zur Einführung in die Soziologie

Euroskeptizismus: Eine Bedrohung für den europäischen Integrationsprozess?

#### **Meike Löhr**

Energiewandel in Europa – empirische Einblicke

#### **Merle Toborg**

Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie

#### 6. Degrees and Graduations

Petra von Gablenz (2018): Der Hörstatus Erwachsener in sozialepidemiologischer Perspektive. Tonhörvermögen und Prävalenz von Schwerhörigkeit.

# 7. Prizes and Awards



In November, **Jannika Mattes** was awarded the "Lower Saxony research prize 2018" by the Minister for Science and Culture, Björn Thümler. The prize is designed for personalities that make significant contributions through their outstanding scientific work as well as in the field of university development. The jury appreciated Jannika Mattes' research on entrepreneurial innovation strategies and societal change with regard to energy transition.

#### 8. Guest Lectures

Panel discussion: The 'project Europe' in times of populism – do we need a new idea of Europe and a new political understanding? Oldenburg 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Rebecca Harms, Member of the EU Parliament for Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, 'Do we need a new idea of Europe and a new political understanding?'

Energy Systems in Transition – The Role of Actors in Regional Change Processes (REENEA Workshop, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018)

Julia Wittmayer, DRIFT, University of Rotterdam, 'Actor roles in transitions'.

Mario Neukirch, University of Stuttgart, 'Protests against electricity grid extension - Agents fighting for a decentralization of the energy system?'

Gerhard Fuchs, University of Stuttgart, 'Shedding light on actors by combining the multi-level-framework and field theory'.

Anne von Streit, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, 'Actor constellations as drivers for regional energy transitions'.

Teis Hansen, Department of Human Geography, Lund University, 'Developing green industries in regions'.

Christian Binz, Eawag, Zurich, 'Transnational innovation dynamics – Space, scale and the regional dimension of technological innovation systems'.

Ulrich Dewald, GEFAK Gesellschaft für angewandte Kommunalforschung, 'Scale-transcending innovation systems for different technologies'.

Peter Stegmaier, University of Twente 'Discontinuity in socio-technical regimes – A typology of pathways and governance'

Johannes Weyer, Technical University of Dortmund, 'Governance of transitions'.

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