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Work Experience

Since 01/2021	Scientific employee at the chair of Sociology of Technology and member of the Science & Technology Studies group, European New School of Digital Studies (ENS), European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
2015-2020	Researcher at the Digital Media Lab, Munich Center for Technology in Society (MCTS), Technical University of Munich
2013	Tutor at the chair of Prof. Nassehi, Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU), Munich
2011-2012	Student assistant at the chair of Prof. Dr. Villa, General Sociology/Gender Studies, LMU

Education

2021	Dissertation, Technical University of Munich, Dr. phil: "Data circulation and the (re)configuration of European migration and border control. A praxeographic inquiry into the information infrastructure of the Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon" (summa cum laude)
2015-2021	Doctorate, Munich Center for Technology in Society (MCTS), Technical University of Munich with the research project: "Data circulation and the (re)configuration of European migration and border control. A praxeographic inquiry into the information infrastructure of the Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon"
2014	Master thesis: Body formations. An empirical study about (con)figurations of the body at receiving inspections (grade: 1.0)
2011-2014	M.A. in Sociology and Gender Studies at Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich (final grade: 1.09)
2011	Bachelor Thesis: «It is somehow just the usual craziness.» A qualitative study about intra- and intergenerational negotiation processes in family business (grade: 1.0)
2008-2011	B.A. in Cultural Studies at Leipzig University (grade: 1.0)

Academic Service

Since 2021	Member of the faculty council of the faculty of cultural science at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
2013-14	Member of the DGS Dissertations-Award Commission
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Awards/Scholarships

2020	Winner of the John Urry Article Prize 2020 of the international journal Mobilities
2019-2020	Brückenstipendium der Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt Oder from October 2019 until March 2020
2011	Award for the best thesis 2011 at the Institute of Cultural studies, University of Leipzig
2009-14	Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Memberships

- European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- co-founder and member of the research network [STS-MigTec](#)
- Gesellschaft für Wissenschafts- und Technikforschung e.V. (GWTF)
- Viadrina Center B/Orders in motion

Academic Reviewer

- Citizenship Studies

- Global Perspectives
- Science as Culture
- Critical Policy Studies
- Papeles del CEIC. International Journal on Collective Identity Research

Publications

2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (2023) Provisional by design. Frontex data infrastructures and the Europeanization of migration and border control. In: Science as Culture.
2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (2023) Devices of suspicion. An analysis of Frontex screening materials at the Registration and Identification Center in Moria. Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies [minor revisions]
2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (2023) Circulating data objects. On data spaces of European border control. In: Nina Klimburg-Witjes & Paul Trauttmansdorf (eds.) "Making Europe Through Infrastructures of In/Security", London: Routledge.
2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Leese, Matthias (2023) Not so fast! Data temporalities in law enforcement and border control. In: Big Data & Society.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan (2021) Data circulation and the (re)configuration of European migration and border control. A praxeographic inquiry into the information infrastructure of the Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon. Dissertation (open access)
2020	Pollozek, Silvan (2020) Mapping European Border Control: On Small Maps, Reflexive Inversion and Interference. In: Social Inclusion. Special Issue "Method as Border: Articulating 'Inclusion/Exclusion' as an Academic Concern in Migration and Border Research in Europe". (open access)
2020	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (2020) Templates, Lists, Switching Points. Frontex Joint Operations and the Coproduction of Data Infrastructures and Governance beyond the Nation State. In: Zeitschrift für Medienwissenschaft, Special Issue on Circulation. (open access)
2020	Pollozek, Silvan (2020) Turbulences of speeding up data circulation. Frontex and its crooked temporalities of 'real-time' border control. In: Mobilities, Special Issue on Time and Normativities. (open access)
2019	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (2019): Data Collection and the Logistics of Migration. In: Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, Special Issue on Data and Migration. (open access)
2013	Pollozek, Silvan (2013) Vom Abtasten und Durchleuchten – ethnographische Beobachtungen der Eingangskontrolle in einem Amtsgericht, in: Polar. Zeitschrift für politische Philosophie und Kultur. #15. S. 109-113.

Talks

2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Amelung, Nina: Issues remaining non-public. Exploring conditions of (im)possibility in the case of Eurodac, EWIS 2023.10th European Workshops in International Studies, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 12-14 July, 2023.
2023	Pollozek, Silvan & van der Kist, Jasper: Testing devices in identity management and credibility assessment: Exploring their conditions of possibility at the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), STS-hub, international conference, Aachen, Germany, 15-17 March, 2023.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik: Devices of suspicion. Turning unknowns into processable subjects at the Registration and Identification Center in Moria, EASST, international conference, Madrid, Spain, 9 July, 2022.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan: Provisory by design. Data circulation in joint border operations, Workshop: Border Regimes in the Age of Technoscience, University of Tübingen, Germany, 24 June, 2022.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan: Merging risk analysis and crime investigations? The Frontex information system PeDRA and data travel across contexts, Crimmigration: On the merger of crime control and migration control at the Center for Advanced Studies (ZiF), University of Bielefeld, Germany, 12 October 2021. (open access)
2021	Pollozek, Silvan: Passing the test. Turning unknowns into processable subjects at the Registration and Identification Center in Moria, Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society, London, Great Britain, 21 August, 2021.

2021	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik: Mapping European data infrastructures. Praxeological Encounters with Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon, European New School of Digital Studies research Seminar, Frankfurt Oder, Germany, 13 July, 2021.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan: information systems, overlapping border regimes and 'grey zones'. An ethnographic analysis on the registration and identification Center in Moria, Gegenstandsbereichsgespräche at the Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, 16 Juni 2021.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan: Infrastructures beyond failure. Data circulation and the institutional (re)ordering of the Frontex Joint Operation Poseidon, STS-MICTEC online paper workshop, international conference, 25-26 January 2021.
2020	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik: Templates, lists, switching points. Frontex Joint Operations and the coproduction of data infrastructures and governance beyond the nation state, Making Europe through Infrastructures of In/security, University of Vienna, Austria, 12-13 November 2020.
2020	Pollozek, Silvan: Counter-mapping Panoramas of European Border Control. Decomposing the Assemblage of the Moria Hotspot through Praxeographic Mapping, STS-MigTec Circle, 24 June 2020.
2020	Pollozek, Silvan: Territorializing migrants on a European, national and local level. The Registration and Identification Procedure at Moria Hotspot, Crimmigration: On the merger of crime control and migration control at the Center for Advanced Studies (ZiF), University of Bielefeld, Germany, 25-26 March 2020 [postponed by one year.]
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Counter-mapping in institutional ecologies of European border control, Workshop: Care, Critique, Correction? Engaging with Migration & Crime Control Infrastructures, University of Minho, Portugal, 14 November 2019.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Turning unknown arrivals into processable subjects. Devices of truth assessment at Moria hotspot, Diginauts. Border dissidence, digital resistance & the production of irregularized migrants, University of Copenhagen/IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 24-25 October 2019.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik: Infrastructuring European Border Control in Greece, Institutskolloquium „queering walls“. Data, Borders, Entanglements: Infrastructures and Practices of the Regulation of Migration at the Mediterranean, at 'Hotspots' and at Sea [“Mauern/überschreiten“. Daten, Grenzen, Verflechtungen: Infrastrukturen und Praktiken der Migrationsregulierung in mediterranen “Hot Spots” und auf See], Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, 22 October 2019.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Oligopticons, templates and plug-ins. Reassembling European border control, Nordic Science and Technology Studies Conference 2019, University of Tampere, Finland, 14 June 2019.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Researching the Travel of Information within Institutional Ecologies of European Border Control, A mobilities lens to the human mobility-environment nexus, Wageningen University, Netherlands, 6-7 June 2019.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Oligopticons, templates and plug-ins. Reassembling European border control, Infrastructuring Migration. Contributions and challenges for the study of technology and mobility, University of Linköping, Sweden, 7-8 May.
2019	Pollozek, Silvan: Infrastructuring European Border Control in Greece, MCTS Doctoral Colloquium #mytopic.in.society, Technical University of Munich, Germany, 22 February 2019.
2018	Pollozek, Silvan: Drawing things together at Moria Registration and Identification Center. On organizing and modes of infrastructures of European Migration and Border Management, Workshop: How can Science and Technology Studies help to reflect on the political crisis associated with refugees and asylum seekers?, University of Coimbra, Portugal, 27 September 2018 ^[1] .
2018	Pollozek, Silvan: Producing accessible data, reactualizing datasets and synchronizing data practices. Inscribing temporal and normative orderings into the information infrastructure Frontex Joint Operation Reporting Application, Workshop: On time. Temporal and normative ordering of mobilities, University of Siegen, Germany, 13 September 2018.
2018	Pollozek, Silvan: Technologies of Sensing and Sense Making. Frontex Screening and its socio-technical arrangement of truth assessment at Moria Hotspot, Greece, conference of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), Lancaster, Great Britain, 26 July 2018.

2018	Pollozek, Silvan: Situating framing, overflowing and surprise in organizational processes. On interplays of bodies, technologies and scripts, conference of the European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS), Tallinn, Estonia, 05 July 2018.
2018	Pollozek, Silvan: Information infrastructures of apodemics. Frontex Information System PeDRA and the production of knowledge of traveling and migration routes, conference of the Società Italiana di Studi su Scienza e Tecnologia (STS Italia), University of Padua, Italy, 14 June 2018.
2017	Pollozek, Silvan: Reform to enable support. Frontex' interventions in Greece and their role on infrastructures of European border and migration management, 8th Tensions of Europe Conference, Athens, Greece, 08 September 2017.
2017	Pollozek, Silvan: Logistics of Migration. Governing people, flows and risks in European Migration Management, MCTS Doctoral Colloquium #mytopic.in.society, Technical University of Munich, Germany, 27 July 2017.
2017	Pollozek, Silvan and Jan-Hendrik Passoth: Data Collection and the Logi(stic)s of Migration, Peopling Europe through Data Practices, Tate Modern und Goldsmiths College, London, Great Britain, 17 March 2017.

Organized Workshops/Panels

2023	Pollozek, Silvan & Amelung, Nina (panel organizers): Researching digital borders – taking stock, challenges, and new directions of research, International Conference “Contesting 21st Century B/Orders” by the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, September 06-08, 2023. (panel accepted)
2023	Pollozek Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (workshop organizers): Paper workshop technopolitics of interoperability and the making of European migration and border control, European New School of Digital Studies, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, October 26-27, 2023.
2023	Pollozek Silvan, Dijkstra, Huub, Amelung, Nina & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (workshop organizers): Permacrisis Infrastructures, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, 9-10 October, 2023.
2023	Pollozek, Silvan, Passoth, Jan-Hendrik & Lang, Benedict (panel organizers): The politicization of infrastructures. European transformations in the name of geopolitics, security, and crisis, STS-Italia International Conference, University of Bologna, Italy, June 28-30. (panel accepted)
2023	Pollozek, Silvan et al. (workshop organizers): STS-MigTec Paper Workshop 2023, University of Bologna, Italy, March 21-22, 2023.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan & Passoth, Jan-Hendrik (panel organizers): Techno-politics of interoperability, European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) conference, Spain, July 5-9, 2022.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan et al. (workshop organizers): STS-MigTec Writing-for-publication Workshop 2022. Encounters between Science and Technology Studies & Border and Migration Studies, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, May 19-21, 2022.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan & Leese, Matthias (panel organizers): “Data quality” in border control and migration management: Politics, practices, and implications, STS-MigTec Paper Workshop 2022 online, 15-17 February 2022.
2022	Pollozek, Silvan et al. (workshop organizers): STS-MigTec Paper Workshop 2022 online, 15-17 February 2022.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan et al. (organizers): STS-MigTec Retreat [online summer school], 06-10 September 2021.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan & Anderlini, Jacopo (session organizer): EURODAC, hotspots, repatriation routes: (trans)formations of socio-technical assemblages of the European border regime, Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society, London, Great Britain, 31 August 2021.
2021	Pollozek, Silvan et al.: STS-MigTec online paper workshop 2021, International conference, online, January 25-26.
2020	Pollozek, Silvan, Mauch, Felix & Mora Gamez, Fredy (workshop organizers): Logistical Power. Infrastructures and State Formation Beyond the Nation State, International workshop at the Munich Center for Technology in Society, Technical University of Munich, Germany, November 27-28.

2020-2021	Pollozek Silvan et al. (lecture series organizers): STS-MIGTEC Circle Online Series (http://sts-MigTec.org/news-events/sts-MigTec-circle/).
2020	Pollozek, Silvan & Amelung, Nina (session organizers) & Dijkstra, Huub (discussant): Contesting the ‚migration/border control machine‘: entanglements of information and surveillance infrastructures with the making of publics/‘non-publics’, European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) conference, Prague, Czech Republic 18-21 August.

Teaching

WS 2023/24	Technopolitics. M.A. course, European University Viadrina
WS 2023/24	Data activism against policing, migration management, and border control, M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
SS 2023	How to study policy documents? Analyzing the regulation of digital borders. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
SS 2023	The externalization of the European border regime. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
WS 2022/23	The datafication of European migration and border control - a research seminar. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
WS 2022/23	How to study technologies? A theoretic-empirical exploration. B.A. course, European University Viadrina.
05/2022	Lecturer at the STS-MigTec Writing-for-publication Workshop 2022. Encounters between Science and Technology Studies & Border and Migration Studies. Athens, May 19-21, 2022.
SS 2022	Holding European migration and border control actors accountable? The case of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX). M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
SS 2022	Feminist Technoscience. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
WS 2021/22	Science and technology studies - an introduction. B.A. course, European University Viadrina.
WS 2021/22	Infrastructures and politics of circulation, European University Viadrina. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
SS 2021	Biometrics, databases, algorithms. Technologies and devices of migration and border control. B.A. course, European University Viadrina.
SS 2021	(Im)possible Images – digital media, reality and the arts, European University Viadrina. M.A. course, European University Viadrina.
WS 2018/19	Europe by Design? Digital Infrastructures for an Interoperable Europe, M.A. course, TUM.
WS 2017/18	Technology and Security in Society: Contemporary Risks and Challenges, with Dr. Nina Witjes et al. at MCTS, M.A. course, TUM.
WS 2017/18	Controlling Flows: Exploring the Past, Present, and Future of Logistics in TechnoSocieties, with Dr. Felix Mauch at MCTS, M.A. course, TUM.
WS 2016/17	Making Mess with Methods, with Dr. Jan-Hendrik Passoth, Peter Müller at MCTS, M.A. course, TUM.
SS 2016	Digital Infrastructures, Standards and Interoperability, with Mariya Dzhimova at MCTS, M.A. course, TUM.
WS 2015/16	Von Tron zu TED Talks (Wissenschaft und Technik in den Medien), with Jan Passoth et al., M.A. course, TUM.
WS 2013/14	Tutorial, „Einführung in die Soziologie“ (Introduction of Sociology), with Peter Müller, LMU
SS 2013	Tutorial „Soziologische Theorien“ (Sociological Theory), with Peter Müller, LMU

Coordination of third-funded projects

Since 2021	Coordination of the Viadrina part of the project <i>Calculating Migration. A multi-sited ethnography of algorithmic governance and redistribution keys</i> . Funder: Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ)
2018-2020	Coordinating the TUM part of the project <i>Human centric innovative approach and training for the management of human Resources through the Integration of the Next Generation of AI technologies (HIRING)</i> . Funder: EU ERASMUS+