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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current

Tilburg University

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology

since March 2021, tenured 2022

London School of Economics and Political Science

Assistant Professorial Research Fellow

International Inequalities Institute

since August 2022

Previous

London School of Economics and Political Science

Postdoc

International Inequalities Institute

Sep 2019-July 2022

University of Bremen

Research Associate & PhD Student

Department of Sociology & SOCIUM

March 2014-August 2019

Berlin Social Science Center

Research Assistant

Jan 2011-Feb 2014

EDUCATION

University of Bremen

PhD in Sociology

July 2019

summa cum laude

Freie Universität zu Berlin

M.A. Political Science

October 2013

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) Bordeaux

Erasmus Studies

2007/2008

University of Hamburg

B.A. Political Science

May 2010

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Wealth, Class Analysis, Housing, Elites, Redistribution, Credit

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Waitkus, Nora, Mike Savage and Maren Toft (2024). "Wealth and Class Analysis: Exploitation, Closure and Exclusion" *Sociology*, [Online first](#).

Manuel Schechtel and **Nora Waitkus** (2024). "Where Income becomes Wealth: How Redistribution moderates the Association between Income and Wealth" *Socius*, **10**: 1-13.

Waitkus, Nora (2023). "Ungleicher Besitz. Perspektiven einer klassensoziologischen Untersuchung von Vermögen" *Berliner Journal für Soziologie*, **3(1)**: 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 Hagenars 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** (ed.) (2018). “Dynamiken sozialer Ungleichheit” *WSI-Mitteilungen*, 71(5): 346.

Groh-Samberg, Olaf, Nepomuk Hurch and **Nora Waitkus** (2018). “Statuskonkurrenzen und soziale Spaltungen. Zur Dynamik sozialer Ungleichheiten” *WSI-Mitteilungen*, 71(5): 347-357.

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

Waitkus, Nora and Asif Butt (2024). “Vermögensungleichheit und ökonomische Eliten.” Handbuch Sozialstrukturanalyse. Ed. by D. Konietzka und P. Boehnke. Springer. *Forthcoming*.

Dewilde, Caroline and **Nora Waitkus** (2024). “Housing and Inequality”. Handbook of Labor, Human Resource and Population Economics (Ed. by K. Zimmermann). Springer. 1-29.

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.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

Becker, Bastian and **Nora Waitkus**. “Odious Wealth. Political Attitudes towards Illegitimately Acquired Wealth” (*R&R*)

Stefan Wallaschek and **Nora Waitkus**. “The past, the present, the future. Self-descriptions of excellence amongst the German super rich in media interviews” (*conditional accept at IJC*)

Vaughan, Michael, Hendrik Theine, Daniel Schieferdecker, and **Nora Waitkus**. “Communication about economic inequality in hybrid media systems: a systematic review” (*R&R*)

Waitkus, Nora, Fabian Pfeffer and Lena Radau. “Housing Wealth Regimes”

Waitkus, Nora and Christian Schneickert. “How to (not) Compare Economic Elites across Countries”

Waitkus, Nora. “The Wealth of Some”

Waitkus, Nora and Olaf Groh-Samberg. “Keeping Up with the Müller’s: Housing Inequality in Germany”

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€**

2022-2025 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)

2021 Aldi (Aleida Johanna Maria) Hagenaars Memorial Award, LIS (Luxembourg) (1.000€)

2020 SASE Early Career Workshop-Grant (\$750)

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Administration, Scientific Boards & Professional Organizations

Current Roles

Chair of Program Committee Sociology, University of Tilburg (since 2024)

Advisory Board Member of the Luxembourg Income Study (since 2023)

Coordinator of the UK LIS Satellite Office at LSE (since 2021)

Member Program Committee Sociology, University of Tilburg (since 2021)

Past Roles

Scientific Committee, RC28 Spring Meeting (2023)

Award Committee, RC28 Significant Scholarship Award (2023)

Hiring Committee for 2 Research Officer at the International Inequalities Institute, LSE (2023)

Hiring Committee for 8 APs, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Tilburg (2022)

Scientific Committee, ECSR General Conference (2022)

Committee Member Dutch National Sociological Association: Research M.A. Thesis Award (2022)

Council Member, Institute of Sociology, University of Bremen (2015-2019)

Deputy Council Member, SOCIUM, University of Bremen (2015-2016)

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

2nd Comparative Economic Inequality Conference: Measuring Inequality, Luxembourg (2025) (w. P. Van Kerm, H.X. Jara & T. Munzi)

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

Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Applied Economics, British Journal of Sociology, European Journal of Population, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Housing Studies, International Journal of Housing Policy, Journal of Chinese Sociology, Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Forces, Social Justice Research, Socio-economic Review, Sociological Science, The Journal of Economic Inequality, Urban Geography, Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Grant Reviews

Swiss National Science Foundation, Volkswagen Stiftung

Professional Membership

RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (ISA), Society for the Advancements of Socioeconomics (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)

INVITED TALKS (∇= KEYNOTE; *italics* = FORTHCOMING)

University of Groningen, Lecture Series on Inequality (2024)
∇ Wealth Data Science Summer/Winter School. Bremen & Cape Town (2024)
LMU Sociology Lecture Series (2024)
CREST Sociology Seminar, Paris (2023)
(LIS)2ER workshop: Policies to Fight Inequality. Housing Policy and Wealth Inequality, Luxembourg (2023)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Lecture Series (2023)
VHS Wissen Live (2023)
∇ Intergenerational Inequalities and the Contemporary Family Setup. PhD Winter School, University of Bremen (2022)
'Inequality and Poverty', 41st EBES conference (Global Labor Organisation), virtual (2022)
∇ Elites, Power and Inequalities - International Summer School, University of Lausanne (2022)
Workshop 'Reichtum. Soziologische und historische Perspektiven', Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne (2022)
From Regional to Global, Launch Event LIS III, London School of Economics, virtual (2021)
Edinburgh Sociology Lecture Series, virtual (2021)
LIS Data User Workshop, virtual (2021)
Debating Capital and Ideology, London School of Economics, virtual (2021)
Economics Department Lecture Series, Gdansk University of Technology, virtual (2021)
Department of Sociology Lecture Series, University of Oxford (2020)
Inequality Seminar Series, London School of Economics (2020)
Debt, Wealth and Inequality, University of Helsinki (2019)
The Moral and Political Economy of Wealth and Wealth Inequality, University of Bremen (2019)
LIS Brownbag Seminar, Luxembourg (2018)
PSID Brownbag Seminar, University of Michigan (2016)
Financial Aid Office, University of Michigan (2016)

CONFERENCE TALKS

Comparative Economic Inequality Conference (2025)
BJS Conference (2024)
RC28 Spring Meeting (2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017)
SASE Annual Meeting (2021, 2020)
ECSR General Conference/Workshop (2020, 2018)
Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (2024, 2022, 2020, 2018)
Frühjahrstagung Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse (2023, 2017)
Sektionstagung Wirtschaftssoziologie (2024)
London Inequality Workshop (2022)
ASA (2020, 2016)
SLLS (2019)

Accumulating Capital: Strategies of Profit and Dispossession Policies, Université Paris-Dauphine (2019)

SOEP User Conference (2016)

Elite Conference, London School of Economics (2015)

Social Space Conference II, University of Bonn (2015)

RESEARCH VISITS

2024 University of Oxford, DSPI & INET

2018 & 2019 Luxembourg Income Study

2016 University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), ISR

2015 University of Bergen, Department of Sociology

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)

Introduction to Quantitative Methods. PhD Seminar, LSE

Social Change and Sustainable Development (4x) (UT, L+S and Coordinator)

Student Research Symposium (all levels) (3x) (UT)

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, UB)

Sociological Research Problems (4x) (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:

Inbar Eliav-Paran, Advisor, University of Tilburg (2024-)

External Examiner:

Emma Ischinsky, Thesis Advisory Committee Member, MPIfG (2023-)

Andrea Pietrolucci, Committee Member, University of Trento (2023)

Elizabeth Mann, Examiner, LSE (2023)

M.A. Students: 4 @ LSE (M.Sc. Inequalities and Social Sciences), 20 @ UT (M.A. Sociology), 2 @ UB (M.A. Social Policy)

B.A. Students: 7@ UB (B.A. Sociology)