

Short Biographies of the Faculty POLNET+ 2020

Prof. Jeffrey Broadbent is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Minnesota whose academic focus includes comparative sociology, culture and structure, environmental sociology, Japanese society, networks and identity, political sociology, qualitative methods, social movements and East Asian society. Prof. Broadbent received his PhD in Sociology at Harvard University. He is the principal investigator of the COMPON Project (Comparing Climate Change Policy Networks), an ongoing international research project focusing on societal reactions to climate change and the ways that these reactions influence international negotiations and governmental policy.

Prof. Monica Di Gregorio is an environmental social scientist, an Associate Professor in Environmental Politics and Governance, and an expert in international development at the University of Leeds. Her current research examines contentious environmental politics and development and is centred on climate change politics and policy, environmental movements and environmental policy networks in the Global South. She is also a Research Associate of the Priestley International Centre for Climate and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP), and a Senior Associate of the Centre for International Forestry Research.

Prof. Boris Holzer has been Professor of General Sociology and Macrosociology at the University of Konstanz since 2016. He was awarded a PhD in Sociology by the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2001. In the past, Prof. Holzer has also worked at LMU Munich, the University of Lucerne and the University of Bielefeld. His research interests range from sociology theory and sociology of world society to political, economic, historical and comparative sociology.

Prof. Lukáš Lehotský is an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations and European Studies at Masaryk University, where he obtained his PhD degree in 2018. His primary research interests are social opposition to coal mining, and the future of coal in the Czech Republic and the wider region. Along with that, he has dealt with issues of climate change, energy poverty and energy efficiency. He worked on a research project on coal mining opposition in the Czech Republic between 2018 and 2020.

Prof. Petr Ocelík has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations and European Studies at Masaryk University since 2016. He is also a researcher at the International Institute of Political Science at Masaryk University. His research focuses on energy and climate

policy subsystems, as well as the policy dimension of energy transition. In the past, he was a visiting fellow at the University of Aberystwyth and the University of Queensland.

Prof. Volker Schneider has held the Chair of Empirical Theory of the State at the University of Konstanz since 1997. He completed his PhD in 1986 at the European University Institute. Prof. Schneider has also been a visiting fellow at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles) and Harvard University. His empirical research interests are currently focusing on German climate policy networks. In a long-term perspective he is working on a theory of the modern state and public policy in a systemic and relational perspective, combining complexity and network theories.

Prof. John Sonnett is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Mississippi. His research focuses on how knowledge is connected to social power, with interests in climate change, race and racism, music, and media studies. Prof. Sonnett's work combines elements from relational and comparative methods including social network analysis, correspondence analysis, qualitative comparative analysis, and mixed methods studies. A forthcoming article in *Cultural Sociology* presents a mixed methods framework for analysing survey data that links individual profiles with field-level patterns.

Prof. Claudius Wagemann is a Professor of political science methods at the Goethe University of Frankfurt. He was awarded a PhD in Political and Social Sciences by the European University Institute in 2005. His research covers systematic comparative methods, above all Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA). Substantially, he has worked on topics related to interest groups and will soon start a project on movement parties. Prof. Wagemann has worked in several universities in the past, including the Florence campus of New York University and the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa.

Felix Bossner is a Research Assistant at the Chair of Empirical Theory of the State at the University of Konstanz. He received his BA from the University of Konstanz in March 2016 and is currently working on his Master thesis on (discourse) networks in anti-establishment Twitter conversations. His empirical research interests are currently focusing on digital governance, political social media discourse, and the digitalization of public administration.

Carlos Bravo has been a Predoctoral Research Fellow at the Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI) since 2017. His research interests cover global governance, crisis management and European politics. He is currently enrolled in the PhD Programme in Political and Social Sciences at the Pompeu Fabra University (UPF). Carlos Bravo received his Master's Degree from IBEI in 2017. Previously he has been a visiting fellow at the

University of Konstanz. He has also worked as a Teaching Assistant at Occidental College (Los Angeles).

Dr. Melanie Nagel is Research Associate at the University of Tübingen. She received her doctoral degree at the University of Konstanz in 2014. Before moving to Tübingen, Dr. Nagel worked as Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Konstanz. She has also been Visiting Fellow at the University of Arizona. Her research covers environmental politics, policy analysis, discourse network analysis, urban planning, infrastructure development, as well as the provision of public goods.

Dr. Keiichi Satoh is a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Helsinki. He received his PhD degree from Hitotsubashi University in 2015. His research focuses on organizational politics, social movements, civil society and environmental politics. Prior to joining the University of Helsinki, he worked as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Tohoku University. Dr. Satoh has also been a visiting scholar at the University of Konstanz.

Dr. Paul Wagner has been a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science (HELSUS) at the University of Helsinki since 2017. His research involves the application of network methods to the study of climate politics and environmental policymaking processes. He was awarded a PhD degree in Simulation Science by University College Dublin in 2015. He will start as a Lecturer at Northumbria University in June 2020.