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DISSERTATION PROJECT

Working Title: *Negotiation zones of knowledge: Colonial legacies, research and career making by Caribbean social scientists.*

My project analyses the making of knowledge and careers by social scientists in the anglophone Caribbean to understand the negotiation of global inequalities and colonial legacies of social knowledge production (funded by the DFG, supervised by Prof. Dr. M. Boatcă)

EDUCATION

11/2020 - present PhD student in Sociology at **University of Freiburg**
10/2018 - 10/2020 M.A. 'Social Sciences' at **Humboldt University Berlin** (1,0)
09/2019 - 12/2019 ERASMUS student at **King's College London, UK**
09/2014 - 09/2018 B.A. 'Sociology, Politics and Economics' at **Zeppelin University** (1,3)
09/2017 - 12/2017 Visiting student at **University of Oxford, UK**
04/2017 - 08/2017 Exchange student at **Reichman University, Israel**

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Cramer, Meta (accepted, forthcoming) *Lektionen aus der New World Group: Anglophon-karibische Sozialwissenschaften in den 1960er Jahren aus wissenschaftssoziologischer Perspektive.* in Santos, Fabio; Ruvituso, Clara (Hrsg.) *Globale Soziologie. Vergessene Theorien, verflochtene Geschichten.* Springer VS.

Cramer, Meta (accepted, forthcoming) *Lyrisches Theoretisieren kolonialer Herrschaft bei Trutz v. Trotha.* in Annicker, Fabian; Armbruster, André (Hrsg.) *Die Praxis soziologischer Theoriebildung.* Springer VS.

Cramer, Meta (2023) *Colonial Scholars and Anti-Colonial Agents: Politics of Academic Knowledge Production Between the West Indies and London in the Mid-20th Century.* in *Sociology Lens* 36(2), p. 208–222; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/johs.12417> (Open Access)

Cramer, Meta (2022) *Theorising the Caribbean against the grain. How West Indian social scientists established the Caribbean as a space of knowledge production in the 1950s.* in *Sociedade e Estado* 37(3) p. 835-859; doi: [10.1590/s0102-6992-202237030004](https://doi.org/10.1590/s0102-6992-202237030004) (Open Access)

PRESENTATIONS

Circular academic mobility: Caribbean social scientists' moving between the University of the West Indies and metropolitan institutions *GATS Roundtable Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA) 2023*, Philadelphia, USA, 21.08.23.

Building a Research Tradition Against the Grain: The Historical Development of Caribbean Social Sciences *Making Space. Thinking against the grain in historical sociology* *CHS Mini-Conference at the ASA Annual Meeting 2023*, Philadelphia, USA, 17.08.23.

Epistemic sovereignty in the West Indies: The New World Group in the 1960s. *South-South Intellectual Exchanges: Networks, Actors, Theories, Impact; Session of RC08, History of Sociology XX ISA World Congress of Sociology*, 30.06.23, online.

Institutionalizing and Decolonizing Anglophone Caribbean Social Sciences 1950-1990: Four Generations of Transnational Knowledge Production. *Transnational Histories of Sociology; Session of RC08, History*

of Sociology XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, 29.06.23, online.

Negotiation zones of knowledge: Colonial legacies, research and career making by Caribbean social scientists *Invited Talk* Robert K. Merton Center for Science Studies, Berlin, 22.02.23

Colonial scholars and anti-colonial agents: Academic mobility between the West Indies and the British Metropole in the mid-20th century. *Bucerius Young Scholars Forum 'Histories of Migration'*. German Historical Institute, Pacific Office, Berkeley, US. Workshop funded by the ZEIT Bucerius Stiftung, 10.-13.10.22.

Herausforderungen einer postkolonialen Soziologie der Wissensproduktion. 44. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Bielefeld. Sektionsveranstaltung der Sektion Kulturosoziologie, "Postkoloniale Perspektiven in der Kulturosoziologie", 27.09.22 ("Challenges of a postcolonial sociology of knowledge production")

Decolonising the British Caribbean and its research in the 1960s: The 'New World Group' between activism and intellectualism. *Governing (by) expertise. The politics of social scientific knowledge production* Workshop at ENS Paris-Saclay, France. organised by IDHES ENS Paris-Saclay, CNRS and DFG-Network Political Sociology of transnational fields, 28.-29.04.22

Epistemic Injustice Put in Social Context: Practices of Social Knowledge Making in a Post-colonial Academic Order. *Thinking at the Border: Post- and decolonial theory and epistemic injustice*. Department of Education, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 23.09.21 (online)

Theorizing the making of social knowledge and academic careers in the Global South. *HERSS Summer School 2021, 'Making Theory Work'*. Leibniz Center for Science and Society (LCSS), University of Hannover, Germany, 08.09.21 (online)

Organisationswechsel. Universität(sformen) im Austausch von Studierenden. *Mitschriften. Formate universitärer Kritik*. Workshop organised by M. Lehmann, Toepfer Stiftung, 28.11.17, Gut Siggen, Germany

WORK EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher	11/2020 - present
PhD-Position at GRK2571, University of Freiburg, funded by the German Research Association (DFG)	
Student Research Assistant	04/2019 - 09/2020
Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Macrosociology, Prof. Dr. Mau	
Research Assistant	05/2018 - 07/2018
Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Prof. Dr. Malthaner	

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

DAAD Research Grant for PhD Students	January- March 2022
Grant for fieldwork in the Caribbean, German Academic Exchange Service	
Best Presentation Award	September 2022
HERSS Summer School 2021, LCSS Hannover, Germany	
Scholar of the German National Scholarship Foundation	2016-2020
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	
Fellow of the interdisciplinary "College of Europe"	2018-2020
Working Group: Thinking Europe sociologically	
Book Prize of St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford	November 2017
awarded for "excellent work in sociology"	
Udo J. Vetter Scholarship for exchange studies	January 2017
Zeppelin University	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Introduction into Quantitative Methods and R

09/2016 - 12/2016

Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Language skills German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic)

Software Skills R Studio, MaxQDA

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Co-Convenor (with M. Boatcă) *Polarisierte Soziologie? Globale Wissenschaft, Wissenszirkulation und koloniale Vermächtnisse*. Ad-Hoc Gruppe auf dem 44. DGS Kongress, Bielefeld, 28.09.22
(“Polarized Sociology? Global academia, knowledge production and colonial legacies”)

Co-Convenor (with C. Beckers) *Knowledge Production in Empires*. Working Group at the GRK 2571 Summer School, 19-21.09.22

Member of

[International Sociological Association](#), RC08 (History of Sociology)

[German Sociological Association](#), [Arbeitskreis Wissenschafts- und Hochschulforschung](#)

[FG Dekolonial e.V.](#)