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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

POSTDOC HAFENCITY UNIVERSITY HAMBURG
03/2023 – TODAY

Member of DFG research training group 2725 "Urban future-making: Professional agency across time and scale"; teaching in MA Urban Design and BA Urban Planning; supervision of BA and MA theses

RESEARCH FELLOW LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY (IFL), LEIPZIG
09/2021 – 12/2021

Research group "Public transport as public space" funded by Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) and Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)

INTERNATIONAL VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
09/2018 – 12/2018

Visiting fellow at Department of Geography and Planning

RESEARCH ASSISTANT OTTO SUHR INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, FREE UNIVERSITY BERLIN
08/2013 – 12/2017

Research on global theories of war and postcolonial approaches in peace and conflict studies; publication of three peer-reviewed journal articles

HIGHER EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD), GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
09/2016 – 07/2022

PhD thesis „Uberising the urban: Labour, infrastructure and big data in the actually existing smart city of Toronto"; supervised by Dr Michael Guggenheim and Prof Dr Alberto Toscano; funded by the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-east England (CHASE) and the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

MASTER OF ARTS: SOCIOLOGY, GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
09/2014 – 09/2015

Goldsmiths Sociology Award for outstanding academic achievement; scholarship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

BACHELOR OF ARTS: POLITICAL SCIENCE, OTTO SUHR INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, FREE UNIVERSITY BERLIN
10/2010 – 05/2014

Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Namberger, F. (2025): Elsewheres of AI: Global supply chains, data work, and the social counter-imaginaries of autonomous driving, in: Burri, R. V.; Goebel, H.; Reimers, I. (eds.): Grounding digitalization: Technologies, materialities, and spaces, Bielefeld: Transcript, pp. 73-90.

Namberger, F. (2024): Towards the machine-readable city? Autonomous driving and HD mapping as latent conflicts in urban future-making, in: Grubbauer, M.; Manganelli, A.; Volont, L. (eds.): Conflicts in urban future-making: Governance, institutions, and transformative change, Bielefeld: Transcript, pp. 153-176.

Namberger, F. (2024): The state of Uberisation: Neoliberalism, smart urbanism, and the regulated deregulation of Toronto's taxi-cum-ridehail market, *Antipode* 56(1), pp. 206-228.

Namberger, F. (2024): Uber in exurbia: Peripheral platformization, post-suburbanization and the public-private-ridehail partnership in the Toronto city region, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 48(6), pp. 1034-1054.

Namberger, F. (2022): Review of Altenried, Moritz (2022): The Digital Factory: The human labor of automation, in: Society+Space magazine: www.societyandspace.org/articles/the-digital-factory-review.

Namberger, F.; Wischnath, G.; Chojnacki, S. (2019): Geo-graphing violence: Postcolonial perspectives, space, and the cartographic imaginaries of peace and conflict studies, *Geopolitics* 26(4), pp. 1196-1223.

Namberger, F.; Wischnath, G.; Chojnacki, S. (2018): Kartographien der Gewalt: Postkoloniale Blicke auf die (De-)Konstruktion von Raum in Forschung und Praxis, in: Dittmer, C. (ed.): Dekoloniale und Postkoloniale Perspektiven in der Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, Sonderband 2 der *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, pp. 183-221.

Namberger, F. (2018): Review of Cowen, Deborah (2014): The deadly life of logistics: Mapping violence in global trade, *sub\urban* 6(1), pp. 161-165.

Chojnacki, S. and Namberger, F. (2014): Die „Neuen Kriege" im Spiegel postkolonialer Theorien und kritischer Friedensforschung: Ein Plädoyer für die Befreiung von der Last der Vereinfachung, *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 3(2), pp. 157-202.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

2025: Neue Kulturgeographie (NKG), University of Augsburg (30th September-2nd October): Presentation of the paper "States of speculation: Speculative urbanism and the modalities of state-sanctioned risk absorption in Toronto's platform economy".

2025: Urban speculations: Cities, technologies, futures, Leuphana University Lüneburg (4-6th February): Organisation of the panel "Re-politicising Urban Futures: Speculations, Struggles, Scales".

2025: Urban speculations: Cities, technologies, futures, Leuphana University Lüneburg (4-6th February): Presentation of the paper "Autonomous vehicles, operational images: On the urban imaginaries of autonomous driving".

2024: RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, Imperial College London (27-30th August): Presentation of the paper "HD mapping and the imaginary of the machine-readable city", in paper session "Provincializing urban data visualization: Urban imaginaries through maps, renderings, and dashboards".

2023: Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG), Goethe University Frankfurt (19-23rd September): Co-organisation (with Christiane Meyer-Habighorst) of the paper session "Economic geographies of the platform economy".

2023: Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG), Goethe University Frankfurt (19-23rd September): Presentation of the paper "Excavating the platform state? Geographies of ridehailing beyond the corporate disruption".

2023: Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG), Goethe University Frankfurt (19-23rd September): Presentation of the paper "Uber in exurbia: The rise of the public-private ridehail partnership in the Toronto city region".

2023: Workshop "Economic Geographies of the Platform Economy. Networking meeting on current debates and research perspectives" in Berlin (6-7th March), co-organized by the Digital Geography working group at the University of Halle.

2023: Workshop "Uber, Taxis and Urban Mobility Infrastructures: Exploring Pathways towards Platform Futures", Berlin Einstein Center (8th February). Presentation of the paper "The state of Uberization: Taxi and ridehail struggles in Toronto".

2021: PUTSPACE Symposium of the Leibniz Institute for Regional Studies (IfL) Leipzig, Görlitz/Zgorzelec (27-31st October). Presentation of paper "The Uber Automaton: The self-driving car, Artificial Intelligence and the quest for big urban data".

2019: International Conference of Critical Geography (ICCG), Athens (19-23rd April): Presentation of the paper "Stuck in the technological fix? Toronto's mobility crisis and the double impasse of the automated vehicle".

2018: 10th Biennial Conference – European Peace Research Association (EuPRA), Schwerte (16-18th March): Presentation of the paper "Cartographies of violence: Postcolonial views on the (de-)construction of space in research and practice.