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Specialization: firearm ownership, gun culture, cultural sociology, political sociology, mixed methods, computational methods, survey methods

Education

08/2023 –	PhD in Sociology , Washington University in St. Louis
10/2018 – 02/2022	Master of Arts in Sociology , University of Potsdam (with distinction) Thesis: “Sector-Level Immigration and Welfare Support”
10/2013 – 01/2019	Bachelor of Arts in Social Science , Humboldt University Berlin
10/2015 – 06/2016	Exchange Year , King’s College London
10/2012 – 09/2013	Sociology and Technology Studies , Technical University Berlin

Fellowships & Awards

2026/2027	Weidenbaum Graduate Fellowship
2026/2027	Bringing Research and Innovation into the Debate on Guns in Society (BRIDGS) Emergent Scholar Fellowship
2022	Runner-up: University of Potsdam Graduation Award

Publications

Peer-reviewed forthcoming

Sauermann, A.; McMurtry, C. L.: Armed Against the State: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between Household Gun Ownership and Trust in Government, 1973-2024. *Accepted: American Journal of Public Health*

2026 Hipp, L.; Leshchenko, O.; **Sauermann, A.**: Who shoulders the mental work? Evidence on the distribution of mental work in different-sex couples in Germany. *Social Problems*, 1-19.

2022 Abendroth, A.-K.; Lott, Y.; Hipp, L.; Müller, D.; **Sauermann, A.**; Carstensen, T.: Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Changed Gender- and Parental-Status-Specific Differences in Working from Home? Panel Evidence from Germany. *Gender, Work & Organization* 29 (6), 1991-2011.

2020 Hipp, L.; Bünning, M.; Munnes, S.; **Sauermann, A.**: Problems and pitfalls of retrospective survey questions in COVID-19 studies. *Survey Research Methods* 14 (2), 109-114.

Other Publications

2022 Hipp, L.; **Sauermann, A.**; Stuth, S.: Führung in Teilzeit? Eine empirische Analyse zur Verbreitung von Teilzeitarbeit unter Führungskräften in Deutschland und Europa. [Leadership in part-time? An empirical analysis of the prevalence of part-time work among managers in Germany and Europe.] *WZB Discussion Paper SP I 2022-501*.

Presentations

2026	“What Drives Gun Ownership? Social Ties, Not Threat!” . Presentation at the Second Annual Guns in Society Symposium , Phoenix, Arizona, February 27, 2026.
2025	“Armed Against the State: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between Household Gun Ownership and Trust in Government Over Time” . Presentation at APSA 2025 , Vancouver, Canada, September 11, 2025.
2024	“The Relationship Between Racial and Economic Diversity in Suburbia” . Presentation at ASA 2024 together with Kiara Wyndham-Douds, Montreal, Canada, August 12, 2024.
2023	“Does Sector-Level Immigration Impact Welfare Attitudes?” . Roundtable at ASA 2023 , Philadelphia, August 19, 2023.
2022	“Partnership penalties for working in a gender-atypical occupation? Observational evidence from the German Microcensus (2012-2018)” . Presentation at 10th GESIS Conference “Research with the Microcensus,” together with Lena Hipp and Sandra Leumann, online, November 25, 2022.
2022	“Does ethnic heterogeneity reduce welfare support?” . Presentation of my Master’s thesis. Roundtable at 34th Annual Group Processes Conference , LA, August 08, 2022.

Work in Progress

Armin Sauermann: **“Understanding left of center gun ownership in Minneapolis”**

Armin Sauermann: **“Social Ties, Not Threat: Explaining Variation in Gun Ownership in the United States.”**

Armin Sauermann: **“Gun Owners: Diversity and Stability. Latent Class Analysis of Current and Prospective Gun Owners using 2025 Survey Data.”**

Status: Data collection and analysis completed; manuscript in development.

Other Research Experience

05/2024 – 07/2024	Graduate assistant , Humanities Digital Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis. Conducted research and coordinated two undergraduate research assistants for the project “Virality of Racial Terror.”
07/2022 – 08/2023	Data assistant for the project “Who cares? Paid and unpaid care work” at WZB Berlin Social Science Center
01/2022 – 06/2022	Research assistant for the project “Evaluation of the Tenure-Track Program” at WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Teaching Experience

01/2026 – 04/2026	Graduate seminar Quantitative Methods I, Washington University in St. Louis. Teaching assistant to Prof. Ariela Schachter. Independently led weekly STATA tutorials and developed course materials.
08/2024 – 04/2025	Graduate seminar Quantitative Methods I and II, Washington University in St. Louis. Teaching assistant to Prof. Ariela Schachter and Prof. Patrick Ishizuka. Independently led weekly STATA tutorials and developed course materials.
07/2024	Summer Institute for Computational Social Science , Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). Co-instructed with Stefan Munnes. Delivered sessions and hands-on guidance during July 08–18.
05/2023 – 07/2023	Master seminar Text Analysis, University of Potsdam, with Prof. Lena Hipp. Taught R-based text analysis, including web scraping and API data collection.
07/2023	Summer Institute for Computational Social Science , Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). Co-instructed with Stefan Munnes. Provided instruction and technical support during July 03–13.

Additional Methods Training

06/2022	Meta-analysis in the Social Sciences Workshop by Dr. Gunnar Lemmer, WZB
06/2022	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Summer school by Dr. Matti Nelimarkka, University of Helsinki
05/2021	Introduction to R for Social Scientists Workshop by Benjamin Elbers, WZB
04/2021	Web scraping with Python Coding Bootcamp by Gerome Wolf, University of Potsdam

Skills

Software	Stata (expert), R (proficient), Python (proficient), NVivo (intermediate), MAXQDA (intermediate)
Data Collection	Qualtrics (proficient), Limesurvey (proficient)
Workflow	LaTeX (proficient), Excel (proficient)
Ref. Management	Zotero (proficient), Citavi (proficient), Endnote (proficient)