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CURRENT POSITION

09-2015 – present PhD candidate, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR),
University of Amsterdam. Expected completion 08-2019.

PhD Project: “Mechanisms of Educational Inequality in Different Educational Systems”

Supervisors: Prof. Herman G. Van de Werfhorst, Dr. Thomas Leopold

EDUCATION

2013 – 2015 M.Sc. (Research) Social Sciences (cum laude, GPA 8.7)
University of Amsterdam (UvA), The Netherlands

2010 – 2013 B.Sc. Psychology (GPA 1.41)
University of Munich (LMU), Germany

2008 – 2012 B.A. Political Science and Economics (GPA 1.76)
University of Munich (LMU), Germany

2007 Abitur, Gymnasium Vilsbiburg, Germany (GPA 1.1)

RESEARCH VISITS

04-2018 – 05-2018 Visiting Researcher at the Comparative, International and Development Education Centre (CIDECE), University of Toronto
Research on comparative analysis of the role of student expectations in the educational attainment process, Host: Dr. Anna Katyn Chmielewski

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

09-2014 – 02-2015 Research internship, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam
Research on selection bias in parental nonresponse in the CILS4EU survey, Supervisor: Prof. Matthijs Kalmijn

07-2014 – 11-2014 Research assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam
Research on the influence of social status on diversity in social networks Supervisor: Prof. Matthijs Kalmijn

- 05-2013 – 08-2013 Research assistant, Project AID:A – Aufwachsen in Deutschland, German Youth Institute, Munich
Data collection project on the living conditions of children and youth in Germany
- 02-2012 – 04-2012 Research internship, Max-Planck-Institute for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig
Conducting experiments on the neural correlates of language development in infants
- 11-2011 – 03-2013 Research assistant, Chair of Developmental Psychology, University of Munich
Conducting experiments on the neural correlates of socio-cognitive development of children
- 10-2009 – 10-2011 Student assistant, director’s office, German Youth Institute, Munich
Assisting in the preparation of publications and presentations in educational science and family sociology

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2016 Thesis prize of the Dutch Sociological Association (Nederlandse Sociologische Vereining, NSV) for the best research master’s thesis in sociology at a Dutch university in the years 2014 and 2015
- 2016 Thesis prize of the Socio-economic Council (Sociaal-Economische Raad, SER) of the Netherlands for the best master’s thesis with a socio-economic topic in the years 2014 and 2015
- 2014 – 2015 Study abroad scholarship for graduate students (“Jahrestipendium”) German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DAAD)
- 2013 – 2015 Merit scholarship for excellent students from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Germany

PUBLICATIONS

- Journal Articles Forster, A.G., and T. Bol (2018). Vocational Education and Employment over the Life Course Using a New Measure of Occupational Specificity. *Social Science Research*, 70: 176-197.
- Forster, A.G., T. Bol, and H.G. Van de Werfhorst (2016). Vocational Education and Employment over the Life Cycle. *Sociological Science* 3: 473-494.
- Book Chapters Karsten, S., H.G. Van de Werfhorst, T. Bol, and A.G. Forster (2016). Waartoe een vakdiploma. In: Karsten, S., (2016). De hoofdstroom in de Nederlandse onderwijsdelta. Een nuchtere balans van het mbo. Antwerpen/Apeldoorn: Garant.

- General Audience Forster, A.G. (2017). Levensloopeffecten van beroepsgericht onderwijs. De valkuil van vocational decline. Canon Beroepsonderwijs. Expertisecentrum Beroepsonderwijs.
- Werfhorst, H.G., A.G. Forster and T. Bol (2016). Is more Vocational Education the Answer? OECD Education and Skills Today. Blog post.
- Work in Progress Forster, A.G. and H.G. Van de Werfhorst (nd). Navigating Institutions: Parents' Knowledge of the Educational System and Students' Success in Education. *Revise and Resubmit*.
- Forster, A.G., H.G. Van de Werfhorst and T. Leopold (nd). Who Benefits most from College? Dimensions of Selection and Heterogeneous Returns to Higher Education in the United States and the Netherlands. *Submitted*.
- Forster, A.G., A.K. Chmielewski and H.G. Van de Werfhorst (nd). Tracking, Student Expectations and Higher Education Enrollment – A Comparison between the US and Germany. *In preparation*.
- Forster, A.G. (nd). Heterogeneous Returns to Secondary Education Track Placement in Germany. *In preparation*.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 ECSR Conference, Science Po Paris, October 2018 (planned)
 Workshop “Educational inequalities: psychological and sociological processes”, Universität Tübingen, October 2018
 AMCIS Educational Inequality Conference, Amsterdam, July 2018
 Dutch Day of Sociology, Rotterdam, June 2018
 Research seminar at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), Toronto, April 2018
- 2017 ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, Columbia University, New York, August 2017
 Dutch Day of Sociology, Brussels, June 2017
- 2016 Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs (Invited Talk), Den Haag, December 2016
 ECSR Conference, University of Oxford, September 2016
 ISA RC28 Summer Meeting, University of Bern, August 2016
 Workshop “The Politics of Education”, University of Konstanz, July 2016
 Dutch Day of Sociology, Tilburg, June 2016
 Conference “Human Capital over the Life-cycle”, ROA, Maastricht (Poster), February 2016
- 2015 Summer School “Labour Market Research”, ZEW, Mannheim, September 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018	Second Reader Master's thesis, Sociology Master's programme, University of Amsterdam
2017, 2018	Advanced Methods of Analysis (Regression analysis), Sociology BA program at the University of Amsterdam, in Dutch
2015	Doing Research III (Regression analysis), PPLE BA program at the University of Amsterdam, in English

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer	Research in Social Stratification and Mobility (RSSM), European Sociological Review (ESR)
Memberships	Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research (AISSR), Amsterdam Center for Inequality Studies (AMCIS), Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS), ISA RC28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)
Activities	
2018	Co-organizer of the international AMCIS conference on educational inequality with about 60 participants at the University of Amsterdam.
2016 – 2018	PhD representative at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR), University of Amsterdam
2016 – 2018	Coordinator of the annual AISSR PhD survey, University of Amsterdam
2016 – 2017	Organizer “Institutions, Inequalities and Life-courses” seminar series, University of Amsterdam
2015 – present	Organizer PhD club “Quantitative Inequality and Network Research”, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)
2015 – 2016	Organizer Sociology department seminar series, University of Amsterdam
2012 – 2013	Student member of the selection committee for a W2-professorship in Developmental Psychology, University of Munich
2010 – 2011	Student member of the Senate of the University of Munich
2009 – 2013	Member of various working groups and committees for the University Student Council (Studierendenvertretung) at the University of Munich
2009 – 2010	Student member of the Faculty Council of Social Sciences at the University of Munich

OTHER SKILLS AND SOCIAL CAUSES

Language skills	German (Native speaker) English (Full professional proficiency) Dutch (Professional working proficiency) Spanish (Limited working proficiency) French (Elementary proficiency)
Course Participation	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis 2018 – Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis, University of Essex 2018 NEPS Data User Training, LfBI Bamberg 2018 Workshop on Experimentation in the Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam 2017 Workshop on Bayesian Statistics, University of Amsterdam 2017 ICS Graduate School Theory Course, 2017 Workshop on Multiple Imputation, University of Amsterdam 2016 AISSR Graduate Course in Research Design, University of Amsterdam 2016 AISSR Graduate Course "Replication", University of Amsterdam 2015
Statistical Programming	Stata, R, SPSS, Python
Social Causes	BetterPlate, Amsterdam, 2015-16 <i>Organizing cooking events together with refugees</i> Volksbegehren gegen Studiengebühren in Bayern, Munich, 2013 <i>Social Media Team, petition for a referendum on tuition fees in Bavaria</i> Initiativgruppe Interkulturelle Begegnung und Bildung e.V., Munich, 2010-13 <i>Voluntary work as a tutor for children with migration background</i> Member of the study associations in Political Science and Psychology, Munich, 2009-13 <i>Organization of events for students</i> Fundación Cristo Vive Chile and Bolivia, 2007-08 <i>Voluntary service year in two social projects in Santiago de Chile (assistant in a kindergarten) and in Cochabamba, Bolivia (tutoring school children)</i>