

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

PhD candidate in Sociology, University of Kassel, Since 2023

- Thesis: “Algorithmic Realism: The Prospect of Communal Production”, deadline 8/2025
- Supervisors: Mi You, Heinz Bude | Examiners: Aaron Benanav, Cedric Durand
- Parental leave 11/2024 – 7/2025
- Begin of PhD project at the Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design in 2020, change of supervisor

B.Sc. Computer Science, Humboldt University, Berlin, discontinued to pursue PhD, 2018 – 2019

M.A. European Anthropology, Humboldt University, Berlin, grade 1,2, 2013 – 2017

- Master thesis: “Seeing like a Subject. Untersuchung einer formgebenden Gemeinschaft”, grade 1,0
- Visiting Student Researcher in the Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of California Berkeley, 1/2015 – 9/2015

B.A. Cultural Anthropology (Minor: Sociology), Goethe University, Frankfurt, grade 1,3, 2009 – 2013

- Erasmus Exchange Student in the Departament d’Antropologia Social i Cultural, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 9/2011 – 4/2012

EMPLOYMENT

Academic

University of Kassel

Research Associate in Sociology, Art and Economics, 6/2022 – 3/2026

University of Arts and Design, Karlsruhe

Project coordinator for the research project “Modeling the Crisis” funded by Volkswagenstiftung, 11/2020 – 2/2022

University of Arts and Design, Karlsruhe

Research Associate for Art Research and Media Philosophy, Coordination of the Research Group for Artificial Intelligence and Media Philosophy (KIM), 3/2021 – 3/2022

Humboldt University, Berlin

Lecturer, two semesters in the Department of European Anthropology, one semester in Media Studies, 2014 – 2016

Other

Architrave, Berlin

Data Science Assistant, Machine Learning Startup, 2019 – 2020

Latentine, Berlin

Internship, ML startup, 2018

Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin

Internship project coordination “Dictionary of Now”, 2017

Museum of Communication, Frankfurt

Museum Guide, 2010 – 2013

Fab Lab, Barcelona

Internship in digital manufacturing, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Grünberg, Max (2025), Automating Away the Center? Optimal Planning and the Menace of Bureaucratisation, Special Issue “Rethinking Economic Planning”, *Competition & Change*, 29, 1.
- Grünberg, Max (2024), Ludic War Machines, Special Issue “Experimental Publics, *E-flux Journal*, 150.
- Grünberg, Max (2024), Ökonomie der Knappheit: Eine Produktionsweise auf der Suche nach allokativer Effizienz, *Prokla*, 54, 215.
- Grünberg, Max (2023), The Planning Daemon: Future Desire and Communal Production, *Historical Materialism*, 23, 1.
- Grünberg, Max (2023), Get Rich or Die Trying: Betting on the Future, *Umbau Journal*, 2.

Essays (Selection)

- Der zählende Papagei, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 2024
- Among Cultists: The State of Bitcoin, Blog *Künstliche Intelligenz und Medienphilosophie*, July 2021

TALKS

Presentations (Selection)

- Antipolitical Games, Trust Berlin, May 2025
- Automating Away the Center? Optimal Planning and the Menace of Bureaucratisation, Annual Historical Material Conference London, November 2023
- All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace: Algorithms and Economic Coordination, Jahreskonferenz Gesellschaft für Informatik, September 2023
- A Socialist Homo Economicus? Understanding Needs Registration as a Forecasting Problem, Democratic Economic Planning Workshop at the University Potsdam, June 2023
- The Longue Durée of Economic Media: A Prehistory of Crypto, Baltan Labs, May 2023
- The Planning Daemon, Annual Historical Materialism Conference London, November 2022
- Marx and Labour Money: An Attempt of Reconstructing an Inconclusive Thought Project, Workshop “Socialism: Rationality and Distribution” at the Freien Universität Berlin, June 2022
- Future Desire and Communal Production, Workshop “The Algorithmic Road to Socialism at the Universität Kiel, June 2022
- Understanding Needs Registration as a Forecasting Problem, Symposium "Socialist Futures" at the European University Institute Florence, May 2022
- Does the Economy Fit into a Matrix?, Stanford-Leuphana Summer Academy 2020 “Technologies of Bureaucracy”, December 2021
- The Administration of Things: Automating Business Forecasts in the Case of Amazon Web Services, research workshop “Breaking Models” at the Max-Planck Institute für Wissenschaftsgeschichte Berlin, September 2021
- Torn between Truths. Self-fulfilling Prophecies and the Production of Uncertainty, 7th graduate conference of the excellence cluster „Normative Orders”, Goethe University Frankfurt, 2017

Media (Selection)

- Mit Smarter Planwirtschaft Gegen die Probleme unserer Zeit, Sein und Streit, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, July 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Critical AI Studies

University of Kassel, Sociology, Winter 2023/2024

The Machinery Question: Relations of Production - Productive Forces - Nature

University of Kassel, Sociology, Summer 2023

Beyond the Market: Contemporary Perspectives on Postcapitalist Production

University of Kassel, Sociology, Winter 2022/2023

Postcapitalist Trajectories: An Introduction to Heterodox Modes of Production

Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design, Media Philosophy, Winter 2021/2022

Media of Exchange: A Critical Introduction to Cryptocurrencies

Karlsruhe University of Arts and Design, Media Philosophy, Summer 2021

Seeing like a Subject: Quantifizierende Methoden der Selbstbeobachtung und die Künste der Existenz

Humboldt University Berlin, European Anthropology, Summer 2016

Kulturgeschichte des Silicon Valleys

Humboldt University Berlin, Media Science, Summer 2014 & Winter 2014/2015

AFFILIATIONS

Diffrakt – Zentrum für theoretische Peripherie

Founding member and treasurer, since 2017

GRANTS

Basisförderung für Projekträume und -initiativen 2022 / 2023, Senate of Berlin

Co-writer, basic funding for Berlin project spaces, 26.000€ funding, 2019

“AI Forensics“, Volkswagenstiftung

Mayor contributor, Volkswagenstiftung “AI and the Society of the Future” program, 1.400.000€ funding, 2021

“Modeling the Crisis“, Volkswagenstiftung

First co-writer, Volkswagenstiftung “AI and the Society of the Future” program, 125.000€ funding, 2020

Basisförderung für Projekträume und -initiativen 2020 / 2021, Senate of Berlin

Co-writer, basic funding for Berlin project spaces, 26.000€ funding, 2019

DAAD Scholarship

Visiting student researcher University of California, Berkeley, 2015

Erasmus Scholarship

Student Exchange, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2011