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Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

experimental cultural science; cultural theory; media theory; critical theory & dialectics; epistemology of cultural sciences; systems theory; Internet & society; sociology of science; sociology of religion; new social (religious) movements and communities

Education and Qualifications

2011 M.Sc. *Religious Studies*, Edinburgh University; Degree: Master of Science (with Distinction)

2009 B.A. *Cultural Science with a Special Focus on Religion (Major), Intercultural German Studies (Minor)*, University of Bayreuth; Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Academic Working Experience

08/2017 – current	Research Assistant	Faculty of Humanities, University of Bern, Switzerland at the Center for Global Studies at the Walter-Benjamin-Kolleg.
01/2016 – current	Visiting Fellow	Forum Internationale Wissenschaft at the University of Bonn.
06/2015 – 06/2017	Research Assistant	Department for Philosophy and Culture, University of Witten/Herdecke at the chair of Prof. Dr. Dirk Baecker.
01/2013 – 12/2015	Research Assistant	Department for Cultural Theory & Analysis, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen at the Chair of Prof. Dr. Dirk Baecker.
09/2011 – 03/2013	Research Assistant	Department for Sociology of Religion & Culture, University of Bayreuth
2009–2011	Associated Fellow	In the social sciences “Kolleg” of the academic “Kollegs” of the <i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i> . Subject: ‘Order and conflict. On the fragile stabilisation of contemporary societies’ (“Ordnung und Konflikt. Zur fragilen Stabilisierung von Gesellschaften der Gegenwart”)
2008–2010	Student Assistant	Department for the Study of Religions, University of Bayreuth
2008–2010	Student Assistant	Main Library for Cultural Sciences, University of Bayreuth

Teaching Experience

Winter 2016	UG Seminar	“Podcasting as a tool for digital humanities” (University of Witten/Herdecke)
Summer 2016	UG Seminar	“Metaphors as strict science” (University of Witten/Herdecke)
Fall 2015	UG Seminar	“Theory of Culture and Sociological Enlightenment” (University of Witten/Herdecke)
Fall 2015	UG Seminar	“Introduction to cultural scientific perspectives” (Zeppelin University)
Fall 2014	UG Seminar	“Theories of society”
	UG Seminar	“Introduction to cultural scientific perspectives” (two courses)
Spring 2014	UG Seminar	“Theories of society”
	UG Seminar	“Introduction to cultural scientific perspectives” (two courses)
Fall 2013	UG Seminar	“Theories of society”
	UG Seminar	“Introduction to cultural scientific perspectives”
	UG Seminar	“Cultural analysis”
Spring 2013	UG Seminar	“Theories of society”
Winter 2012	UG Seminar	“Religion, economy, politics: social and cultural contexts of global World Society”
	UG Seminar	“Religion as a social system: Introduction to the sociology of religion”
Summer 2012	PG Seminar	“The relation of religion and politics”
	UG Seminar	“The secularisation debate”
Winter 2011	PG Seminar	“Contemporary theories of society and sociological diagnoses”
Summer 2009	UG Tutorial	“Introduction to research methods and approaches in the study of religion”

Papers Presented at Conferences / Workshops / etc.

- 2017 Workshop on 'Speaking Mind' ("Sprechendes Denken") at the *Subscribe9*, the 9th German Podcast Conference, 28th October 2017, at the Bayerischer Rundfunk ('Bavarian Broadcasting'), Munich. Watch it on Youtube (in German): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv8PHXtZvVM>.
- 2017 Workshop on "Podcasting Daily - Methods and Best Practices" at the *Subscribe9*, the 9th German Podcast Conference, 29th October 2017, at the Bayerischer Rundfunk ('Bavarian Broadcasting'), Munich.
- 2016 Keynote on "*Free Speech vs. Freedom of Opinion. Considerations on the Importance of Free Speech under the Conditions of the Internet*", presented at the *Subscribe8*, the 8th German Podcast Conference, 14th October 2016, at the Bayerischer Rundfunk ('Bavarian Broadcasting'), Munich. Watch it on Youtube (in German): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_UxAKaDkKU.
- 2016 Paper on "*Society and/or Media? Theory of Media as Theory of Society*", presented as part of the ad-hoc-group on *Open and Closed Networks: the Theory of Society and the Digitalisation* at the 38th Congress of the German Sociological Association (GSA) at the University of Bamberg, Germany.
- 2016 Paper on "*Dialectics of Media - Towards a Media Theoretical Reformulation of Systems Theory.*" presented at the *Sociological Colloquium*, 20th May 2016, at the University of Witten/Herdecke.
- 2015 Paper on "*Media and Medial Coupling: Considerations on a (still) missing theory of media*" presented at the XXI IAHR World Congress, 23.-29. August 2015, in Erfurt; as part of the panel on "*Media, Religious Communities, and Society: Adaptation and Transformation*".
- 2015 Presentation on: *The Medium is the Whole. Contributions to a Dialectical Theory of Media*; (German: *Das Medium ist das Ganze. Anmerkungen zur Medialität von Medien*); at the Research Colloquium of the FIW (*Forum Internationale Wissenschaft*) at the University of Bonn on August 13th, 2015.
- 2015 Talk on: "*Do We Think Digitally*" ('Denken wir digital?'); lecture series "kultur.moment" at the University Witten/Herdecke on July 10th, 2015.
- 2013 Paper presented at the University of Berne, Switzerland, Department for Religious Studies; Paper: "*The possible benefit of a systems theory of 'religion' for the study of religion*", Berne, 16th December 2013.
- 2013 Paper presented at annual conference of the DVRW ("Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft"- German Association for the Study of Religions) in Göttingen, Germany; Paper: "*Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*", 13th September 2013.
- 2012 Paper at the workshop *Religions and Politics*, organised by Dr. Karsten Lehmann and Ulf Plessentin, 27. / 28. April 2012, Germany; Paper: "*Five hypotheses on the relation of religion and politics in the #nextsociety*".
- 2011 Paper presented at the workshop on *Religions and Politics*, organised by Dr. Karsten Lehmann and Ulf Plessentin, 8. / 9. July 2011; Bayreuth, Germany; Paper: "*Structural coupling of Religion and Politics in World Society*".
- 2010 Paper presented at the 17th conference of young religious studies in Germany ("17. Studierendensymposium der Religionswissenschaft") in Hannover, Germany; Paper: "*Religious studies as systemic cultural sciences?*".

Organisation of Conferences, Workshops, etc.

- 11/2017 Podcasting-Event at the “*lange Nacht der Philosophie*” on ‘*Speaking Mind*’ at the *dfdu Ag (((rebell.tv)))*, Zurich (CH), together with Stefan M. Seydel and Regula Staempfli; 16-19th November 2017.
- 05/2015 Conference on “*Form and Forms of Religious Community: Perspectives of the Study of Religion and Social Systems Theory*”; University of Zurich, Switzerland (UZH). Conference organisation together with Prof. Dr. Rafael Walthert (UZH) and Dr. des. Andrea Rota (University of Bern, Switzerland).
- 09/2016 Co-chair of an ad-hoc-group, together with Prof. Dirk Baecker, at the 38th Congress of the German Sociological Association (GSA) at the University of Bamberg, Germany. Title: *Open and Closed Networks: the Theory of Society and the Digitalisation*.
- 02/2016 Podcasting-Event on “#1968kritik” at the *dfdu Ag (((rebell.tv)))*, Zurich (CH), together with Stefan M. Seydel and Regula Staempfli; 12-13th February 2016.
- 11/2016 Podcasting-Event on “*Free Speech under the Conditions of Media Change*” at the *Long Night of Philosophy*, Zurich (CH), together with Stefan M. Seydel and Regula Staempfli; 17th November 2016.

Memberships in Academic Associations / Scholarships

- Member of the German Association for Sociology (DGS - “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie”)
- Member of the German Association for the Study of Religion (DVRW - “Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft”)
- 2008–2011: Student scholarship in the Max-Weber-Programme, in the “Max Weber-Program of the State of Bavaria for the support of the highly-gifted according to the Bavarian Elite Aid Act”.

Editorship and editorial work

- Co-Editor-in-Chief of the ‘Journal for the Young Study of Religion’ (ZjR - “Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft”, <http://www.zjr-online.de>)
- Member of the editorial board for *Sociology of Religion and Social Systems Theory* on the new online platform: www.sozio.polis.de

Websites and Social Media

- Weblog: <http://www.sinnsysteme.de>
- Podcast: *Podlog - Daily Podcast Log* (‘*Gesprochenes Denktagebuch*’)
- Co-hosting: *Die #NoRadioShow*
- Co-hosting: *1968kritik - der podcast* (finished)
- Twitter: @r33ntry

Publications

Edited books and special issues

1. Lehmann, M., A. Karafillidis and M. Klenk, eds. (2015). *Gelegenheiten*. REVUE - Magazine for the Next Society 17. Berlin: Stiftung Nächste Gesellschaft gGmbH.

Refereed research papers

1. Klenk, M. (2010). Religionswissenschaft als systemische Kulturwissenschaft: Überlegungen zu einer Synthese von Systemtheorie und kulturwissenschaftlicher Religionsforschung. *Bayreuther Beiträge zur Erforschung der religiösen Gegenwartskultur* 2(1), 1–60.
2. Klenk, M. (2012). New Religious Movements in Global Perspective: A Systems Theoretical Approach. *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft* 7, 40–58. DOI: 10.4000/zjr.364. (Visited on 03/02/2016).
3. Klenk, M. (2013). Seismographen der Gesellschaft. *REVUE - Magazine for the Next Society* 14, 83–87.
4. Klenk, M. (2013). The Form of Expectation: Considerations on Social Structure. *Cybernetics & Human Knowing: A Journal of Second-Order Cybernetics, Autopoiesis, and Cyber-Semiotics* 20(3), 173–187.
5. Klenk, M. (2014). Wer's glaubt... Was wir von der Religion über das Internet lernen können - und warum online ohne offline nicht zu denken ist. *REVUE - Magazine for the Next Society* 16, 126–129.

Book chapters

1. Klenk, M. (2015). "Kritik der Gelegenheit". In: *Gelegenheiten*. Ed. by M. Lehmann, A. Karafillidis and M. Klenk. REVUE - Magazine for the Next Society 17. Berlin: Stiftung Nächste Gesellschaft gGmbH, pp.31–33.
2. Klenk, M. (2015). "Theorie(-) und Ideologiekritik. Der Blick hinunter zum Fuße des Leuchtturms". In: *Umschrift. Grenzgänge der Systemtheorie*. Ed. by M. Lehmann, M. Heidingsfelder and O. Maaß. Weilerswist: Velbrück Wissenschaft, pp.73–90.
3. Klenk, M. (2016). "Der Anfang vom Ende. Zum kritischen Potenzial soziologischer Systemtheorie". In: *Systemtheorie und Gesellschaftskritik: Perspektiven der Kritischen Systemtheorie*. Ed. by K. Möller and J. Siri. 1. Aufl. Sozialtheorie. OCLC: 932031113. Bielefeld: transcript, pp.19–37.

Book reviews

1. Klenk, M. (2015). Oliver Krüger, *Die Mediale Religion: Probleme und Perspektiven der religionswissenschaftlichen und wissenssoziologischen Medienforschung* (Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag, 2012), 537 S., ISBN 978-3-8376-1874-4. € 36,80. *Zeitschrift für Religionswissenschaft* 23(1), 207–210. (Visited on 23/04/2015).
2. Klenk, M. (2016). Wolfgang Eßbach. *Religionssoziologie 1: Glaubenskrieg und Revolution als Wiege neuer Religionen*. Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink. 2014. ISBN: 978-3-7705-2971-0. Preis: 128,00 €. *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft* 11. (Visited on 01/01/2017).

Published presentations

1. Klenk, M. (2013). Was leistet Luhmanns kommunikationstheoretisch gewendeter Religionsbegriff für die Religionswissenschaft? In: Institut für Religionswissenschaft, Bern (CH). Bern. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.1619.0163.
2. Hespers, N., M. Klenk, R. Molzberger and M. Rützler (2017). "Sprechendes Denken". In: *Subscribe 9 - die Podcast-Konferenz*. München: Sendezentrum - Kombinat für angewandte Radiotheorie. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv8PHXtZvVM> (visited on 01/11/2017).

Interviews and talks

1. Litz, M., S. Reimers and M. Rützler (2017). *Sendegarten SEG017: Philosodendron*. In collab. with M. Klenk. <https://sendegarten.de/2017/02/19/seg017-philosodendron/> (visited on 01/11/2017).
2. Schulz, S. (2017). *A!217 - Westworld*. In collab. with M. Klenk, D. Primbs and R. Schwarting. <https://aufwachen-podcast.de/2017/07/06/a217-westworld/> (visited on 01/11/2017).

Conference reports

1. Büdel, M., P. Masurczak and M. Klenk (2015). Eine Einstellung zur Arbeit. *Muße. Ein Magazin* 2. (Visited on 10/09/2015).

Other texts, didactical and teaching resources

1. Jeserich, F., M. Klenk and M. Stausberg (2012). "Arbeitshilfen". In: *Religionswissenschaft: Ein Studienbuch*. Ed. by M. Stausberg. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, pp.463–498.

Master's dissertation

1. Klenk, M. (2011). "Independence in Dependence: A Systems Theoretical Analysis of the Relation of Religion and Politics in World Society". Master's Thesis. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh. http://www.academia.edu/4356979/Independence_In_Dependence_A_Systems_Theoretical_Analysis_of_the_Relation_of_Religion_and_Politics_in_World_Society (visited on 29/08/2013).