



## DR. ALEXANDER W. SCHMIDT-CATRAN

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### Education:

- 1991 – 1994:** **Katholische Grundschule Neukirchen** (primary school)
- 1994 – 2003:** **Pascal Gymnasium Grevenbroich** (secondary school)
- 2004 – 2009:** **University of Cologne**  
Social Science Diploma (equivalent to Master's degree) at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences
- grade: 1.6
  - Elective Courses:
    1. Empirical Economic and Social Science Research
    2. Economic and Social Psychology
- 10/2009 – 10/2012** **Cologne Graduate School (CGS)**  
Member of the Research Training Group SOCLIFE
- dissertation topic: Public Demand for Redistribution in Context
  - funding: 3-year scholarship from the German Research Foundation (DFG)
  - participated in a series of intense methodological and statistical courses
  - 04/2013 successful doctoral examination; grade: summa cum laude
- 07/2010 – 08/2010:** **University of Essex**  
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- Confirmatory factor analysis and structural equation modelling (Lecturer: Prof. Peter Schmidt)

Professional Experience:

- 10/2003 – 08/2004:**      **Werkstatt für Behinderte Hemmerden**  
(therapeutic workshop for disabled people)  
Community service with handicapped adults (full time)
- fully responsible for leading a canteen kitchen; supervised six handicapped adults and one employee
- 05/2006 – 12/2006:**      **Psychonomics AG** (market research institute)  
Student assistant (part time)
- programmed questionnaires for computer assisted telephone interviews
  - analyzed market research data in SPSS
  - compiled result reports in Power Point
- From 01/2007:**              **Chair for Empirical Social and Economic Research, University of Cologne**
- 01/2007 – 09/2009:      Student assistant and tutor (part time)
- research assistant for various projects; responsibilities: data management and multivariate analysis of survey data
  - monte carlo simulations of regression model parameters for pedagogical use in advanced statistics lecture
  - supported publishing process of four books in sociology and political science; responsibilities: proof-reading in English and German, development of index, layout of tables and figures, independent editing, typesetting in LaTeX
- 10/2009 – 07/2011:      Research assistant (part time)
- designed accompanying work books for lectures in advanced multivariate data analysis
  - class tutor for lectures in multivariate statistics
- From 08/2011:              Full research associate (**current position**)
- holding lectures in survey methodology, advanced statistics and applied research
  - supervising MA and BA students on BA/MA-thesis
  - co-author of “Applied Panel Data Analysis for Social and Economic Surveys”
  - supervising student assistants
- 04/2008 – 08/2008:**      **Seminar of Personnel Economics, University of Cologne**  
Freelance consultant
- private coaching to an external PhD student (including: statistics, STATA and scientific working)

- 08/2008 – 12/2008:** **Institute of Cooperative Studies, University of Cologne**  
Consultant
- consultant for the research project “micro insurance in developing countries”; responsibilities: methodology (survey conduction, data quality, data management, data analysis)
- 03/2011 – 05/2011:** **First Entertainment (TV Production)**  
Consultant
- consultant for two science shows in German television; responsibilities: designing questionnaires, data collection (via online-survey), data analysis
- 08/2012 – 09/2012** **Sociology Department at the University of Umeå, Sweden**  
Visiting researcher. Host: Jan Mewes
- invited talk “Do Parties “Playing the Race Card” Undermine Support for Welfare?”
- 09/2012 – 10/2012** **Sociology Department at the University of Tilburg, Netherlands.**  
Visiting researcher. Host professor: Wim van Oorschot
- invited talk “How Attitudes towards Migrants Influence Welfare Attitudes”
- 03/2013 – 07/2013** **Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne**  
Freelance consultant
- evaluation of the institute based on an expert survey
  - responsibilities: questionnaire design and programming, data collection, data analysis, final report
- 03/2014** **School of Geographical Science at the University of Bristol, United Kingdom**  
Visiting researcher. Host: Malcolm Fairbrother
- working on a joint project
  - invited talk “Migration and Natives’ Welfare Attitudes”
- 03/2016** **German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin, Germany**  
Visiting researcher. Host: Prof. Marco Giesselmann
- working on a joint project

Teaching Experience:

- 10/2007 – 08/2009:** **“From students to students” program of the Student Council of Sociology**  
Tutor for the class “Data Analysis using STATA”
- two introductory STATA courses each term
  - designed a new course; compiled learning material and corrected assignments
  - gave individual feedback

**From 04/2008:**

**Chair for Empirical Social and Economic Research**

- 04/2008 – 03/2010: Class tutor for the research lab “Secondary Analysis of International Survey Data” (lecturer: Dr. Achim Goerres) for students from sociology, geography, political science and economics
- held STATA exercises
  - designed teaching material
  - individual support of participants’ empirical projects
  - administered online teaching platform
- 04/2008 – 07/2011: Class tutor for the lectures “Linear Models” and “Causal Analysis” (in English, lecturer: Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Andreß)
- taught theory of linear regression models and STATA
  - designed two complete courses of practical exercises and work books for these exercises
  - corrected assignments and gave individual feedback
  - administered online teaching platform
- 10/2011-03/2012 Lecturer for the course “Spezielle Erhebungsverfahren: Onlineumfragen” (data collection via online surveys)
- taught questionnaire design and questionnaire programming
  - designed practical exercises and graded written examination
- 04/2012-04/2016 Lecturer for the research lab „Secondary Data Analysis with Cross-national Survey Data“
- taught scientific working, research designs, advanced regression analysis and structural equation modelling
  - supervised students on their projects in different research areas: comparative welfare state analysis, welfare attitudes, social trust, migration, attitudes towards migrants, happiness and life satisfaction, etc.
  - graded assignments
- 11/2014 Lecturer for the PhD-level course “Advanced Research Methods”
- With Prof. Hans-Jürgen Andreß and Will Lowe we designed a course entailing structural equation modelling, Bayesian statistics and event history analysis
  - I taught advanced structural equation modelling and graded assignments
- 04/2016-10/2016 Lecturer for MA seminar “Welfare States in Times of Increasing Migration”
- 04/2016-10/2016 Lecturer for the BA course: Integration of Immigrants – Collecting Primary Data

- 08/2008 – 12/2008:** **Institute of Cooperative Studies**  
Freelancer
- in coordination with the members of the institute, I designed a new course “advanced STATA”
  - compiled exercises and supporting material
- From 03/2014** **Cologne Graduate School**
- 03/2014 Lecturer for the PhD-level course “Panel Data Analysis in Stata”
- designed and taught a complete course with lectures and practical exercises for PhD-students from economics, management, politics and social science
  - graded assignments
- 04/2015-07/2015 Lecturer for the PhD-level course “Concepts and Data”
- together with Prof. Lea Ellwardt
  - I taught measurement models and talk about issues of cross-national comparability
- 08/2015** **Sociology Department at the University of Düsseldorf**  
Lecturer for the PhD-level workshop “Structural Equation Modelling in Stata”
- gave lectures on structural equation modelling
  - supervised PhD-students on how to apply the method to their own data and models
- 02/2016** **GESIS Spring Seminar 2016**
- gave a one-week workshop on the analysis of panel data
  - supervised PhD-students and post-docs on how to apply the method to their own data and models

Scholarships and Grants:

- 10/2009 – 07/2011:** **Full PhD scholarship**  
3-Year scholarship from the German Science Foundation (DFG)
- 07/2010 - 08/2010:** **German Academic Exchange Service scholarship**  
Travel grant and course fee for study in the UK
- 03/2013** **Best PhD Paper Award**  
9<sup>th</sup> International Multilevel Conference in Utrecht, Netherlands
- 09/2014** **Publication Prize of the University of Cologne**  
Publication prize for outstanding publications of PhD students

Publications:

Czymara, C. and Schmidt-Catran, A.W. (forthcoming): Wer ist in Deutschland willkommen? Eine Vignettenanalyse zur Akzeptanz von Einwanderern. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*.

Schmidt-Catran, A.W. and Spies, D.C. (*forthcoming*): Immigration and Welfare Support in Germany. *American Sociological Review*.

Schmidt-Catran, A.W. and Careja, R. (*forthcoming*): Migrants' Preferences for State-provided Welfare. Evidence from Germany. *Journal of European Social Policy*.

Te Grotenhuis, M.; Luo, L.; Pelzer, B. and Schmidt-Catran, A.W. (*forthcoming*): Alternative Estimates and Predictions of Mortality Trends: A Comment on Masters, Hummer, Powers, Beck, Lin and Finch. *Demography*.

Schmidt-Catran, A.W. and Fairbrother, M (2016): The Random Effects in Multilevel Models: Getting Them Wrong and Getting Them Right. *European Sociological Review*, 32(1), pp. 23-38.

Spies, D.C. and Schmidt-Catran, A.W. (2016): Migration, Migrant Integration and Support for Social Spending: The Case of Switzerland. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 26(1), pp. 32 – 47.

Schmidt-Catran, A.W. (2016): Economic Inequality and Public Demand for Redistribution. Combining Cross-sectional and Longitudinal Evidence. *Socio-economic Review*, 14(1), pp. 119-140.

Pelzer, B.; Te Grotenhuis, M.; Eisinga, R. and Schmidt-Catran, A.W. (2015): The Non-uniqueness Property of the Intrinsic Estimator in APC Models. *Demography*, 52(1), pp. 315-327.

Schmidt, A.W. and Spies, D. (2014): Do Parties “Playing the Race Card” Undermine Natives’ Support for Redistribution? Evidence from Europe. *Comparative Political Studies*, 47(4), pp. 519-545.

Schmidt-Catran, A.W. and Hörstermann, K. (2013): Soziale Präsenz in Onlineumfragen. *Methoden, Daten, Analysen*, 7 (3), pp. 397-432.

Andress, Hans-Jürgen; Golsch, Katrin and Schmidt, Alexander W. (2013): Applied Panel Data Analysis for Economic and Social Surveys. Springer: Berlin, Heidelberg.

Moehring, K. and Schmidt, A.W. (2012): Multilevel tools for Stata (mlt-package 1.4beta). An ado-package of postestimation commands for hierarchical mixed models. SSC archive, Boston College.

Schmidt, A.W. (2012): The Development of Public Demand for Redistribution. A Pseudo-panel Model for Decomposing Within-

and Between-Effects. GK SOCLIFE Working Paper Series, WP 10/2012, Cologne.

Schmidt, A.W. (2011): The Experience of Social Mobility and the Formation of Attitudes toward Redistribution. GK SOCLIFE Working Paper Series, WP 6/2011, Cologne.

Additional Information:

**Computer Skills:**

- STATA (advanced, incl. programming)
- MS-Office (advanced)
- LaTeX (good)
- HTML/PHP (good)
- SPSS (good)
- HLM (good)
- AMOS (good)
- MLwiN (basics)
- R (basics)
- JAGS (basics)
- LEM (basics)
- SQL (basics)
- MPlus (basics)

**Languages:**

- English (fluent), TOEFL Score: 109/120
- Latin (basic knowledge),
- German (mother tongue)

**Referee for academic journals:**

- European Sociological Review
- Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
- Journal of European Social Policy
- Survey Research Methods
- Social Indicators Research
- Social Science Review
- Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie
- European Journal of Political Research
- British Journal of Political Science
- Journal of Social Policy
- Social Policy and Administration
- European Societies
- Schmollers Jahrbuch

**Other academic services:**

- Representative of the SOCLIFE cohort 2009
- Representative of academic staff at the Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology (09/2014-09/2015)
- Selection committee for two W2 Professorships in Demography and Social Inequality (2014/15)
- Selection committee for W3 Professorship in Methods and Statistics at the University of Cologne (2015)

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