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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- current TILBURG UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor in Sociology (since 2021)
&
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, International Inequalities Institute (since 2022)
- prior LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
Postdoc, International Inequalities Institute (2019-2022)
- UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN
Research Associate, Department of Sociology (2014-2019)
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR
Fulbright Visiting Doctoral Student (2016)
- BERLIN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER
Research Assistant (2011-2013)

EDUCATION

- 2019 UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Ph.D. in Sociology (*summa cum laude*)
"Wealth Inequality in Western Capitalist Societies.
Investigating the Role of Wealth Portfolios and Class"
- 2013 FREE UNIVERSITY (FU) OF BERLIN
Master of Arts in Political Science
- 2008–09 INSTITUT D'ETUDES POLITIQUES (SCIENCES PO) BORDEAUX
Erasmus Studies
- 2010 UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Wealth, Class Analysis, Housing, (Business) Elites, Taxation

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Waitkus, Nora (2023). "Ungleicher Besitz. Perspektiven einer klassensoziologischen Untersuchung von Vermögen" *Berliner Journal für Soziologie*, 33: 99-135.

Lierse, Hanna, Patrick Sachweh and **Nora Waitkus** (ed.) (2022). "Wealth, Inequality and Redistribution in Capitalist Societies" *Social Justice Research*, 35(4): 367-378.

Waitkus, Nora and Stefan Wallaschek (2022). "Wealthy Business Owners and the Legitimization of Inequality in the Press" *Social Justice Research*, 35(4): 404-435.

Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Nora Waitkus** (2021). "The Wealth Inequality of Nations" *American Sociological Review*, 86 (4): 567– 602.

RC28 Significant Scholarship Award 2021

Aleida Hagenaars Memorial Award 2020

Waitkus, Nora and Lara Minkus (2021). "Investigating the Gender Wealth Gap across Occupational Classes" *Feminist Economics*, 27(4): 114-147.

Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Nora Waitkus** (2021). "Comparing Child Wealth Inequality across Countries" *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 7(3): 28-49.

Savage, Mike and **Nora Waitkus** (2021). "Property, wealth, and social change: Piketty as a social science engineer" *British Journal of Sociology*, 72: 39–51.

Groh-Samberg, Olaf, Nepomuk Hurch and **Nora Waitkus** (2018). "Dynamics of Social Inequality" (ed.) *WSI-Mitteilungen*, 71(5).

Groh-Samberg, Olaf, Nepomuk Hurch and **Nora Waitkus** (2018). "Status Competition and Social Segregation: Towards a joint analysis of two dynamics of inequality". *WSI-Mitteilungen*, 71(5): 347-357.

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

Dewilde, Caroline and **Nora Waitkus** (2023). "Housing and Inequality". *Handbook of Labor, Human Resource and Population Economics* (Ed. by K. Zimmermann). Springer. *In print*.

Waitkus, Nora and Olaf Groh-Samberg (2019). "The Space of Economic and Cultural Capital: A Latent Class Analysis for Germany". Blasius, J. et al. (ed.): *Empirical Investigations of Social Space*. Springer: 81-97.

Waitkus, Nora and Olaf Groh-Samberg (2018). "Beyond Meritocracy: Wealth Accumulation in the German Upper Classes." Korsnes, O. et al. (ed.): *New Directions in Elite Studies*. Routledge: 198-220.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW / REVISION / INVITED

Waitkus, Nora, Mike Savage and Maren Toft. "Class Relations and Wealth: A theoretical Review" (*under review*)

Manuel Schechtel and **Nora Waitkus**. "Where Income becomes Wealth: How Redistribution Moderates the Association between Income and Wealth " (*under review*)

Becker, Bastian and **Nora Waitkus**. "Odious Wealth. Political Attitudes towards Illegitimately Acquired Wealth" (*under review*)

Waitkus, Nora and Asif Butt. "Vermögen und ökonomische Eliten." (*invited for Handbuch Sozialstrukturanalyse. Ed. by D. Konietzka und P. Boehnke. Springer*)

Stefan Wallaschek and **Nora Waitkus**. "The past, the present, the future. Self-descriptions of excellence amongst the German super rich in media interviews" (*under review*)

OTHER MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Waitkus, Nora. "The predictive power of class on wealth, income and debt across countries"

Waitkus, Nora and Olaf Groh-Samberg. "Keeping Up with the Mueller's: Status Competition and Housing Inequality in Germany"

Fabian Pfeffer and **Nora Waitkus**. "Apartheid Wealth: The Racial Wealth Gap in the U.S. and South Africa"

MAJOR GRANTS

2023-2026 VENI grant, Dutch Research Council (NWO), PI of the project "Varieties of Wealth Inequality: Understanding the Foundation of Cross-country Differences in Wealth". 280.000€

2023-2027 Tilburg University Starter Grant. PI of the project "Families, Generations, and Wealth Inequality". (Co-PI K. Ivanova). 239.990€

2023-2025 Horizon Europe 2020 "SPES project - Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios". Co-Investigator (PI: P. Brunori). 324.426€

AWARDS & PRIZES

2021 RC28 Significant Scholarship Award, ISA (1.000\$)
Aldi (Aleida Johanna Maria) Hagenars Memorial Award, LIS (Luxembourg) (1.000€)

2020 SASE Early Career Workshop-Grant

2018 RC28 Student Travel Award, Spring Meeting in Seoul (South Korea) (750\$)

2016 Fulbright Scholar Grant, University of Michigan (USA) (10.000\$)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Administration, Scientific Boards & Professional Organizations

Advisory Board Member of the Luxembourg Income Study (since 2023)
Scientific Committee, RC28 Spring Meeting 2023, Paris
Award Committee, RC28 Significant Scholarship Award, 2023
Hiring Committee for 1 Research Officer at the International Inequalities Institute, LSE (2023)
Hiring Committee for 8 AP in the theme 'Diversity and Inequality', School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Tilburg (2022)
Scientific Committee, ECSR General Conference 2022, Amsterdam
Committee Member Dutch National Sociological Association: Research M.A. Thesis Award (2022)
Coordinator of the LIS Satellite Office at LSE (since 2021)
Program Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Tilburg (since 2021)
Council Member, Institute of Sociology, University of Bremen (2015-2019)
Deputy Council Member, SOCIUM, University of Bremen (2015-2016)
Hiring Committee Member, Full Professorship in Sociology, University of Bremen (2015)

Editorial Work

Guest Editor, Social Justice Research "Wealth, Inequality and Redistribution in Capitalist Societies (with H. Lierse and P. Sachweh). 2022
Editor, LSE International Inequalities Institute Working Paper Series (2019-2021)
Guest Editor, WSI-Mitteilungen "Dynamics of Social Inequality" (with O. Groh-Samberg and N. Hurch) (2018)

Conference Organization

Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London School of Economics (2023) (w. H.X. Jara & T. Munzi)
London Inequality Workshop (Co-Organizer since 2022, w. P. Segal, M. Ranaldi. C. Martínez-Toledano, J. Palomino)
Adhoc-Group "Die Wiederkehr des Wohnens als zentrale Dimension von Ungleichheit" (w. P. Lersch), DGS Kongress 2020 (*virtual*)
Mini Conference Co-Organizer "Mind the Wealth Gap" (w. H. Lierse and P. Sachweh), SASE 2020 (*virtual*)
Conference Co-Organizer, Frühjahrstagung Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse, (DGS) (2015)
Conference Co-Organizer, 11th International Young Scholar German Socio-economic Panel Symposium (2015)

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, European Sociological Review, Social Forces, Socio-economic Review, The Journal of Economic Inequality, British Journal of Sociology, Social Justice Research, European Journal of Population, Journal of Chinese Sociology, Journal of Marriage and Family, Housing Studies, International Journal of Housing Policy, Urban Geography, Acta Sociologica, Hans-Böckler-Stiftung,

Professional Membership

International Sociological Association (RC28), Society for the Advancements of Socio-economics (SASE), International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS): Sektion Wirtschaftssoziologie, Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse

External Collaborator/Affiliate

SOCIUM Research Center Inequality and Social Policy (University of Bremen, Germany)

Academic Outreach

Summer Academy of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (w. L. Westheuser), Berlin (2022)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

* invited # presented by co-author ~ panel chair Δ keynote speaker \$ organizer (*italics* = *forthcoming*)

- 2023 *CREST *Sociology Seminar, Paris*
\$ *The Wealth Inequality Challenge in Hybrid Media Systems, LSE*
**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Lecture Series*
~ RC28 Spring Meeting, Paris
Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse (DGS), GESIS Mannheim
\$~ Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London School of Economics
- 2022 Δ Intergenerational Inequalities and the Contemporary Family Setup. PhD Winter School, University of Bremen
\$ London Inequality Workshop
*# 'Inequality and Poverty', 41st EBES conference (Global Labor Organisation, *virtual*)
Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), Bielefeld
Δ Elites, Power and Inequalities - International Summer School, University of Lausanne
Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), London School of Economics
* Workshop 'Reichtum. Soziologische und historische Perspektiven', Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne
* Political Economy Workshop, University of Bremen, *virtual*
- 2021 \$ From Regional to Global, Launch Event LIS@III, London School of Economics, *virtual*
Krikowi Netzwerk, Vienna (*cancelled*)
* Edinburgh Sociology Lecture Series, *virtual*
Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics (SASE), *virtual*
* LIS Data User Workshop, *virtual*
Council for European Studies, *virtual*
* Debating Capital and Ideology, London School of Economics, *virtual*
* Economic Department Lecture Series, Gdańsk University of Technology, *virtual*

- 2020 Understanding Gender in Wealth Inequality, ECSR Network Workshop, *virtual*
 ~ Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), *virtual*
 # American Sociological Association (ASA), *virtual*
 ~ Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics (SASE), *virtual*
 ~ 'Strategies for Taxing Wealth: an academic and policy exchange', London School of
 Economics, *virtual*
 Political Economy Workshop, University of Bremen, *virtual*
 * Department of Sociology Lecture Series, University of Oxford
 *# Russel Sage Foundation, New York City
 * Inequality Seminar Series, London School of Economics
- 2019 * Debt, Wealth and Inequality, University of Helsinki
 * The Moral and Political Economy of Wealth and Wealth Inequality, University of
 Bremen
 * Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS), University of Potsdam
 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Goethe University
 Frankfurt
 Accumulating Capital: Strategies of Profit and Disposessive Policies, Université Paris-
 Dauphine
- 2018 Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), University of Göttingen
 European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), University of Luxembourg
 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), Yonsei University,
 Seoul (2)
 * LIS Brownbag Seminar, Luxembourg
- 2017 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), University of Cologne
 American Sociological Association (ASA), Montreal
 Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse (DGS), University of Tübingen
- 2016 PSID Brownbag Seminar, University of Michigan
 * Financial Aid Office, University of Michigan
 SOEP User Conference, WZB Berlin

RESEARCH VISITS

- 2018,19 Luxemburg Income Study, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg
- 2016 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
- 2015 University of Bergen, Norway

TEACHING (UT= University of Tilburg, UB=University of Bremen, L=Lecture, S=Seminar)

Graduate Level (At UT: M.A. Sociology, track Politics, Policy and Society in Comparative Perspective.
At UB: M.A. Sociology & M.A. Social Policy)

Social Change and Sustainable Development (2x) (UT, L+S and Coordinator)

Pre-master Research Seminar (UT, L+S and Coordinator)

Financialization and Inequality (UB, S)

The Empirical Analysis of Social Inequality in Germany and the U.S. (UB, S)

Graduate Research Seminar (UB, S)

Undergraduate Level (B.A. Sociology at UT and UB)

Problems in Sociological Research (3x) (UT, L+S and Coordinator)

Education and Inequality (4x) (UB,S)

The Sociology of Social Inequality (UB, S)

Wealth in Class Societies (UB, S)

Introduction to Sociology (UB, S)

Advisor/Marker

PhD Students: Andrea Pietrolucci (Committee Member, U Trento, 2023), Liz Mann (Examiner, LSE, 2023)

M.A. Students: 5 @ LSE (M.Sc. Inequalities and Social Sciences), 14 @ University of Tilburg (M.A. Sociology), 2 @ University of Bremen (M.A. Social Policy)

B.A. Students: 7 @ University of Bremen (B.A. Sociology)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), German (native), French (good)