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EDUCATION

2017-present **The University of Chicago, Department of Sociology**
Ph.D. in Sociology

Dissertation: "DIY and Dissidence: How online countermedia produce new political subjectivities"

Committee: Andreas Glaeser (chair), Lis Clemens, Marco Garrido, Susan Gal

2019 M.A. Sociology

2013-2015 **École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France**
M.A. Sociologie Générale, Mention *Très bien*

2009-2013 **Freie Universität Berlin (FU), Berlin, Germany**
B.A. Political Science, Minor Economics

2011-2012 **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London**
Study Abroad Program in African Politics and Anthropology of West Africa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Communication and the New Media, Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Sociology of Religion and Secularism, Sociology of Emotions, Islam in Europe, Right-Wing Movements, Populism, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Berg, A. L. (2019). From religious to secular place-making: How does the secular matter for religious place construction in the local? *Social Compass* 66 (1), 35–48.

Ural, N.Y./**Berg, A.L.** (2019). From religious emotions to affects: historical and theoretical reflections on injury to feeling, self and religion, *Culture and Religion* 20 (2), 207-223.

Berg, A.L. (2022). Electoral Strategy or Historical Legacy? The CDU's Reactions to Far-right Parties in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1964-1990. *Social Science History*, 1-24.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Walter-Jochum, R. / **Berg, A. L.**/ Ural, N.Y. (2017). Houellebecq's *Soumission* und „die Muslime“ im französischen und deutschen Diskurs darüber. In: Gredel, Eva et al. (eds.) *Tagungsband „Diskurs – kontrastiv“*, Institut für Deutsche Sprache Mannheim. Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, 175-190.

Berg, A.L./Ural, N.Y. (2019). Feeling Freedom of Speech: secular affects in public debates after *Charlie Hebdo*. In: Scheve C.V. et al.(eds.) *Affect and Emotion in Multi-Religious Secular Societies*. New York/London: Routledge, 228-244.

Berg, A.L./Scheve, C.V./ Ural, N.Y./Walter-Jochum, R. (2019) Reading for Affect - A Methodological Proposal for Analyzing Affective Dynamics in Discourse. In: Kahl, Antje (ed) *Analyzing Affective Societies: Methods and Methodologies*. New York/London: Routledge, 45-62.

EDITED VOLUMES

Scheve, C.V., **Berg A. L.**, Haken, M., Ural, N. Y. (Eds.) (2019). *Affect and Emotion in Multi-Religious Secular Societies*. New York/London: Routledge.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Berg, A.L., “Becoming an ‘Infosiasst’: Affective Contours of a New Political Subjectivity”, accepted for submission at special issue at *Emotions and Society*

Berg, A.L., “I Do My Own Research”: Scientization as an Epistemological and Political Transition Strategy amongst COVID-19 Containment Measure Protestors”

Berg, A.L., “Disentangling Media and Partisanship at the Extremes: “Infosiasm” as a New Political Subjectivity Undergirding Anti-Refugee and Anti-Containment Mobilizations in Germany”

FELLOWSHIP & GRANTS

2022	EHESS Exchange Scholarship Paris (\$12,000)
2021	Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award Grant (\$5000)
2021	Charles Henderson Grant (\$3000)
2021	Council on Advanced Student Research Grant (\$ 5000)
2017-2018	Stipend Supplement from the Neubauer Family Initiative for Graduate Education (\$ 10,000)
2013-2015	Graduate Scholarship German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Study Abroad France
2011-2012	Scholarship German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Study Abroad UK
2008	Max-Weber Fellow, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, declined

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Freie Universität Berlin, Interdisciplinary Research Center “Affective Societies”, Berlin, October 2015-May 2017

Research Associate: Project C04 “Religious Feelings and Rhetoric of Injury in the German Public Sphere”, Department of Sociology/Department of Literary Studies

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

“I Do My Own Research’: Scientization as an Epistemological and Political Transition Strategy amongst COVID-19 Containment Measure Protestors”

- International Conference for Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Lisbon, June 2022
- Digital Media Workshop, University of Chicago, January 2022
- Graduate Conference *The Great Mediation*, University of Chicago, May 2021

- Panel *Von Brenngläsern, großen Plänen und scharfen Einschnitten: Untersuchungen zur pandemischen Gesellschaftskritik*, Soziologiekongress DGS/ ÖGS, August 2021

“Online mediation in the German anti-refugee and anti-containment online ecologies”

- Conference *Antipolitics*, 3CT (Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory), February 2021

“Symbolic hazard or strategic opportunity: reacting to right-wing ascendancy in post-war Germany”

- Workshop *Politics, History, and Society*, University of Chicago, April 2020

“Freedom of Speech and Secular Affect in German Public Debates”

- European Sociological Association Conference Athens, August 2017
- Conference *Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies*, Freie Universität Berlin, November 2016 (with N. Yasemin Ural)
- Master Class with Prof. Hans Joas, September 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020-2021	Lecturer, MA Seminar, <i>Political Affect and Ethnography</i> , Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University of Berlin, Winter Semester (self-designed)
2020	Teaching Assistant, <i>Introduction to Social Thought</i> (“Power, Identity, Resistance”), the College, University of Chicago, January-June 2020
2020	Teaching Assistant, <i>Introduction to European History</i> (“European Civilization”), the College, University of Chicago, January-March
2019	Training as Instructor in Writing Pedagogy, Chicago Center for Teaching, March-June
2018	Teaching Assistant, <i>Sociological Theory</i> , Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, October-December
2016	Lecturer, MA Seminar, <i>The secular and multiple religiosities</i> , Department of Sociology, Free University Berlin, Summer Semester (self-designed)

SERVICE

2021	Student Organizer, graduate student conference <i>The Great Mediation</i> , 6 th and 7 th of May 2021, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
2019-	Occasional Reviewer for the <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> and <i>Social Problems</i>
2019-2021	Book Review Board Member, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2019-2020	Student Coordinator for Workshop <i>Politics, History, Society</i>
2017	Organizer, conference <i>Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies</i> , Freie Universität Berlin, 4 th of November 2016

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Freelancer, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* writing on sociological issues

Moderator, Online Seminar for Teachers “Islamist and racist terrorist attacks—a topic for class discussion?”, April 2021, Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin

LANGUAGES

German *Native*, French *Fluent*, Spanish *Reading*, Italian *Reading*