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Languages

Portuguese: mother tongue. English and Spanish: fluent (C1-C2); French: advanced level (B2-C1); German: intermediary level (B2.1).

Education

PHD IN GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY | 2022-IN PROGRESS | FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, DE

- Part of the DFG Research Training Group minor cosmopolitanisms. Dissertation's working title: *"Grasping things at the root": radical climate justice and intersectional praxis*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sérgio Costa (FU Berlin).
- Doctoral Exchange at Núcleo de Altos Estudos Amazônicos (NAEA) / Universidade Federal do Pará (UFPA) (3 month-stay spread between 2023 and 2024)
- Advanced Doctoral Researcher at Universidade de São Paulo (USP) / Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (Mecila) (July – December 2025)

MA GLOBALISATION & DEVELOPMENT | 2017-2018 | MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NL

- Thesis title: *Gender and Climate Change in Pathways of Development: Encounters of National Policies with Gender Justice and Climate Justice*. Supervisor: Dr. Lana Sirri.
- Degree attained with *Cum Laude.*
- Fully funded scholarship by the "Maastricht University Holland-High Potential scholarship".
- Thesis nominated to the 2019 LOVA/Marjan Rens MA Thesis Award in the Netherlands.

BA POLITICAL SCIENCE | 2009-2014 | UNIVERSIDADE DE BRASÍLIA, BR

- Thesis title: *Urban occupation movements and life in the city: the case of Bicicletaria in Brasília*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rebecca Abers.
- BA scholarship student of the Brazilian Ministry of Education's Tutored Education Program.

Work Experience

BERLIN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE (APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2026)

- **X Student Research Group co-leader** Paths to feel-think-act (*sentir-pensar-actuar*) socio-ecology in academic and activist spaces: entanglements between body, mind and action in socio-ecological research.

FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, GERMANY (2022-2025)

- **Research Associate** within the Latin American Institute.

AVINA FOUNDATION, PARÁ, BRAZIL (2022)

- **Research Consultant** running a gender assessment and gender action plan for the application to the Green Climate Fund of a climate adaptation project in Marajo Island, Para, Brazil. Activities included interview and participatory research methods employed with traditional communities of the region. Outputs can be checked here. The project was approved in 2023, more information here.

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR GREEN AND GENDER ACTION – GAGGA, REMOTE (2021)

- **Research Consultant** mapping Women and Gender Environmental Defender collectives, organizations and groups in the Global South, and their definitions on structural violence; what

kinds of structural violence they are facing in their contexts; and what their strategies are to prevent and respond to it. Final outputs synthetized here.

GENDERCC – WOMEN FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE E.V., BERLIN, GERMANY (2018-2021)

- **Project Manager** of international projects funded by Germany and implemented in different Global South areas.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – UNDP BRAZIL (2015-2019)

- **Research Consultant** elaborating quantitative reports and policy recommendations on Sustainable Development Goals indicators for 7 cities in Northeastern Brazil (2018-2019, Remote)
- **Project Assistant** in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) team. (2015-2018, Brasília)

Fellowships

RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY – RIFS, POTSDAM, GERMANY (2021-2022)

- **Fellow** conducting research on civil society and just energy transition debates and pathways in Brazil and Germany. See attached publications here.

EU-CHINA NGO TWINNING PROGRAMME BY ASIENHAUS, MERCATOR & BOSCH FOUNDATIONS | BERLIN, GERMANY ←→ KUNMING, CHINA (2019)

- **Fellow** of the professional exchange program between experts in European and Chinese NGOs working with climate change and environmental justice, fostering cooperation between participants.

Presentation, Moderation and Curation in Relevant Events

POLITICAL ECOLOGY NETWORK (POLLEN) CONFERENCE, BARCELONA, SPAIN (JUNE-JULY 2026)

- Presentation of dissertation excerpt in the panel Emerging Political Ecologies from Abya-Yala: Engaging South to South and Grassroots Exchange of Action-Research Experiences.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (LASA) CONGRESS, PARIS, FRANCE (MAY 2026)

- LGBTQIA+ Travel Fund scholarship grantee
- Co-convenor of workshop "Sentir, pensar y actuar la socio-eco-logía contra mundos en crisis"
- Presentation of dissertation excerpt in the panel "Worlding Place in Times of Crises: Practices of Emplacement in Latin America"

49TH MEETING OF THE BRAZILIAN GRADUATE AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION ON SOCIAL SCIENCES (ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE PÓS-GRADUAÇÃO E PESQUISA EM CIÊNCIAS SOCIAIS – ANPOCS), CAMPINAS AND ONLINE, BRAZIL (OCTOBER 2025)

- Presentation of dissertation research in the "SPG08. Emergência Climática e as Ciências Sociais".

5TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION'S (ISA) FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY, RABAT, MORROCCO (JULY 2025)

- Presentation "Process the Struggle: Research Reflections on the Epistemological Framing of Intersectionality Against Climate Apartheid" within the RC47.
- Fully funded by DAAD's Program for Congress Trips (*Kongressreisenprogramm*).

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF AUGSBURG "CRITICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE: GOVERNMENTALITY, POLITICAL ECOLOGY, AND NEW MATERIALISM" (MAY 2024), AUGSBURG, GERMANY

- Participation and presentation of dissertation in progress.

ACTIVIST GATHERING "STRENGTHENING COALITIONS: INTERSECTIONAL ORGANISING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AND LIBERATION", BERLIN, GERMANY (JUNE 2024)

- Curation of a two-day event assembling members of several collectives based in Germany, representing migrant, disability, racial, gender and environmental justice struggles.

MECILA: CIVIL SOCIETY WORKSHOP "NUESTRO FIN COMÚN? INTERDEPENDENCIAS CLIMÁTICAS ENTRE EUROPA Y AMÉRICA LATINA/ABYA YALA", BERLIN, GERMANY (JANUARY 2024)

- Presentation on the panel "Extractivism, Ecological Debt and Reparations".

NÚCLEO DE ALTOS ESTUDOS AMAZÔNICOS / UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO PARÁ, BELÉM, BRAZIL (OCTOBER 2023)

- Lecture "Discursos e ativismos interseccionais pela justiça climática no Sul Global".

EUROPEAN TRADE UNION INSTITUTE – ETUI: A BLUEPRINT FOR EQUALITY CONFERENCE, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (JULY 2022)

- Presentation on the panel "From just transition to global climate justice".

MILIEUDEFENSIE JONG: ONLINE PANEL (FEBRUARY 2022)

- Panel "COP26: The Climate Justice Perspective"

TCE RIO GRANDE DO SUL: SEMINÁRIO INTERNACIONAL MUDANÇAS CLIMÁTICAS SOB A PERSPECTIVA DOS ODS DA AGENDA 2030 DA ONU, ONLINE (DECEMBER 2021)

- Presentation on the panel "Cidades Sustentáveis"

CONFERÊNCIA BRASILEIRA DE MUDANÇA DO CLIMA: ONLINE PANEL (DECEMBER 2020)

- Presentation on the panel "Como tropicalizar o Plano de Ação em Gênero da ONU?"

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE E.V.: ONLINE PANEL (DECEMBER 2020)

- Presentation on the panel "Climate Justice & Feminism: One struggle, One fight!?".

UNFCCC CLIMATE DIALOGUES: ONLINE PANEL (DECEMBER 2020)

- Moderation of the panel "Not without us – feminist voices in climate justice struggles".

(Co-Authored & Selected) Publications

1. Conference paper "Abordagens Interseccionais para o Trabalho Coletivo e de Coalizões pela Justiça Climática". "14º Seminário Interdisciplinar em Sociologia e Direito: O fim e o começo do mundo no primeiro quarto de século: crise climática, democracia e futuros possíveis", 2026.
2. Article "The Coloniality of Climate Discourse: Unpacking hegemonic narratives that shape global climate negotiations from an intersectional and decolonial approach". NACLA Report on the Americas, 2025 (also in Portuguese and Spanish).
3. Interview *Klimagerechtigkeit bedeutet ein gutes Leben für alle*. denkhausbremen, 2024 (also in English).
4. Book chapter "Brazil's People-Powered Just Transition Movement: Perspectives from Trade Unions and Feminists in *Trajectories of Climate Justice: Charting the Path to People-Powered Climate Action*". IBON International, 2022.
5. Brochure "Just transitions: mapping plural perspectives from civil society in Brazil and Germany". RIFS, 2022.
6. Article "Prioritizing Polluting Industries and Excluding Civil Society". Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, 2022.
7. Article "Was COP26 the "Just Transition" Conference?". RIFS blog, 2021.
8. Article "COP26 Was a Flop, but the Climate Justice Movement Is Still Growing". Jacobin Magazine, 2021.
   Article "COP 26: priorização das indústrias poluidoras e exclusão da sociedade civil". Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil, 2021.