

Curriculum Vitae

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Contact

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
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Experience

LSE

- 2026/27 Sabbatical leave (based at the European University Institute (EUI) until mid-December 2026, see Research visits)
- 2024– Associate Professor of International Social and Public Policy, Department of Social Policy
- 2023 Parental leave
(Autumn)
- 2019–24 Assistant Professor of International Social and Public Policy, Department of Social Policy
- 2017–19 Fellow in Social Policy, Department of Social Policy

WZB Berlin

- 2014–17 Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Unit Inequality and Social Policy

University of Mannheim

- 2013–14 Assistant Lecturer, Chair for Macrosociology, School of Social Sciences
- 2011–13 Researcher, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Chair for Macrosociology, School of Social Sciences
- 2009–11 Researcher, MZES

Education

- 2014 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Mannheim
- 2008 Diploma in Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

Research grants and awards

- 2021 LSE New Research Fund for project on household joblessness in the US and UK (£10,000)
- 2015 Lorenz von Stein Prize for the best dissertation in Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim in 2014 (1,000€)
- 2013 JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize 2013 for the best paper by a doctoral researcher presented at any of the ESPAnet conferences, workshops or seminars in 2012
- 2011 DFG research grant for the project “Non-employment in Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Social Risk Groups in Household Contexts” (207,000€) (Co-I, PI: Bernhard Ebbinghaus)
- 2008–09 Ph.D. grant from the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim (1200€/month)

Publications

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- 2026 **Biegert, Thomas**, Kühhirt, Michael & Van Lancker, Wim: There Is Cumulative Status Bias and Status Entrenchment in NBA Awards: Comment on McMahan and Shor (2024). *Sociological Science* 13: 287-302. [Open access link] [Replication files]
- 2025 Breznau, Nate, ... **Biegert, Thomas** ... (total of 151 authors): The Reliability of Replications: A Study in Computational Reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science* 12(3): 241038. [Open access link]
- 2023 **Biegert, Thomas**, Kühhirt, Michael & Van Lancker, Wim: They Can't All Be Stars: The Matthew Effect, Cumulative Status Bias, and Status Persistence in NBA All-Star Elections. *American Sociological Review* 88(2):189-219. [Open access link] [Replication files]
- Biegert, Thomas**, Özcan, Berkay & Rossetti-Youlton, Magdalena: Household Joblessness in US Metropolitan Areas during the COVID19 Pandemic: Polarization and the Role of Educational Profiles. *Socius* 9: 23780231231158087. [Open access link] [Replication files]
- 2022 **Biegert, Thomas**, Brady, David & Hipp, Lena: Cross-National Variation in the Relationship between Welfare Generosity and Single Mother Employment. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 702(1): 37-54. [Open access link]
- Breznau, Nate, ... **Biegert, Thomas** ... (total of 166 authors): 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. [Open access link]
- Biegert, Thomas** & Ebbinghaus, Bernhard: Accumulation or absorption? Changing disparities of household non-employment in Europe during the Great Recession. *Socio-Economic Review* 20(1): 141-168. [Link] [Replication files & ungated pre-review version]
- 2019 **Biegert, Thomas**: Labor Market Institutions, the Insider/Outsider Divide and Social Inequalities in Employment in Affluent Countries. *Socio-Economic Review* 17(2): 255-281. [Link]
- Meyer, Brett & **Biegert, Thomas**: The Conditional Effect of Technological Change on Collective Bargaining Coverage. *Research & Politics*. [Open access link] [Replication files]
- 2018 **Biegert, Thomas** & Kühhirt, Michael: Taking Lemons for a Trial Run: Does Type of Job Exit Affect the Risk of Entering Fixed-term Employment in Germany? *European Sociological Review* 34(2): 184-197. [Link] [Replication files & ungated pre-review version]
- 2017 Brady, David & **Biegert, Thomas**: The Rise of Precarious Employment in Germany. *Research in Sociology of Work* 31: 245-271. [Link] [Ungated version]
- Biegert, Thomas**: Welfare Benefits and Unemployment in Affluent Democracies: The Moderating Role of the Institutional Insider/Outsider Divide. *American Sociological Review* 82(5): 1037-1064. [Link]
- 2014 **Biegert, Thomas**: On the Outside Looking in? Transitions Out of Non-employment in the United Kingdom and Germany. *Journal of European Social Policy* 24(1): 3-18 (JESP/ESPAnet Doctoral Researcher Prize Paper). [Link]

Monographs, chapters, and other publications

- 2025 König, Christian, **Biegert, Thomas**, Heisig, Jan Paul & Solga, Heike: *Cross-National Analysis of the Short- and Longer-Term Effects of Conditions at Labor Market Entry*. Mapineq Deliverable No. D4.2. [Link]
- 2023 **Biegert, Thomas**: Labour Market Policies and Social Inequality in Labour Market Outcomes, in: Clegg, Daniel & Durazzi, Niccolo (eds.): *Handbook of Labour Market Policy in Advanced Democracies*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing: 479-494.

- Täht, Kadri, Unt, Marge & **Biegert, Thomas**: Does a Higher Minimum Salary Protect Youth from In-work Poverty? Cross-national Evidence from the EU, in: Karner, Christian & Hofäcker, Dirk (eds.): *Research Handbook on the Sociology of Globalization*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar: 275-287.
- 2022 Unt, Marge, Täht, Kadri & **Biegert, Thomas**: *Cross-national Differences in In-work Poverty among Young Adults in EU*. EUROSHIP Working Paper No. 18. [Link]
Unt, Marge, Täht, Kadri & **Biegert, Thomas**: *An assessment of in-work poverty among female and male youth in Europe*. EUROSHIP Working Paper No. 16. [Link]
- 2015 Brady, David, **Biegert, Thomas** & Vitols, Sigurt: Continuity and Change in the German Labour Market, in: Dolphin, Tony (ed.): *Technology, Globalisation, and the Future of Work in Europe. Essays on Employment in a Digitised Economy*. London: Institute for Public Policy Research: 69-73.
- 2014 **Biegert, Thomas**: *Patterns of Non-employment: How Labor Market Institutions Shape Social Inequality in Employment Performance in Europe*. Mannheim: University of Mannheim (Dissertation). [Link]
- 2011 **Biegert, Thomas**: *Patterns of Non-employment: Labor Market Institutions and the Employment Performance of Social Groups*. MZES Working Paper 145. [Link]

Blog posts, media coverage, etc.

- 2023 “Was macht den Star zum Star?“, Süddeutsche Zeitung, April 19th 2023. [Link]
- 2020 “Households failed to absorb massive job loss during economic crisis“, Social Europe, 03/2020. [Link]
- 2018 “Nutzlose Befristungen“, Böckler Impuls, 09/2018. [Link]
“The Worker Retraining Challenge“, U.S. News & World Report, February 6th 2018. [Link]
- 2017 “Good Job“ LSE News, December 15th 2017. [Link].
“A generous welfare state can help reduce unemployment – if there are good job opportunities for the jobless.“ LSE United States Politics and Policy Blog, October 3rd 2017. [Link].

Work under review and in progress

Economic Impact on Labor Market Outcomes of Older Workers in the EU (*with Marge Unt & Kadri Täht, under review*)

Why Comparative Social Policy Research Needs Better Theory and Measurement (*with Wim Van Lancker, under review*)

Theoretical and Methodological Challenges for Researching Institutional Interplay (*in progress*)

The Impact of Labor Market Conditions at Entry in the EU (*with Christian König, Heike Solga & Jan-Paul Heisig, in progress*)

Household Joblessness in US Local Labor Markets, 1970-2021 (*with Berkay Özcan, in progress*)

Methods for Researching the Impact of Social Policies on Socio-Economic Outcomes (*in progress*)

Group Differences in Cumulative Status Bias in Basketball Awards (*in preparation*)

Invited talks

- 2022 Oxford Nuffield College Sociology Seminar Series
- 2020 Oxford Department of Sociology Seminar Series, LSE Social Policy Seminar Series
- 2019 Institute of International Studies Seminar Series (University of Tallinn)

- 2018 WZB Alumni Conference
- 2017 Colloquium (University of Antwerp), DSPI Colloquium (University of Oxford), International Social and Public Policy Seminar (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- 2015 BAL Colloquium, German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development

Regular conferences

American Sociological Association (ASA), European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAnet), ISA Research Committees 19 and 28 (RC19, RC28), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Research visits

- 09-12/2026 Visiting Fellow, European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences
- 07/2022– Visiting Research Fellow, Tallinn University, Institute of International Studies (RASl)
- 03/2017 University of Cologne, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology
- 08-10/2012 University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science

Teaching / Supervision

LSE

- 2025/26 BSc: Lectures in SP231 “Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy”
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (convener)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP442 “The Future of Work and Social Policy” (convener)
- 2024/25 BSc: Lectures in SP231 “Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy”
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (convener)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP442 “The Future of Work and Social Policy” (convener)
- 2023/24 BSc: Lectures in SP231 “Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy”
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP442 “The Future of Work and Social Policy” (convener)
- 2022/23 BSc: Lectures and classes in SP110 “Sociology and Social Policy” (convener)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (co-convener with Johann Koehler)
- 2021/22 BSc: Lectures and classes in SP110 “Sociology and Social Policy” (convener)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (co-convener with Johann Koehler)
- 2020/21 BSc: Lectures and classes in SP110 “Sociology and Social Policy” (convener)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (convener: Berkay Özcan)
- 2019/20 BSc: Lectures and classes in SP110 “Sociology and Social Policy” (convener)
BSc: Classes in SP201 “Research Methods for Social Policy” (convener: Amanda Sheely)
MSc: Lectures in SP401 “Understanding Policy Research” (convener: Berkay Özcan)
- 2017-19 BSc: Classes in SA201 “Research Methods in Social Policy” (convener: Amanda Sheely);
classes in SA219 “Comparative and International Social Policy” (convener: Timo Fleckenstein)
MSc: Lectures and seminars in SA4AB “Researching International Social & Public Policy” (convener: Berkay Özcan); lectures and seminars in SA4C9 “Social Policy Organisation and Innovation” (convener: Lucinda Platt); lectures in SA488 “Social Policy Goals & Issues” (convener: Timo Fleckenstein)
PhD: SA550 “Research Student Seminar” (feedback on PhD students dissertation projects, convener: Anne West)

University of Mannheim

2011-2014 BA: Bachelor Thesis Colloquium “European Societies in Comparison” (supervision of 8 Bachelor theses); seminar “The Nordic Welfare State in European Comparison”; seminar “Introduction to Labour Market Sociology”; seminar “Introduction to Sociology of Poverty”; seminars “Employment Systems in European Comparison”

PhD Supervision

Completed

2021–2025 Eugenia Bilbao-Goyoaga (first supervisor)

Current

2022– Franco Fernandez Fleming (second supervisor)

2024– Natalia Tellez Lara (first supervisor)

2025– Farah Kaddah (first supervisor)

Service

Institutional services

Editorial board member for American Sociological Review (2021-2023)

Organizer of the LSE Department of Social Policy quantitative reading group (2018-2023)

Co-editor of the Social Policy Department Blog (2019-2022)

Member of selection committees for new assistant professors in LSE Social Policy (2020, 2021, 2022) and LSE fellows (2026)

Member of the appointment committee for a new WZB Directorship (2017)

Co-organizer of the USP Writing Workshop (with Lena Hipp and Anette Fasang, 2016-17)

Selection committee WZB Flexible Funds, November 2015

Scientific adviser for the EU FP7 Project STYLE (Strategic Transitions for Youth Labor in Europe), General Assembly Project Consortium Meeting, 23-24 March 2015, Grenoble, France

Ad hoc reviewer for

Acta Sociologica, African Development Review, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Comparative Political Studies, Contemporary Social Science, European Sociological Review, Global Social Policy, ILR Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal for Labour Market Research, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Professions and Organizations, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Forces, Social Policy & Administration, Social Indicators Research, Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Science, Sociology of Development, Socius, World Politics, Work & Occupations

Panel & conference organization

RC28 Spring Conference, London, UK, 21-23 April 2022 (member of scientific committee, organizers: Lucinda Platt, Berkay Özcan)

Panels on “Comparative Methodology: Causal Inference in Social Policy Analysis” at the annual ESPAnet conferences 2016-2020, 2023-2026 (with Elias Naumann)

Conference “Causalities in Comparative Research”, WZB Conference, 27-28 June 2016, Berlin, Germany (with Heike Solga, Lena Hipp, Agnes Blome, and Camilla Borgna)

Panel “Labor Market Policies, the Welfare State, and Inequality on the Labor Market” at the Annual ESPAnet Conference 2015, Odense, Denmark, 3-5 September 2015 (with Martin Ehlert)

Memberships

American Sociological Association (Section Income, Poverty, and Mobility, and Section Economic Sociology), International Sociological Association (Research Committee 28)

Language and software skills

Languages English (fluent), German (native speaker), French (un peu rouillé), Italian, Spanish, Estonian (very basic communication skills)

Software Stata, R, Microsoft Office, $\LaTeX$ /Beamer

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