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## Employment

### Professor

Department of Sociology  
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### Research Fellow

WZB Berlin Social Science Center  
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## Qualifications

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr., University of Amsterdam  
1 Jan 2009 → 24 Apr 2012  
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Social Sciences, Master of Arts, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
1 Oct 2006 → 19 Nov 2008  
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Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
1 Oct 2003 → 27 Nov 2006  
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## Research outputs

### **The Integration Paradox: A Review and Meta-Analysis of the Complex Relationship Between Integration and Reports of Discrimination**

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### **Imagining Life Beyond a Crisis: A Four Quadrant Model to Conceptualize Possible Futures**

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### **Ethnic Diversity and Social Integration: What are the Consequences of Ethnic Residential Boundaries and Halos for Social Integration in Germany?**

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### **Who Should Get Vaccinated First? Limits of Solidarity during the First Week of the Danish Vaccination Programme**

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**Why trust? A mixed-method investigation of the origins and meaning of trust during the COVID-19 lockdown in Denmark**  
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**Der Halo-Effekt in Deutschland – Revisited: Sind Menschen, die in der Nähe von – aber nicht in – ethnisch diversen Nachbarschaften leben, besonders xenophob und rassistisch?**

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**Multilevel Analysis with Few Clusters: Improving Likelihood-Based Methods to Provide Unbiased Estimates and Accurate Inference**

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**The Educational System and the Ethnic Skills Gap among the Working-Age Population: An Analysis of 16 Western Immigration Countries**

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**Danskernes sociale tillid er høj og intakt, men lavere hvor der bor flere indvandrere**

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**Why You Should Always Include a Random Slope for the Lower-Level Variable Involved in a Cross-Level Interaction**

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**Der Halo-Effekt in einheimisch-homogenen Nachbarschaften**

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Heisig, J. P., Schaeffer, Merlin & Giesecke, J., 2017, In: American Sociological Review. 82, 4, p. 796-827

**Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethnoracial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict**

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**Income Advantages of Poorly Qualified Immigrant Minorities: Why School Dropouts of Turkish Origin Earn More in Germany**

Schaeffer, Merlin, Höhne, J. & Teney, C., 2016, In: European Sociological Review. 32, 1, p. 93-107

**Statistical and Perceived Diversity and Their Impacts on Neighborhood Social Cohesion in Germany, France and the Netherlands**

Koopmans, R. & Schaeffer, Merlin, 2016, In: Social Indicators Research. 125, 3, p. 853-883

**Social cohesion and immigration in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, conditions, and causality**

Koopmans, R., Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, Merlin, 20 Jan 2015, Taylor & Francis. 234 p.

**Diversity erfassen: Statistische Diversitätsindizes**

Schaeffer, Merlin, 2015, *Handbuch Diversity Kompetenz: Perspektiven und Anwendungsfelder*. Genkova, P. & Ringeisen, T. (eds.). Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden, p. 1-11

**Ethnic Diversity in Diverse Societies: An introduction**

Koopmans, R., Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, Merlin, 2015, *Social Cohesion and Immigration in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions, and Causality*. Koopmans, R., Lancee, B. & Schaeffer, M. (eds.). Routledge

**Moving to Diversity: Residential mobility, changes in ethnic diversity, and concerns about immigration**

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**Inter-Ethnic Neighbourhood Acquaintances of Migrants and Natives in Germany: On the Brokering Roles of Inter-Ethnic Partners and Children**

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**Can competing diversity indices inform us about why ethnic diversity erodes social cohesion? A test of five diversity indices in Germany**

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**Which groups are mostly responsible for problems in your neighbourhood? The use of ethnic categories in Germany**  
Schaeffer, Merlin, 1 Jan 2013, In: Ethnic and Racial Studies. 36, 1, p. 156-178 23 p.

## **Activities**

**Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (External organisation)**

Schaeffer, Merlin (Member)

2018 → 2023

## **Prizes**

**ASA Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award**

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient) & Legewie, J. (Recipient), 1 Sep 2017

**ASA Outstanding Article Publication in Mathematical Sociology Award**

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient) & Legewie, J. (Recipient), 1 Jun 2018

**DGS Anatol Rapoport Prize**

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient), Höhn, J. (Recipient) & Teney, C. (Recipient), 1 Sep 2016

**Runner-up to the ESR Prize for the Best Article of the Year**

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient) & Heisig, J. P. (Recipient), Jul 2020