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Education

- 2018 **Dr. phil. in Sociology**
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Dissertation: *In Search of the Happiness of Educated Women. A Grounded Theory on the Relationship of Women's Rights Movements, Education and Racism in the Postcolonial Context of Dakar (summa cum laude)*
- 2008 **Diplom in Social Sciences**
Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
Thesis: *Women's Human Rights from a Transcultural Perspective. Attitudes of Senegalese Women's Rights Activist Gender Equality (very good)*
- 1998 **Baccalauréat**
Lycée Français de Berlin

Current Positions

- 04/2026–07/2026 **Visiting professor for the Sociology of Culture and Migration**
Social Science Department, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
- 10/2020–present **Research and teaching associate (Habilitation in progress)**
Faculty for Humanities and Educational Sciences, Center for Interdisciplinary Women's and Gender Studies, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

Awards and Scholarships

- Selection for the Program *ProFiL – Professionalisation of Women in Research and Teaching* (2022)
- **Dissertation prize** by the Gender Section of the German Sociological Association (2018)
- PhD scholarship by the **Rosa Luxemburg Foundation** (2010–2014)

Network and Collaboration

- Active member of the DFG research networks *Sensing Urban Diversity* (2025) and *Poststructuralist Protest and Movement Research* (2025)
- Active member of the workshop *Reflections on Space in Senegal* co-hosted by the DFG Research Centre *Re-Figurations of Space* and the Technische Universität Darmstadt
- Board member of *FG Dekolonial* – association for race-critical, postcolonial and decolonial theory and practice (2020–25)
- Initiating member of the research group *Afrofeminist Perspectives on Migration*, co-hosted with the *École Supérieure d'Économie Appliquée* at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar
- Member of the International, the European, and the German **Sociological Association** with a focus on gender, postcolonialism, migration, and the built environment

Conference Co-Curation and Co-Organisation (selection)

- Panel *Forum Theatre as Decolonial-Feminist Research Method*, African Studies Conference, Basel (2026)
- *Postcolonial Critiques – Decolonial Perspectives* (2024–2025)
- *Feminist Perspectives on Decolonization* (2023–2024)
- *African Decolonisation and Gender* (2022–2023)

Invited Lectures and Panel Contributions (selection)

- Panel *Methodological Perspectives on Inequality and the City*, Leibniz Institute for Spatial Social Science (upcoming, 2026)
- Refugee Women's Movements and the Feminist Lager Strike in Brandenburg, Sciences Po Bordeaux (upcoming, 2026)
- Panel *Rethinking Solidarities, Refugee Resistance and Agency from the South*, Netzwerk Fluchtforschung (upcoming, 2026)
- *Berlin and the Black Mediterranean: Postcolonial-Feminist Perspectives*, Universität Innsbruck (upcoming, 2026)
- *Constructing Dakar: Postcolonial-Feminist Perspectives on Construction Site Research*, Universität Stuttgart (2026)
- Workshop *Dakar Is Drifting? Drifting in Dakar?* Point Sud, Université Cheikh Anta Diop & Goethe University Frankfurt (2025)
- Panel *Rethinking Reproduction: Latin American & Decolonial Material-Feminist Perspectives*, Goethe-Universität FFM (2025)
- *Postcolonial-Feminist Construction Site Research in Dakar*, Technische Universität Darmstadt (2025)
- *Conversations with the Spectres of the Camp*, Bard College Berlin (2025)
- *Kreuzberg Is a Construction Site: Intersectional Walking Science in Practice*, Georg-Simmel-Zentrum, HU Berlin (2024)
- *Black Politics in the District: Postcolonial-Feminist Walk Science*, Habitat Unit, HU Berlin / TU Berlin (2024)
- *Refugee Women's Movements and the Feminist International*, Berlin University Alliance (2023)
- *The Black Mediterranean: From Representation to Visibility*, University of Vienna (2022)
- *Police Violence in Germany: An Intersectional Perspective*, University of Koblenz (2021)

Selected Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- *Learning from Construction Sites: Derive in Contested Urban Space*, Ethnography of Things, TU Dortmund (2026)
- *Sensing Streets Under Construction: Psychogeography for African Urban Studies*, University of Lagos (2026)
- *Postcolonial-Feminist Perspectives on Construction Site Sociology in Dakar*, German Sociological Association (2025)
- *Exploring Racial Border Violence from a Pan-African Feminist Research Perspective*, ISA Forum, Université de Rabat (2025)
- *'The Meanings of Toubabité' (2017) Revisited*, Association of Black Anthropologists, Université de Dakar (2025)

Public-Academic Formats

- **Psychogeographic workshops** in the *out.cast* podcast series in Berlin (2025) and at the *Point Sud* workshop *Ordinary Infrastructures* in Dakar (2025)
- **Literary and discursive events with civil society dialogue** at the *xbfh* district museum (2025), *Frauenkreise* (2024), and the *Afrolution Festival* (2021) in Berlin, and many more
- **Public academic workshops** linking international Black decolonial activists and scholars, like the enhanced conversation with **Denise Ferreira da Silva** at the *Future Perfect* Symposium (2022), or the *Yvette Abraham Reading Cycle* curated by **Memory Biwa** at the Berlin Biennale (2025)

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