

Dr. Kristina Dietz

kristina.dietz@uni-kassel.de

Interim Professor

Department of International and inter-society Relations

Faculty of Social Sciences

University of Kassel

www.land-conflicts.net

EDUCATION

2010	Dr. rer. pol	University of Kassel Political Science
1998 – 2001	Magister	University of Hanover Sociology, Political Science and History
2001	Dipl.-Ing.	University of Hanover Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

since April 2020	Interim professor (W3) “International and inter-societal relations”, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kassel
2019	Lecturer at Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development
2018	Interim professor (W3) “International and inter-societal relations”, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kassel
2018	Lecturer at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Faculty of Human Sciences, Bogotá, Colombia
2017	Visiting professor at Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt, Institute for Social Ecology (SEC), Klagenfurt/Vienna, Austria
2017	Place on appointment list 1b, junior professorship for Latin American Sociology with a main focus on environment, gender and social inequalities, FU Berlin
2014-2019	Director of BMBF-funded junior research group “Global Change and Local Conflicts? Conflicts over land in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa in the context of interdependent transformation processes”, FU Berlin

- 2009-2013 Co-director and post-doctoral researcher of BMBF-funded junior research group “Fair Fuels?—Between dead end and energy transition: A social-ecological multilevel analysis of transnational biofuel policy”, FU Berlin
- 2009 Pre-doctoral researcher, Institute for Latin American Studies, FU Berlin
- 2007 Academic coordinator Graduate School on Global Social Policies and Governance, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kassel
- 2004-2007 Pre-doctoral researcher at BMBF-funded junior research group “Global Governance and Climate Change”, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, FU Berlin
- 2002-2003 Consultant, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex

RESEARCH PROFILE

Fields of study: International Politics, Development Studies, Democracy Studies, Inequality Studies, Global Environmental Studies, Contentious Politics

Research areas: Socio-Ecological Transformation, Social Inequalities, Democratic Change, Global Environmental and Sustainability Policies, Conflicts over Land and Resources, Institutional Change

Regional focus: Latin America (Andean region, South America, Central America and Mexico), Africa, Transregional Studies

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (first language)

English (fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

French (basic knowledge)

Portuguese (basic knowledge)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Monographs

Der Klimawandel als Demokratiefrage. Sozial-ökologische und politische Dimensionen von Vulnerabilität in Nicaragua und Tansania. Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2011.

Das Klima neu denken. Eine sozial-ökologische Perspektive auf die lokale, nationale und internationale Klimapolitik (with Achim Brunnengräber, Bernd Hirschl, Heike Walk, Melanie Weber). Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2008.

2. Edited Volumes

The Edward Elgar Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies (with Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Bettina Engels, Ben McKay). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, *forthcoming 2021*.

Climate Change in Africa. Social and Political Impacts, Conflicts and Strategies (with Bettina Engels). Frankfurt/Main: Peter Lang, 2018.

Contested Extractivism, Society and the State: Struggles over Mining and Land (with Bettina Engels). London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (refereed).

The Political Ecology of Agrofuels (with Bettina Engels, Achim Brunnengräber, Oliver Pye). London: Routledge, 2015 (refereed).

Biokraftstoffe zwischen Sackgasse und Energiewende (with Bernd Hirschl, Thomas Vogelpohl, Elisa Dunkelberg, Maria Backhouse, Raoul Herrmann, Michael Brüntrup). Munich: oekom, 2014.

Umwelt und Entwicklung in Lateinamerika. Widerspruch oder Perspektive? (with Hans-Jürgen Burchardt, Rainer Öhlschläger). Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013.

3. Articles in Refereed Journals

Analysing land conflicts in times of global crises (with Bettina Engels), *Geoforum*, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.02.019>.

Contesting claims for democracy: The role of narratives in conflicts over resource extraction. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 2019, 6(2): 510-518, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2019.03.004>.

Direct democracy in mining conflicts in Latin America: Mobilising against Colombia's La Colosa project. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies / Revue canadienne d'études du développement*, 2019, 40(2), 145-162, <https://doi.org/10.1080/02255189.2018.1467830>.

Structural transformation in the countryside (with Bettina Engels), *Review of African Political Economy/ROAPE Online*, 2018.

Consultas populares mineras en Colombia: Condiciones de su realización y significados políticos. El caso de La Colosa. *Colombia Internacional* 2018, 93, 93-117.

Contested extractivism: Actors and strategies in conflicts over mining (with Bettina Engels), *DIE ERDE*, 2017, 148(2-3), 111-120.

Neo-Extractivism in Latin America. One Side of a New Phase of Global Capitalist Dynamics (with Ulrich Brand, Miriam Lang), *REVISTA CIENCIA POLÍTICA* 2016, 21(11), 125-159.

Immer (mehr) Ärger wegen der Natur? – Für eine gesellschafts- und konflikttheoretisch fundierte Analyse von Konflikten um Natur (with Bettina Engels). *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 2014, 43(1), 73-89.

(Neo-)extractivism – A new challenge for development theory from Latin America (with Hans-Jürgen Burchardt), *Third World Quarterly* 2014, 35(3), 468-486.

(Neo-)Extraktivismus als Entwicklungsoption? Zu den aktuellen Dynamiken und Widersprüchen rohstoffbasierter Entwicklung in Lateinamerika (with Ulrich Brand), *Politische Vierteljahresschrift Sonderheft* 2014, 48, 128-165.

Controlando territorios, reestructurando relaciones socio-ecológicas: La globalización de agrocombustibles y sus efectos locales, el caso de Montes de María en Colombia (with Sergio Coronado), *Iberoamericana* 2013, 13(49), 93-115.

Transformativ, politisch und normativ: für eine Re-Politisierung der Anpassungsforschung (with Achim Brunnengräber), *GAIA* 2013, 22(4), 224-227.

Land grabbing analysieren: Ansatzpunkte für eine politisch-ökologische Analyse am Beispiel Äthiopiens (with Bettina Engels), *PERIPHERIE* 2011, 31(124), 395-416.

Das Klima in den Nord-Süd Beziehungen (with Achim Brunnengräber), *PERIPHERIE* 2008, 28(112), 400-428.

Vulnerabilität gegenüber Klimawandel – Zur Notwendigkeit eines Perspektivwechsels, *GAIA* 2007, 16(1), 68.

4. Articles in Non-Refereed Journals

Pandemie trifft Krise(n). COVID-19 in Lateinamerika. *PERIPHERIE* 2020, Nr. 159/160, 40 (3-4), 455-472.

Contrarrestando reclamos de democracia. El poder de las narrativas y la disputa por la jurisdicción en los sectores extractivos en Colombia, in: *Revista Controversia* 2020, Nr. 215, 277-310.

Kolumbien: Frieden durch Gewalt (with Jonas Wolff). In: *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik* 2018, 7, 25-28.

Weniger Staat wagen: Lateinamerikas Linke vor dem Neubeginn (with Ulrich Brand, Miriam Lang). In: *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, 2017, 2, 93-98.

Mit lokalen Volksentscheiden gegen industriellen Bergbau? Der Konflikt um die Goldmine *La Colosa* in Kolumbien. In: *Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen*, 2017, 1, 62-70.

Sozial-räumliche Dynamiken der Agrartreibstoffe. Transnationale Netzwerke, skalare Rekonfigurationen, umkämpfte Orte und Territorien (with Bettina Engels, Oliver Pye), *PROKLA*, 2016, 46 (3), 423-440.

Energie(irr)wege auf Lateinamerikas Feldern, *Politische Ökologie* 2013, 134, 90-94.

Brasilien auf grünen Pfaden? (with Maria Backhouse), *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, 2012, 12, 25-28.

Kapitalismus und „natürliche Grenzen“. Eine kritische Diskussion ökomarxistischer Zugänge zur ökologischen Krise (with Markus Wissen), *PROKLA* 2009, 39(156), 351-369.

Jenseits von Kyoto (with Achim Brunnengräber, Melanie Weber), *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik* 2005, 2, 146-150.

5. Chapters in Refereed Volumes

Political Ecology, in: Akram-Lodhi, A. Haroon; Dietz, Kristina; Engels, BettinaM McKay, Ben M. (eds): *Handbook on critical agrarian studies*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2021, forthcoming.

Radical transformation: Creating alternatives to capitalism in the countryside (with Bettina Engels), in: Akram-Lodhi, A. Haroon; Dietz, Kristina; Engels, BettinaM McKay, Ben M. (eds): *Handbook on critical agrarian studies*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2021, forthcoming.

Digital agriculture (with Franza Drechsel), in: Akram-Lodhi, A. Haroon; Dietz, Kristina; Engels, BettinaM McKay, Ben M. (eds): *Handbook on critical agrarian studies*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2021, forthcoming.

Investigar las desigualdades desde una perspectiva socioecológica, in: Motta, Renata; Jelin, Elizabeth; Costa, Sérgio (eds.): *Repensar las desigualdades*. Buenos Aires, siglo veintiuno, 2020, 111-133.

Researching inequalities from a socio-ecological perspective. In: Jelin, Elizabeth et al. (eds.): *Global Entangled Inequalities. Conceptual Debates and Evidence from Latin America*, London: Routledge, 2018, 76-92.

Contested extractivism: actors and strategies in conflicts over mining (with Bettina Engels). In: Middell, Matthias (ed.): *The Routledge Handbook of Transregional Studies*, London: Routledge, 2018, 275-282.

Politics of scale and struggles over mining in Colombia. In: Engels, Bettina; Dietz, Kristina (eds.): *Contested Extractivism. Society and the State: Struggles over Mining and Land*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017, 127-148.

Umwelt und Entwicklung (with Bettina Engels). In: Boatcă, Manuela; Fischer, Karin; Hauck, Gerhard (eds.): *Handbuch Entwicklungsforschung*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2016, 337-350.

An introduction to the political ecology of agrofuels (with Oliver Pye, Bettina Engels, Achim Brunnengräber). In: Dietz, Kristina, Engels, Bettina; Pye, Oliver; Brunnengräber, Achim (eds.): *The Political Ecology of Agrofuels*, London: Routledge, 2015, 1-15.

Territory, scale and networks: The spatial dynamics of agrofuels (with Bettina Engels, Oliver Pye). In: Dietz, Kristina, Engels, Bettina; Pye, Oliver; Brunnengräber, Achim (eds.): *The Political Ecology of Agrofuels*, London: Routledge, 2015, 34-52.

Dimensiones socioambientales de desigualdad: enfoques, conceptos y categorías para el análisis desde las ciencias sociales (with Ana María Isidoro Losada). In: Göbel, Barbara; Góngora-Mera, Manuel; Ulloa, Astrid (eds.): *Desigualdades socioambientales en América Latina*. Bogotá/Berlin: Universidad Nacional de Bogotá. Facultad de Ciencias Humanas; Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, 2014, 49-84.

Hacia una teoría crítica de vulnerabilidad y adaptación: aportes para una reconceptualización desde la ecología política. In: Ulloa, Astrid; Prieto-Rozo, Andrea Ivette (eds.): *Culturas, conocimientos, políticas y ciudadanías en torno al cambio climático*, Bogotá: Universidad Nacional de Bogotá. Facultad de Ciencias Humanas; Colciencias, 2013, 19-46.

6. Chapters in Non-Refereed Volumes

Die Kehrseite der Elektromobilität. Konflikte um Rohstoffabbau im Globalen Süden (with Louisa Prause). In: Brunnengräber, Achim; Haas, Tobias (eds.): *Baustelle Elektromobilität*, Bielefeld: transcript, 2020, 329-354.

Gewalt gegen líderes sociales. Herausforderungen an den Friedensprozess in Kolumbien (mit Sascha Menig). In: Peters, Stefan (ed.): *Gewalt und Konfliktlösung in Lateinamerika*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2020, 71-89.

Biodiversität, Umweltökonomik und Extraktivismus. In: Maihold, Günther; Sangmeister, Hartmut; Werz, Nikolaus (eds.): *Lateinamerika. Handbuch für Wissenschaft und Studium*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2019, 504-513.

Kontrolle. In: Brunner, Jan; Dobelmann, Anna; Kirst, Sara; Prause, Louisa (eds.): *Wörterbuch Land- und Rohstoffkonflikte*, Bielefeld: transcript, 2019, 205-210.

- Materialität der Natur. In: Brunner, Jan; Dobelmann, Anna; Kirst, Sara; Prause, Louisa (eds.): Wörterbuch Land- und Rohstoffkonflikte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2019, 245-251.
- Agrarfrage (with Bettina Engels). In: Brunner, Jan; Dobelmann, Anna; Kirst, Sara; Prause, Louisa: Wörterbuch Land- und Rohstoffkonflikte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2019, 25-30.
- Territorialisierung (with Anne Hennings). In: Brunner, Jan; Dobelmann, Anna; Kirst, Sara; Prause, Louisa (eds.): Wörterbuch Land- und Rohstoffkonflikte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2019, 292-295.
- Drohnen, Roboter, synthetische Nahrungsmittel. Digitalisierung in der Landwirtschaft (with Franza Drechsel). In: Butollo, Florian; Nuss, Sabine (eds.): Marx und die Roboter. Vernetzte Produktion, künstliche Intelligenz und lebendige Arbeit, Berlin: Dietz Verlag, 2019, 178-195.
- The political ecology of vulnerability: How the rural poor are excluded from climate policy. A case study from Morogoro, Tanzania. In: Engels, Bettina; Dietz, Kristina (eds.): Climate Change in Africa. Social and Political Impacts, Conflicts and Strategies, Frankfurt/Main: Peter Lang, 2018, 107-125.
- Bergbau und Extraktivismus. In: Fischer, Thomas; Klengel, Susanne; Pastrana Buelvas, Eduardo (eds.): Kolumbien heute. Politik, Wirtschaft, Kultur, Frankfurt/Main: Vervuert Verlag, 2017, 363-380.
- Räumliche Dynamiken rohstoffbasierter Entwicklung. In: Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen; Peters, Stefan; Weinmann, Nico (eds.): Entwicklungstheorie von heute – Entwicklungspolitik von morgen, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2017, 205-222.
- Grüne Ökonomie: Strategien, Widersprüche und blinde Stellen 'grün-ökonomischer' Krisenbearbeitung (with Carla Noever Castelos). In: Peters, Stefan; Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen (eds.): Umwelt und Entwicklung in globaler Perspektive: Ressourcen - Konflikte – Degrowth, Frankfurt/Main: Campus, 2017, 181-204.
- Klimavulnerabilität. In: Bauriedl, Sybille (ed.): Handbuch Klimadebatte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2016, 195-200.
- Klimagerechtigkeit (with Achim Brunnengräber). In: Bauriedl, Sybille (ed.): Handbuch Klimadebatte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2016, 157-162.
- Klimaanpassung (with Achim Brunnengräber). In: Bauriedl, Sybille (ed.): Handbuch Klimadebatte, Bielefeld: transcript, 2016, 127-132.
- Wachstum und Naturausbeutung. In: Le Monde diplomatique; Kolleg Postwachstumsgesellschaften (Jena) (eds.): Atlas der Globalisierung: Weniger wird mehr – Der Postwachstums-Atlas, Berlin/Jena, Le Monde Diplomatique, 2015.
- Raum, Natur und Gesellschaft (with Bettina Engels). In: Oßenbrügge, Jürgen; Vogelpohl, Anne (eds.): Theorien in der Raum- und Stadtforschung – Eine Einführung, Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2014, 78-96.
- Handelsbeziehungen, globale Produktionsnetzwerke und Finanzmärkte: die transnationalen Dynamiken der Agrarkraftstoffe. In: Hirschl, Bernd; et al. (eds.): Biokraftstoffe zwischen Sackgasse und Energiewende, Munich: oekom, 2014, 83-108.
- Wider der Naturalisierung. Für eine Politische Ökologie der Vulnerabilität und Anpassung an den Klimawandel. In: Dr.-Lothar-Beyer-Stiftung (ed.): Passagen in den Sozialwissenschaften, Kassel: Kassel University Press, 2014, 38-60.

Land grabbing analysieren: Ansatzpunkte für eine politisch-ökologische Analyse am Beispiel Äthiopiens (with Bettina Engels). In: Englert, Birgit; Gärber, Barbara (eds.): Land grabbing. Landnahmen in historischer und globaler Perspektive, Vienna: new academic press, 2014, 150-167.

Zur Bedeutung von Geschlecht in der Agrarkraftstoffproduktion (with Nicolas Wasser, Maria Backhouse). In: Englert, Birgit; Gärber, Barbara (eds.): Land grabbing. Landnahmen in historischer und globaler Perspektive, Vienna: new academic press, 2014, 186-198.

Extraktivismus in Lateinamerika – der Versuch einer Fundierung (with Hans-Jürgen Burchardt). In: Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen, Dietz, Kristina; Öhlschläger, Rainer (eds.): Umwelt und Entwicklung im 21. Jahrhundert. Impulse und Analysen aus Lateinamerika, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013, 181-200.

Sozial-ökologische Ungleichheiten. Zum Verhältnis von Gesellschaft, Natur und Demokratie in Lateinamerika. In: Wehr, Ingrid; Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen (eds.): Soziale Ungleichheiten in Lateinamerika. Neue Perspektiven auf Wirtschaft, Politik und Umwelt, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2011, 107-136.

Der Klimawandel – eine multiple Krise gesellschaftlicher Naturverhältnisse (with Achim Brunnengräber) In: Demirovic, Alex et al. (eds.): VielfachKrise im finanzmarktdominierten Kapitalismus, Hamburg: VSA, 2011, 95-110.

Prima Klima in den Nord-Süd-Beziehungen? Die Antinomien globaler Klimapolitik: Diskurse, Politiken und Prozesse. In: Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen (eds.): Nord-Süd-Beziehungen im Umbruch. Neue Perspektiven auf Staat und Demokratie in der Weltpolitik, Frankfurt/Main: Campus, 2009, 183-218.

Anpassung an den Klimawandel – eine „neue“ Qualität von Multi-Level Governance im Nord-Süd-Kontext? (with Imme Scholz). In: Brunnengräber, Achim; Burchardt, Hans-Jürgen; Görg, Christoph (eds.): Mit mehr Ebenen zu mehr Gestaltung? Multi-Level-Governance in der transnationalen Sozial- und Umweltpolitik, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2008, 183-206.

Vulnerabilität und Anpassung gegenüber Klimawandel. Ansatzpunkte für eine Multi Level Governance Analyse der Problemkonstitution. In: Brunnengräber, Achim; Walk, Heike (eds.): Multi Level Governance in einer interdependenten Welt, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2007, 161-187.

7. Book Reviews

Review of Malayna Raftopoulos and Radosław Powęska (eds.): Natural Resource Development and Human Rights in Latin America: State and Non-state Actors in the Promotion of and Opposition to Extractivism. London: Institute of Latin American Studies and Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London, 2018. In: *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 51(2), 2019, 465-467, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022216X19000476>.

8. Discussion and Working Papers

Field of Conflict: Ein relationaler Ansatz zur Analyse von Konflikten um Land (with Bettina Engels). GLOCON Working Paper Series, 2018, No. 1, Berlin.

Social Conflicts over Extractivism in Latin America: Concepts, Theories and Empirical Evidence (with Bettina Schorr). In: trAndeS Material Docente, 2018, No. 9, Berlin: trAndeS – Postgraduate Program on Sustainable Development and Social Inequalities in the Andean Region.

Mit Bürger_innenentscheiden gegen Bergbau und Fracking (with Neelke Wagner). GLOCON Policy Paper Series, 2017, No. 2, Berlin.

Direkte Demokratie in Konflikten um Bergbau in Lateinamerika: das Goldminenprojekt La Colosa in Kolumbien. GLOCON Working Paper Series, 2017, No. 4, Berlin.

Researching Inequalities from a Socio-Ecological Perspective. desiguAldades.net Working Paper No. 74, 2014. Berlin.

Die Globalisierung der Agrarkraftstoffe. Produktion, Handel, Akteure (with Hans-Christian Danker, Nicola Jaeger, Wiebke Thomas), Fair Fuels? Working Paper No. 7, 2013, Berlin.

Zur Bedeutung von Geschlecht in der Agrarkraftstoffproduktion (with Nicolas Wasser, Maria Backhouse), Fair Fuels? Working Paper No. 5, 2012, Berlin.

Transnational contradictions and effects of Europe's bioenergy policy. Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (with Aaron Leopold), Fair Fuels? Working Paper No. 4, 2012, Berlin.

Vulnerabilität und Anpassung in der Klima- und Entwicklungspolitik. Working Paper 01/06, "Global Governance und Klimawandel", 2006, Berlin.

Raumtheoretische Überlegungen zum Konfliktfeld Klima (with Karin Vogelpohl), Working Paper 03/05, "Global Governance und Klimawandel", 2005, Berlin.

Interdisziplinarität in der Governance-Forschung (with Achim Brunnengräber, Bernd Hirschl, Heike Walk), Working Paper 01/04, "Global Governance und Klimawandel", 2004, Berlin.

Of Dreams and Shadows: Seeking change for the institutionalisation of participation for natural resource management. The case of the Mexican regional sustainable development programme (PRODERS) (with Jutta Blauert), 2004, London: IIED.

9. Online Publications and Multimedia

Gefahrengebiet Umweltschutz. Nirgendwo werden mehr UmweltaktivistInnen ermordet als in Lateinamerika. In: iz3w 2018, 364, 6-8.

Si paramos La Colosa, paramos cualquier cosa! Stopping La Colosa, reclaiming our territory. Documentary, 26 min. (with Hanna Thiesing), 2017: <https://www.land-conflicts.fu-berlin.de/multimedia/lacolosa/index.html>.

Erschöpft. Konflikte um Natur, Rohstoffausbeutung und Großprojekte. In: Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte, 2016, 39, 28-34.

Vulnerability in the Context of Climate Change. In: InterAmerican Wiki, Universität Bielefeld, http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/cias/wiki/v_Vulnerability.html

Der Klimawandel in Nicaragua. Soziale Dimensionen und die „blinden Flecken“ nationaler Anpassungspolitik. In: INKOTA Brief, 2009, 148.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

- Since 2019 Advisory board member, “Maria Sybilla Merian Centre for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences” (CALAS)
- Since 2016 Associate fellow, “Programa de Posgrado en Desarrollo Sostenible y Desigualdades Sociales en la Región Andina” (trAndeS), FU Berlin/PUCP Peru
- Since 2016 Executive board member, German-Colombian Peace Institute “Instituto Colombo Alemán para la Paz” (Instituto CAPAZ), Bogotá
- Since 2016 Advisory board member, BMBF-funded junior research group “Bioeconomy and Social Inequalities”, University of Jena
- Since 2014 Colombia, annual multi-week field research on conflicts over land and natural resources, sustainable development, social movements and democracy, transformation of the countryside, political institutions, and the implementation of the peace accords
- 2014 Visiting research fellow, Bayreuth Academy for Advanced African Studies, University of Bayreuth
- 2014 Visiting research fellow, Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), University of Bielefeld
- 2014 Research fellow, Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America, desiguALdades.net, Iberoamerican Institute (IAI), Berlin
- 2012-2014 Principal investigator, Interdependent Inequalities in Latin America, desiguALdades.net
- 2011-2013 Colombia (November 2011, October 2012, March 2013), field research on “Biofuels, social inequalities, land use change and sustainability”
- 2010 Brazil (February to March), field research on “Biofuels, social inequalities, land use change and sustainability”
- 2006 Tanzania (August to September), field research on “Climate change, vulnerability and adaptation”
- 2006 Nicaragua (March to May), field research on “Climate change, vulnerability and adaptation”
- 2001-2002 Mexico (October 2001 to July 2002), freelancer at Centro de Estudios Superiores de Antropología Social (CIESAS) in Oaxaca

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

1. Conference/Conference Panel Organizer

Organizer, Panel, “Socio-ecological transformation and the turn to the right in Latin America: environmental politics, discourses and emancipatory struggles”, XXXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico, May 13 – 16, 2020 (*postponed*)

Co-Organizer, Panel, “Frontiers and resource conflicts: violence, crisis, appropriation and non-recognition”, International Congress “Global-local crises and challenges for peace and conflict studies”, Villigst, March 12 – 14, 2020 (*postponed*)

Co-Organizer, International Conference, GLOCON, "Structural Transformation of the Countryside", Berlin. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research Berlin, October 24 – 25, 2019

Co-Organizer, Authors' Workshop, GLOCON "Edward Elgar Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies", Berlin. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research Berlin, May 10, 2019

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Transformations from below?!: On the Possibilities and Limitations of Social Transformations through Struggles over Resources in Latin America", XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 23 – 26, 2018

Organizer, Panel, "Contested Frontiers: Conflicts on the Transformation of the Countryside", Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany, Leipzig, Germany, June 27 – 30, 2018

Co-Organizer, International Symposium, GLOCON, "Global Crises and Conflicts over Resources", Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, FU Berlin, February 8 – 9, 2018

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Contention over Extractivism – What about the State?", XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru, April 29 – May 1, 2017

Co-Organizer, Workshop, GLOCON, "Critical Agrarian Studies", Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, FU Berlin, May 12, 2017

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Contested Democracy in Latin America", Conference Reclaim Democracy, Basel, Switzerland, February 2 – 4, 2017

Co-Organizer, International Symposium, GLOCON, "Conflicts over Land and Global Change", FU Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research Berlin, December 1 – 2, 2016

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Contested extractivism, society and the state: Struggles of mining and land in times of global changes", International Conference Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation (PE-3C), Wageningen, Netherlands, July 7 – 9, 2016

Co-Organizer, Workshop, GLOCON, "Contested Extractivism, Society and the State", Berlin. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research FU Berlin, October 23, 2015

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Mining Conflicts", 1st Austrian Conference on International Resource Politics, Vienna, December 4 – 6, 2014

Co-Organizer, Workshop, "Struggles over resources: Resistances against neoextractivism, mining and land grabbing", FU Berlin. Sponsored by Fritz Thyssen Foundation Berlin, November 7, 2014

Co-Organizer, Conference, Fair Fuels? "Biofuels between dead end and energy transition: discourses, effects and conflicts from a transnational perspective", Berlin. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research Berlin, April 19, 2013

Co-Organizer, Panel, "Political Ecology of Food Crisis: Land Grabbing and Resource Conflicts from Below", ICDD Annual Thematic Conference "The Food Crisis: Implication for Decent Work in Rural and Urban Areas", University of Kassel, July 4 – 8, 2012

Co-Organizer, Conference, "Environment and Development in Latin America: Contradiction or Perspective?", Weingartener Lateinamerika-Gespräche 2012, Weingarten, January 13 – 15, 2012

Organizer, Workshop, Fair Fuels?, "Political Ecology of Agrofuels", Berlin, Germany. Sponsored by German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, FU Berlin, October 15, 2012

2. Invited Presentations

- 2019 Konflikte um Rohstoffabbau – Herausforderungen für einen nachhaltigen Frieden. Hofgeismarer Lateinamerika Gespräche: Gewalt und nachhaltige Konfliktlösungen in Lateinamerika, January 13, 2019, Hofgeismar
- 2018 Konflikte um Natur: Potenziale für sozial-ökologische Transformation. Das Bsp. Bergbau. Workshop on Sustainable Development, University of Freiburg, October 27, 2018, Freiburg
- Commodity Frontiers. Kick-off presentation at Round Table Discussion on Commodity Frontiers in Latin America. Organized by Prof. Deborah Delgado (PUCP, Peru), Dr. Hanne Cottyn (University of Gent), LASA 2018, May 24, 2018, Barcelona
- 2017 Neo-extractivismo y protesta sociales: entre crisis y transformación. Consultas populares contra minería en Colombia. Conference on "La crisis actual de América Latina: causas y salidas". Organized by CALAS, June 25, 2017, Weingarten
- Protest and direct democracy: Popular consultations in conflicts over mining. International Conference on Cross Movement Mobilization. Panel organized by Prof. Bettina Engels and Dr. Melanie Müller, April 4, 2017, Bochum
- 2016 Economic Valuation of Nature: How does Materiality Matter? (with Miriam Boyer). International conference desiguALdades.net, March 4, 2016, Berlin
- Socio-spatial dynamics of resource-based development in Latin America. Weingartener Lateinamerikagespräche 2016, January 9, 2016, , Weingarten
- 2015 Understanding frontier dynamics from below: Conflicts over mining in Colombia. International workshop "Global Capitalism and Commodity Frontiers: A Research Agenda", International Institute of Social History, December 4, 2015, University of Amsterdam
- Hacia una teoría crítica de vulnerabilidad y adaptación: aportes desde la ecología política. Workshop "Transponiendo las fronteras del Cambio Ambiental Global.

Enfoques interdisciplinarios sobre vulnerabilidad, adaptación y servicios ecosistémicos”, Universidad de Cuyo, September 9, 2015, , Mendoza, Argentina

2014 The role of normative concepts in struggles over resources. Comment on the keynote lecture of Thomas Pogge at the 1st Austrian Conference on International Resource Politics “Towards international resource fairness”, December 4, 2014, Vienna

Socio-ecological inequalities in transnational contexts. Materiality and spatial dynamics of agrofuels, 3rd International Conference desigualdades.net, April 11, 2014, Berlin

2. Conference Presentations (Selection)

2019 Creating alternatives to capitalism in the countryside (with Bettina Engels). International Conference, GLOCON, Structural Transformation of the Countryside, October 25, 2019, Berlin

2018 Commodity frontiers. Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany, June 29, 2018, Leipzig

Studying transformations from below in Latin America. Concepts and theory (with Facundo Martín). LASA 2018, May 23, Barcelona

Conflicts over resources and its potentials for transformation, International Symposium, GLOCON, February 9, 2018, FU Berlin

2017 Consultas populares sobre minería y el rol del Estado. LASA 2017, May 1, Lima

2016 Socio-spatial dynamics of conflicts over mining. The case of the La Colosa Gold Mine, Colombia. International Symposium, GLOCON, December 1, 2016, FU Berlin

2014 Conflicts over nature (with Bettina Engels). 1st Austrian Conference on International Resource Politics “Towards international resource fairness”, December 5, 2014, Vienna

Analyzing conflicts over land from a spatial theory perspective (with Bettina Engels). 4th Global International Studies Conference, August 8, 2014, Frankfurt/Main

El “boom” de los agrocombustibles en América Latina. Implicaciones políticas, sociales y espaciales. Annual conference ADLAF, June 6, 2014, Berlin

2013 (New)-Extractivism in Latin America. Dynamics and conflicts of resource-led development in Latin America and the role of the state. 8th European Conference on International Relations, September 9, 2013, Warsaw

2012 (Neo-)Extractivismo en América Latina. Una mirada analítica-teórica hacia dinámicas globales, regionales e internas, ICA, July 20, 2012, Vienna

Conflictos por la naturaleza, territorialización y ciudadanía – el caso de los agrocombustibles en Colombia. LASA 2012, May 26, San Francisco

- 2011 On the Political Ecology of Climate Change and Conflict (with Bettina Engels). 6th International Conference of Critical Geography, August 19, 2011, Frankfurt/Main
- 2010 El cambio climático como área de conflicto socio-ambiental. El caso de Nicaragua. Annual Conference ADLAF, May 29, 2010, Eschborn
- 2009 Social conflicts and climate change in the global South: Blind spots and challenges. DVPW Annual Conference, September 9, 2009, Kiel

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

1. Graduate Courses

- 2020/21 Introduction to Critical Agrarian Studies, University of Kassel
International Climate Policy from a North-South perspective, University of Kassel
- 2020 Social Inequalities in Latin America, University of Kassel
Contentious Politics, social movements and political protest, University of Kassel
- 2019/20 Gender, Nature and Body: Introduction to feminist environmental studies, FU Berlin
- 2019 Conflicts over land and social science analysis. Component of the module "Forest Governance and Policy II" (with Jan Brunner, Louisa Prause, Sarah Kirst), MA, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development
- 2018 Conflicts over mining in Latin America, University of Kassel
Genero y Ambiente (with Astrid Ulloa), Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Ecología Política (with Astrid Ulloa), Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- 2017/18 Transitional justice in international comparison: mechanisms, critique and current challenges, the case of Colombia, FU Berlin
- 2017 Conflicts over land in the context of global change, Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt
Global change and conflicts over land from a comparative perspective (with Jan Brunner), FU Berlin
- 2016/17 Political ecology of the environmental crisis in Latin America: Concepts, theory, methods, FU Berlin
- 2016 Conflicts over mining in Latin America, FU Berlin
- 2015/16 Colombia in the post-conflict?! Gender perspectives on political and social challenges of the peace negotiations (with Jessica Hübschmann, Hanna Thiesing), project course, FU Berlin
- 2015 Struggles over land in the context of transnational crises and transformations: conflicts, actors, strategies, FU Berlin
- 2014/15 Resources in Colombia, unequal access to education and resources (with Martha Zapata, Nina Lawrenz), project course with subsequent excursion to Colombia, FU Berlin
- 2013 The political ecology of neo-extractivism in Latin America, FU Berlin
- 2012 Conflicts over land (with Bettina Engels), FU Berlin

- 2011 Meanings of race and gender in conflicts over resources in Latin America (with Stefanie Kron), FU Berlin
- 2010/11 Social and political conflicts over climate change in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America (with Bettina Engels), FU Berlin
- 2010 Climate change from a north-south perspective: social dimensions, local conflicts and international policy (with Maria Backhouse), FU Berlin
- 2005 Theories of international relations (with Achim Brunnengräber), FU Berlin

2. Undergraduate Courses

- 2020/21 Corona in Latin America (project course), University of Kassel
- 2020 Sustainable Development in the 21. century: challenges and approaches, University of Kassel
International climate policy: instruments, actors, protests, University of Kassel
- 2019 Transitional justice and gender. Mechanisms, critique and current challenges, the example of Colombia, FU Berlin
- 2018 International environmental policy: theory, politics and actors, University of Kassel
Development theory and politics in the 21st century: challenges and approaches, University of Kassel
Global crises and land grabbing, University of Kassel

FURTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Co-organizer of PhD summer school “Una paz excluyente? Construcción de paz en contextos desiguales”. PhD summer school the German-Colombian Peace Institute, FU Berlin, 23-27 September, 2019

Co-Author, Course Reader “Social Conflicts over Extractivism in Latin America: Concepts, Theories and Empirical Evidence”, trAndeS – Postgraduate Program on Sustainable Development and Social Inequalities in the Andean Region, DOI: 10.17169/refubium-618

Co-author of a role game “Conflicts over Land” for higher education (with Bettina Engels, Lydia Galonska), www.land-conflicts.fu-berlin.de/multimedia/planspiel_konflikte-umland/index.html, 2018

Commentator for trAndeS – Postgraduate Program on Sustainable Development and Social Inequalities in the Andean Region: Ruth Preciado, PhD Candidate PUCP Lima on “La Gobernanza del agua en el Perú: profundizando en el diálogo y la concertación en zonas con actividad minera”, November 14, 2017

Excursion, 2 weeks with 20 students to Colombia as part of the project course on “Unequal access to education and natural resources” (with Martha Zapata, Nina Lawrenz), 2015

Lecture, “Interrelaciones y articulaciones entre Estado, Naturaleza y Desigualdades. Herramientas teóricas y metodológicas para su comprensión” (with Diana Ojeda). PhD

Summer School, desigualdades.net, *La Globalización de la Naturaleza y Desigualdades Sociales*, Lima, Peru, October 21 – 25, 2013

Commentator for desigualdades.net, 3rd Summer School on “Asimetrías de Conocimientos: Conocimientos desiguales –desigualdades de conocimiento”. Bogotá, Colombia, October 29 – November 3, 2012

Co-organizer of bi-annual PhD summer school “Political Ecology” (with Prof. S. Bauriedl, Prof. U. Brand, PD A. Brunnengräber, Prof. C. Görg, Prof. M. Wissen), since 2011

Co-author of a role game “International Climate Negotiations, COP 16” for graduate courses (with Bettina Engels), 2010

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Scholarly Assessments for Post-Doctoral Application

2017 *The informalization of gold production? Understanding the expansion of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) in an era of neoliberal globalization*. Post-doctoral fellowship, Research Foundation – Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen, FWO), Belgium

2. Scholarly Assessment for Doctoral Applications

2020 *The Socio-Ecological Crisis Up Close: Conflicts, Experiences and Alternatives in the Andean-Amazon Region*. Doctoral team fellowship, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

2017/2019 *Lithium between global production networks and local conditions of extraction in South America*. Doctoral fellowship, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

2010 *Agrofuels and social conflicts*. Doctoral team fellowship, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria

3. Evaluation of Research Project Proposals

2019 *Natural Resource Extraction and Livelihood Conflicts: Foundations of Socio-Environmental Grievances*. German Foundation for Peace Research, grant proposal

2017 *Beyond Zero-deforestation: Governance and transformations towards sustainability in tropical forest landscapes*. NORFACE and Belmont Forum Programme Transformations to Sustainability, grant proposal

2014 *Climate, Security and Gender*. German Foundation for Peace Research, grant proposal

4. Editorial Boards

Member of the editorial board, journal “PERIPHERIE. Politik, Ökonomie, Kultur”

Member of the international advisory board, “Revista Controversia”, Colombia

5. Evaluation of Articles for Publication

Boletín de Estudios Geográficos, Argentina
Canadian Journal of Development Studies
Ecological Economics
Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space
Environmental Science & Policy
Environmental Politics
Erdkunde – Archive for Scientific Geography
GAIA – Ökologische Perspektiven für Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft
Human Geography
Journal of Latin American Studies
Perfiles Latinoamericanos
Raumforschung und Raumordnung
Revista Pueblos y Fronteras Digital
SpringerPlus
The Extractive Industries and Society
Third World Quarterly

6. Professional Association Membership

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
German Association of Latin American Studies (ADLAF)

7. Policy Transfer

Member, North-South Advisory Board, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Germany
Member, Academic Association for Development Theory and Politics, Germany
Member, Project “Ressourcenwende”, initiated by Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland (BUND), Deutscher Naturschutzring e.V. (DNR), Institut für ökologische Wirtschaftsforschung (IÖW)

THIRD PARTY FUNDS

2019 Berlin University Alliance, Pre-Call Social Cohesion: “Social Cohesion in the context of peace building: exploring the nexus of social cohesion, governance and environmental peace building”, co-application with Dr. Katharina Löhr (HU Berlin), Prof. Dr. Klaus Müller (HU Berlin), Dr. Stefan Sieber (HU Berlin), Dr. Michael Weinhard (TU Berlin),

- Sum approved: €9,950
- 2019 German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Funding Program “Global Change”, junior research group “Global change – local conflicts?”, funding for additional fifth year, co-application with Prof. Bettina Engels,
Sum approved: €370,000
- 2019 German-Colombian Peace Institute (Instituto Capaz), Funding Program “Exploratory Studies”. Funding for exploratory study on “Popular consultation, democracy and environmental peace”, co-application with María Cecilia Roa (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia).
Sum approved: €3,000
- 2018 German-Colombian Peace Institute (Instituto Capaz), Funding Program “Exploratory Studies”. Funding for exploratory study on “Territorial peace schools”, co-application with Tania Bolaños (Universidad Cooperativa de Pasto), Jonas Wolff (HSFK), Rosa Bermudez (Universidad del Valle, Cali).
Sum approved: €3,000
- 2017 German-Colombian Peace Institute (Instituto Capaz), Funding Program “Exploratory Studies”. Funding for exploratory study on “Territorial Peace and Conflicts in Zones of Transition, co-application with Jonas Wolff (HSFK), Manuel Gongora (FU Berlin), Tania Rodríguez (Universidad Javeriana de Cali), Tania Bolaños (Universidad Cooperativa de Pasto), Rosa Bermudez (Universidad del Valle, Cali).
Sum approved: €9,000
- 2014-2018 German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Funding Program “Global Change” (4+1), junior research group “Global change – local conflicts?”, co-application with Prof. Bettina Engels,
Sum approved: €1,400,000 (for the first 4 years)
- 2009-2013 German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), funding program “Socio-ecological Research”, junior research group “Fair Fuels? Between dead end and energy transition: A social-ecological multilevel analysis of transnational biofuel policy”, co-application with Prof. Bernd Hirsch (IÖW),
Sum approved: €2,100,000