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Academic Positions

Federal Institute for Population Research — Senior Researcher (2023/24 on leave)	2018 — Present
Goethe University of Frankfurt — Visiting Professor for Sociology (W3)	2023 — 2024
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology — Postdoc	2015 — 2018

Education

PhD in Sociology – University of Bremen / Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences	2015
PhD Fellow – Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences	2011 — 2015
Diplom-Sozialwissenschaften – University of Mannheim	2011

Research stays

University of Utrecht, Netherlands, 1 week	2023
European University Institute, Italy, 7 months	2014

Publications

Articles

- Nils Witte**, Andreas Ette, and Nikola Sander (2023). “How do global crises affect privileged migrants? Return migration of German emigrants one year into the Covid-19 pandemic”. In: *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [\[doi\]](#) [\[author version\]](#)
- Nils Witte**, Nico Stawarz, and Nicolai Netz (2023). “Career start abroad: The implications of graduate migration for social inequality”. In: *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 83, pp.1-12. [\[doi\]](#) [\[podcast\]](#)
- Nico Stawarz and **Nils Witte** (2023). “Who blames Brexit for their decision to leave the UK? The departure of skilled Germans from Britain after the referendum”. In: *European Societies*. Online First. [\[doi\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- Nils Witte**, Ines Schaurer, Jette Schröder, Jean P. Décieux, and Andreas Ette (2022). “Enhancing Participation in Probability-Based Online Panels: Two Incentive Experiments and Their Effects on Response and Panel Recruitment”. In: *Social Science Computer Review*. Online First. [\[doi\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- Nils Witte** (2020). “Have Changes in Gender Segregation and Occupational Closure Contributed to Increasing Wage Inequality in Germany, 1992-2012”. In: *European Sociological Review* 36 (2), pp.236-249. [\[sponsored link\]](#)
- Nils Witte** and Andreas Haupt (2020). “Is occupational licensing more beneficial for women than for men? The case of Germany, 1993 to 2015”. In: *European Sociological Review* 36 (3), pp. 429–441. [\[sponsored link\]](#)
- Nils Witte** (2018). “Responses to Stigmatization and Boundary Making. Destigmatization Strategies of Turks in Germany”. In: *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44 (9), pp. 1425–1443. [\[doi\]](#) [\[author version\]](#)

Books

Marcel Erlinghagen, Andreas Ette, Norbert F. Schneider, and **Nils Witte**, eds. (2021). *The Global Lives of German Migrants. Consequences of International Migration Across the Life Course*. Cham: Springer. [\[OA\]](#)

Nils Witte (2018). *Negotiating the Boundaries of Belonging. The Intricacies of Naturalisation in Germany*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. [\[link\]](#)

Data and Documentation

Nils Witte, Jean P. Décieux, ..., Norbert F. Schneider (2022). *German Emigration and Remigration Panel Study (GERPS): Documentation of the Third Wave*. BiB Data and Technical Reports 2/2022. Wiesbaden: Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung. [\[OA\]](#)

Marcel Erlinghagen and Norbert F. Schneider (2022). *German Emigration and Remigration Panel Study (GERPS) 2018*. Cologne: GESIS Data Archive. ZA7583 Data file Version 2.1.0. [\[doi\]](#)

Jean P. Décieux, **Nils Witte**, ..., Norbert F. Schneider (2021). *German Emigration and Remigration Panel Study (GERPS): Documentation of the Second Wave*. BiB Daten- und Methodenberichte 2/2021. Wiesbaden: Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung. [\[OA\]](#)

Andreas Ette, Jean P. Décieux, ..., **Nils Witte** (2020). *German Emigration and Remigration Panel Study (GERPS): Methodology and Data Manual of the Baseline Survey (Wave 1)*. BiB Daten- und Methodenberichte 1/2020. Wiesbaden: Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung. [\[OA\]](#)

Andreas Haupt, Gerd Nollmann, **Nils Witte** (2018). *Index for the degree of occupational closure and occupational licensure*. Gesis datorium. [\[doi\]](#)

Jan Goebel, C. Katharina Spieß, **Nils Witte**, Susanne Gerstenberg (2007). *Die Verknüpfung des SOEP mit MICROM-Indikatoren. Der MICROM-SOEP Datensatz*. Berlin, DIW. [\[OA\]](#)

Book Chapters and Working Papers

Nils Witte and Emanuel Deutschmann (2024). Living abroad reduces mobile Europeans' likelihood to vote in European elections: Evidence from German migrants. SocArxiv. [\[OA\]](#) [\[Blog\]](#)

Marcel Erlinghagen, Andreas Ette, Norbert F. Schneider, and **Nils Witte** (2021). Between Origin and Destination: German Migrants and the Individual Consequences of Their Global Lives. In M. Erlinghagen, A. Ette, N.F. Schneider and N. Witte, eds. *The Global Lives of German Migrants. Consequences of International Migration Across the Life Course*. Cham: Springer. [\[OA\]](#)

Andreas Ette and **Nils Witte** (2021). Brain Drain or Brain Circulation? Economic and Non-Economic Factors Driving the International Migration of German Citizens. In M. Erlinghagen, A. Ette, N.F. Schneider and N. Witte, eds. *The Global Lives of German Migrants. Consequences of International Migration Across the Life Course*. Cham: Springer. [\[OA\]](#)

Nils Witte and Jean Guedes Auditor (2021). Affluent Lives Beyond the Border? Individual Wage Change Through Migration. In M. Erlinghagen, A. Ette, N.F. Schneider and N. Witte, eds. *The Global Lives of German Migrants. Consequences of International Migration Across the Life Course*. Cham: Springer. [\[OA\]](#)

Nils Witte, Reinhard Pollak, and Andreas Ette (2021). Social Origins of German Emigrants: Maintaining Social Status Through International Mobility? In M. Erlinghagen, A. Ette, N.F. Schneider and N. Witte, eds. *The Global Lives of German Migrants. Consequences of International Migration Across the Life Course*. Cham: Springer. [OA]

Andreas Haupt and **Nils Witte** (2016). *Occupational Licensing and the Wage Structure in Germany*. Working Papers in Sociology. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. [OA]

Nils Witte (2015). Can Turks be Germans? Symbolic Boundary Perception of Turkish Residents in Germany. In: I. Sirkeci, D. Elcin, F. Kartal and G. Seker, eds. *Politics and Law in Turkish Migration*. London: Transnational Press. [link]

Nils Witte (2014). *Legal and symbolic membership: Symbolic boundaries and naturalisation intentions of Turkish residents in Germany*. EUI/RSCAS Working Paper, 100. Fiesole: European University Institute. [OA]

Other Publications

Nils Witte (2023). Die Neubestimmung der sozialen Frage im Licht globaler Migration: Thomas Faist, Exit. Warum Menschen aufbrechen. Globale Migration im 21. Jahrhundert. München: C.H. Beck 2022, 400 S., gb., 32,00 € In: In: *Soziologische Revue* 46(2), pp. 110-119. [OA] (invited)

Andreas Ette, Andreas Genoni, **Nils Witte** (2021). Internationale Mobilität und Sozialstruktur. In: Statistisches Bundesamt, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung, eds. *Datenreport 2021. Ein Sozialbericht für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*. Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung. [OA]

Die Beauftragte der Bundesregierung für Migration, Flüchtlinge und Integration (ed.) (2021). *Integration in Deutschland. Erster Bericht zum indikatorengestützten Integrationsmonitoring*. Berlin. [OA]

Andreas Ette, Jean P. Décieux, ..., **Nils Witte** (2019). *German Emigration and Remigration Panel Study (GERPS). Neue GERPS-Daten über deutsche Aus- und Rückwandernde*. Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell 6/2019, pp. 3–7. [OA]

Andreas Ette, Jean Guedes Auditor, **Nils Witte**, ... (2019). *Gewinner der Globalisierung. Individuelle Konsequenzen von Auslandsaufenthalten und internationaler Mobilität*. Policy Brief. Wiesbaden: Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung. [OA]

Public Media

Blog-Article on external voting of mobile Europeans in [LSE EUROPP](#)

Interviews about German emigration with [Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung](#), [www.heise.de](#), [WirtschaftsWoche](#), and [Mitteldeutsche Zeitung](#) (print only)

Op-Eds on dual citizenship and loyalty of immigrants in [Le Monde](#) and [www.migazin.de](#).

Teaching

Teaching Certificate (21 ECVET) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2021-2024
Research Seminar (MA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2023/24
Migration and Housing (BA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2023/24
Research Colloquium (BA/MA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2023, 2023/24
Economic Inequality by Ethnicity (MA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2023
Introduction to Sociology of Labor Markets (BA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2023
Migration and the Labor Market in Europe (BA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2022, 2023/24
Labor Market Integration of Migrants (BA) — Goethe University of Frankfurt	2021
Sociology of Labor Markets (MA/PhD) — University of Mannheim	2016
Introduction to Sociology - Tutorial (BA) — University of Bremen	2012/13

Memberships

German Sociological Association (Section Migration and Ethnic Minorities, Section Social Inequality and Socio-structural analysis)

ISA-RC28 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Social Mobility

IMISCOE (SC Immigration, Immigrants and Labour Markets in Europe)

European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)

Activities

Community service

Elected board member and co-speaker, Section Migration and Ethnic Minorities (DGS)	11/2023-present
Elected ombudsperson, Federal Institute of Population Research	12/2022-present

Reviewer journals

Acta Sociologica, Digital Health, European Sociological Review, European Societies, Ethnicities, Field Methods, Higher Education, International Migration, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Labour Market Research, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Population Space and Place, Social Forces

Reviewer others

Palgrave Macmillan, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference

Conferences and sessions organized (**forthcoming)

**Section Migration and Ethnic Minorities spring meeting, MPI-MMG, Göttingen, 2025 (with U. Bialas, M. Cusmano, N. Fliess, E. Lanari, and V. Rau)

Section Migration and Ethnic Minorities spring meeting, online, 2024 (with C. Peek-Ho and J. Becker)

Migration and mobility across the life course, 50 Years BiB, Wiesbaden, 2023 (with E. Kraus)

Colloquium of Research Unit Migration and Mobility, BiB, 2020-2023 (with A. Genoni and T. Kolowa)

Dynamics and consequences of transnational migration, DGS Biennial Conference, Online, 2020 (with E. Deutschmann and J.P. Décieux)

Processes of emigration and remigration, DGS Biennial Conference, University of Göttingen, 2018 (with J.P. Décieux)

Belonging and symbolic boundaries in the perception of immigrants, DGS Biennial Conference, University of Göttingen, 2018 (with S. Trittler and E. Piwoni)

Grants & Awards

Federal Institute for Population Research Best Team Award 2019 for GERPS, Germany, 2020

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Conference Participation and Travel Grant, ISA-RC28, Columbia University, USA, 2017

'Landtagsstipendium Israel 2016' awarded by the Ministry of Science, Research, and Arts Baden-Württemberg, Ruppin Academic Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2016

DAAD grant for research stay, European University Institute, Italy, 2014

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Washington DC, USA, 2014

BIGSSS Doctoral Fellowship including research and travel expenses, Germany, 2011-2014

Selected Presentations (*invited) (**forthcoming)

**IMISCOE Conference, University Institute of Lisbon	2024
*Workshop, University of Utrecht/Remote	2024
*Research Colloquium, Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees-Research Unit, Remote	2023
Academy of Sociology Conference, University of Bern	2023
ECSR Conference, University of Amsterdam	2022
EPC Conference, University of Groningen/Remote	2022
*DAAD Lecture Series, Remote	2022
IMISCOE Conference, University of Luxembourg/Remote	2021
NCCR Graduate Conference, University of Neuchatel/Remote	2021
German Sociological Association, Section Soc. Ineq. and Socio-Structural Analysis, HU Berlin/Remote	2021
ISA RC28 Spring Meeting, University of Turku/Remote	2021
German Sociological Association, Section Migration and Ethnic Minorities, Univ. of Göttingen/Remote	2021
German Sociological Association Conference, TU Berlin/Remote	2020
IMISCOE Conference, University of Luxembourg/Remote	2020
Panel Study Working Group, University of Mannheim	2020
NCCR Graduate Conference, University of Neuchatel	2019
German Demographic Association Conference, University of Bamberg	2019
German Sociological Association Conference, University of Göttingen	2018
Academy of Sociology Conference, C.F.-von-Siemens-Foundation, Munich	2018