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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 07-2020 – present Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam  
*Project on educational inequality and educational systems, PI: Herman van de Werfhorst*
- 09-2015 – 07-2020 Doctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam  
*Project on mechanisms of educational inequality, Supervisors: Herman van de Werfhorst and Thomas Leopold*
- 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: 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*
- 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*

## EDUCATION

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- 2015 – 2021 PhD in Sociology (thesis approved, defense in February 2021)  
University of Amsterdam (UvA), the Netherlands
- 2013 – 2015 M.Sc. (Research) Social Sciences, cum laude  
University of Amsterdam (UvA), the Netherlands
- 2010 – 2013 B.Sc. Psychology  
University of Munich (LMU), Germany
- 2008 – 2012 B.A. Political Science and Economics  
University of Munich (LMU), Germany
- 2007 Abitur, Gymnasium Vilsbiburg, Germany

## RESEARCH VISITS AND INTERNSHIPS

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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- 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

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- Journal Articles Forster, A.G. and H.G. Van de Werfhorst (2020). Navigating Institutions: Parents' Knowledge of the Educational System and Students' Success in Education. *European Sociological Review*, 36(1): 48-64.
- 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.
- Other Breznau, N., E.M. Rinke, A. Wuttke, [...], A.G. Forster, et al. (2019). The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences. Executive Report.
- 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.
- Work in Progress 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. *Revise and Resubmit at Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*.
- Forster, A.G. (nd). Caught by Surprise: The Adaptation of Parental Expectations after Unexpected Ability Track Placement. *Under Review*.
- 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. *Under Review*.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 5th International NEPS Conference, December 2020 (planned)  
ECSR Conference, University of Amsterdam (online), July 2020
- 2018 ECSR Conference, Science Po Paris, October 2018  
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

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- 2020 Master’s thesis supervision, Sociology Master’s programme, University of Amsterdam (in Dutch)
- 2018 Second Reader Master’s thesis, Sociology Master’s programme, University of Amsterdam (in English)
- 2017 – 2020 Advanced Statistics (Regression analysis), Sociology BA programme at the University of Amsterdam (in Dutch and English)
- 2015 Doing Research III (Regression analysis), PPLE BA programme at the University of Amsterdam (in English)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

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- Reviewer American Sociological Review, Empirical Research in Vocational Education and Training, European Sociological Review, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Forces, Social Inclusion, Sociology of Education, Work and Occupations
- 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
- 2020 Member of the Sociology Department task force on diversity.
- 2020 Member of the Scientific Committee of the ECSR Conference 2020 at the University of Amsterdam (cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 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	Manager project website, social media and email communication for research team on “Educational Systems and Inequality” at the University of Amsterdam
2015 – 2019	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

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Language skills	<p>German (Native speaker)</p> <p>English (fluent)</p> <p>Dutch (fluent)</p> <p>Spanish (very good command)</p> <p>French (basic communication skills)</p>
Courses and Workshops	<p>Data Science using Python, one week intensive course, GESIS methods seminar, 2020</p> <p>Short Intensive Course on Programming in Stata for longitudinal analysis, University of Amsterdam 2019</p> <p>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis 2018 – Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis, University of Essex 2018</p> <p>NEPS Data User Training, LifBI Bamberg 2018</p> <p>Workshop on Experimentation in the Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam 2017</p> <p>Workshop on Bayesian Statistics, University of Amsterdam 2017</p> <p>ICS Graduate School Theory Course, 2017</p> <p>Workshop on Multiple Imputation, University of Amsterdam 2016</p> <p>AISSR Graduate Course in Research Design, University of Amsterdam 2016</p> <p>AISSR Graduate Course ”Replication”, University of Amsterdam 2015</p>

Statistics and  
Technical Skills

Stata, R, SPSS, Python, Wordpress, Joomla, LaTeX, MS Office

Social Causes

Volksbegehren gegen Studiengebühren in Bayern, Munich, 2013  
*Social Media Team, petition for a referendum on tuition fees in Bavaria*

Initiativgruppe Interkulturelle Begegnung und Bildung e.V., Munich, 2010-13  
*Voluntary work as a tutor for children with migration background*

Member of the study associations in Political Science and Psychology, Munich,  
2009-13  
*Organization of events for students*

Fundación Cristo Vive Chile and Bolivia, 2007-08  
*Voluntary service year in two social projects in Santiago de Chile (assistant  
in a kindergarten) and in Cochabamba, Bolivia (tutoring school children)*