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Positions

10/2020 - **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim**
(09/2026) Postdoctoral Researcher, Chair of Migration and Integration Research

01/2025 **IPL, ETH Zürich**
Visiting Scholar (on-site), Mentor: Dominik Hangartner

01/2024 - **German Centre for Integration and Migration (DeZIM), Berlin**
03/2024 Parental leave replacement / Co-Lead Team Integration, quantitative research (on-site)

01/2023 - **COMPAS, University of Oxford**
03/2023 Visiting Scholar (on-site), Mentor: Carlos Vargas-Silva

09/2022 - **Anti Defamation League New York**
Research Fellow

Education

10/2017 - **University of Konstanz**
12/2020 Graduate School of Decision Sciences (GSDS), Research Group on Comparative Politics
Doctoral Program – Dr. rer. soc.

Thesis title: Political Information & Migration
Committee: Christian Breunig (University of Konstanz), Anselm Hager (Humboldt University Berlin),
Martin Ruhs (University of Oxford, European University Institute - Migration Policy Centre)

01/2019 - **UCLA, California**
03/2019 Visiting Scholar Department of Political Science, Mentor: Margaret Peters

10/2015 - **University Pompeu Fabra Barcelona & University of Konstanz**
06/2017 Double-Degree Program: European Master in Government (EMiG) – M.Res. & M.A.

09/2011 - **University of Mannheim**
07/2015 Bachelor of Arts Sociology & Political Science - B.A.

Awards (selected)

2023 Teaching award, Student Council Departmental Representative Sociology and Political Science,
University of Mannheim

Publication list

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Research

- 2025 Morgenstern, Sandra (forthcoming), [The role of sender credibility in migration information campaigns](#), *International Migration*
- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra (2024). [Tobias Breuckmann, Die Regierung von Migration in Lagern: Geographien der Macht am Beispiel Lesbos](#). Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot 2024. *Soziologische Revue*.
- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra, & Oliver Strijbis (2024). [Forecasting migration movements using prediction markets](#). *Comparative Migration Studies*, 12(1), 1-18.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023), [\(How\) Do Information Campaigns Influence Migration Decisions?](#) *Journal of Experimental Political Science (JEPS)*.
- 2023 Helbling, Marc & Sandra Morgenstern (2023), [Migration aspirations and the perceptions of the political, economic, and social environment in Africa](#), *International Migration*.
- 2020 Morgenstern, Sandra (2020), [Political Information & Migration](#) [Dissertation]. University of Konstanz

Teaching

- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Inclusion of videos in seminar design](#). Working Paper, *APSA Preprints*.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Time efficient and effective reading](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Reflect critically](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Scientific critique](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Causality I](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Causality II](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Open Science](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Res. Question - Design Thinking](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Ethical Considerations](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Theory Basics](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: How to critique?](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Theory Argumentation](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Causal Graphs for theory driven social research I – theory representation](#). ZOERR.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). [Academic Practice Nuggets: Causal Graphs for theory driven social research II – translation into an empirical research design](#). ZOERR.

Policy

- 2022 Morgenstern, Sandra (2022). [Wie Informationskampagnen Migrationsentscheidungen beeinflussen \(können\): Erkenntnisse mehrerer Studien in Nigeria](#). MZES Fokus, 2(1).
- 2022 Morgenstern, Sandra (2022). [How information campaigns \(can\) influence migration decisions: Findings from several studies in Nigeria](#). MZES Fokus, 2(1).
- 2018 Tjaden, Jasper, Sandra Morgenstern and Frank Laczko (2018), [“Evaluating the impact of information campaigns in the field of migration: A systematic review of the evidence and practical guidance”](#), IOM, Geneva.

Data

- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra & Oliver Strijbis, [“Replication for: Forecasting Migration Movements using Prediction Markets”](#), <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/YW4QDF>, Harvard Dataverse
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra, 2023, [“Replication for: \(How\) Do Information Campaigns Influence Migration Decisions?”](#), <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/YZPGSV>, Harvard Dataverse

Public Reviewing

- 2024 Mjelva MB and Carling J. [Surveys on migration aspirations, plans and intentions: a comprehensive overview](#). Open Research Europe 2023, 3:145.

Service

- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra. Inklusion mit Academic Practice Nuggets“. Beiträge der Reihe Herausragende Lehre in der deutschen Politikwissenschaft“. Blog der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW). <https://www.dvpw.de/blog/inklusion-mit-academic-practice-nuggets-ein-lehrprojekt-von-sandra-morgenstern>
- 2022 Adendorf, Anna, Marvin Brinkmann, Denis Cohen, Simon Ellerbrock, Anna-Sophie Kurella, and Sandra Morgenstern. The 2022 MZES Employee Survey, Internal Report, pages 1-81.
- 2022 Mueller, Carolin & Sandra Morgenstern (2022, October 10). A New House for Migration Research and Exchange for PhD Students: The IMISCOE PhD Network Buddy System. IMISCOE PhD Blog. <https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/phd-blog/1607-carolin-mueller-sandra-morgenstern>
- 2021 Cleton, Laura & Sandra Morgenstern (Spring 2021), [Doing PhD research in times of COVID-19 - reflections on practical and emotional consequences](#), Newsletter of the American Political Science Association's Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship, Vol. 8, No.1, ISSN 2578-2207.

Field Research Lead (PI) & Collaborations with NGOs (selected)

- 02/2024 Field Experiment with 2 PhD student research team, Sample N=150 London workers, cooperation with HL, Denmark & West London Zone, London, United Kingdom
- 03/2023 - 07/2023 Online Field Experiment with 1 PhD & 9 MA-students research team, Sample N=600 Internationals, cooperation with Human Library Organisation Copenhagen, Denmark
- 01/2023 Lab-in-the-field Experiment with Co-PI & 1 PhD, 1 MA student research team, Sample N=400 Tanzanians from community, cooperation with Center for Women and Children Development (CWCD), Arusha, Tanzania
- 09/2018/ 06/2019 Field Experiment with 2 MA-student research team, Sample N=3000 and N=2000 Nigerian students, cooperation with Rarduja e.V., Benin City, Nigeria

Teaching

All seminars are self-designed and assessed; exceptions are indicated with *

Substantive seminars

International and EU Governance and Policies

- 2021 Migration management in Europe, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim
- 2021 Migrationsmanagement in Europa seit der 'Krise' (Migration Management in Europe after the 'crisis'), Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Emigration: Global South / Europe

- 2021, 2022, 2023 Field Research on Emigration in Developing Countries, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Structural (Gender) Inequality: European Neighbourhood / Europe

- 2023, 2024 Gender Inequality & Migration in Europe and the European Neighbourhood, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Methodological seminars

Quantitative Research Methods: Experimental Designs

- 2022, 2023 Experimental Designs in the Social Sciences, Doctoral level, University of Mannheim
2023, 2024 *Guest lecture: Experimental Designs - an intuitive introduction*, Master-level, Science PO, Paris

Quantitative Research Methods: Analytical approaches

- 2020, 2021, *Cross Sectional Data Analysis (MLE in Stata & R), Master- & Doctoral-level, University of Mannheim
2022, 2023,
2024
2020 *Uni- and Multivariate Analysis (OLS), Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Talks & Conferences (selected)

Research (2023, 2024)

- 06/2024 MIGNEX New knowledge on migration, development and policy, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Gender differences in migration decision making: An in-depth exploration based on self-discrepancy theory
- 03/2024 Workshop Experimental Research on ethnic diversity, discrimination, and pro-sociality in European societies, MZES Mannheim Germany
Social inequality and super-diversity. The impact of minority-contact on political preferences. A field experiment with text-as-data insights
- 02/2024 MZES workshop: The politics of residential mobility: Causes and consequences (organizer),
Democratic values among immigrants in Europe. Socialization and adaptation processes
- 10/2023 MAD conference Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB), Berlin, Germany,
Does (s)he still need to be protected? Experimental evidence on vulnerabilities to exploitative labour migration in Tanzania
- 09/2023 Annual Meeting American Political Science Association (APSA), Los Angeles, USA
Does Credibility beat Anxiety in Migration Information Campaigns?
- 07/2023 General Conference International Migration Research Network Europe (IMISCOE), Warsaw, Poland
Gender differences in migration decision making
- 06/2023 PolMETH Europe, London, UK
Can emotions explain how threat rhetoric shapes preferences for freedom versus security?
- 03/2023 Center for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS) Nuffield/University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Social Inequality & Super-diversity: The impact of minority-contact on political preferences. A field experiment with text-as-data insights.

Teaching

- 12/2023 DeZIM FG Wissenstransfer und Wissenschaftskommunikation
Kurzvideos zur Wissensvermittlung in der Migrationsforschung
- 02/2023 American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference (TLC), Baltimore, USA.
Dealing with diversity in the seminar room.

Policy (invited)

- 11/2023 75 years of Human Rights in the Global context, Kulturtreff Stuttgart, Germany
International Human Trafficking & Smuggling and Human Rights
- 06/2022 European Conference Diaspora Protection Information for Afghans at Risk, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Amsterdam, Netherlands
Migration & Information Campaigns