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RESEARCH FOCUS

life courses, social policy, age and ageing, employment, generations and social inequality

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – present Professor of Sociology, Universität Bremen
- 2016 – 2017 Interim professor (sociology with a focus on gender studies), Universität Konstanz, Germany
- 2010 – 2017 Head of independent Emmy Noether research group “Paid employment beyond pension age in Germany and the UK”, SOCIUM (until 2015: Centre for Social Policy Research), Universität Bremen
- 2008 – 2010 Research Fellow, Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change (CRESC), University of Manchester, UK
- 2007 – 2008 Research Associate (project “Patterns, causes and consequences of inequalities in health of the older population”, based on ELSA), University of Manchester, UK
- 2001 – 2006 Doctoral Researcher (with teaching obligations), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

- 2006 Doctoral degree (Dr. phil.), Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- 2001 Magister Artium in Sociology (major), Philosophy and French Philology (minors), Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External evaluator for German Research Foundation (DFG), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), research network on old age security of the German pension insurance (FNA), Minerva Foundation (part of Max Planck Society). *Ad hoc reviewer* for *Acta Sociologica*, *Ageing and Society*, *Equality, diversity, and inclusion: an international journal*, *European Journal of Ageing*, *European Societies*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Ageing and Later Life*, *Journal of Population Ageing*, *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, *Leisure Sciences*, *Poetics*, *The Sociological Review*, *WSI-Mitteilungen*, *Zeitschrift für Gerontologie und Geriatrie*, *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform*. *Member* of the commission “Reliable generational contract” (pension commission) of the Federal Government of Germany (2018-2020). *Member* of COST-Action (2015-2020) “Gender and health impacts of policies extending working life in Western countries” (COST: European Cooperation in Science and Technology; transnational cooperation network for research and policy transfer, <http://genderewl.com>)

SELECTED GRANTS/FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 – 2025 Project “Global dynamics and determinants of inclusivity and generosity of work-injury insurance, unemployment protection and old-age pensions” within Collaborative Research Center 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social Policy” (second phase), German Research Foundation (DFG, Co-PI with Nate Breznau and Sebastian Fehrler)
- 2021 – 2026 German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (DIFIS), University of Bremen and University of Duisburg-Essen, German Federal Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs (BMAS), Funding

- Network for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (FIS, founding member)
- 2021 – 2026 DFG-funded Research Training Group “Social Dynamics of the Self” (University of Bremen and Jacobs University, spokesperson: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kühnen), German Research Foundation (DFG, Co-PI)
- 2011 – 2014 Associate Post Doc-Fellow at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg/Institute for Advanced Study, Delmenhorst (conference funding and networking)
- 2010 – 2017 Independent Emmy Noether-Research Group (“Paid work beyond retirement age in Germany and the UK”), German Research Foundation (DFG, principal investigator and principal applicant)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Scherger, Simone, Ruth Abramowski, Irene Dingeldey, Anna Hokema & Andrea Schäfer (Eds.) (2021): *Geschlechterungleichheiten in Arbeit, Wohlfahrtsstaat und Familie (Festschrift für Karin Gottschall)*. Frankfurt a. M.: Campus.
- Scherger, Simone (2021): Flexibilizing the retirement transition: why, when and for whom? Conceptual clarifications, institutional arrangements and potential consequences. In: *Frontiers in Sociology* (Topic: New Pathways in Retirement Research: Innovative Perspectives on Social Inequalities and the Distribution of Transitional Risks, Eds. Moritz Heß, Anna Wanka & David Lain) 6, 734985. doi: 10.3389/fsoc.2021.734985.
- Scherger, S., & Vogel, C. (Eds.). (2018). *Arbeit im Alter. Zur Bedeutung bezahlter und unbezahlter Tätigkeiten in der Lebensphase Ruhestand*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Lux, T., & Scherger, S. (2018). The effects of taking up employment after pension age on self-rated health in Germany and the UK. Evidence based on fixed effects models. *Work, Aging and Retirement*, 3(4), 262-273.
- Lux, T., & Scherger, S. (2017). By the sweat of their brow? The effects of starting work again after pension age on life satisfaction in Germany and the UK. *Ageing & Society*, 37(2), 295-324.
- Hokema, A., & Scherger, S. (2016). Working pensioners in Germany and the UK: Quantitative and qualitative evidence on gender, marital status and the reasons for working. *Journal of Population Ageing*, 9(1-2), 91-111.
- Scherger, S., May, V., & Nazroo, J. (2016). Work and family trajectories: Changes across cohorts born in the first half of the 20th century. *Journal of Population Ageing*, 9(1-2), 131-155.
- Scherger, S. (Ed.) (2015). *Paid work beyond pension age. Comparative perspectives*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Hagemann, S., & Scherger, S. (2015). Concepts of retirement. Comparing unions, employers and age-related non-profit organizations in Germany and the UK. In S. Scherger (Ed.), *Paid work beyond pension age. Comparative perspectives* (pp. 237-255). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Hagemann, S., Hokema, A., & Scherger, S. (2015). Erwerbstätigkeit jenseits der Rentengrenze. Erfahrung und Deutung erwerbsbezogener Handlungsspielräume im Alter. *BIOS – Zeitschrift für Biographieforschung, Oral History und Lebensverlaufsanalysen*, 28(1/2), 119-147.
- Scherger, S. (2013). Zwischen Privileg und Bürde. Erwerbstätigkeit jenseits der Rentengrenze in Deutschland und Großbritannien. *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform*, 59(2), 137-166.
- Scherger, S., Nazroo, J., & Higgs, P. (2011). Leisure activities and retirement: Do structures of inequality change in older age? *Ageing and Society*, 31(1), 146-172.
- Scherger, S. (2010). Den Pudding an die Wand nageln... Individualisierungsprozesse im Spiegel empirischer Studien – Probleme und Präzisierungen. In P. A. Berger & R. Hitzler (Eds.), *Jenseits von Stand und Klasse? 25 Jahre Individualisierungsthese* (pp. 119-138). Wiesbaden: VS Verlag.
- Scherger, S. (2009). Cultural practices, age and the life course. *Cultural Trends*, 18(1), 23-45.