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EDUCATION

- 12/2015 – PRESENT **PhD: Global and Area Studies**
Global and European Studies Institute, Leipzig University. Leipzig, Germany
Dissertation titled: “Framing Territorial Cohesion in the Face of Peripheralisation: A Comparative Study of Integrated Development Instruments in Saxony and Romania”.
- 09/2013 – 09/2014 **MA: Urban Design and Planning**
Department of Urban Studies and Planning, The University of Sheffield. Sheffield, England
Study of urban and regional development processes and integrated spatial planning. Dissertation titled: “Moral Dilemmas of Urban Informality”.
- 09/2010 – 06/2013 **BA: Urban Studies and Planning**
Department of Urban Studies and Planning, The University of Sheffield. Sheffield, England

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 07/2020 – PRESENT **Researcher**
Thünen Institute of Rural Studies. Braunschweig, Germany
Researcher in the InDaLE project (Innovative Approaches to Public Services – Lessons for Germany from other European Countries’ Experiences).
- 10/2014 – 03/2020 **Researcher / Guest Researcher**
Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography. Leipzig, Germany
Early Stage Researcher in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN RegPol² project, work package two: ‘the Governance of Core-periphery Relations’ (2014-2017).
- 10/2012 – 03/2014 **Planning Assistant (volunteer)**
Campaign to Protect Rural England - South Yorkshire Branch. Sheffield, England
- 06/2012; 03/2013 **Planning Policy and Development Control (placement)**
Islington Borough Council. London, England

ACADEMIC OUTPUT

- CONFERENCES
- European Peripheries. Transdisciplinary perspectives. December 2017, Frankfurt(Oder), Germany.* Presentation in the panel “EU policies and periphery construction”.
- 15th European Week of Regions and Cities, University Masterclass. October 2017, Brussels, Belgium.* Presentation of the first results of my PhD.
- Coping with Uneven Development in Europe. September 2017, Leipzig, Germany.* Organised and moderated a roundtable discussion on the topic of territorial cohesion. Moderated a plenary interview with a member of the German Parliament.
- Regional Studies Association’s Central & Eastern Europe Conference. September 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.* Presented a paper and moderated a panel called “The impact of Structural Funds on the development of the EU”.
- Innovative Ansätze zur Regionalentwicklung. May 2017, the Saxon Ministry of Internal Affairs. Dresden, Germany.* Co-organised a practice-oriented workshop.

10th *International Conference in Interpretive Policy Analysis*. July 2015, Lille, France. Presentation in the panel “The Politics of Meaning: Power-sensitive Approaches to Framing Research”.

TEACHING

Course: Deconstructing Europe: Multiple Perspectives on Europeanisation (WiSe 2019/2020)

Programme: MA European Studies. Global and Area Studies Institute, Leipzig University.

Taught a lecture and a seminar on EU regional development policies.

Course: Methods in the Study of Globalisation (WiSe 2016/2017)

Programme: MA European Studies. Global and Area Studies Institute, Leipzig University.

Conducted a seminar on Grounded Theory (invited as a guest lecturer).