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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Cultural Values, Cultural Change, Modernization Theory, Globalization and Regionalization, Comparative Politics, European Union, Statistical Modelling and Causal Inference, Panel Data Analysis

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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| 06/2015 – present | <b>PhD student in Sociology</b><br>University of Oslo, Norway<br>Title of PhD dissertation: “Temporal and spatial dynamics of value distances in Europe”.<br>Supervisors: Prof. Torkild Lyngstad, Prof. Christian Welzel and Prof. Michael Minkov      |
| 10/2011 – 09/2014 | <b>MA Sociology – European Societies</b><br>Free University Berlin, Germany<br>Title of Master’s thesis: “Cultural Differences in Europe: the Clash of Civilizations or of Development?”<br>Supervisors: Prof. Jürgen Gerhards and Dr. Sophia Schubert |
| 09/2004 – 07/2009 | <b>BA Political Science</b><br>Plovdiv University „Paisiy Hilendarski“, Bulgaria   |

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 04/2016 – present | <b>Associate Researcher</b><br>Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia |
| 06/2015 – present | <b>PhD Research Fellow in Sociology</b><br>University of Oslo  |
| 10/2014 – 05/2015 | <b>Research Fellow</b><br>WZB Berlin Social Science Center   |
| 05/2013 – 09/2014 | <b>Student Assistant</b><br>WZB Berlin Social Science Center   |
| 09/2012 – 04/2013 | <b>Assistant Data Researcher</b><br>ResearchGate, Berlin   |

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles in peer-reviewed journals

**Akaliyski, P.** (2018). United in diversity? The convergence of cultural values among EU member states and candidates. *European Journal of Political Research*. ISSN 0304-4130. doi: 10.1111/1475-6765.12285.

**Akaliyski, P.** (2017). Sources of Societal Value Similarities across Europe: Evidence from Dyadic Models. *Comparative Sociology*. ISSN 1569-1322. 16(4), 447- 470. doi: 10.1163/15691330-12341432.

Li, J; **Akaliyski, P.**; Schäfer, J.; Kendall, G.; Oddy, W. H.; Stanley, F and Strazdins, L. (2017). Non-linear relationship between maternal work hours and child body weight: Evidence from the Western Australian Pregnancy Cohort Study. *Social Science & Medicine*, 186:52-60.

### Other publications

**Akaliyski, P.** (2015). Trenlinien Europas: Religion und Kultur aus der Perspektive des "Kampfs der Kulturen" [The dividing lines in Europe: Religion and culture from the perspective of the Clash of Civilizations]. *WZB Mitteilung* Issue 147.

**Akaliyski, P.** (2014). Was zählt: Religion, Sprache, Ideologie. Die Wirtschaftsentwicklung erklärt die Kulturunterschiede in Europa nicht [What counts: religion, language, ideology. Economic development does not explain the cultural differences in Europe]. *WZB Mitteilung* Issue 146.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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12/2018	Intercultural Institute, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China (invited talk)
11/2018	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK S.A.R., China (Invited talk)
07/2018	IPSA World Congress "Borders and Margins", Brisbane, Australia
06/2018	CAGE & IAS Seminar "Culture, Identity and Economic Development", University of Warwick, Coventry, UK
05/2018	International Conference on Multicultural Democracy: "Institutions, Structures, and Norms", Fukuoka, Japan
07/2017	IACCP European Congress: "Conflict and Cooperation in Shaping the Future of Europe", Warsaw, Poland
06/2017	Ph.D. and Post-Doc Seminar and Conference "Global and Cross-Cultural Organizational Research", Maastricht, Netherlands
09/2016	WAPOR Regional Conference "Survey Research and the Study of Social and Cultural Change", Moscow, Russia
08/2016	Congress of IACCP "Honoring Traditions and Creating the Future", Nagoya, Japan
06/2016	Summer Academy: "Path Dependencies in Economic and Social Development: Institutions, Behavior, and Outcomes", University

of Regensburg and Academy for Political Education, Tutzing, Germany  
 04/2016 LCSR International Workshop “Trust, Social Capital and Values in a Comparative Perspective” LCSR at HSE, Moscow, Russia

#### RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

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Fall 2018 Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong S.A.R., China  
 Fall 2016 Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg, Russia

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2019 Post-doctoral fellowship for research stay in Japan (~ € 75 000)  
 2018 Travel Grant for research stay abroad in Hong Kong (~ € 5 300)  
 2017 Erasmus+ grant for staff mobility for training in Maastricht, Netherlands (€ 1 059)  
 2016 Scholarship for research stay at Norwegian University Centre in St. Petersburg, Russia (~ € 1 800)  
 2016 Erasmus+ grant for staff mobility for training in Galway, Ireland (€ 1 059)  
 2015 Doctoral fellowship in sociology (~ €200 000)

#### TEACHING

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Spring 2019 Cultural difference, cultural change and the rise of populism (MA level course)  
 Spring 2018 Cultural differences, migration and integration (MA level course), University of Oslo  
 Fall 2017 Religion in contemporary societies, fundamentalism, radicalization and religious violence (BA level course), University of Oslo  
 Spring 2016 and 2017 Globalization, migration and religion (MA level course), University of Oslo  
 2016 and 2017 Statistical methods (BA and MA tutorial), University of Oslo

#### REVIEWING

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Acta Sociologica, Quality & Quantity

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Bulgarian** – mother tongue, **English** – fluent, **German** – intermediate, **Norwegian** – intermediate, **Russian** – intermediate

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Stata** – advanced, **SPSS** – intermediate, **R** – beginner, **Mplus** – intermediate, **ArcGIS** – beginner

## REFERENCES

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### **Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel**

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### **Prof. Michael Harris Bond**

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