

PD Dr. Karin Schwiter – Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 2018
Univ. of Zurich Habilitation in Geography: “Mobilising difference in today’s labour markets: How gender, culture and mobility are used to legitimise inequalities”
- 2010
Univ. of Basel PhD in Sociology (*with summa cum laude*)
Dissertation: “Lebensentwürfe. Junge Erwachsene im Spannungsfeld zwischen Individualisierung und Geschlechternormen” (Life plans. Young adults caught between individualisation and gender norms), published with Campus Verlag
- 2001–2002
Univ. of Sheffield Erasmus exchange year at the University of Sheffield, UK
- 2004
Univ. of Zurich MSc in Geography (*with an award for outstanding grades*)

Positions

- since 2013
Univ. of Zurich Leader of the research group “Labour, Migration & Gender” at the Department of Geography
- 2018
Univ. of Toronto Visiting professor at the University of Toronto in Canada (*3 months*)
- 2014–2015
Univ. of Zurich Acting professor (Lehrstuhlvertretung) at the Department of Geography during the sabbatical of Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (*6 months*)
- 2014
UBC, Vancouver Visiting assistant professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada (*7 months*)
- 2012
UW, Seattle Visiting scholar at the University of Washington in Seattle, US (*6 months*)
- 2010–2013
Univ. of Basel Postdoctoral research fellow at the Centre of Gender Studies, in the project “Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways” of Swiss National Research Programme 60 on “Gender Equality”
- 2004–2013
Univ. of Zurich Research and teaching assistant and from 2010 onwards senior research and teaching assistant (Oberassistentin) at the Department of Geography, with teaching assignments at ETH Zurich and the University of Basel

Rankings, awards and excellence scholarships

2018	Ranked second for the professorship in Social and Cultural Geography at the University of Bern
2016	Swiss Prize for Research on Education, awarded by Johann Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation, for the article “Why are female electricians and male nurses still rare?” (CHF 25,000)
2012	Area Prize awarded by the Royal Geographical Society for the best article by a young researcher
2001–2010	Various excellence scholarships awarded by the Swiss Study Foundation
2004	Award of the University of Zurich for outstanding grades in the masters’ degree
1997	Award of the Christ-König Kollegium for the best A-levels (Matura) of the year

Continuing education

2005-2018	Various continuing education modules offered by the University of Zurich on teaching large classes; supervising master and PhD students; peer teaching evaluation; leading research projects; scientific writing; teaching portfolios; time management; presentation techniques; visualising research; etc.
2005–2008	Various continuing education modules offered by the Graduate School at the University of Basel on doing interdisciplinary research; scientific writing; moderation techniques; qualitative research methodologies; discourse analysis; gender theories; etc.
2001–2010	Various continuing education modules offered by the Swiss Study Foundation on leadership; team building; negotiation techniques; communication; law and politics; life sciences and philosophy; etc.

Memberships in academic societies

- Geographic-Ethnographic Society of Zurich, GEGZ
- Research network “Feminist geographies and new materialisms” funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG
- Royal Geographic Society, RGS
- Swiss Society of Gender Studies, SGGF
- Swiss Society of Sociology, SGS
- Society of Geographers at German Universities, VGDH, member of working groups “Geographical migration research” and “Geography and gender” (Arbeitskreise)
- Society of professional women for the environment, FFU
- Think tank „Denknetz“, member of working group on precarity

Other academic activities

Committee work (* at the University of Zurich)

since 2018	Library advisory board of the Department of Geography*
since 2015	Gender studies commission of the University of Zurich*
2018	Creative task force of the Swiss National Science Foundation for refining the launch phase of National Research Programms
2017-2018	Representative of the non-professorial academic staff (Mittelbau) in the Department of Geography (Invers)*
2014–2015	Committee for the development of a new specialised research master programme in human geography*
2011–2015	Representative of the non-professorial academic staff (Mittelbau) in the university senate*
2010–2012	Committee for the development of a new bachelor curriculum in human geography*
2010–2014	Research commission of the Faculty of Science*
2010–2014	Representative of the non-professorial academic staff (Mittelbau) at the Faculty of Science*
2005–2006	Representative of the non-professorial academic staff (Mittelbau) in the search committee for the new chair in human geography*

Co-organisation of conferences and workshops

2018	Human geography summer school “Gender & Space” in Herzberg
2017	National conference “Paid care work in private households” at the University of Zurich
2016	Workshop “Anticipated parenthood and employment” at the University of Basel
2016	Network meeting “Historical and new materialisms of work” in Waldshut (D)
2012	Workshop “Performativity in Geography” at the University of Zurich
2012	International conference “Career orientations, education systems and gendered school-to-work transitions” at the University of Basel
2007	International conference “Gendered Public Spaces”, organised by the Gender Commission of the International Geographical Union at the University of Zurich

Reviews for academic journals

Social and Cultural Geography	Political Geography
Progress in Human Geography	Swiss Journal of Sociology
Environment and Planning A	Geographische Zeitschrift
Gender, Place and Culture	Equality, Diversity, Inclusion
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers	Community, Work and Family
Gender, Work and Organization	Journal of Economic Geography

Funding history

2018 3 months	Graduate Campus of the University of Zurich Project: Travel grant for research visit at the University of Toronto, Canada	CHF 3,400
2018 5 days	Swiss Academy of Sciences Project: Organisation of the human geography summer school “Gender and Space” for 100 participants & workshopleaders Contribution: Main applicant	CHF 5,000
2018 5 days	Graduate Campus of the University of Zurich Project: summer school “Gender and Space” Contribution: Main applicant	CHF 25,000
2017 36 months	German Research Foundation (trilateral D-A-CH project) Project: Decent care work? Transnational home care arrangements Contribution: Co-author of grant application and PI of the Swiss project team; in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Helma Lutz (Frankfurt am Main) and Prof. Dr. Brigitte Aulenbacher (Linz); supervision of 1 PhD student	€ 876,900
2016 7 months	Zurich Metropolitan Conference Project: Doing family: imaginations of family in Switzerland Contribution: Co-author of grant application and member of project steering group	CHF 25,000
2016 6 months	Swiss National Science Foundation (extension grant) Project: Care agencies in the commodification of elderly care Contribution: Author of grant application and co-project leader with Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (Zurich); supervision of 2 PhD students	CHF 57,500
2014 30 months	Swiss National Science Foundation Project: Anticipated parenthood and employment Contribution: Co-author of grant application and co-project leader with Prof. Dr. Andrea Maihofer (Basel) and Dr. Sandra Hupka (Bern)	CHF 271,300
2013 36 months	Swiss National Science Foundation Project: Care agencies in the commodification of elderly care Contribution: Co-author of grant application and co-project leader with Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (Zurich); supervision of 2 PhD students	CHF 413,000
2012 6 months	Voluntary Academic Society of Basel (extension grant) Project: Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways Contribution: Author of grant application, member of research team	CHF 20,000
2011 6 months	City of Zurich Project: Market analysis – care in Zurich’s private households Contribution: co-project leader with Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (Zurich)	CHF 31,000
2010 24 months	National Research Programme 60 (SNSF) Project: Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways Contribution: Co-author of grant application, member of research team	CHF 314,000

Public lectures, workshops and panels (previous six years only)

Presentations at scientific conferences

- 04 Jun. 2018 EnGendering Academia: Emotions, Strategies and Alternatives, St. Gallen: "Slow Science: Potentials, pitfalls and collective practices"
- 26 Jan. 2018 New Cultural Geography Conference, Freiburg i. Br.: „Slow Scholarship. How can we build more caring academic work environments?“
- 30 Oct. 2017 German Congress for Geography, Tübingen: "(Im)Mobilisierungen von zirkulär migrierenden Arbeitskräften in der Seniorenbetreuung"
- 12 May 2017 National Conference "Bezahlte Arbeit in Schweizer Privathaushalten: Situation und Zukunftsperspektiven", Zurich: "Live-in care in Canada, Österreich & Deutschland: Was können wir von anderen Ländern lernen?"
- 25 Jun. 2016 Conference "Bios – Technologien – Gesundheit", Frankfurt: "Der neue Markt der 24h-Betreuung als Ethnography of Circulations"
- 03 Oct. 2015 German Congress for Geography, Berlin: "Logiken der (Im)mobilisierung von zirkulär migrierenden Arbeitskräften"
- 20 Aug. 2015 Global Conference of Economic Geography, Oxford: "Labour market intermediaries in the care sector"
- 24 Apr. 2015 Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago: "The geopolitics of labour regimes in live-in elder care: comparing Canada, Switzerland and Austria"
- 19 Apr. 2015 Preconference of the Gender and Geography Commission of the Association of American Geographers, Milwaukee: "Short term circular migration and the negotiation of rights to the city"
- 31 Jan. 2015 New Cultural Geography Conference, Bamberg: "Arbeitsplatz Wohnzimmer. Zur performativen Herstellung eines Marktes im Privathaushalt"
- 08 Nov. 2013 Synthesis Conference of the National Research Programme 60, Biel: "Continuity and change of gender inequalities in educational and occupational pathways"
- 29 Aug. 2013 Annual Conference of the Royal Geographic Society, London: "The emergence of a new market of commercialised care: Private suppliers of home care for the elderly in Switzerland"
- 23 Nov. 2012 International conference "Career orientations, education systems and gendered school-to-work transitions", Basel: "Berufsfindung als langfristiger biographischer Prozess"
- 17 Nov. 2012 10th Swiss Geoscience Meeting, Bern: "Performativity and materiality"
- 28 Aug. 2012 Congress of the International Geographical Union, Cologne: "Gendered pathways into the labour market"

- 24 Aug. 2012 Preconference of the International Geographical Union's Commission on Gender and Geography, Hamburg: "Suppliers of 24h-care – analysing the newly emerging market of commercialised care in the example of Zurich"
- 23 Mar. 2012 Networking conference of the National Research Programme 60, Basel: "Continuity and change of gender inequalities in educational and vocational pathways"

Invited lectures

28. Nov. 2018 Department of Sociology, University of Bern: "Zur Entstehung prekärer Arbeitsverhältnisse in Schweizer Privathaushalten: Wie transnational agierende Personalverleihagenturen migrantische Arbeitskräfte an Schweizer Seniorenhaushalte vermitteln"
23. Nov. 2018 Department of Geography, University of Bremen: "Hochmobil und immobil zugleich: Was das Konzept der Sozialen Reproduktion zu unserem Verständnis von erwerbsbedingter räumlicher Mobilität beitragen kann"
- 28 Jun. 2018 Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL, Zurich: "Social inequalities, institutional reflexivity and public space"
- 09 Mar. 2018 Innovation Pool Workshop on Citizen Science, University of Zurich: "Doing participatory research in human geography"
- 04 Nov. 2015 Asia and Orient Institute, University of Zurich: "Die kommerzielle 24h-Betreuung als vergeschlechtlichter neuer Markt: Vorstellungen von Geschlecht, Mobilität und Arbeit"
- 23 Oct. 2015 Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies (IZFG), University of Bern: "Gender segregation in occupational pathways"
- 27 May 2015 Human Geography Lecture Series, University of Frankfurt a. M.: "(Im)mobilisierung von Pendelmigrantinnen in der live-in Altenbetreuung"
- 04 Jun. 2014 Economic Geography Research Colloquium, University of British Columbia, Vancouver: "Neoliberal austerity and the marketization of elderly care"
- 11 Dec. 2013 Interdisciplinary Lecture Series "Aging without borders?", Centre of Competence for Gerontology, University of Zurich: "Vermittlung und Verleih von 24h-Betreuerinnen für Pflegebedürftige"
- 10 Jan. 2013 Network Gender Studies lecture series, University of Vechta: "Weshalb sind Krankenpfleger und Automechanikerinnen so selten? Persistenz und Wandel von Geschlechterungleichheiten in Ausbildungs- & Berufsverläufen"
- 19 Apr. 2012 University of St. Gallen: "Wie junge Erwachsene übers Kinderkriegen nachdenken"

Continuing education workshops (all invited)

- 09 Nov. 2018 Training course “Safety and Field Education”, University of Zurich: “Ethics and positionality in the field”
- 04 Feb. 2017 Comundo Workshop on Care in Lucerne: “Care Chains – Abhängigkeit von Pflegerinnen aus Tieflohnländern als billige Dienstleisterinnen”
- 16 Apr. 2015 Schweizerisches Dienstleistungszentrum für Berufsbildung, Olten: “Geschlechtersensible Berufs- und Studienberatung”
- 18 Mar. 2014 Berufs- und Studienberatung des Kantons Schwyz, Pfäffikon: “Krankenpfleger oder Kapitänin: Berufsfindung von jungen Menschen und ihre Auswirkungen”
- 12 Mar. 2014 Laufbahnzentrum der Stadt Zürich: “Krankenpfleger – Informatikerin – Hausmann – Direktorin? Berufswahl und Lebensplanung – und die Rolle der Beratung”
- 15 Nov. 2013 Women’s congress of Schweizerischer Gewerkschaftsbund (SGB): “Erwerbsarbeit in der Lebensplanung von Frauen”
- 12 Sep. 2013 Relaunch workshop for the journal “Aufbruch”:
“Lebensentwürfe junger Erwachsener”
- 11 Sep. 2012 Advisory group of the federal administration on the National Research Programme 60: “Geschlechterungleichheiten in Ausbildungs- und Berufsverläufe
- 29 Mar. 2012 Offene Jugendarbeit Zürich (OJA):
“Geschlechtersensible Berufs- und Studienberatung”

Outreach presentations (all invited)

- 18 Jan. 2018 Collegium Helveticum: Grammar school teachers’ day: “Neue Formen von Migration und Arbeit im Privathaushalt”
- 24 May 2016 Network meeting of the Gender Equality Office of the city of Zurich:
“Gender segregation in occupational pathways”
- 19 May 2016 Open doors event of the Department of Geography, University of Zurich:
Presentation of audio pieces “Altenbetreuung zwischen Liebe und Arbeit” and
“Liebe ist Verhandlungssache. Wie junge Erwachsene über Arbeitsteilung nachdenken”
- 11 Nov. 2015 University for Seniors lecture series, Winterthur:
“Der neue Markt in der 24h-Betreuung für SeniorInnen”
- 20 Oct. 2015 University for Seniors lecture series, Zurich:
“Zur Performativität des neuen Marktes in der 24h-Betreuung”
- 02 Jun. 2015 Annual meeting of the Pensioniertenvereinigung of the University of Zurich:
“Zur Performativität des neuen Marktes in der 24h-Betreuung”
- 07 Nov. 2014 Annual conference of the Verband des Personals der öffentlichen Dienste VPOD,
Thun: “Wie denken junge Frauen? Erwerbsarbeit in der Lebensplanung von Frauen”

- 07 Mar. 2014 Open doors event of the Department of Geography, University of Zurich:
"Who cares? Der neue Markt der Altenbetreuung"
- 25 Nov. 2013 Gender Equality Office of the City of Zurich: "Krankenpfleger oder Kapitänin? Die Berufswahl von jungen Menschen und ihre Auswirkungen"
- 12 Sep. 2013 Meeting Point Research and Practice of the journal HR Today, Zurich:
"Geschlechterungleichheiten in Ausbildungs- und Berufsverläufen"
- 12 Sep. 2012 Schweizerische Konferenz der Gleichstellungsbeauftragten, Neuchâtel:
"Geschlechterungleichheiten in Ausbildungs- und Berufsverläufen"

Public panel discussions (all invited)

- 10 Sep. 2018 Summer school "Gender & Space", Herzberg:
"Gender Studies und Feministische Geographie im Dialog"
- 03 Apr. 2017 Gender Equality Commission, University of Zurich: "Was ist Männerforschung?"
- 30 Nov. 2016 University of Zurich: "Women in Science. An evening of inspiration and advice on building a successful career in science"
- 07 Apr. 2015 ZHAW School of Management and Law, Winterthur:
"Das geteilte Alphetier: Jobsharing auf Kaderstufe"
- 26 Jun. 2013 Graduate Campus, University of Zurich:
"Welche Perspektiven bieten wir unserem wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs?"
- 12 Nov. 2012 Verband KV Zürich:
"Chancengleichstellung – gemeinsam packen wir's!"
- 22 Oct. 2012 Verband KV Zürich:
"Chancengleichstellung – jetzt sprechen die Frauen!"

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