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I am a comparative sociologist working at the intersection of sociology and political science. My research asks how ethno-racial diversity, immigrant integration, and the gap between perceived and actual discrimination shape solidarity, trust, and policy attitudes in contemporary democracies—and how these dynamics feed back into social structures and political conflicts. I pursue these questions by theorizing the social mechanisms that link individual cognition and behavior to macro-level outcomes, and by testing them rigorously through survey, field, and behavioral experiments. My current agenda centers on why citizens and groups systematically disagree about the definition and prevalence of ethno-racial discrimination, what sustains those disagreements as a structural feature of democratic life, and whether (and how) they can be narrowed.

Professional Career

Full Professor

University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology

Copenhagen, DK

Since Jan. 2023

Associate Professor

University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology

Copenhagen, DK

Mar. 2018—Dec. 2022

Associate Professor

University of Cologne, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology

Cologne, DE

Sep. 2015—Feb. 2018

Interim Professor

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Department of Sociology, Media, and Cultural Studies

Karlsruhe, DE

Oct. 2014—Jul. 2015

Researcher

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Research Unit Migration, Integration, Transnationalization

Berlin, DE

Jan. 2009—Oct. 2014

Education

Doctor of Social and Behavioural Sciences, *with Distinction*

Universiteit van Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research

Amsterdam, NL

Jan. 2009—Apr. 2012

Master of Arts, Social Sciences

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences

Berlin, DE

Oct. 2006—Oct. 2008

Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Institute of Social Sciences

Berlin, DE

Oct. 2003—Sept. 2006

Visiting Scholarships

2026	Visiting Scholar , Cluster of Excellence the Politics of Inequality, University of Konstanz	Konstanz, DE
2023	Chercheur Invité , Sciences Po, Centre for Research on Social Inequalities	Paris, FR
2017	Visiting Scholar , University of California Los Angeles	Los Angeles, USA
2010	Visiting PhD Student , Harvard University	Cambridge, USA
2007-08	DAAD Graduate Student , City University of New York, The Graduate Center	New York City, USA
2005-06	Erasmus Student , University of Sussex	Brighton, UK

Fellowships

COMPETITIVE & FUNDED

- 2022 **Senior Fellow**, Cluster of Excellence: The Politics of Inequality, University of Konstanz *Konstanz, DE*
2021 **Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow**, European University Institute *Florence, IT*

INVITED

- 2021-27 **WZB-Fellow**, WZB Berlin Social Science Center *Berlin, DE*
2014-18 **External Fellow**, MZES Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung *Mannheim, DE*

Awards

- 2020 **Runner up (2nd place) Best Article of the Year**, European Sociological Review — for “Why You Should Always Include a Random Slope for the Lower-Level Variable Involved in a Cross-Level Interaction,” *ESR* 35(2), with Jan Paul Heisig
2017 **Outstanding Article in Mathematical Sociology**, American Sociological Association — for “Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethnoracial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict,” *AJS* 122(1), with Joscha Legewie
2016 **Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population**, American Sociological Association — for “Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethnoracial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict,” *AJS* 122(1), with Joscha Legewie
2016 **Anatol Rapoport Prize**, German Sociological Association — for “Income Advantages of Poorly Qualified Immigrant Minorities: Why School Dropouts of Turkish Origin Earn More in Germany,” *ESR* 32(1), with Jutta Höhne & Céline Teney

External Funding

AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF)

Green Justice *kr. 3,167,119 / €424,362*
Sep. 2024–Aug. 2027

Carlsberg Foundation

Misperceptions about Ethnic Discrimination and Support for Equal Treatment Policies *kr. 194,390 / €26,142*
Aug. 2012–Sep. 2023

German Science Foundation (DFG)

The Association Between Perceived and Actual Xenophobia (APAX) *kr. 4,990,687 / €668,365*
Sep. 2019–Dec. 2024

German Science Foundation (DFG)

Residential Mobility Among Ethnic Minorities in Germany and its Consequences for Well-Being (WELLMOB), together with Sarah Carol (UC Dublin, Ireland) *kr. 1,251,896 / €167,657*
Feb. 2019–Mar. 2022

AS CO-APPLICANT

- 2024 **NordForsk**, Effects of Integration Policies on Long Run Outcomes in 3 Nordic Countries. PI: Andreas Kotsadam (Frisch Center & Uni Oslo) *kr. 6,696,196 / €897,866*
2024 **TrygFonden**, Impact and use of body cameras among frontline staff. PI: Camilla Bank Friis (KU) *kr. 4,437,119 / €594,609*
2024 **Uni Copenhagen, SAMF**, A more diverse student body for KU, SAMF. PI: Asmus Leth Olsen (KU) *kr. 500,000 / €67,000*
2023 **Diligentia Stiftung**, Ethnic Framing & Support for Social Policies. PI: Johanna Gereke (MZES) *kr. 370,000 / €49,575*
2022 **Crown Princess Mary Center**, Do body-worn cameras reduce the risk of workplace victimization? PI: Lasse Suonperä Liebst (KU) *kr. 200,000 / €27,000*
2021 **Collegio Carlo Alberto**, Populist Right-Wing Governors, Healthcare Chauvinism, and Public Health in the Time of the Global Pandemic. PI: Krzysztof Krakowski (Collegio Carlo Alberto) *kr. 40,000 / €5,380*
2021 **WZB Berlin**, Residential Choice and Environmental Quality. PI: Jan Paul Heisig (WZB) *kr. 78,075 / €10,500*

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2020 **Uni Copenhagen, SAMF**, Social Distancing and Everyday Routines: A Time-Diary Online Survey *kr. 87,000 / €11,700*
2014 & 15 **WZB Berlin**, Colloquium for Statistical Analyses at the WZB. With Martin Ehlert & Christian Rauh
2010 **WZB Berlin**, Visiting Scholarship at Harvard University
09, 10 & 11 **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**, Conference travel grants

Academic Management

- 2023-25 **Head of Studies**, As “Studieleader” I was responsible for the administration and strategic development of the BSc and MSc programs in Sociology. I led a comprehensive reform of the BSc program, resulting in revamped qualitative and quantitative methods training, increased student choice for specialization, and a modernized core theory curriculum. I spearheaded the development and implementation of a faculty-wide AI exam policy, revised and streamlined study guidelines, introduced new exam formats, updated regulations for oral and group exams, and successfully guided the department through an external evaluation of all study programs. Finally, I developed a comprehensive reform proposal for the MSc program. *KU*
- 2022-24 **Chair of Research Ethics Committee**, Founder (with Mathias Wullum Nielsen) and first Chair of the Research Ethics Committee *KU*
- 2022-23 **Member of Study Board**, Elected member of the study board *KU*
- 2019-23 **International Coordinator**, Coordinator of all student and staff exchange programs (e.g., Erasmus) *KU*
- 2012-14 **Academic Council**, Elected Postdoc representative *WZB*

Leadership & Supervision

PHD STUDENTS

- 2025- **Jeppé Kirkelund Søndergaard**, Racial Profiling *KU*
- 2024- **Sofie Andersen**, Green Justice *KU*
- 2020-23 **Mikkel Haderup Larsen**, Limits of Solidarity in Increasingly Diverse Societies *KU*
- 2016-20 **Jonas Wiedner**, Education-to-Job Mismatches and Less-Educated Workers' Pathways into Success *Uni Cologne*

POSTDOCS

- 2020-22 **Judith Kas**, The Association Between Perceived and Actual Discrimination *WZB*
- 2020-22 **Jonas Wiedner**, Residential Mobility and Well-Being *WZB*

HABILITATION & PHD ASSESSMENT

- 2025 **Ida Bruun Nørregaard**, Accurate, Efficient, and Immoral? When Statistics Motivate Discrimination *Aarhus University*
- 2024 **Martin Aranguren**, Behavior and Experience in the Study of Discrimination *Sciences Po Paris*
- 2023 **Mathias Kruse**, The Promise and Peril of Interethnic Contact *Aarhus University*
- 2021 **Jesper Fels Birkelund**, Lives on track: Family Background, Educational Tracking, and Inequality *KU*
- 2021 **Snorre Ralund**, Group structure, Integration, and Solidarity *KU*
- 2020 **Frederik Jørgensen**, Policies, Refugee Integration, and Voter Support *Aarhus University*
- 2019 **Stephan Dochow**, Diversity and Social Cohesion: Mass Media, Neighbourhoods, and Mobility *Uni Bremen*

Professional Service

- Since 2024 **Associate Editor**, European Sociological Review
- 2018-23 **Associate Editor**, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
- Since 2024 **Editorial Board**, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies

Ad-hoc Reviews

Acta Sociologica (2x), American Journal of Sociology (8x), American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review (5x), British Journal of Political Science, Cities, City & Community, Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science, Ethnic and Racial Studies, European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review (14x), Geoinformatics & Geostatistics, International Journal of Sociology, International Migration Review (2X), Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (5x), Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Family Research, Journal of Happiness Studies (2x), Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (2X), Research in Social Stratification and Mobility (2x), Social Forces (2x), Social Indicators Research (4x), Social Networks, Social Science Research, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Science (3x), Soziale Welt, Survey Research Methods, Swiss Political Science Review, Urban Research and Practice, Zeitschrift für Soziologie.

Routledge, Ashgate (2x).

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (3x), Estonian Research Council (ETAg), Norwegian Research Council (NRC) (3x), La Caixa Foundation (7x), Tryg Fonden (2x).

Cusanuswerk (1x), Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (4x).

Journals

Publishers

Research foundations

Scholarships

Teaching experience

Title	Language	ECTS	Students Appr. Nr.	Role	Course Type	Evaluation		Year	University
						Best Grade:	DK: 100% / 5 DE: 1.0		
Bachelor level									
Multiple Regression & Causal Inference	English	7.5	80	Teacher & Coordinator	Lecture		4.1	2026	
			90					2025	
			100					2024	
			110					2023	
			110					2022	
Sociology in the Age of Big Data	English	7.5	40	Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar		60%	2021	
			29				-	2019	
			90				-	2024	
Gender, Ethnicity & Postcolonialism	English	7.5	110	Guest lecturer	Lecture		-	2023	KU
			110				-	2022	
			110				-	2021	
			110				-	2020	
			110				-	2019	
			90				-	2024	
Sociological Theory and History of Ideas	English	7.5	110	Guest lecturer	Lecture		-	2023	
			110				-	2022	
			90				-	2024	
Sociology of Danish Society	English	7.5	90	Guest lecturer	Lecture		-	2024	
Methodology & Design of Inquiry	English	7.5	100	Guest lecturer	Lecture		-	2022	
			110				-	2022	
Data and Regression Analysis A	German	6	300	Teacher & Coordinator	Lecture		1.6/5	2017	
			300				1.5/5	2016	
Demographic Transition and Immigration	German	6	12	Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar		1.1/5	2017	UoC
			11				*	2016	
Introduction to Sociology	German	4	120		Lecture		1.69/5		
Applied Introduction to Sociology	German	2	45	Teacher & Coordinator	Exercise		1.78/5	2014	KIT
Immigration, Integration & Acceptance	German	3	16		Seminar		1.78/5		
Immigration and Integration	German	5	25	Co-Teacher & Coordinator			1.67/6	2016	
Introduction to Social Theory	German	2.5	30	Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar		1.14/6	2009	HU

Title	Language	ECTS	Students		Role	Course Type	Evaluation		Year	University
			Appr. Nr.				Best Grade:	DK: 100% / 5		
Master level										
Discrimination: Conceptualization, Causes & Measurement	English	7.5	40		Coordinator	Seminar			2026	
Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis	English	7.5	20		Coordinator	Seminar	4.1		2022	
Advanced Welfare, Inequality and Mobility	English	15	52		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	4.1		2022	
Applied Multilevel Analysis	English	7.5	40		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	4		2022	KU
			40				80%	2020		
			30				-	2019		
Spatial Sociology	English	7.5	40		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	4.2		2020	KU
			30				86%	2019		
R for Social Data Science	English	7.5	30		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	60%		Winter '21	KU
			30				87%		Spring '21	
			20				80%		2020	
			20				-		2019	
Contextual Sources of Social Behavior	English	15	20		Co-teacher & Coordinator		100%		2018	KU
			20				-		2019	
Job Mismatches	German	6	15		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	1.3/5		2017	UoC
			15				1.5/5		2016	
			15				1/5		2015	
Spatial Demography and Inequality	German	6	12		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	1.5/5		2017	UoC
			12				1.7/5		2016	
			12				1.7/5		2015	
Social Capital and Integration	German	6	10		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	-		2016	UoC
			10				1.7/5		2015	
Migration and Integration	English	5	15		Co-teacher	One week Seminar	-		2015	Deusto
			15				1.68/5		2014	
			15				-		2013	
			15				1.5/5		2012	
Introduction to Statistics	English	5	19		Teacher & Coordinator	One week Seminar	1.4/5		2015	TUD
			28				1.16/5		2014	
			25				1.76/5		2013	
			22				1.47/5		2012	
Migration Policy and Integration	German	5	10		Co-teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	1.83/6		2012	HU

Title	Language	ECTS	Students		Role	Course Type	Evaluation	Year	University
			Appr. Nr.				Best Grade: DK: 100% / 5 DE: 1.0		
PhD level									
Writing a sociological article	English	7.5	6		Co-Teacher	Seminar	-	2025	
Sociological Analysis in Progress	English	7.5	20		Co-Teacher	One day workshop	-	2020	KU
Statistics consulting	English	-	6		Expert	Indiv. consulting	-	2021	EUI
Advanced Sociological Theory	English	6	15		Teacher	Seminar	2/5	2017	
Social Science at its Best	English	6	15		Teacher & Coordinator	Seminar	-	2017	UoC
Multilevel Data – What to Do?	English		20		Teacher & Coordinator	One day workshop	-	2015	GUF
Workshops									
Introduction to Statistics with R	English		20		Co-teacher & Coordinator	Three day workshop	1.5	2022	Gesis
						Two day workshop		2021	
Supervision									
Bsc theses	English & German		19						KU & UoC
Msc theses			23						
PhD	English		4						
PhD co-supervisor	English		1						Uni Bremen

Note: - Course was not evaluated. Deusto: University of Deusto Bilbao; EUI: European University Institute; Gesis: Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften; GUF: Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main; HU: Humboldt University Berlin; KIT: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology; KU: University of Copenhagen; TUD: Technical University Darmstadt; UoC: University of Cologne.

Publications

MONOGRAPHTIES

- 1 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2016): *Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion: Immigration, Ethnic Fractionalization and Potentials for Civic Action* London: Routledge.
- Cover endorsements** by Robert Putnam (Harvard), Miles Hewstone (Oxford), and Michael Banton (Bristol).
- Selected Reviews:** “I will be including it in the reading list for substantive courses both on diversity and neighbourhood effects and research methods discussing measurement techniques, model building, the use of open-ended questions, and the graphical presentation of results.” — Neli Demireva (University of Essex), *European Sociological Review*.
- “This is both a thorough and very thoughtful book, with much to recommend it to scholars interested in the impacts of ethnic diversity on social cohesion and trust from a range of disciplines, and it deserves the very positive cover endorsements from Robert Putnam, Miles Hewstone and Michael Banton.” — Paul Thomas (University of Huddersfield), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- “The book comprises significant empirical work and has considerable theoretical depth. [...] Scholars and policymakers who engage in these topics will benefit from this book.” — Yunus Kaya (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), *Contemporary Sociology*.
- “Overall, *Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion* should be an essential read for social scientists studying social change in European societies brought about by international mobility and ethnic diversification.” — Aneta Piekut (University of Sheffield), *Central and Eastern European Migration Review*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- ☆ 32 Wiedner, Jonas, **Merlin Schaeffer**, Sarah Carol, and Susanne Böller (2026): “Local Communities, Distant Origins: How Cultural Distance and Local Context Shape Immigrant Ethno-Religious Infrastructures.” *American Journal of Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/739687>
- 31 Friis, Camilla B., **Merlin Schaeffer**, Juliane Starcke Neergaard, and Lasse Suonperä Liebst (2026): “Body-Worn Cameras to Prevent Workplace Aggression Among Ticket Inspectors: Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial.” *PLOS ONE*.
- 30 Heisig, Jan Paul, Pablo Garcia, Séamus Power, Thomas Morten, Rebecca Udsen and **Merlin Schaeffer** (forthcoming): “Schools, childcare infrastructures, and mothers’ time use and psychological well-being: Evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic in Denmark.” *Acta Sociologica*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00016993251379178>
- 29 Breznau, Nate, Eike Mark Rinke, Alexander Wuttke, ..., **Merlin Schaeffer**, ...+162 other authors (2025): “The reliability of replications: A study in computational reproductions.” *Royal Society Open Science* 12 (3), 241038.
- ☆ 28 **Schaeffer, Merlin**, Krzysztof Krakowski, and Asmus Olsen (2024): “Correcting Misperceptions about Ethno-Racial Discrimination: The Limits of Evidence-Based Awareness Raising to Promote Support for Equal-Treatment Policies.” *American Journal of Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12933>
- 27 Wiedner, Jonas & **Merlin Schaeffer** (2025): “Spatial Overlap: Trade-offs in Refugees’ Residential Choices.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 51(5), 1075–1097.
- 26 **Schaeffer, Merlin** and Judith Kas (2025): “The integration paradox: Does awareness of the extent of ethno-racial discrimination increase reports of discrimination?” *Political Psychology* 46(3): 623-636.
- 25 **Schaeffer, Merlin** and Judith Kas (2024): “The Integration Paradox: A Review and Meta-Analysis of the Complex Relationship Between Integration and Reports of Discrimination.” *International Migration Review* 58(3): 1384 - 1409.
- 24 Power, Séamus, **Merlin Schaeffer**, Jan Paul Heisig, Rebecca Udsen, Liisalotte Ordóñez-Bueso, and Thomas Morton (2024): “Imagining Life Beyond a Crisis: A Four Quadrant Model to Conceptualize Possible Futures.” *Culture & Psychology* 30(2): 411 - 430.
- 23 Jünger, Stefan and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2023): “Ethnic Diversity and Social Integration—What are the Consequences of Ethnic Residential Boundaries and Halos for Social Integration in Germany?” *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und SozialPsychologie* 75: 179–203.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, CONTINUED

- 22 Power, Séamus, **Merlin Schaeffer**, Jan Paul Heisig, Rebecca Udsen, and Thomas Morton (2023): "Why trust? A mixed-method investigation of the origins and meaning of trust during the COVID-19 lockdown in Denmark." *British Journal of Social Psychology* 62(3): 1376-1394.
- 21 **Schaeffer, Merlin** and Mikkel Haderup Larsen (2023): "Who Should Get Vaccinated First? Limits of Solidarity during the First Week of the Danish Vaccination Programme." *European Sociological Review* 39(1): 1-13.
- 20 Breznau, Nate, Eike Mark Rinke, Alexander Wuttke, ..., **Merlin Schaeffer**, ...+162 other authors (2022): "Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(44): e2203150119.
- 19 Wiedner, Jonas, **Merlin Schaeffer** & Carol, Sarah (2022): "Ethno-Religious Neighborhood Infrastructures and the Well-being of Immigrants and their Descendants in Germany." *Urban Studies* 59(14): 2985-3004.
- 18 Larsen, Mikkel H. and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2021): "Healthcare chauvinism during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 47(7): 1455-1473.
- 17 Elff, Martin, Jan Paul Heisig, **Merlin Schaeffer** and Susumu Shikano (2021): "Rejoinder to Daniel Stegmueller's Comments." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 460 - 462.
- 16 Elff, Martin, Jan Paul Heisig, **Merlin Schaeffer** and Susumu Shikano (2021): "Multilevel Analysis with Few Clusters: Improving Likelihood-Based Methods to Provide Unbiased Estimates and Accurate Inference." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 412 - 426.
- ☆15 Dinesen, Peter, **Merlin Schaeffer** and Kim Sønderskov (2020): "Ethnic Diversity and Social Trust: A Narrative and Meta-Analytical Review." *Annual Review of Political Science* 23: 441-465.
- 14 Wiedner, Jonas and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2020): "Career trajectories into undereducation. Which skills and resources substitute formal education in the intergenerational transmission of advantage?" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 68: 100526.
- 13 Heisig, Jan Paul and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2020): "The Educational System and the Ethnic Skills Gap among the Working-Age Population: An Analysis of 16 Western Immigration Countries." *Socius* 6: doi.org/10.1177/237802312092571.
- 12 Heisig, Jan Paul and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2019): "Why You Should Always Include a Random Slope for the Lower-Level Variable Involved in a Cross-Level Interaction." *European Sociological Review* 35(2): 258-279.
- 11 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2019): "Social Mobility and Perceived Discrimination: Adding an Intergenerational Perspective." *European Sociological Review* 35(2): 258-279.
- 10 Klinger, Julia, Stefan Jünger, and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2018): "Der Halo-Effekt in einheimisch-homogenen Nachbarschaften. Steigert die ethnische Diversität angrenzender Nachbarschaften die Xenophobie in Deutschland?" *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 46(6): 402-419.
- ☆9 Heisig, Jan Paul, **Merlin Schaeffer** and Johannes Giesecke (2017): "The Costs of Simplicity: Why Multilevel Models May Benefit from Accounting for Cross-Cluster Differences in the Effects of Controls." *American Sociological Review* 82(4): 796 - 827.
- ☆8 Legewie, Joscha and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2016): "Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethnoracial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict." *American Journal of Sociology* 122(1): 125 - 161.
- 7 **Schaeffer, Merlin**, Jutta Höhne and Céline Teney (2016): "Income Advantages of Poorly Qualified Immigrant Minorities: Why School Dropouts of Turkish Origin Earn More in Germany." *European Sociological Review* 32(1): 3-107.
- 6 Koopmans, Ruud and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2016): "Statistical and Perceived Diversity and Their Impacts on Neighborhood Social Cohesion in Germany, France and the Netherlands." *Social Indicators Research* 125: 853-883.
- 5 Koopmans, Ruud and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2015): "Relational diversity and neighbourhood cohesion. Unpacking variety, balance and in-group size." *Social Science Research* 53: 162-176.
- 4 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2014): "The Social Meaning of Inherited Financial Assets. Moral Ambivalences of Intergenerational Transfers." *Forum: Qualitative Social Research* 15(1): Art. 13.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, CONTINUED

Reprint in *Historical Social Research* 2014, 39(3/4).

3 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2013): "Can competing diversity indices inform us about why ethnic diversity erodes social cohesion? A test of five diversity indices in Germany." *Social Science Research* 42(3): 755-774.

2 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2013): "Inter-Ethnic Neighbourhood Acquaintances of Migrants and Natives in Germany: On the Brokering Roles of Inter-Ethnic Partners and Children." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 39(8): 1219-1240.

1 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2013): "Which groups are mostly responsible for problems in your neighbourhood?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 36(1): 156-178.

EDITED VOLUMES

1 Koopmans, Ruud, Bram Lancee and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2015): *Immigration and Social Cohesion in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions and Causality*. London: Routledge.

BOOK CHAPTERS

4 Jünger, Stefan and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2022): "Der Halo-Effekt in Deutschland – Revisited. Sind Menschen, die in der Nähe von – aber nicht in – ethnisch diversen Nachbarschaften leben, besonders xenophob und rassistisch?" In: Kruse, Hanno and Janna Teltemann *Differenz im Raum: Sozialstruktur und Grenzziehung in deutschen Städten* Wiesbaden, VS Verlag: 195–218

3 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2016): "Diversity erfassen: Statistische Diversitätsindizes." In: Genkova, Petia and Tobias Ringeisen *Handbuch Diversity Kompetenz* Wiesbaden, VS Verlag: 47–60

2 Koopmans, Ruud, Bram Lancee and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2015): "Ethnic diversity in diverse societies An introduction." In: Koopmans, Ruud, Bram Lancee and Merlin Schaeffer *Social Cohesion and Immigration in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions, and Causality* London, Routledge: 47–60

1 Lancee, Bram and **Merlin Schaeffer** (2015): "Moving to diversity: Residential mobility, changes in ethnic diversity, and concerns about immigration." In: Koopmans, Ruud, Bram Lancee and Merlin Schaeffer *Social Cohesion and Immigration in Europe and North America: Mechanisms, Conditions, and Causality* London, Routledge: 47–60

DISCUSSION PAPER, PROJECT REPORTS, AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

4 **Schaeffer, Merlin**, Judith Kas and Pia Hagedorn (2023): "The Association between Actual and Perceived Discrimination (APAD): Technical Report." *SocArXiv* doi: 10.31235/osf.io/ekwfm.

3 **Schaeffer, Merlin** (2013): "Ethnic diversity, public goods provision and social cohesion: Lessons from an inconclusive literature." *WZB Discussion Paper* No. SP VI 2013-103.

2 Koopmans, Ruud, Anna Dunkel, **Merlin Schaeffer** and Susanne Veit (2011): "Ethnische Diversität, soziales Vertrauen und Zivilengagement: Projektbericht." *WZB Discussion Paper* No. SP IV 2011-703.

1 **Schaeffer, Merlin**, Ruud Koopmans, Susanne Veit, Mareike Wagner, and Jonas Wiedner (2011): "The Ethnic Diversity and Collective Action Survey (EDCAS): Technical report." *WZB Discussion Paper* No. SP IV 2011-701.

Presentations

KEYNOTES

- 2026 “Misperceived Discrimination” Inequality Conference *University of Konstanz*, Germany: April 15th and 16th.
- 2025 “The Sociology of Misperceived Discrimination.” Migration and Societal Change Conference *Utrecht University*, The Netherlands: June 19th and 20th.
- 2023 “Correcting Misperceptions About Ethno-Racial Discrimination.” SCMR-JEMS conference *University of Sussex*, UK: October 17th.
- 2017 “Contested Boundaries: Explaining Where Ethnoracial Diversity Provokes Neighborhood Conflict.” Romanian Sociological Association Annual Conference *University of Sibiu*, Romania: July 19th.

INVITED TALKS, PAST THREE YEARS

- 2026 “Misperceived Discrimination”. *ISS Colloquium* at University of Cologne, Germany: May 5th.
- “Seeing People, Seeing Place”. University of Bonn, Germany: May 4th.
 - “tba”. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany: April 30th.
 - “Seeing People, Seeing Place”. *Selskab for Surveyforskning* at Copenhagen, Denmark: March 10th.
- 2025 “The Sociology of Misperceived Discrimination”. *King’s Kollege London*, UK: October 1st.
- “The Sociology of Misperceived Discrimination”. *Aarhus University*, Denmark: January 30th.
- 2024 “The Sociology of Misperceived Discrimination”. AB A-Kolloquium at *MZES University of Mannheim*, Germany: November 19th.
- 2023 “Correcting Misperceptions About Ethnic Discrimination: The Limits of Awareness Raising to Promote Support for Equal Treatment Policies”. CRIS Scientific Seminar *Sciences Po Paris*, France: April 07th
- “Correcting Misperceptions About Ethnic Discrimination: The Limits of Awareness Raising to Promote Support for Equal Treatment Policies”. Research Seminar *Vive*, Denmark: March 15th

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PAST THREE YEARS

- 2026 “Seeing People, Seeing Place”. *Annual Conference for Experimental Sociology* at Sciences Po, France: August 28th.
- “Seeing People, Seeing Place”. *Yale University Identity & Conflict Lab* at Nafplio, Greece: June 13th.
 - “Seeing People, Seeing Place”. *Selskab for Surveyforskning* at Stanford University, USA: June 4th.
- 2025 “Unveiling the Price of Green: Perceptions of Socio-Ecological Inequality and the Demand for Distributive Justice in Climate Policies”. *Annual Conference for Experimental Sociology* at University of Leipzig, Germany: September 28th.
- 2024 “From Perception to Play: Revising the Ethnic Trust and Trust-worthiness Gap Based on Experimental Games”. *Nordic Sociological Association Annual Conference* at Linköping University, Sweden: August 16th
- “Far-right Electoral Victories Exacerbate Public Service Discrimination Against Minorities”. *Yale University Identity & Conflict Lab* at Chania, Greece: June 18th
 - “Far-right Electoral Victories Exacerbate Public Service Discrimination Against Minorities”. *International Network for Analytical Sociology* at Leipzig University, Germany: May 30th
- 2023 “Correcting Misperceptions About Ethnic Discrimination: The Limits of Awareness Raising to Promote Support for Equal Treatment Policies”. *CEPDISC’23 Conference on Discrimination* at Aarhus University, Denmark: October 12th to 13th
- “Correcting Misperceptions About Ethnic Discrimination: The Limits of Awareness Raising to Promote Support for Equal Treatment Policies”. *ACES 2023: The Annual Conference of Experimental Sociology* at Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales Madrid, Spain: August 30th to September 1st

EXPERIENCES OF ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IN DENMARK

- 2023 “Stor undersøgelse afdækker »bekymrende« meget diskrimination i Danmark.” *Politiken*.
<https://tinyurl.com/2p82yrmz>
- “Well-educated immigrants report more discrimination.” *CPH Post*. <https://shorturl.at/bisY6>

CORRECTING MISPERCEPTIONS ABOUT ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION

- 2022 *ZDF* (German national television). <https://bit.ly/3zRUaXS>
- *RND* (RedaktionsNetzwerk Deutschland). <https://bit.ly/347bflz>
 - *RBB Radio Eins*. <https://bit.ly/3Hr88mM>
 - *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*. <https://bit.ly/3oeUoUs>
 - *Radio Bremen Zwei* (live interview).
 - *Bayerischer Rundfunk 2* (live interview).
 - *Ruhr Nachrichten*. <https://bit.ly/3sCy1Zd>
- 2021 *SRF* (Swiss national television). <https://bit.ly/3K42Fnr>
- *France Info Radio*. <https://bit.ly/3z3QMr2>
- 2020 *BBC News* (television). <https://bit.ly/2MkIh4T>
- *The Atlantic*. <https://bit.ly/2yjBxRv>
 - *CPH Post*. <http://cphpost.dk/?p=114475>

ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL TRUST

- 2020 *Merion West*. <https://bit.ly/3BSEhzW>
- 2019 *Dagbladet Information*. <https://bit.ly/2IYIuK1>
- *Berlingske*. <https://bit.ly/2oWiCrr>

ETHNO-RELIGIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURES AND IMMIGRANT WELL-BEING

- 2022 “Integration mit der Abrissbirne – wie Dänemark seine ‘Gettos’ loswerden will.” *Die Welt*. <https://bit.ly/3N1tFov>
- “Auf die Infrastrukturen kommt es an.” *Kooperationsverbund gesundheitliche Chancengleichheit*.
<https://bit.ly/3xiIAFs>
 - “Der Wert der Nachbarschaft.” *WZB-Mitteilungen*. <https://bit.ly/3KWj10G>
- 2021 “Gebetshäuser, Geschäfte, Vereine. Eine Berliner Geografie ethno-religiöser Infrastrukturen.” *WZB-Mitteilungen*.
<https://bit.ly/3fgrcrj>
- “Forsvaret er stort set kun en organisation for etniske danskere.” *Politiken*. <https://tinyurl.com/pkvy5rev>
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- 2016 *Der Tagesspiegel*. <https://bit.ly/3keq4r2>
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- 2015 *The Atlantic*. <http://bit.ly/2mlIoSi>
- *New York Magazine*. <https://bit.ly/3mUOwRG>
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