Activity Report 2017
Chair of Social Stratification and Sociology of European Societies

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1. Preface

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 9 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 will once more be extended until 2019. In this project, 2017 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 discussing results in smaller and bigger groups and, of course, in the middle of publishing the results.

While project proposals we submitted to the European Research Council and the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) were unfortunately refused, we are now looking forward to the start of another big project: 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. The preparations for this project are now well under way, and two new employees will start to fill the project with life on January 1st, 2018.

Particularly in the scope of our DFG-project, 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. Here, we would only like to highlight the two PhD theses: Norbert Petzold successfully defended his PhD thesis “Individualisation as a way to exit long-term benefit receipt? The link between long-term beneficiaries’ appropriations of the German minimum income scheme and their life planning regarding benefit receipt” on February 15th. Katharina Zimmermann successfully defended her PhD thesis on “Local Europeanisation by cohesion policy - The European Social Fund in local labour market policies” on February 27th. Congratulations to both of you! We are also proud of the recognition our research gets: Jannika Mattes won this year’s prize for excellent research, awarded by the Universitätsgesellschaft Oldenburg e.V. (UGO).

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 have also started offering courses in English and will maintain this offer
in the future, 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 Deborah Rice and Jannika Mattes are equal opportunity commissioners. Patricia Bruns has taken over 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 two new employees join our team in the course of this year. Patricia Bruns and Merle Toborg both support the “Horizontal Europeanization” project and take over responsibility in teaching. We are happy to have you here! On the other side of the coin, Norbert Petzold left us after completing his PhD thesis. We wish him our very best for his new position!

In the remaining report, we present in some more detail our activities related to research and teaching for 2017. 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 2017

Martin Heidenreich and Jannika Mattes
2. Projects and other research activities

The research activities of our unit are focused on two areas: attracting more attention to the European dimension of social stratification and analysing the transition towards an innovation-oriented and globally-oriented knowledge-based society as an important factor in processes of social-structural change.

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. From January 2018 on, this project will look 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 2017, 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 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 top-level 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“)

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.

Summer School in Wrocław (Breslau), Poland
European Identity and Inequalities. Does Euroscepticism entail holding the EU accountable for social inequalities in Europe? (Patricia Bruns, University of Oldenburg)

Presented at the Summer School ‘Identifications and Solidarity in Europe’ (21.-24.06.2017, Wroclaw):

The rise of populist parties and the overall critical tone in public as well as in the media indicates a dramatic decline of the support for the European Union. The term *Euroscepticism* stands for doubt and disbelief in the concept of the EU in general, especially relating to the process of European integration. Even though Euroscepticism has been well investigated, there is still not an overall reliable theoretical concept for understanding Euroscepticism nor a collective attempt in effective prevention adjustments.

To further investigate the origins of people’s negative attitude towards the EU, micro-level determinants will be used. Given the fact that the amount of political support depends partially on the satisfaction with institutional outcome, it could be argued that a high rate of social inequalities or rather a large perception of an unequal society fosters disapproval of the political regime or even the whole political system. Due to the ongoing Europeanization process, inequalities become a transnational rather than a national concern. Therefore, the EU could be held responsible for social inequality among the member states. To analyze whether the perceived accountability for social inequalities relies at least to some extent on the EU, the causes and consequences of Euroscepticism will be examined and theoretically as well as empirically connected with social inequalities. The presentation will reflect on the idea that the interplay between Euroscepticism and the perception of inequalities tells us something
about the underlining processes of how the European citizens experience a transnational accountability for the structure of the European society.

Summer School Participants

CES-Conference “Sustainability Transformation” in Glasgow from 12 until 14 July 2017

Project results were presented and discussed in the course of the panel: Horizontal Europeanization: Europe as an emerging social entity between the national and the global sphere. Chair: Martin Heidenreich, University of Oldenburg.


A Transnational Community of Purpose? The Professionalization of Lobbyists at the European Union. Christian Lahusen, University of Siegen; Frank Borchers, University of Siegen.


The Contested Constitution of Wage Coordinating Institutions in Social Services from a Multi-Scalar Perspective. Nele Dittmar, University of Linz.

Discussant: Juan Medrano, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.
Conference of the research group on 2 and 3 November 2017 in Berlin:

Aim of the Conference

The aim of the conference was to present preliminary findings from the research unit “Horizontal Europeanization” to colleagues working on the sociology of Europe in Germany and abroad, and to discuss our empirical results with them. The conference had the character of a workshop. It strived to intensify informal relations among the European-sociological research community.

Presentation


Panel discussion: “The Growing Divide between the People and the Elites in Europe: Causes and Prospective Solutions”. Jürgen Gerhards, Free University Berlin; Virginie Guiraudon, Sciences Po Paris; Andreas Nölke, Goethe University Frankfurt; Michael Zürn, WZB Berlin; Chair: Steffen Mau, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.

Sebastian M. Büttner, Lucia Leopold, Steffen Mau & Katharina Zimmermann: Programming and Practice of EU Funding – A Comparative View on the Social World of EU Funding. Discussent: Antoine Vauchez, Centre national de la recherche scientifique / Université Paris 1-Sorbonne.


Jan Delhey, Emanuel Deutschmann, Auke Aplowski & Monika Verbalyte: Europe as an Emerging, yet Unequal Social Space. Discussent: Theresa Kuhn, University of Amsterdam.

### The research group (subprojects) of the second phase:

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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.


Abstract: Considering the current process of horizontal Europeanisation which has resulted from the new opportunity structure created by the EU, this article discusses to what extent the European Member States are economically and socially intertwined. The proposition of this paper is that social interactions go hand in hand with economical interactions between the European Member States. In order to
validate this assumption, a horizontal Europeanisation index that measures Europeanisation in contrast to globalisation was developed. The underlying variables of our index cover 25 European countries and were mainly collected from OECD and EUROSTAT. Almost all European countries are economically more Europeanised than globalised. We observed a medium correlation between the economic and social dimension, indicating a rather low systematic pattern between the two dimensions of horizontal Europeanisation in 2011. However, this assumption cannot be upheld when considering the time perspective. When comparing 2007–2011, social cross-border transactions are relatively disconnected from economical cross-border transaction.

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.

At the 2017 conference in Berlin, the project team presented first results from the second phase under the topic “the dualization of labor markets in the Eurozone”. They could show that the dualization between EU member states, on the one hand, and between different labor market groups, on the other hand, have strongly increased during the crisis within the euro area.

Project members: Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich; Dr. Jenny Preunkert; Prof. Dr. Stefanie Kley (until 03/2016); Sven Broschinski, M.A.; Fabian Hamann (until 08/2016); Matthias Pohlig (from 10/2016); Patricia Bruns and Merle Toborg (both from 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 “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

2017 Heidenreich, Martin; Baur, Nina: Standorte innovativer Unternehmen in Europa: zwischen industriellen und dienstleistungsbasierten Ansiedlungsmustern. Globalisierung als Auto-Kapitalismus:


Jannika Mattes


Jenny Preunkert


Deborah Rice


2017 Deborah Rice, How governance conditions affect the individualization of active labour market services: An exploratory vignette study. Public Administration 95(2), 468-481.


Christian Steuerwald


Gender, race und disability. Einführende Überlegungen zur Bedeutung sozialer Zugehörigkeiten im Sport und in der (Sport-)Soziologie. In: Müller, Marion u. Christian Steuerwald (Hg.): »Gender«, »Race« und

Franziska Buttler


Cathrin Ingensiep


Sabine Israel


Christian Reimann


Katharina Zimmermann


4. Presentations and other activities

[10.-11.11.2017] Martin Heidenreich presents a paper on "Der Pyrrhussieg des Egalitarismus" at the autumn conference of the sociological working group of the archbishopric Paderborn with Archbishop Becker.

[02.-03.11.2017] Martin Heidenreich, Sven Broschinski, and Matthias Pohlig present a paper on "the dualization of labor markets in the eurozone" at the conference of the research unit Horizontal Europeanization in Berlin.

[02.-03.11.2017] Martin Heidenreich presents a paper on "Horizontal Europeanization: Europe as an emerging social entity between the national and global sphere" at the conference of the research unit Horizontal Europeanization in Berlin and in the seminar “Sociology of Europeanization” organized by the Free University and the Humboldt-University in Berlin.


[30.08.-01.09.2017] Deborah Rice presents a paper on "Network ties among social policy professionals: Benefits and costs for public service organizations and citizens" at the EGPA Conference 2017, Milan.

[12.-14.07.2017] Martin Heidenreich is Chair of the Panel Horizontal Europeanization: "Europe as an emerging social entity between the national and the global sphere" at the CES-Conference in Glasgow.


[21.-24.06.2017] Patricia Bruns presents her paper "European Identity and Inequalities. Does Euroscepticism entail holding the EU accountable for social inequalities in Europe?" at the Summer School "Identifications and Solidarity" in Wroclaw, Poland.

5. Teaching

Lectures and seminars in the autumn semester 2016/17

Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich

Einführung in die Soziologie
Einführung in die Arbeitsmarkt- und Organisationsforschung (x2)
Kolloquium
Vertiefung von Fachwissen Arbeit, Organisation oder Wissen (AROWI-Promotionsprogramm)
Norbert Petzold
Studieren im Ausland: Erasmus-Veranstaltung für Sozialwissenschaftlerinnen

Dr. Deborah Rice
Arbeitsmarkt- und Sozialpolitik in Europa (x2)

Dr. Christian Steuerwald
Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie (x4)

Rouven Teichmann
Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie (x3)

Lectures and seminars in the spring semester 2017

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

Dr. Deborah Rice
Globalisierung und Gesellschaft
Gibt es einen globalen Arbeitsmarkt? (x3)

Merle Toborg
Seminare zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur (x3)

Dr. Christian Steuerwald
Seminare zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur (x3)

Norbert Petzold
Seminar zur Einführung in die Sozialstruktur

Thomas Jackwerth
Innovation und Organisation

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)

Merle Toborg
Seminare zur Einführung in die Soziologie (x3)

Patricia Bruns
Causes and Consequences of Euroscepticism

Thomas Jackwerth
Wissen und Innovationen in Organisationen

6. Degrees and Graduations

Norbert Petzold successfully defended his dissertation “Individualisation as a way to exit long-term benefit receipt? The link between long-term beneficiaries’ appropriations of the German minimum income scheme and their life planning regarding benefit receipt” (15 February). The first supervisor was Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich, the second supervisor was PD Dr. Irene Dingeldey.

Katharina Zimmermann successfully defended her PhD thesis on “Local Europeanisation by cohesion policy - The European Social Fund in local labour market policies” (27 February). The first supervisor was Prof. Dr. Martin Heidenreich, the second supervisor was Prof. Dr. Paolo Graziano.

We congratulate both colleagues on their doctorate degree and we wish them all the best for the future.

7. Prizes and Awards

Jannika Mattes was awarded the “prize for excellent research 2017” by the Universitätsgesellschaft
Oldenburg e. V. (UGO) as part of the opening session of the academic year. The prize was endowed with 5,000 € and honors her contributions to international innovation research in a combined organizational and regional perspective.

8. Guest Lectures

**Vortrag**

**Prof. Dr. Paolo Graziano**
Professor der Politikwissenschaft an der Universität Potsdam und Research Associate am European Social Observatory Berlin

The end of social Europe? Understanding recent EU social policy change

Owing to the current political system approach we identify the 2004, 2006 and 2008 European elections and the financial and economic crisis as relevant to the EU political system. On the one side, social policy has been substantially removed from the priority of the EU political agenda. On the other, issues related to welfare state have become a key part of the EU political agenda. In this context, the role of the role of the European Union in shaping social policy and welfare state reforms has been increasingly recognized.

Montag, 27. Februar 2017, 14 – 16 Uhr
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**Vortrag**

**PD Dr. Irene Dingeldey**
Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin am Institut Arbeit und Wirtschaft an der Universität Bremen

Aktenstrategien im Umgang mit Mindestlöhne und Tarifpolitik – Differenzen nach Ländern oder Branchen?


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