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Positions

- 10/2020 - **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim**
Postdoctoral Researcher, Chair Sociology of Migration and Integration Research
- 04/2026 **ISPS, Yale**
Visiting Scholar (on-site)
- 01/2025 **IPL, ETH Zürich**
Visiting Scholar (on-site)
- 01/2024 - **German Centre for Integration and Migration (DeZIM), Berlin**
03/2024 Research Fellow Team Integration, quantitative research (on-site)
- 01/2023 - **COMPAS, University of Oxford**
04/2023 Visiting Scholar (on-site)
- 09/2022 - **Anti Defamation League (ADL) New York**
Center for Antisemitism Research Fellow

Education

- 10/2017 - **University of Konstanz, Chair of Comparative Politics**
12/2020 Graduate School of Decision Sciences (GSDS), Doctoral Program – Dr. rer. soc.
Thesis title: *Political Information & Migration*
Committee: Christian Breunig, Anselm Hager, Martin Ruhs
- 01/2019 - **UCLA, California**
06/2019 Visiting Scholar (on-site), 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.
Thesis title: *Determinants of Immigration - The repelling Effect of Xenophobic Attitudes*
- 09/2011 - **University of Mannheim**
07/2015 Bachelor of Arts Sociology & Political Science - B.A.
Thesis title: *Determinants of xenophobic attitudes, the influence of the percentage of foreigners*

Awards (selected)

- 2023 Teaching award, Students of Sociology and Political Science, University of Mannheim

Publications

Research (ORCID 0000-0001-9978-4690)

- 2025 Kleinewiese, Julia & Sandra Morgenstern (2025), A gendered bystander effect: Experimental evidence on the vulnerability to international human trafficking of wo(men) in Tanzania, *Journal of Development Studies*.
- 2025 Gülzau, Fabian, Marc Helbling and Sandra Morgenstern (2025), Democratic values among immigrants in Europe. Socialization and adaptation processes, *European Journal of Political Research*.
- 2025 Morgenstern, Sandra N. (2025), Credibility and/or anxiety - The moderators of political information on migration, *Social Science Research*, vol. 132, 103256.
- 2025 Schiefer, David, Magdalena Nowicka and Sandra Morgenstern (2025), Feelings of guilt when caring for parents across borders: The role of gender and country-specific care systems and norms. *Global Networks: a journal of transnational affairs*, 25(4).
- 2025 Morgenstern, Sandra & Carlos Vargas-Silva (2025), Gender attitudes, inequality and migration decision making, *Population, Space and Place*, 31(4).
- 2025 Morgenstern, Sandra (2025), The role of sender credibility in migration information campaigns, *International Migration*, 36(1).
- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra (2024). Tobias Breuckmann, Die Regierung von Migration in Lagern: Geographien der Macht am Beispiel Lesbos. *Soziologische Revue*.
- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra, & Oliver Strijbis (2024). Forecasting migration movements using prediction markets. *Comparative Migration Studies*, 12(1), 1-18.
- 2024 Morgenstern, Sandra (2024), (How) Do Information Campaigns Influence Migration Decisions? *Journal of Experimental Political Science (JEPS)*, 11(3), 314-326.
- 2023 Helbling, Marc & Sandra Morgenstern (2023), Migration aspirations and the perceptions of the political, economic, and social environment in Africa, *International Migration*, 61(6), 102-117.

Teaching

- 2026 Morgenstern, Sandra. Academic Practice Nuggets. How to Reduce Prior Knowledge Heterogeneity with Short Videos. Sammelband (forthcoming).
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra. Beiträge der Reihe Herausragende Lehre in der deutschen Politikwissenschaft“. DVPW. <https://www.dvpw.de/blog/inklusion-mit-academic-practice-nuggets-einlehrprojekt-von-sandra-morgenstern>
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). Inclusion of videos in seminar design. Working Paper, *APSA Preprints*.
- 2023 Morgenstern, Sandra (2023). Academic Practice Nuggets. ZOERR.

Policy

- 2022 Morgenstern, Sandra (2022). Wie Informationskampagnen Migrationsentscheidungen beeinflussen (können): Erkenntnisse mehrerer Studien 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/YW4QDF>, Harvard Dataverse

Teaching

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

Substantive seminars

Structural (Gender) Inequality: Europe & Global South

- 2025 Gender, Inequality & Migration, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim
- 2023, 2024 Gender Inequality & Migration in Europe and the European Neighbourhood, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Emigration: Global South

- 2021-2023, 2025, 2026 Field Research on Emigration in Developing Countries, Seminar, Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

International and EU Migration 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

Methodological seminars

Quantitative Research Methods: Experimental Designs

- 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026 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, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 *Cross Sectional Data Analysis (MLE in Stata & R), Master- & Doctoral-level, University of Mannheim
- 2020 *Uni- and Multivariate Analysis (OLS), Bachelor-level, University of Mannheim

Outreach activities society (selected)

- 03/2026 Children University Mannheim (age 8-12yo), "Emigrating – Why people seek new places to live"
- 01/2026 Annual seminar CAV political education "Democracies under pressure – does trust do the trick?"
- 02/2025 ARD Mittagmagazin, "Nur freie Wissenschaft kann gute Wissenschaft sein" – Dr. Sandra Morgenstern über die politische Einflussnahme der aktuellen US-Regierung [link]
- 04/2024 Deutschlandfunk Agenda, Flüchtlingsstadt Espelkamp – Ein Vorbild für Integration heute? Live Radio 17.04.2024 [link]
- 11/2023 75 years of Human Rights in the Global context, International Human Trafficking & Smuggling and Human Rights, Kulturtreff Stuttgart, Germany [link]

Talks & Conferences (selected)

Research (selected)

- 01/2026 invited talk, Workshop "Meanings and Measures of Migration Aspirations" PRIO, Oslo
Quantitative measurements of migration decision making: How a more differentiated measurement perspective may provide new conceptual insights with old data.
- 10/2025 invited talk, Workshop "The Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration" Hamburgisches Weltwirtschaftsinstitut
A Gendered Bystander Effect: Experimental Evidence on the Vulnerability to International Human Trafficking of Wo(Men) in Tanzania.
- 09/2025 Annual conference of the DVPW working group "Elections and Political Attitudes" 2025
Fight, Flight, Adaptation, or Perishment? How Residents React to Local Opinion Shift.
- 06/2025 Annual Conference European Political Science Association (EPSA)
The impact of minority-contact on political preferences. A field experiment with text-as-data insights
- 02/2025 invited talk, IPL Zürich
The impact of minority-contact on political preferences. A field experiment with text-as-data insights
- 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
- 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
- 07/2023 General Conference International Migration Research Network Europe (IMISCOE), Warsaw, Poland
Gender differences in migration decision making
- 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)

- 06/2022 European Conference Diaspora Protection Information for Afghans at Risk, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Amsterdam, Netherlands
Migration & Information Campaigns
- 08/2020 Social Research Methods workshop (invited), Migration and Border Analysis, UK Home Office

Research Consultancies (selected)

2023, 2026	External Consultant: Irregular migration evidence in research map, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), New York, USA
06/2021 - 12/2021	Expert report Migration Information Campaigns, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Vienna, Austria
03/2018 - 07/2018	Assessing the state of the art on Migration Information Campaigns, IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC), Berlin, Germany
10/2015 - 06/2016	Proposal for optimizations in the administrative district office for Refugees and Integration, Administrative district office Konstanz & University of Konstanz

Service (selected)

Academia

2026	Co-organizer Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology, MZES
2025-	Institutional Review Board (IRB) Ethics Committee, DeZIM
2025	Referee Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)
2021-2023	Advisory Board Member IMISCOE PhD Network
2020	Co-founder IMISCOE PhD Buddy
2018-	Referee academic journals (Articles / Registered Reports): <i>International Migration Review (IMR)</i> , <i>International Migration</i> , <i>Zeitschrift für Migrationsforschung</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS)</i> , <i>European Sociological Review (ESR)</i> , <i>SN Social Sciences</i> , <i>Nature</i> , <i>Plos One</i> , <i>Open Research Europe</i> , <i>European Union Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science (JEPS)</i> , <i>Journal of Politics (JOP)</i> , <i>Political Science Research and Methods (PSRM)</i> , <i>Party Politics</i> , <i>Political Studies</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)</i> , <i>Democratization</i> , <i>Population Space and Place</i> , <i>World Development</i> .

Affiliated University

2021-	Organiser of work-in-progress Early Career colloquium, MZES, University of Mannheim
2021-	Ph.D. & Postdoc Researcher Representative of the MZES, University of Mannheim
2025	Search committee Fellowships MZES, University of Mannheim
2023	Selection committee Teaching-projects, Center for Teaching (ZLL), University of Mannheim
2022	Search committee W3-full-professor Evidence-based Political Research, University of Mannheim
2019/2020	Board of doctoral researcher council, University of Konstanz

Civil Society

2022-2024	External Advisor, GoGirl Foundation - supporting young women, Uganda
2023	Hosting and Supporting for 3 Ukrainian Families, Germany
2017-2020	Math tutoring for Refugees, Save Me Konstanz, Germany

Other

Teaching

Baden-Württ. certificate for university didactic (ongoing)

Languages

German (native), English (business fluent), Spanish (fluent), Norwegian, French, Swahili (basic)

Software

RStudio, STATA, SPSS (basic), LATEX, Qualtrics

Field work

Tanzania (2023, 2x 2025), England (2024), Nigeria (2018, 2019)