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## EDUCATION

*Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS),  
University of Bremen/Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)*  
Ph.D. in Sociology (summa cum laude) Sep 2009 – Dec 2012  
Dissertation: Outcomes of Residential Relocations over the Life Course:  
Longitudinal Evidence from England and Germany  
Committee: Michael Windzio, Olaf Groh-Samberg, Mark Taylor  
*Ruhr University Bochum (Germany)*  
Diploma in Social Science (equiv. to M.A.) Oct 2004 – Apr 2009  
*University of Copenhagen (Denmark)*  
Visiting student Aug 2006 – Jan 2007

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

*University of Cologne, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (Germany)*  
Junior Research Group Leader Apr 2017 – present  
Postdoctoral Researcher Aug 2014 – Mar 2017  
*Tilburg University, Department of Sociology (The Netherlands)*  
Postdoctoral Researcher Feb 2013 – Aug 2014  
Lecturer Feb 2013 – Aug 2014  
*Faktor Familie GmbH (Bochum, Germany)*  
Research Associate Apr 2009 – Aug 2009  
Student Assistant Jun 2008 – Mar 2009  
*Distance University of Hagen, Department of Sociology (Germany)*  
Student Assistant Aug 2007 – May 2008  
*German Institute for Japanese Studies (Toyko, Japan)*  
Intern Jan 2007 – Mar 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

### MONOGRAPHS

Lersch, Philipp M. (2014): *Residential Relocations and their Consequences: Life Course Effects in England and Germany*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-658-04257-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-04257-8)

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Fulda, Barbara Elisabeth & Lersch, Philipp M. (Forthcoming): Planning Until Death Do Us Part: Partnership Status and Financial Planning Horizon. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Lersch, Philipp M., Jacob, Marita & Hank, Karsten (Forthcoming): Long-Term Health Consequences of Adverse Labor Market Conditions at Time of Leaving Education: Evidence from West German Panel Data. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Lersch, Philipp M. & Kleiner, Sibyl (2018): Coresidential Union Entry and Changes in Commuting Times of Women and Men. *Journal of Family Issues* 39 (2). 383–405. doi: [10.1177/0192513X16646146](https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X16646146)

Lersch, Philipp M. (2017): Individual Wealth and Subjective Financial Well-Being in Marriage: Resource Integration or Separation? *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79 (5). 1211–1223. doi: [10.1111/jomf.12406](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12406)

Lersch, Philipp M. (2017): The Marriage Wealth Premium Revisited: Gender Disparities and Within-Individual Changes in Personal Wealth in Germany. *Demography* 54 (3). 961–983. doi: [10.1007/s13524-017-0572-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-017-0572-4)

Lersch, Philipp M., Jacob, Marita & Hank, Karsten (2017): Parenthood, Gender and Personal Wealth. *European Sociological Review* 33 (3). 410–422. doi: [10.1093/esr/jcx046](https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcx046)

Lersch, Philipp M. & Uunk, Wilfred (2017): The Shadow of Future Homeownership: The Association of Wanting to Move into Homeownership with Labour Supply. *Work, Employment & Society* 31 (3). 522–541. doi: [10.1177/0950017016631443](https://doi.org/10.1177/0950017016631443)

Vidal, Sergi, Perales, Francisco, Lersch, Philipp M. & Brandén, Maria (2017): Family Migration in a Cross-National Perspective: The Importance of Within-Couple Employment Arrangements in Australia, Britain, Germany and Sweden. *Demographic Research* 36 (10) (Special Collection edited by Trude Lappegaard, Frances Goldscheider and Eva Bernhardt). 307–338. doi: [10.4054/DemRes.2017.36.10](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2017.36.10)

Wind, Barend, Lersch, Philipp M. & Dewilde, Caroline (2016): The distribution of housing wealth in 16 European countries: Accounting for institutional differences. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*. doi: [10.1007/s10901-016-9540-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10901-016-9540-3)

Lersch, Philipp M. & Vidal, Sergi (2016): My House or our Home? Transitions into Sole Homeownership in British Couples. *Demographic Research* 35 (6). 139–166. doi: [10.4054/DemRes.2016.35.6](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2016.35.6)

Lersch, Philipp M. (2016): Family Migration and Subsequent Employment: The Effect of Gender Ideology. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78 (1). 230 – 245. doi: [10.1111/jomf.12251](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12251)

Lersch, Philipp M. & Dewilde, Caroline (2015): Employment Insecurity and First-Time Homeownership: Evidence from 22 European Countries. *Environment & Planning A* 47 (3). 607 – 624. doi: [10.1068/a130358p](https://doi.org/10.1068/a130358p)

Lersch, Philipp M. & Luijkx, Ruud (2015): Intergenerational Transmission of Homeownership in Europe: Revisiting the Socialisation Hypothesis. *Social Science Research* 49. 327–342. doi: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2014.08.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2014.08.010)

Lersch, Philipp M. & Vidal, Sergi (2014): Falling out of Love and down the Housing Ladder: A Longitudinal Analysis of Marital Separation and Home Ownership. *European Sociological Review* 30 (4). 512–524. doi: [10.1093/esr/jcu055](https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcu055)

Lersch, Philipp M. (2014): Geburten und die Wohnraumversorgung von Familien: Anpassungen der Wohnung im zeitlichen Verlauf [Childbirth and Room Stress Among Families: Housing Adjustments over Time]. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 43 (2). 131–149. [[Link](#)]

Lersch, Philipp M. (2013): Place Stratification or Spatial Assimilation? Neighbourhood Quality Changes after Residential Mobility for Migrants in Germany. *Urban Studies* 50 (5). 1011–1029. doi: [10.1177/0042098012464403](https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098012464403)

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lersch, Philipp M. (2013): Long-Distance Moves and Employment of Women in Dual-Earner Couples in Britain and Germany. *Schmollers Jahrbuch* 133 (2). 133–142. DOI: [10.3790/schm.133.2.133](https://doi.org/10.3790/schm.133.2.133)

Strohmeier, Klaus Peter, Schultz, Annett & Lersch, Philipp M. (2011): *Familiengerechte Kommunen: Gemeindetypisierung familienrelevanter Rahmenbedingungen in nordrheinwestfälischen Kommunen* [Family-friendly local authorities: types of contexts for families in local authorities in North Rhine-Westfalia]. Bochum: Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Regionalforschung. [[Link](#)]

Strohmeier, Klaus Peter, Wunderlich, Holger & Lersch, Philipp M. (2009): Kindheiten in Stadt(teil) und Familie [Disparate childhoods in different neighbourhoods and families]. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 17/2009. 25–32. [[Link](#)]

Vogt, Gabriele & Lersch, Philipp M. (2007): Migrant Support Organizations in Japan – A Mixed-Method Approach. In: Pohl, Manfred & Wiczorek, Iris (Hg.): *Japan 2007 – Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft*. Berlin: VSJV. 265–285. [[Link](#)]

#### GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

DFG Emmy Noether Grant (EUR 1,170,000) Mar 2017 – Feb 2022  
for project “Accumulation of Personal Wealth in Couples: Individual Resources and Gender Inequalities in Intimate Relationships”

DAAD Travel Grant (EUR 1,900) Mar 2016 – Apr 2016  
for the PAA Annual Meeting

*Visiting Academic Grant* (EUR 1,700) May 2015 – Jul 2015  
at the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families  
over the Life Course at The University of Queensland, Australia

*Ph.D. Fellowship* (EUR 50,000) at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences Sep 2009 – Dec 2012

*Erasmus Scholarship* (EUR 1,000) Aug 2006 – Jan 2007

**INVITED TALKS**

*University of Cologne* Jul 2017  
Conference “Partner Relationships, Residential Relocations and Housing in the Life Course”  
My house or our home? Individual homeownership in cohabiting and married couples

*Karlsruhe Institute of Technology* Jun 2017  
Colloquium at the Institute of Sociology  
On the relevance and causes of wealth inequality within couple households

*University of Duisburg-Essen* Dec 2016  
Colloquium at the Institute of Sociology  
Fewer Siblings, more Wealth? Sibship Size and Wealth Attainment in Germany

*German-Israeli Foundation* Dec 2015  
German-Israeli Foundation Young Scientists’ Workshop  
Within-couple Inequalities in Wealth: Evidence from Britain and Germany

*University of Munich* Dec 2014  
Research Colloquium of Prof. Brüderl and Prof. Pointer  
Family Migration and Subsequent Employment: The Effect of Gender Ideology

*microm (Market Research Company)* Sep 2014  
microm Kolloquium  
Who moves to better neighbourhoods? An empirical analysis with focus on migrants

**CONFERENCES**

*Conference “Analytical Sociology”, Venice, Italy.* Nov 2017

*Meeting of the DGS Section “Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse”, Tübingen, Germany.* Sep 2017

*Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28, Cologne, Germany.* Mar 2017

*Symposium “Spatial Mobility, Families and Gender Inequality in the Labour Market”, Bremen, Germany.* Mar 2017

*ECSR Workshop “Demography and Inequality”, Berlin, Germany.* Dec 2016

*SLLS International Conference, Bamberg, Germany.* Oct 2016

*European Population Conference, Mainz, Germany.* Aug 2016

*Summer Meeting of the ISA RC28, Bern, Switzerland.* Aug 2016

*Housing Wealth and Welfare Conference, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.* May 2016

*Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA.* Apr 2016

*ECSR Conference, Tallinn, Estonia.* Sep 2015

*Summer Meeting of the ISA RC28, Philadelphia, USA.* Aug 2015

*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA.* Aug 2015

*Symposium “Internal Migration and Commuting in International Perspective”, Wiesbaden, Germany.* Feb 2015

*pairfam Conference, Cologne, Germany.* Sep 2014

*International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany.* Jun 2014

*ENHR Conference, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.* Jun 2014

*Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28, Budapest, Hungary.* May 2014

*ECSR Conference, Tilburg, Netherlands.* Apr 2014

*Meeting of the ISA RC43, Amsterdam, Netherlands.* Jul 2013

*Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28, Trento, Italy.* May 2013

	<i>EUCCONET &amp; SLLS International Conference, Paris, France.</i>	Oct 2012
	<i>International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, Berlin, Germany.</i>	Jun 2012
	<i>European Population Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.</i>	Jun 2012
	<i>ESA Conference 2011, Geneva, Switzerland.</i>	Sep 2011
	<i>RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2011, London, United Kingdom.</i>	Aug 2011
	<i>Understanding Society/BHPS Conference 2011, Colchester, United Kingdom.</i>	Jul 2011
	<i>International Young Scholars SOEP Symposium, Delmenhorst, Germany.</i>	Mar 2010
<b>RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS</b>	<i>Life Course Centre Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course</i>	Jun 2015 – present
<b>RESEARCH VISITS</b>	<i>ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course at the Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), The University of Queensland, Australia</i>	May 2015 – Jul 2015
	<i>Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) Colchester, United Kingdom</i>	Oct 2011 – Dec 2011 Nov 2010 – Dec 2010
	<i>German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) Berlin, Germany</i>	Aug 2011 – Sep 2011 Aug 2010
<b>PUBLIC MEDIA</b>	<i>Study: mothers are less wealthy than women without children</i> <i>The Conversation</i>	Apr 2017
	<i>The Road Less (and Less) Travelled</i> <i>Population Europe Pop Digest</i>	Mar 2017
	<i>How frequent are UK homes owned by only one partner?</i> <i>Understanding Society Website</i>	Feb 2016
	<i>Falling Out of Love and Down the Housing Ladder</i> <i>Population Europe Pop Digest</i>	Dec 2015
	<i>Falling Out of Love and Down the Housing Ladder</i> <i>Oxford University Press Blog</i>	Oct 2014
<b>TEACHING</b>	<i>University of Cologne</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminar “Family and Wealth” (B.A. level)</li> <li>• Seminar “Family and Wealth” (B.A. level)</li> </ul>	Winter 2016/17 Winter 2015/16
	<i>Tilburg University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colloquium B.A. Thesis</li> <li>• Seminar “Recent Advances in Sociology” (M.A. level)</li> <li>• Workshop “An Introduction to Panel Data Analysis” (1-day workshop for faculty and advanced students)</li> <li>• Colloquium B.A. Thesis</li> </ul>	Winter 2013/14 Winter 2013/14 Summer 2013 Winter 2012/13
	<i>University of Bremen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminar “Advanced Statistics” (M.A. level)</li> <li>• Seminar “Hidden Mechanisms of Power: Introduction to Pierre Bourdieu” (B.A. level)</li> </ul>	Winter 2010/11 Summer 2010
<b>FURTHER TRAINING</b>	<i>Leadership Seminar</i> <i>University of Cologne, Germany</i>	May 2017
	<i>Managing Research Projects</i> <i>Erfurt, Germany</i>	Feb 2017
	<i>Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling</i> <i>University of Cologne, Germany</i>	Nov 2014
	<i>University Teaching Qualification Certificate</i> <i>Tilburg University, Netherlands</i>	Aug 2013 – Sep 2014

<i>Applied Panel Data Analysis</i>	Jul 2011
International Max Planck Research School for Demography, Rostock, Germany	
<i>Diverse Teaching Methods and Active Learning</i>	May 2011
University of Bremen, Germany	
<i>Introduction to Duration Models</i>	Jul 2010
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Colchester, United Kingdom	
<i>Multilevel Analysis using HLM</i>	Mar 2009
GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim, Germany	

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

WORKSHOP CO-ORGANISER	Workshop <i>Introduction to Sequence Analysis</i>	Sep 2016
	University of Cologne, Germany	
	Workshop <i>Families and Wealth: New Perspectives on Economic Wellbeing</i>	Apr 2015
	University of Cologne, Germany	
	Workshop <i>Homeownership, Housing Wealth and the Provision of Welfare</i>	May 2014
	Paris, France	
	<i>European Social Policy Analysis Network Workshop</i>	Oct 2011
	University of Bremen, Germany	
	<i>British Household Panel Survey Workshop</i>	Apr 2011
	University of Bremen, Germany	
AD-HOC REVIEWER	<i>American Sociological Review</i> (3); <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> ; <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> ; <i>Demography</i> (2); <i>European Sociological Review</i> (3); <i>Gender &amp; Society</i> ; <i>Geografiska Annaler B Human Geography</i> ; <i>Housing Studies</i> (2); <i>International Journal of Housing Policy</i> ; <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i> (4); <i>Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie</i> ; <i>Population, Space and Place</i> (4); <i>Review of Economics of the Household</i> ; <i>Schmollers Jahrbuch - Journal of Applied Science Studies</i> ; <i>Social Forces</i> (3); <i>Social Science Research</i> (3); <i>Urban Studies</i> (3)	
MEMBERSHIPS	<i>European Association of Population Studies</i>	2012 – present
	<i>International Sociological Association RC28</i>	2013 – present
	<i>Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies</i>	2011 – present
OTHER SERVICE	Member of the WiSo Tenure Commission, University of Cologne	Oct 2017 – present
	Member of International Advisory Board for <i>Population, Space and Place</i>	Mar 2015 – present
	Co-organiser Career Development Programme at BIGSSS	Sep 2010 – Aug 2011