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About myself

I am a member of and doctoral candidate in the research group Innovation in Governance at the Center for Technology and Society and the Department of Sociology at the Technische Universität Berlin. In my work I trace the innovation journeys of several tradable permits instruments, and analyze their innovation networks and constituencies. My research thereby aims to understand the social mechanisms that constitute the drive and 'inner life' of tradable permit instruments.

I studied social sciences and science and technology studies at the Humboldt University Berlin, University of Helsinki, Bielefeld University, and Maastricht University. My Master's thesis focused on the role of a Canadian non-governmental environmental think tank in the construction of environmental problems of the Canadian oil sands.

I have worked and gathered experience in several research projects at different research institutions during my student career.

My current research interests include: innovation, (environmental) governance, policy instrumentation, (social & heterogeneous) networks and arrangements, construction of markets, and general sociological theory.

Current research projects

Since 2009 Member of and doctoral candidate in the research group "Innovation in Governance" at the Center for Technology and Society (Zentrum Technik und Gesellschaft, ZTG) and the Department of Sociology, Technische Universität Berlin

Completed research projects and teaching

2008 - 2009 Restructuring of the GSOEP (German Socio Economic Panel) database at the German Institute for Economic Research (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, DIW), Berlin

2007 Conception, research and development of the historical presentation "140 Jahre DChG" for the 140th anniversary of the German Chemical Society (GDCh)

2007 Qualitative interviewing in a project on intergenerational living for the Bielefeld School of Public Health (Institut für Bevölkerungs- und Gesundheitsforschung)

- 2007 DFG (German Research Foundation) student research fellow on the topic of tobacco industry's relation to tobacco research
- 2007 Research and website development work for the "Virtual Laboratory" project of the Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG), Berlin
- 2005 - 2006 Tutor for statistics I and II classes at the Institute of Social Sciences at the Humboldt University Berlin

Academic education

- Since 2009 Doctoral candidate in the research group "Innovation in Governance"
- 2006 –2009 Master of History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science (HPSS)
University of Bielefeld, Germany
Title of M.A. thesis "*Between Science and Values. The Pembina Institute and its Role in the Construction of Environmental Problems of the Albertan Oil Sands*", Supervisors: Prof. Wolfgang Krohn, PD Peter Wehling
- Sep 2007 – Jan 2008 Master of European Studies on Society, Science and Technology (ESST):
Governance and Cultures of Innovation (with DAAD funding)
Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- 2003 –2006 Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences
Humboldt University of Berlin
Title of B.A. thesis: "*Zur Rationalität von Selbstmordattentätern. Eine Rational-Choice Erklärung*" ("*On the Rationality of Suicide Bombers. A Rational-Choice Explanation*"), Supervisors: PD Karsten Fischer, Prof. Klaus Eder
- Sep 2004 – Dec 2004 DAAD/ Erasmus scholarship exchange semester
University of Helsinki, Finland

Publications

- Simons, Arno (2009). *Between Science and Values - The Pembina Institute and Its Role in the Construction of Environmental Problems*. Master thesis, Universität Bielefeld.
- Legewie, Joscha and Simons, Arno (2009). *Zur Rationalität von Selbstmordattentätern. Überlegungen zur Anwendung von Rational-Choice Theorien*. In S. Shikano, T. Bräuninger, J. Behnke (Eds.), *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie*, Vol 5. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag.
- Simons, Arno (2007). *140 Jahre chemische Gesellschaften in Deutschland*. *Nachrichten aus der Chemie*, 55(11).

Papers and Presentations

- Simons, Arno (2010). *Innovation in Governance. Policy Instruments and their Constituencies*. Paper for the workshop on "Ideas, policy design and policy instruments: casting light on the missing link". European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions. 23-27 March 2010, Münster, Germany.
- Voß, Jan-Peter and Simons, Arno (2010). *Innovating new policy designs in the context of established governance regimes: the case of transition management*. Paper (Voß) and presentation (Simons) at the Sussex Energy Group Conference "Energy transitions in an interdependent world: what and where are the future social science research agendas?", 25-26 February 2010, Brighton, UK.