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Education

- PhD Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, Germany, Department of Political Science, 2006, summa cum laude
PhD thesis: Soziale Bewegungen und illegale Migration. Eine vergleichende Analyse der Entstehungsbedingungen von Pro-Regularisierungsbewegungen in Frankreich, Spanien und der Schweiz (*Social movements and undocumented immigration. A comparative analysis of amnesty movements in France, Spain and Switzerland*)
Committee: Prof. Dr. Claus Leggewie (Chair), Prof. Dr. Klaus J. Bade
- MA University of Münster, Department of Political Science, 1997

Professional experience

- 09/2025- Instructor, Department of Political Science, East Texas A&M
- 10/2023-06/2025 Senior Research Analyst, Merit Street Media, Fort Worth, Texas
- 07/2022-10/2023 Research Analyst, CBS, Los Angeles, California
- 09/2016-05/2022 DAAD Associate Professor (limited term), University of Texas at Austin, Department of Germanic Studies
- 03-08/2016 Interim Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2012-2016 Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2012 Postdoctoral fellow at the Center of Excellence „Cultural foundations of integration“, University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2011-2012 Visiting Professor of Sociology for Migration and Integration, University of Tübingen, Germany

2011	Postdoctoral researcher, Research Group “History and Memory”, University of Konstanz (director: Prof. Dr. Aleida Assmann), Germany
2006-2011	Senior Lecturer for Migration and Transnationalism, Department of Social Sciences, Bochum University, Germany
1998-2001	Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Münster University, Germany
1997-1998	Research assistant in the Department of Political Science, Münster, Germany

Fellowships and grants

2021	Grant by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington D.C., exhibition “Jewish Life in Germany”, \$833
2019	Conference grant by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and Goethe Institute, Washington D.C. (with Dr. Hans Boas), Symposium “Cultures of the Berlin wall - from 1989 to 2019”, \$ 5135
2018	Global classroom teaching grant, UT Austin, \$7500
2015	Conference grant by Volkswagen Foundation, International workshop “Labor migration in Europe. Changing policies - changing organizations - changing people”, 8500 Euro
2013	Research grant, German Research Foundation (DFG), Project “Reparations for colonial soldiers - transnational dimension and national preconditions”, 266,000 Euro
2012	Postdoctoral fellowship, Center of Excellence “Cultural foundations of integration”, Konstanz University, 12,000 Euro
2002-2005	PhD grant, Hans-Böckler-Foundation, 43,200 Euro

Publications

Books

In preparation: Barbara Laubenthal. *'Give us justice before we die.'* *Reparations for Second World War colonial veterans in the USA and in France.*

2007. Barbara Laubenthal. *Der Kampf um Legalisierung. Soziale Bewegungen illegaler Migranten in Frankreich, Spanien und der Schweiz (Undocumented immigrants' social movements in France, Spain and Switzerland).* Frankfurt/Main: Campus-Verlag.

1999. Barbara Laubenthal. *Vergewaltigung als Asylgrund. Die gegenwärtige Praxis in Deutschland (Rape as Grounds for Political Asylum. The current practice in Germany).* Frankfurt/Main: Campus-Verlag.

Edited Volumes

2021. Barbara Laubenthal (Ed.). How migrants become members. Integration and transnationalism theories revisited (guest editor), special issue of *International Migration*, forthcoming.

2017. Barbara Laubenthal (Ed.). Labour migration in Europe: Changing policies - changing organizations - changing people (guest editor), special issue of *International Migration*, 55 (S1), December.

2000. Barbara Laubenthal, Irene Gerlach, and Annette Zimmer (Eds). *It's A Man's World? Frauenförderung aktuell.* Münster: Agenda Verlag.

Journal articles (peer reviewed)**

**2021. Barbara Laubenthal and Kevin Myers. Memories of Migration. Commemoration, contestation and migrant integration in Germany and the United Kingdom. *German Politics and Society* 39 (2): 70-92.

** 2019. Refugees Welcome? Reforms of German Asylum Policies between 2013 and 2017 and Germany's Transformation into an Immigration Country. *German Politics* 28 (03): 412-425.

**2018. Barbara Laubenthal and Daniel Schumacher. Colonial memories and transnational mobilizations: Asia's colonial veterans and their struggle for British citizenship, c. 1980-2015, *Memory Studies*, online first doi.org/10.1177/1750698018784113

**2017. Introduction: Labour Migration in Europe. Changing policies - changing organizations - changing people. In Barbara Laubenthal (guest editor), *Labour migration in Europe: Changing policies - changing organizations - changing people.* *International Migration*, 55 (S1), December, 3-11.

** 2016. Political Institutions and Asylum Policies - The Case of Germany. *Psychosociological Issues in Human Resource Management* 4(2), 122–144

2015. History as a resource. The movie „Indigènes“ and the debate on integration in France. *IMIS-Beiträge*, special issue „The visual production of migration“, 46, 77-95.

**2014. Europeanization and the Negotiation of a New Labour Migration Policy in Germany. The Goodness of Fit Approach Revisited. *Comparative Migration Studies*, 2(4), 469-492.

**2014. Politik ohne Mandat? Gesellschaftliche Akteure und neue Formen informellen Regierens im Politikfeld Migration. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 8 (1), 237-257.

2011. ‚Keine Papiere für alle?‘ Formen und Grenzen der Politisierung illegaler Migration in Deutschland. *Vorgänge. Zeitschrift für Bürgerrechte und Gesellschaftspolitik*, 194, 2/2011, 77-84.

**2011. The negotiation of social rights of irregular migrants in Germany - a challenge to the nation-state. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, special issue Undocumented Migrants: Policy, Politics, Motives and Everyday Lives, 34 (8), 1357-1373.

2009. Barbara Laubenthal and Joerg-Uwe Nieland. ‘Des gens pas comme nous’. Les transmigrants turcs dans le documentaire allemande. *Hommes et Migrations*, Dossier France Allemagne. Politiques d’immigration et identités nationales, no. 1277, 98-104.

**2007. The emergence of pro-regularisation movements in Western Europe. *International Migration* 45 (3), 101-133.

2006. Die Schweizer Pro-Regularisierungsbewegung. *Forum. Zeitschrift des Schweizerischen Forums für Migrations- und Bevölkerungstudien* 6, 2006.

2005. ‘Papiere für alle’. Die Entstehung von Protesten illegaler Einwanderer in Murcia (Spanien). *IMIS-Beiträge* 27, Dezember 2005, 109-130

Book chapters

2018. Spillover in der Migrationspolitik. Die Asylpolitik der dritten Merkel-Regierung und der Wandel Deutschlands zum Einwanderungsland. In Zohnhöfer, R./Saalfeld, T. (Eds.). *Zwischen Stillstand, Politikwandel und Krisenmanagement. Eine Bilanz der Regierung Merkel 2013-2017*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 513-532.

2016. Entschädigungen für Kolonialveteranen des zweiten Weltkriegs in Frankreich und den USA. In Monika Hölscher, Viola Krause and Thomas Lutz (Eds.). *Geschichte und Geschichtsbilder - Der erste und zweite Weltkrieg im internationalen Vergleich*, Hessische Landeszentrale fuer politische Bildung, (POLIS 57): Wiesbaden.

2016. Zwischen Ehre und Exil. Kolonialveteranen des Zweiten Weltkriegs in Frankreich und den USA. In Hans Peter Zimmermann, Andreas Kruse, and Thomas Rentsch (Eds.). *Kulturen des Alterns. Plädoyers für ein gutes Leben bis ins hohe Alter*. Frankfurt am Main: Campus

2012. Barbara Laubenthal and Ludger Pries. Migration und Alter. Eine transnationale Perspektive In Helen Baykara-Krumme, Andreas Motel-Klingebiel and Peter Schimany (Eds.) *Viele Welten des Alterns? Ältere Migrantinnen und Migranten im alternden Deutschland*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 345-410.

2010. The new German integration policy - successes and challenges. In Alasdair Murray and Martin Adahl (Eds.) *Migration – Europe's challenge*. London: CentreForum, 76-86.

2007. 'Der Tod braucht keine Papiere'. Die Rolle der Printmedien bei den Protesten illegaler Einwanderer in Spanien In Barbara Pfetsch and Silke Adam (Eds.) *Medien als Akteure im politischen Prozess*. Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag, 266-284.

2007. Entre el mercado y el estado. La formación del movimiento pro-regularización suizo. In Suarez-Navaz, L. (Ed.) *Las luchas de los sin papeles y la extensión de la ciudadanía*. Madrid: traficantes de sueños.

2005. La emergencia de protestas de inmigrantes sin papeles en España: El caso de la Región de Murcia. In Pedreño, Andrés&Hernández, Manuel (Eds.). *La condición inmigrante. Exploraciones e investigaciones desde la Región de Murcia*. Murcia: Servicio de Publicaciones de la Universidad de Murcia.

Working papers

2012. *Labour migration governance in contemporary Europe. The German case*. Turin: FIERI.

2011. Barbara Laubenthal and Patricia Pielage. *European Task Force on Irregular Migrations. What are the Costs of National Non-Regularization Policies for the Local Level? Country report Germany*. Paris: IFRI.

2009. *The role of economic-non-state actors in labour migration policies: The German case in the European context*. CeSPI Issue paper, February 2009, Rome.

2008. *Two steps forward, one step back. Recent trends in German migration policy*. CeSPI Country paper, June 2008, Rome.

Book reviews

Jennings, Eric. 2014. La France libre fut Africaine. Paris: Perrin, in *Francia Recensio*, 2015/2

Conference and workshop presentations (since 2015)

Social rights of death row prisoners in the United States. Social Justice Research Forum, The University of Texas at Austin, 4/30/2021.

The Role of Memory in Current German and European Refugee Policies. Conference Migration, Exile, Transitional Justice and Memory between Europe and Latin America. Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, 11/22/2019 (invited talk)

Refugee Policies as Labor Migration Policies? The Integration of Refugees in Germany. 30th Anniversary SASE meeting, The New School for Social Research, New York City, 6/30/2019

Migrant precarity in Europe. Workshop Precarious Statuses of Migrants. Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration, University of Pennsylvania, 5/23/2019 (invited talk)

Facing the present by using the past - immigration and the politics of memory. A Night of Philosophy and Ideas, Central Library, Brooklyn, NY, 2/03/2019 (invited talk)

Art and Politics. Graphic Novels on Migration and European Immigration Policies. Conference Migration in Comics and Graphic Novels, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 10/06/2018 (invited talk)

The Borders of Europe: Death and Political Activism in the Mediterranean, Conference Migration, Discipline and Displacement, UT Austin, 4/26/2018 (invited talk)

Right-wing populism after the Holocaust - the role of the past in Germany's current asylum policies, APPAM International Conference "Public Policy and Governance Beyond Borders", Brussels, Belgium, 7/12/2017

Erinnerungskulturen an den Zweiten Weltkrieg in globaler Perspektive. Konferenz Geschichte und Geschichtsbilder: Der Erste und Zweite Weltkrieg im internationalen Vergleich. Stiftung Topographie des Terrors, Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge, Hessische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung, Grünberg/Hessen, 10/30/2015 (invited talk)

Veränderungen in der deutschen Arbeitsmigrationspolitik. Das Zusammenspiel zwischen nationaler und europäischer Ebene. International Conference Labour Migration and Migrants' Integration in Germany and Russia: A Comparative Approach, Saint Petersburg State University, 4/10/2015

Conferences and panels organized

Cultures of the Berlin Wall - from 1989 to 2019. An interdisciplinary symposium. With Hans Boas, Department of Germanic Studies, UT Austin, 10/24-10/25 2019

Panel "How Migrants Become Members. The value of integration versus transnationalism theories", German Studies Association Conference, Portland, 10/06/2019

Panel Asylum Policies and the Rise of the Right, with Ruth Wasem, APPAM International Conference "Public Policy and Governance Beyond Borders", Brussels, Belgium, 7/12-7/14 2017

Labor Migration in Europe. Changing policies - changing organizations - changing people. International Workshop, Konstanz University, 5/5 - 6/5 2015

Auf der Suche. Trauer, Politik und Erinnerung im Kontext von Kriegen und Regimeverbrechen, (*Mourning, Politics and Memory in the context of war and war crimes*), Workshop, with Birgit Schwellung, Konstanz University, 12/8 -12/10 2011

People on the Move. Culture and Knowledge in Motion, International Conference, with Carola Bauschke-Urban, Heike Hawicks, Jenny Oesterle, Kim de Wildt, Technical University Dortmund, 11/10/2010

Guest lectures organized at UT Austin

Jonathan F. Schulz, George Mason University: The Catholic Church, Kinship Systems and European Development, 4/1/2021.

Dr. Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Senior Energy Advisor at the European Competition Law Practice Baker McKenzie Brussels, former Deputy Director for Energy at the European Commission: The European Commission: Powerhouse or Paper Tiger?, 3/4/2021.

Florian Bieber, Professor of Southeast European History and Politics and director of the Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz, Austria: Nationalism in Europe in Times of Covid 19, 11/5/2020

Anja Mihr, DAAD Associate Professor OSCE Academy Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and Founder and Program Director of the Humboldt-Viadrina Center on Governance through Human Rights, Berlin: Regime change and Transitional Justice in Europe, after 1945 and 1989, 9/29/2020

Dean L. Root, Director of the Center for American Music at the University of Pittsburgh (online lecture): Controversial monuments. The Stephen Foster Statue in Pittsburgh, 11/12/2019

Matthias Klause, Head of Economic Department, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington D.C.: European Politics and the State of Transnational Affairs, 9/13/2019

Dr. Emily Haber, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington D.C.: Germany's Role in a Changing International Environment, 3/13/2019

Wolfgang Benz, Center for Research on Antisemitism, Berlin: New Antisemitism in Germany?, 2/12/2019

Wolfgang Seibel, University of Konstanz: Structural Racism? German Authorities and the Serial Killings of Immigrants in the 2000s, 9/13/2018.

Martina Maletzky, University of Passau: Immigration and the Construction of "Germanness", 3/21/2018

Dietrich Thränhardt, University of Muenster: Refugees Welcome. National and European Dimensions of Germany's recent refugee policies, 2/13/2018.

Teaching

UT Austin: Immigration in Germany and the U.S.; Politics of Memory in Germany and the U.S.; Memories of War in Germany and the U.S.; Introduction to European Studies; Germany and Immigration

University of Konstanz: Organizations and their Role in Public Administration; MA course Research design; European immigration policies.

University of Tübingen: Immigration in Europe, Highlights of sociological thought

University of Bochum: Immigration in Europe, Introduction to organization theories;
Immigration and Cultural Change, Transnationalism and Migration, Sociological theories of
internationalization

University of Passau: Interculturality and Immigration

Visiting fellowships

02/2015	Manila, Philippines, in cooperation with Prof. Ricardo T. José, Department of History, University of the Philippines Diliman
10/2014	San Jose State University, USA, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
06/2014	Centre Jacques Berque, Rabat, Morocco
11/2013&02/2014	Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Paris, France
09/2010	German Historical Institute, London, UK

Reviewer

Citizenship Studies; International Migration; Nationalities Papers; Culture, Practice and
Europeanization; German Studies Review; German Politics.

Berghahn Books, Palgrave Macmillan; SEISMO-Series Social Cohesion and Cultural Pluralism;
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Award Committees

DAAD research and study program grants, DAAD New York, 2018, 2021

Exchanges with North America Selection Committee, Department of Politics and Public
Administration, University of Konstanz

Languages

German (native speaker); English (fluent); French (proficient); Spanish (intermediate)