
Gernot Grabher
Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DATA

Date and place of Birth	13 April 1960, Dornbirn, Austria
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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

10/1980 - 6/1985	Technical University of Vienna	Grad. Engineer for Spatial Planning, Regional Science Branch, <i>with distinction</i>
11/1987	Technical University of Vienna	Ph.D. in Technical Sciences, <i>with distinction</i> Thesis: "Corporate Restructuring in an Old Industrial Area: The Case of Lower Austria" Awarded the <i>August Lösch Prize</i> of the German Association for Regional Research and the <i>Rudolf-Sallinger Prize</i> of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Since 4/2009	Professor (W3) of Urban and Regional Economics	HafenCity University Hamburg, School of Urban Planning
8/1998 – 3/2009	Professor (C4) of Economic Geography	University of Bonn, Department of Geography
8/1997 - 7/1998	Professor (C3) of Local and Regional Development	University of Konstanz, Faculty of Public Administration

1/1997 - 7/1997	Reader in Economic Geography	King's College London, Department of Geography
1/1996 - 12/1996	Lecturer in Economic Geography	King's College London, Department of Geography
10/1991 - 12/1995	Senior Research Fellow (with tenure)	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB), Research Unit Organization and Employment
4/1986 – 9/1991	Research Fellow	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB), Research Unit Organization and Employment

FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

2024	Visiting Professor	Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Management and Department of Socioeconomics (spring)
2017	Visiting Professor	Zhejiang University, Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (autumn)
2015	Visiting Professor	University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs (autumn)
2012	Visiting Professor	Bryn Mawr College Philadelphia, Growth and Structure of Cities Department (spring)
2005	Visiting Professor	Columbia University, Department of Sociology (spring)
2002	Visiting Professor	Copenhagen Business School, Danish Research Unit on Industrial Dynamics (autumn)
1999	Visiting Professor	Santa Fe Institute, Program on Co-evolution of States and Markets (summer)
1995	Visiting Fellow	Cornell University, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies (spring)
1994	Visiting Fellow	Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Palo Alto (summer)

EDITORSHIPS

- 1/2007 - *Economic Geography* (Impact factor 2022: 7,0)
12/2011
- 10/2003 - *Regions and Cities Series*
12/2019 Published by the Regional Studies Association (Routledge)
- 1/2003 – *SECONS*, Online publication series on Interdisciplinary Debates on Society and
3/2009 Space, University of Bonn, Department of Geography

MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Since *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*
8/2006
- Since *Economic Geography*
1/2003
- 01/1991 - *Employment Observatory East Germany of the Commission of the European*
12/1995 *Communities*, DG Employment, Industrial Relations and Social Affairs
- 12/1998 - *Environment and Planning A*
2/2013
- Since *European Urban and Regional Studies*
3/1999
- Since *Industry and Innovation*
4/2005
- 1/2002 - *Progress in Human Geography*
6/2009
- Since *Regional Studies*
12/1997
- Since *Regional Studies - Regional Science*
11/2013
- 6/2005 - *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*
5/2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books (total: 8)

- 2015 (With J. Thiel), *Self-Induced Shocks: Mega-Projects and Urban Development*. Berlin: Jovis (Perspectives in Metropolitan Research Series).
- 2004 (With W. W. Powell), *Networks*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (Critical Studies in Economic Institutions Series), 2 Volumes, v + 1290.
- 1997 (With D. Stark), *Restructuring Networks in Post-Socialism: Legacies, Linkages, and Localities*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, x + 351.
- 1994 *In Praise of Waste. Redundancy in Regional Development: A Socioeconomic Case*. Berlin: Edition Sigma, (second edition 1995), iv + 166 (in German).
- 1993 *The Embedded Firm. On the Socioeconomics of Industrial Networks*. London and New York: Routledge, (second edition 1994), xiv + 306.
- 1992 (With J. Kregel and E. Matzner), *The Market Shock. An Agenda for the Economic and Social Reconstruction of Central and Eastern Europe*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, v + 198 pp (translated into Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croat, Spanish).
- 1988 *De-Industrialization or Neo-Industrialization? Innovation Processes and Innovation Policies in Old Industrial Areas*. Berlin: Edition Sigma, vi + 336 (in German).
- 1986 (With B. Brezina, K. Ceron, and N. Ströbinger), *Tourism and Regional Development*. Vienna: Wiener Beiträge zur Regionalwissenschaft, iv + 183 (in German)

Special Issues (total: 8)

- 2015 (With E. Schüßler and G. Müller-Seitz), "Field-Configuring Events: Arenas for Innovation and Learning?" *Industry and Innovation* (22)3.
- 2014 (With O. Ibert, G. Christmann and H. Kilper), "Constructing Resilience, Negotiating Vulnerability." *Social Sciences* 3(4).
- 2009 "Yet Another Turn? The Evolutionary Economic Project." *Economic Geography* 85(2).
- 2007 (With R. DeFillippi and C. Jones), "Paradoxes of Creativity: Managerial and Organizational Challenges in the Cultural Economy." *Journal of Organizational Behavior* 28(3).
- 2005 (With K. Einig, O. Ibert, and W. Strubelt), "Urban Governance." *Informationen zur Raumentwicklung*, 9 (in German).

- 2003 (With R. Hassink), “Fuzzy Concepts, Scanty Evidence, Policy Distance: Responding to Ann Markusen.” Sub-Section of *Regional Studies* 37(6/7).
- 2002 “Fragile Sector, Robust Practice: Project Ecologies in New Media.” *Environment & Planning A* 34(11).
- 2002 “Production in Projects: Economic Geographies of Temporary Collaboration.” *Regional Studies*, Special Issue 36(5).

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed; total: 41)

- (With M. Hoop, B. Schiemer, E. Schüßler and J. Sydow), “Eigenzeiten of Creativity. Temporal Work as a Coordination Challenge in Artistic and Scientific Project Ecologies [submitted].
- (With M. Hoop, B. Schiemer and E. Schüßler), “Leveraging Ambiguity: The Role of Objects for Generating Novelty in Music and Pharma [submitted].
- 2025 The Disruption Delusion: Machines, Networks, and the Platformization of Industrial Production. *Sociologica* 19(1): 125-153.
- 2024 (With J. Thiel), “Abolish, Accept, Apply: Coping With Ignorance in Project Ecologies.” *Project Management Journal*, 55(2), 139-150. *Project Management Journal* BEST PAPER AWARD 2025.
- 2022 (With F. Mello Rose and J. Thiel), “Selective Inclusion: Civil Society Involvement in the Smart City Ecology of Amsterdam.” *European Urban and Regional Studies* 29(3): 369-382.
- 2021 “Enclosure 4.0: Seizing Data, Selling Predictions, Scaling Platforms.” *Sociologica* 14(3): 241-265.
- 2020 (With J. König), “Disruption, Embedded. A Polanyian Framing of the Platform Economy.” *Sociologica* 14(1): 95-118.
- (With E. Tuijl), “Uber-Production. From Global Networks to Digital Platforms?” *Environment and Planning (A)* 52(5): 1005-1016.
- (With A. Melchior and B. Schiemer), “‘Hägerstrand Online’: A Methodical Template for the Analysis of Space-Time Trajectories in Collaborations.” *Raumforschung und Raumordnung* 78(1): 1–13.
- 2019 (With B. Schiemer and E. Schüßler), “Collaborative Innovation Online: Entanglements of the Making of Content, Skills, and Community on a Songwriting Platform.” *Research in the Sociology of Organizations* 64: 293-316.
- “Marginality as Strategy: Leveraging Peripherality for Creativity.” *Environment & Planning A*, special issue on Creativity in Arts and Sciences: Collective Processes from a Spatial Perspective, 50(8): 1785-1794.

- 2018 (With A. Melchior, B. Schiemer, E. Schüßler and J. Sydow), "From Being There to Being Aware: Confronting Geographical and Sociological Imaginations of Copresence." *Environment and Planning (A)* 50(1): 245-255.
- 2017 (With E. Schüßler and G. Müller-Seitz), "Field-Configuring Events: Arenas for Innovation and Learning?" Lead essay for the special issue on Filed-Configuring Events. *Industry and Innovation*, (22)3: 165-172.
- 2015 (With J. Thiel), "Crossing Boundaries: Exploring the London Olympics 2012 as a Field-Configuring Event." *Industry and Innovation* (22)3: 229-249.
- (With J. Thiel), "Projects, People, Professions: Trajectories of Learning through a Mega-Event (the London 2012 Case)." *Geoforum* 65: 328-337.
- 2014 (With J. Thiel), "Heterarchy: Urban Adaptability to Self-Induced Shocks?" Special issue on Constructing Resilience. *Social Sciences*, 3(4): 527-548.
- 2013 (With O. Ibert), "Distance as Asset? Collaborative Knowledge Production in Hybrid Online Communities." *Journal of Economic Geography* 14(1): 97-123.
- 2012 (With E. Cacciatori and D. Tamoschus), "Knowledge Transfer across Projects: Codification in Creative, High-Tech and Engineering Industries." *Management Learning* 43(3): 309-311.
- 2009 "Introduction: Yet another Turn? The Evolutionary Economic Project." Lead essay for the Special Issue on the Evolutionary Economic Project. *Economic Geography* 85(2): 119-128.
- 2008 (With O. Ibert and S. Flohr), "The Neglected King: Consumers in the New Knowledge Ecology of Innovation." *Economic Geography* 84(3): 253-280.
- 2007 (With R. DeFillippi and C. Jones), "Introduction to Paradoxes of Creativity: Managerial Challenges in the Creative Industries." Lead essay for the special issue on Paradoxes of Creativity. *Journal of Organizational Behavior* 28(5): 511-521.
- 2006 "Trading Routes, Bypasses, and Risky Intersections: Mapping the Travels of 'Networks' between Economic Sociology and Economic Geography." *Progress in Human Geography* 30(2): 163-189.
- (With O. Ibert), "Bad Company? The Ambiguity of Personal Knowledge Networks." *Journal of Economic Geography* 6(3): 251-271.
- 2005 (With K. Einig, O. Ibert, and W. Strubelt), "Urban Governance." Lead essay for the special issue on Urban Governance. *Informationen zur Raumentwicklung* 9: 1-10 (in German).
- 2004 "Temporary Architectures of Learning: Knowledge Governance in Project Ecologies." *Organization Studies* 25(9): 1491-1514.
- "Learning in Projects, Remembering in Networks? Communalities, Sociality, and Connectivity in Project Ecologies." *European Urban and Regional Studies* 11(2): 99-119.

- "The Markets are Back!" *Progress in Human Geography* 28(4): 421-423.
- 2003 "Fuzzy Concepts, Scanty Evidence, Policy Distance? Debating Ann Markusen's Assessment of Critical Regional Studies." *Regional Studies* 37(6/7): 699-700.
- 2002 "Fragile Sector, Robust Practice: Project Ecologies in New Media." Lead essay for the special issue on New Media Project Ecologies. *Environment & Planning A* 34(11): 1911-1927.
- "Cool Projects, Boring Institutions: Temporary Collaboration in Social Context." Lead essay for the special issue on Project Organization. *Regional Studies* 36(3): 213-222.
- Reprint in:* Cropper, S., Ebers, M. and Smith Ring, P., eds., 2012, *Inter-Organizational Relations*. Los Angeles, London, New Delhi: Sage.
- "The Project Ecology of Advertising: Tasks, Talents, and Teams." *Regional Studies*, 36(3): 245-262.
- 2001 "Ecologies of Creativity: The Village, the Group and the Heterarchic Organisation of the British Advertising Industry." *Environment & Planning A* 33(2): 351-374.
- Reprint in:* Hoyler, M. and Taylor, P. J., eds, 2012, *Global Cities*. London: Routledge
- "Locating Economic Action: Projects, Networks, Localities and Institutions." *Environment & Planning A* 33(8): 1329-1331.
- 1997 (With D. Stark), "Organizing Diversity: Evolutionary Theory, Network Analysis, and Post-Socialism." In: *Regional Studies* 31(5): 533-544.
- 1994 "Instant Capitalism. Fragile Direct Investment in Eastern Germany." *Netherlands Geographical Studies* 181: 109-131.
- 1993 "Growth-Coalitions and Blockade-Alliances. The Role of Networks in Regional Development." *Informationen zur Raumentwicklung* 3: 111-121 (in German).
- 1992 "Le Capitalisme sans Capitalistes? Démantèlement des Combinats, Investissements Occidentaux et Création d'Entreprises en Allemagne de l'Est." *Allemagne d'Aujourd'hui*, 121: 65-84.
- "The Sold Economy: An Account of East German Privatisation Policy." *Employment Observatory East Germany of the Commission of the European Communities* 3: 3-6.
- 1991 "The New Divide. Economic Polarization in Eastern Germany." *Austrian Journal for Spatial Planning* 2: 15-22 (in German).
- 1989 "Regional Policy against De-Industrialization?" *Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft*, 9: 59-82 (in German).

“Regional Innovation by Networking: The Austrian Experience.” *Journal of Entrepreneurship & Regional Development* 2: 141-47.

- 1987 “The Case of Lower Austria: Reorganizing an Old Industrial Area.” *Planung und Umwelt* 3: 3-9 (in German).
- 1984 (With W. Failmayr and Ch. Schremmer), “Socioeconomic Impacts of Tourism.” *Seminarberichte der Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung* 21: 147-186 (in German)

Discussion Papers of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) (peer-reviewed, total: 6)

- 1996 “The *New Länder*? The Role of Legacies in the Reorganization of Corporations and Regions in Brandenburg.” *Discussion Papers FS I 96-104*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 122pp (in German).
- 1989 “Industrial Innovation without Institutional Innovation?” *Discussion Paper FS I 89-7*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 28pp (in German).
- 1989 “Accomplices or Competitors? The Relation between Science and Art.” *Discussion Paper P 89-003*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 48pp (in German).
- 1988 “Interfirm Networks and Innovation: Structural Changes in the Division of Labour in the Steel and the Chemical Industry.” *Discussion Paper FS I 88-20*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 65pp (in German).
- 1988 (With G. Schmid and C. Deutschmann), “The New Institutional Economics: Comments from a Sociological and Historical Perspective.” *Discussion Paper FSI 88-14*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 81pp (in German).
- 1986 “An Employment-Oriented Revitalization Strategy for Old Industrial Areas.” *Discussion Paper IIM/LMP 86-21*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 52pp (in German).

Journal Articles (non peer-reviewed, total: 4)

- 1998 “Urbi et Orbi. Local Economies in Global Cities.” In: *Der Öffentliche Sektor*, 24 (2/3): 1-24 (in German).
- 1992 “In Praise of Waste. The Significance of Redundant Capacities in Regional Development.” *Der Öffentliche Sektor*, 17(2/3): 96-111 (in German).
- 1990 “Between Markets and Hierarchies: New Forms of Inter-Firm Cooperation.” *Der Öffentliche Sektor*, 15(1): 14-25 (in German).
- 1986 “New Information and Communication Technologies in Old Industrial Areas.” *Der Öffentliche Sektor*, 11(3): 3-28 (in German).

Book Chapters (total: 28)

- 2026 (With O. Ibert), "Thriving at the Edge: Rewriting the Urban Creativity Canon from the Margins." In: Sedmak, C. and Ballinger, P., eds., *Routledge Handbook of Peripheries in European Studies*. London: Routledge, chapter 7.
- 2024 (With J. Thiel), "Laboratories and Legitimization. Towards the Experimental City?" In: Frank, S., Güntner, S., Menzl, M. and Sturm, G., eds. *Sociology in the Multi-faceted City*. Wiesbaden: Springer (in German).
- 2021 (With J. Thiel), "Embracing Temporal Ambiguities? Innovation and the Temporalities of Large-Scale Projects." In: Thiel, J., V. Dimitrova and Ruge, J. eds. *Constructing Innovation: How Large-Scale Projects Drive Novelty in the Construction Industry*. Berlin: Jovis, pp. 111-126.
- (With J. Dreher, M. Grubbauer and J. Thiel), "Mobile Interaction, Sticky Products: Geographies of Innovation in Large-Scale Projects." In: Thiel, J., V. Dimitrova and Ruge, J. eds. *Constructing Innovation: How Large-Scale Projects Drive Novelty in the Construction Industry*. Berlin: Jovis, pp. 86-104.
- 2020 (With J. Thiel), "Innovation und Pfadabhängigkeit: Selbst-induzierte Schocks und ihre Konsequenzen." In: Breckner, I., Göschel, A. und Matthiesen, U., eds. *Stadtsoziologie und Stadtentwicklung*. Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 755-766.
- 2018 (With O. Ibert), "Towards the Schumpeterian Customer? How Active Users shape Innovation." In: Clark, G.L., Feldman M.P, Gertler, M.S. and D. Wójcik, eds., *The New Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 286-304.
- (With B. Lelong and M. Nagel), "Political Deadlock. A Network Analysis of Decision Processes in Urban Politics." *Yearbook of Swiss Administrative Sciences 2017*: 133–149.
- 2017 (With O. Ibert), "Knowledge Collaboration in Hybrid Virtual Communities." In: Bathelt, H., Cohendet, P., Henn, S. and Simon, L., eds., *The Elgar Companion to Innovation and Knowledge Creation: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Cheltenham: Edgar Elgar Publishing, pp. 537-555.
- (With J. König), "Performing Network Theory? Reflexive Relationship Management on Social Network Sites." In: Hollstein, B., Matiakse, W. and Schnapp, K.-U., eds., *Networked Governance. Governing Networks and Governance via Networks*. Berlin: Springer Publishers, pp. 121-140.
- 2012 (With O. Ibert), "Project Ecologies: A Contextual View on Temporary Organizations." In: Morris, P. Pinto, J. and Söderlund, J., eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Project Management*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 175-201.
- 2009 "Networks." In: Kitchen, R. and Thrift, N., eds., *The International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Oxford: Elsevier, pp. 405-413.

- 2007 (With J. Maintz) "Learning in Personal Networks: Collaborative Knowledge Production in Virtual Forums." In: Hof, H. and Wengenroth, U., eds., *Innovation Research: Concepts, Methods, and Perspectives*. Münster: LIT, pp. 187-202.
- 2005 "The Socio-Economics of Projects. A Kaleidoscopic View on Temporary Organizations." In: Matzner, G. and Chaloupek, G., eds., *Recent Advances in Socio-Economics*. Marburg: Metropolis, pp. 7-23.
- 2004 (With W.W. Powell), "Exploring the Webs of Economic Life." In: Grabher, G. and Powell, W. W., eds., *Networks*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (Critical Studies in Economic Institutions Series), pp. 1-36.
- "The City, the Village, and the Club: Knowledge Milieus in Project Ecologies." In: Matthiesen, U. and Bürkner, H.-J., eds., *City Regions and Knowledge*. Opladen: Leske & Budrich, pp. 279-293 (in German).
- 2003 "Switching Ties, Recombining Teams: Avoiding Lock-In Through Project Organization?" In: Fuchs, G. and Shapira, P., eds., *Rethinking Regional Innovation and Change: Path Dependency or Regional Breakthrough?* Dordrecht: Kluwer, pp. 63-84.
- 1997 "Adaptation at the Cost of Adaptability? Restructuring the East German Regional Economy." In: Grabher, G. and Stark, D., eds., *Restructuring Networks in Post-Socialism: Legacies, Linkages, and Localities*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 107-134
- 1995 "The Elegance of Incoherence. Economic Transformation in East Germany and Hungary." In: Dittrich, E.; Schmidt, G. and Whitley, R., eds., *Industrial Transformation in Europe*, London: Sage, pp. 33-54.
- 1994 "The Dis-Embedded Economy. The Transformation of East German Industrial Complexes into Western Enclosures." In: Amin, A. and Thrift, N., eds., *Globalization, Institutions, and Regional Development in Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.177-196.
- 1993 "The Weakness of Strong Ties: The Lock-in of Regional Development in the Ruhr Area." In: Grabher, G., ed., *The Embedded Firm. On the Socioeconomics of Interfirm Relations*, London and New York: Routledge, pp. 255-278.
- Italian translation: "La Debolezza Dei Legami Forti. Il Ruolo Ambivalente Della Cooperazione Inter-Aziendale." *Piccola Impresa* 2: 3-25.
- "Rediscovering the Social in the Economics of Interfirm Relations." In: Grabher, G., ed., *The Embedded Firm. On the Socioeconomics of Interfirm Relations*, London and New York: Routledge, pp. 1-33.
- 1992 "Eastern Conquista. The 'Truncated Industrialization' of East European Regions by Large West European Corporations." In: Ernste, H. and Meier, V., eds., *Regional Development: A Contemporary Response*, London: Belhaven Press, pp. 219-233.
- 1991 "Rebuilding Cathedrals in the Desert: New Cooperation Patterns between Large and Small Firms in the Coal, Iron, and Steel Complex." In: Bergman, E.M., Maier, G. and

Tödting, F., eds., *Regions Reconsidered: Economic Networks, Innovation, and Local Development in Industrialized Countries*, London: Cassell, pp. 59-75.

“Against De-Industrialization. A Strategy for Old Industrial Areas.” In: Matzner, E. and Streeck, W., eds., *Beyond Keynesianism: The Socio-Economics of Production and Full Employment*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar, pp. 62-81.

“Networks - An Approach for Revitalizing the Ruhr Area?” In: Hilbert, J.; Kleinaltenkamp, M.; Nordhause-Janz, J. and Widmaier, B., eds., *New Modes of Industrial Cooperation*, Opladen: Leske & Budrich, pp. 95-109 (in German).

1990 “From Hierarchies towards Networks: Reorganizing Old Industrial Areas.” In: European Association for the Transfer of Technology, Innovation and Industrial Information, ed., *Enterprise, Innovation and 1992: Innovation Support Services in Europe*, Luxembourg: TII, pp. 114-31.

1988 (With E. Matzner), “Perspectives for Regional Policy: From Micro-Economic Efficiency towards Macro-Economic Rationality.” In: Industriegewerkschaft Metall, ed., *Towards a Responsible and Solidary Economy*, Cologne: Bund-Verlag, pp. 61-77 (in German).

“Flexible Specialization - A Strategy for Old Industrial Areas?” In: Austrian Working Group on Self-Reliant Regional Development, ed., *The Awakening of the Periphery*, Vienna: ÖAR, pp. 130-141 (in German).

CONFERENCES

Organization of Conferences and Special Sessions

- 2025 *Research Policy* Paper Development Workshop “At the Edge of Innovation: Navigating the Centre-Periphery Tension”, Co-organizer (with G. Cattani, L. Corbo, S. Ferriani and I. Sendroiu), Hong Kong, December.
- 2022 Sixth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Co-convenor (with L. Coenen), Special Session “Experimenting the City: Between Incremental Projectification and Urban Transformation”, Dublin, June.
- Sixth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Co-convenor (with K. Frenken), Special Session “From Disruption to Domination: Trajectories and Geographies of Platformization”, Dublin, June.
- 2019 International Conference “Edge. Creation and Valuation at the Margins”, Co-organizer with Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS). Berlin, 21-22 November 2019 (<http://www.edge-conference.de>)
- 2018 Fifth Global Conference on Economic Geography, Co-convenor (with O. Ibert), Panel Session: “The (Silent) Triumphs of the Periphery: Conceptualizing Creativity from the Margins”, Cologne, July.

Fifth Global Conference on Economic Geography, Co-convenor (with K. Frenken), Panel Session: “The Rise of the Platform Economy”, Cologne, July.

- 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Co-convenor (with K. Frenken and P. Pelzer), Panel Sessions: “Sharing Economies: The Struggle for Consolidation“, San Francisco, April.

“Olympic Fever. Critical Perspectives on Staging the ‘Greatest Show on Earth’”, HafenCity Lecture Series No. 3, Co-organizer (with J. Thiel), HafenCity University, International Lectures, 20 October 2015 – 12 January 2016.

- 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Co-convenor (with J. Thiel), Panel Session: “An Unlikely Success Story? Olympic Cities and the London 2012 Experience”, Los Angeles, April.

International Conference “Constructing Resilience”, Co-organizer with Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS). Berlin, January (<http://www.resilience-berlin.de>).

International Workshop: “Global Gateways, Local Dead-Ends? The Transformation of Port Cities between Blockade and Mobilization“, Co-organizer with Bryn Mawr College Philadelphia, Hamburg, January.

- 2012 “Times of Change: Future Directions in Geography, Urban and Regional Studies”, Co-organizer of the Regional Studies Association Early Career Conference, Hamburg, November.

- 2011 “Theorizing the Experience Economy: Towards a Future Agenda”, Local Organizer of the Regional Studies Association Research Network on the Experience Economy. Hamburg, November.

“Port City Networks – Interdependencies of Global Shipping Networks and Urban Transformation“, Co-Organizer with Bryn Mawr College Philadelphia, International Workshop Hamburg, August.

Conference Presentations (*keynote)

- 2025 *Research Policy* Paper Development Workshop, “At the Edge of Innovation: Navigating the Center-Periphery Tension”, Hong Kong, December.

37st SASE Annual Meeting, Network J: “Digital Economy”, Montreal, July.

Seventh Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session “New Perspectives on the Geography of Innovation”, Worcester, MA, June.

Seventh Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session “Digital Platforms and Global Production Networks“, Worcester, MA, June.

Seventh Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session “Critical Perspectives on Valuation in a Globalized Economy“, Worcester, MA, June.

3rd Organizing Creativity Transalpine Paper Development Workshop, Free University Berlin, May.

- 2024 25th Anniversary Conference of the Center on Organizational Innovation at Columbia University, “What’s Innovative about Organizational Innovation?”, New York, November.

20th SCANCOR PhD workshop on Institutional Analysis, Hamburg, August.

Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Panel Session: “Mapping new economic geographies of tech innovation and disruption 2: Global Production Networks and Loci’s of Tech Innovation”. London. August.

*2nd Organizing Creativity Transalpine Paper Development Workshop, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, May.

- 2023 *“Tradition as Resource or Constraint for Strategic Action in the Digital Age”, sponsored by Bayes Business School and University of Bologna, Matera, December.

1st Organizing Creativity Transalpine Paper Development Workshop, University of Linz, May.

- 2022 “After Preparedness. The Organizational Dimension.” Sciences Po, Paris, November.

38th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme 1: “Organization and Time: Time as X and X as Time”, Vienna, July.

38th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme 39: “Learning from Imperfect Projects”, Vienna, July.

Sixth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session “Experimenting the City: Between Incremental Projectification and Urban Transformation”, Dublin, June.

*Sixth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Panel Session “Conceptualizing Production Networks and Digital Platforms”, Dublin, June.

- 2019 35th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme 43: “Cities as Sites and Drivers of Organizational Action“, Edinburgh, July.

35th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme 66: “Temporality and Project-based Organizing“, Edinburgh, July.

31st SASE Annual Meeting, Network J: “Digital Economy”, New York, June.

31st SASE Annual Meeting, Panel Session: “Global Value Chains Analysis: Past, Present, and the Future”, New York, June.

International Conference of the Karl Polanyi Society, Plenary Discussion: “‘Commodity fiction’ unbroken? Commodification and counter-movements”, Vienna, May.

International Conference of the Karl Polanyi Society, Track 5: “Financial Markets and Digital Economy”, Vienna, May.

2018 Fifth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Panel Session: “The (Silent) Triumphs of the Periphery: Conceptualizing Creativity from the Margins”, Cologne, July.

Fifth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Panel Session: “The Rise of the Platform Economy”, Cologne, July.

30th SASE Annual Meeting, Panel Session: “Marketization and the Digital Economy”, Kyoto, June.

“Performances of Value”, University of Warwick, London, May.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Smart Cities, Stupid Outcomes? Ambiguities of Smart City Policies“, New Orleans, April.

2017 “Market, Politics and Society: Continuity and Transformation”, Zhejiang University Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences, Hangzhou, September.

29th SASE Annual Meeting, Panel Session “Regulating Platform Capitalism: The Emerging Role of Digital Intermediaries”, Lyon, June.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Geographies of Dissociation. Analyzing Practices of Valuation from Cultural and Political Economic Perspectives“, Boston, April.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Panel Session: “Local Anchors in Trans-local Knowledge Communities “, Boston, April.

2016 *Third International Workshop on the Sharing Economy, Southampton, September.

*Fourth International Workshop “Megaprojects: Theory meets Practice”, Rome, May.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Sharing Economies: The Struggle for Consolidation“, San Francisco, April.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “The Geography of Entrepreneurship and its Ecosystems“, San Francisco, April.

*“The Open Region. Creating Innovation Opportunities”, Economic Board of the Region Gelderland, The Netherlands, February.

- 2015 *Jahreskongress des Forums deutscher Wirtschaftsförderer, Berlin, November.
- Fourth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session: “Digital Labor, Digital Production and Distribution”, Oxford, August.
- Fourth Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Special Session: “Valuation Economies: Changing Forms of Co-Production and Consumption”, Oxford, August.
- *First International Workshop on the Sharing Economy, University of Utrecht, June.
- Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Big Projects, Mega Complexity, Gigantic Impacts”, Chicago, April.
- Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Reimagining the Global Economy: Towards a Geography of Use Values”, Chicago, April.
- 2013 Third INTERREG Conference EM Normandie and University of Southampton
 “Creative Industries: A Think Tank for Innovative Practices in Management, Strategy and Organization”, Deauville, France, November.
- *First International Workshop „Megaprojects: Theory meets Practice“, London, September.
- Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Panel Session: “Advancing the Understanding of Regional Economic Adaptability“, London, August.
- Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “An Unlikely Success Story? Olympic Cities and the London 2012 Experience”, Los Angeles, April.
- Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Time-spatial Approaches to Knowledge-Creation”, Los Angeles, April.
- International Conference “Constructing Resilience”, Berlin, January.
- International Workshop: “Global Gateways, Local Dead-Ends? The Transformation of Port Cities between Blockade and Mobilization“, Hamburg, January.
- 2012 “Knowledge Networking – Exploring Social Dynamics of Innovation” Joint conference of the DFG/NWO ‘University Networking’ and ‘Social Dynamics of Innovation Networks’ Networks, Aachen, December.
- *Regional Studies Association Early Career Conference “Times of Change: Future Directions in Geography, Urban and Regional Studies”, Hamburg, November.

*“Embeddedness and Beyond: Do Sociological Theories meet Economic Realities?” Joint Interim Conference of ISA Economy and Society and ESA Economic Sociology Network and ASA Economic Sociology Section, Moscow, October.

*Summer Institute in Economic Geography, Zurich, July.

“The Marketization of Society: Economizing the Non-Economic”, Conference organized by the sections Sociological Theory and Economic Sociology of the German Sociological Association (DGS), Bremen, June.

“Making Projects Critical”, Workshop, Manchester, April.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Mega-Events – from Eventful Cities to Regional Development”, New York, February.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Discussion: “The Social Factory Revisited”. New York, February.

“Economic Sociology meets Economic Geography”, Columbia University, Center on Organizational Innovation, New York, February.

2011 Third Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Seoul, June.

2010 Annual Conference of the Innovation Systems Research Network (ISRN), Toronto, May.

2009 “Knowledge and its Context in the World of Tomorrow”, Deutscher Geographentag, Vienna, September.

2008 24th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme „Organizing Innovation by Collaboration“, Amsterdam, July

The Diversity and Dynamics of Global City Regions: Asian and European Cities Compared, Shanghai, June.

Annual Conference of the Innovation Systems Research Network (ISRN), Montreal, May.

2007 *Second Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Beijing, June.

9th International Conference General Online Research (GOR), Leipzig, March.

2006 “Communities of Practice: A Driver for Innovation and Competitive Advantage?”, International Conference of the EU Network of Excellence on Dynamics of Institutions and Markets in Europe, Durham, October.

Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AAG), Symposium: “10 Years Boundaryless Career ... what next?”, Atlanta, August.

18th SASE Annual Meeting, Panel Session: “Constituting Globalization: Actors, Arenas and Outcomes”, Trier, July.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Relationality and the Space Economy”, Chicago, March.

- 2005 Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Panel Session: “New Economic Geographies of Global Knowledge Production”, London, August.

17th SASE Annual Meeting, Invited Presidential Choice Panel Session: “Mobile Geographies / Mobile Sociologies”, Budapest, July.

The Sixth European Conference on Organizational Knowledge. Learning and Capabilities (OKLC), Boston, March.

“Knowledge Networks, Innovation and Employment Relationships”, Joint Conference of the London School of Economics and Brunel University, January.

- 2004 *Fifth Annual European Urban and Regional Research Conference, Panel Session: “Space, Places and Flows in the New Europe”, , Warsaw, September.

16th SASE Annual Conference, Panel Session: “Private Powers and Public Domains”, Washington, July.

Annual Conference of the European Academy of Management (EURAM), Panel Session: “Governance of Projects”, St. Andrews, May.

Centennial Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Creativity and Urban Economies”, Philadelphia, March.

ESRC Conference on the Cultural and Creative Industries, Belfast, March.

- 2003 “Innovation and Diversity: Temporal and Spatial Aspects”, Berlin Technical University, October.

Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM), Symposium: “Knowledge Spaces: Multiple Contexts for Knowledge Creation and Knowledge Practices”, Seattle, August.

19th EGOS Colloquium, Sub-theme: “Dynamics of Project Organisation”, Copenhagen, July.

“The Social Construction of Clusters”, Stockholm School of Economics, May.

“Making Projects Critical”, Workshop, Bristol Business School, April.

- 2002 “New Directions in Network Research: Comparative Perspectives”, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, August.

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Panel Session: “Cultural Industries and the Production of Culture”, Los Angeles, March.

“Rethinking Regional Innovation and Change: Path Dependency or Regional Breakthrough?”, Stuttgart Academy of Technology Assessment, February.

- 2001 13th Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Siena, November.

“From Firms to Projects? Old and New Forms of Project Organization”, Copenhagen Business School, October.

- 2000 First Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG), Singapore, December.

“Heterarchies: Organizing in Turbulent Environments”, Santa Fe Institute, October.

“Distributed Intelligence and the Organization of Diversity”, Columbia University, New York, March.

“The Firm in Economic Geography”, University of Portsmouth, March.

Annual Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Panel Session: “Governance, States and Markets”, Brighton, 2000.

- 1999 Eleventh Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Prague, November.

“Media-Management between Globalization and Regionalization”, Free University Berlin, June.

- 1998 “Regional Advantage and Innovation: A Multilevel Perspective”, Porto, November.

Tenth Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Lisbon, November.

“Theories and Processes of Transition”, European Science Foundation Research Network on Social Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe, Paris, May.

“A Tale of Two Regions: Eastern Germany and Southern Italy”, Minda de Ginzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March.

- 1997 Ninth Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Athens, November.

European Congress of the Regional Science Association (RSA), Frankfurt/Oder, September

Eleventh International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March.

- 1996 Eight International Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Antwerp, November.

“Inter-Firm Networks: Outcomes and Policy Implications”, European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on European Management and Organizations in Transition (EMOT), Modena, September.

“Economic Reform and Legal Change in Cuba”, Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Center for European Studies, Havana, June.

“Lessons from Transformation”, Third AGENDA-Conference, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, April.

- 1995 “Dynamics of Industrial Transformation in East-Central Europe and Pacific Asia”, European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on European Management and Organizations in Transition (EMOT), Budapest, May.

Planning Workshop of the Regional Science Association, London, March.

- 1994 Fifth International Conference of the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, “Re-Reading the Great Transformation”, Vienna, November.

Ninth International Conference of Europeanists, University of Chicago, March.

“Processes of Industrial Transformation in East and West”, European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on European Management and Organizations in Transition (EMOT), Nuremberg, May.

- 1993 “Conflict and Cohesion in the European Single Market”, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, November.

Fifth Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), Barcelona, October.

“Demise of the Nation State? The Triple Challenge of European Integration, Globalization and Regionalism”, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, June.

“New Directions in Research on Europe”, Meeting of the Pan-Europe Working Group of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Science Center Berlin, May.

Fifth SASE Annual Meeting, Panel Session: “Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Economic Problems”, New School for Social Research, New York, March.

- 1992 Planning Workshop of the European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on European Management and Organizations in Transition (EMOT), Milan, June.

“Socio-Economic Reform in Central and Eastern Europe”, Prague University, May.

“Science Parks and Local Economic Development in Europe: Theory and Practice”, University of Siena, May.

General Conference of the European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on Regional and Urban Restructuring in Europe (RURE), Budapest, February.

1991 “European Contributions to the Science of Organizations”, European Institute of Business Administration (INSEAD), Fontainebleau, November.

Conference of the European Science Foundation, Scientific Programme on Regional and Urban Restructuring (RURE), Barcelona, September.

“Interregional Cooperation in Europe”, European University Institute, Florence, June.

1990 “Flexible Specialization in Europe”, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, October.

“Industrial Districts and Inter-Firm Cooperation: Lessons and Policies to Implant”, International Institute for Labour Studies, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, April.

“Monetary and Economic Union in the European Community”, European University Institute, Florence, February.

1989 “Enterprise, Innovation and 1992: Innovation Support Services in Europe”, European Association for the Transfer of Technology, Innovation and Industrial Information, Nice, October.

1988 “Interfirm Innovation Dynamics”, Six Countries Programme on Aspects of Government Policies Toward Technological Innovation in Industry, Stuttgart, October.

27th European Congress of the Regional Science Association (RSA), Panteios Graduate School of Political Science, Athens, August.

Invited Public Lectures (Selection)

2025 University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology, December.

2024 Vienna University of Business and Economics, Institute for Organization Studies, June.

2022 University of Warsaw, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Digital Economy Lab, March.

2019 Vienna University of Business and Economics, Institute for Organization Studies, December.

2018 Hertie School of Governance, Public Management & Governance Research Colloquium, March.

- 2017 Zhejiang University, Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, September.
- 2015 University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs, February.
- 2014 University College Dublin, School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, April.
- 2012 Bryn Mawr College, Growth and Structure of Cities Department, March.
Columbia University, Center on Organizational Innovation, February.
- 2011 University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute of Metropolitan and International Development Studies, April.
- 2010 University of Utrecht, Department of Economic Geography, November.
- 2008 University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business, April.
University of Tilburg, Social Sciences Faculty, March.
- 2007 Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, June.
- 2006 University of Durham, Department of Geography, October.
Stanford University, Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research, April.
Warwick Business School, Innovation, Knowledge and Networks Unit, March.
- 2005 Columbia University, Department of Sociology, May.
University of Sussex, Science and Policy Research Unit, March.
- 2004 Humboldt University Berlin, Department of Sociology, June.
University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, March.
- 2003 Stockholm School of Economics, May.
Queen Mary College, University of London, Department of Geography, April.
- 2002 Stanford University, Scandinavian Consortium for Organization Research, March.
Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, March.
- 2001 Copenhagen Business School, Research Unit on Industrial Dynamics, October.
Lund University, Department of Geography, March.
- 2000 Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, February.
Columbia University, Department of Sociology, March.
- 1999 Stanford University, Department of Sociology, July.
- 1998 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science, March.
University of Oslo, Department of Geography, February.
- 1997 University of Helsinki, Department of Economics, December.
University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, March.
- 1996 University of Warwick, Department of Economics, February.

- 1995 Harvard University, Department of Sociology, March.
- 1994 Cornell University, Department of City and Regional Planning, September.
- 1993 Humboldt University Berlin, Department of Sociology, February.
- 1992 Working Group on Central and Eastern Europe of the Deutsche Bundestag (German Parliament), Bonn, November.
- 1990 University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, April.
- 1989 University of Uppsala, Department of Business Administration, September.
The Swedish Council for Management and Work Life Issues, Stockholm, March.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Geographers (AAG), Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Regional Studies Association (RSA), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Academy of Management (AOM), European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), European Group for Organization Studies (EGOS); Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung (GfR), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS).

REFEREEING

Area, Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, Contemporary Sociology, Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Geography, Environment and Planning A, European Urban and Regional Studies, European Planning Studies, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Progress in Human Geography, Regional Studies, Transactions, Urban Studies, The Journal of Urban Design, Industry and Innovation, Journal of Management and Governance, Journal of Management Inquiry, Organization Studies, Research Policy; disP - The Planning Review, Soziologisches Journal.

Cambridge University Press, De Gruyter, Edward Elgar, Oxford University Press, Polity Press, Routledge, Sage, Springer, Wiley.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Major Research Projects

Ongoing

- 04/2022 – “*Urban Future-Making: Professional Agency Across Time and Scale.*” DFG-
03/2026 Research Training Group (Graduiertenkolleg) (RTG 2725) with M. Grubbauer (Spokesperson), A. Bögle, P. Fusi, G. Kapteina (HCU Hamburg), K. Manderscheid, F. Müller (University Hamburg) and Carsten Geertz (Technical University Hamburg) (6,022.409 €) (Co-coordinator of the Research Track “Framings”; First supervisor of PhD-projects on Urban Experiments and Digital Twins).
- 03/2021 – “*The Temporal Structuring of Creative Processes: Organizing Creativity*
05/2025 *through (Dis)Entrainment.*” Joint research project with E. Schüßler (Johannes Kepler University Linz) and J. Sydow (Free University Berlin. Financed by German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) (534.584 €).

Completed

- 03/2018 - “*Smart Cities: The Standardization of the City?*” Financed by the German
02/2021 Research Foundation (DFG) (354.149 €).
- 6/2018 - “*Edge. Creation and Valuation of Creativity at the Margins.*” Joint conference
12/2019 with O. Ibert (Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, IRS). Conference financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (20,100 €)
- 06/2017 - “*Mega-Projects as Drivers of Innovation in the Construction Value Chain*”.
05/2021 Proposal for. Joint research project with A. Bögle, M. Grubbauer, J. Thiel (HCU Hamburg) and C. Herstatt (TU-Hamburg-Harburg). Spokesperson: G. Grabher. Financed by the Landesforschungsförderung Hamburg, Program on Collaborative Research Networks (1,595.892 €; Project PI Grabher: 473.500 €).
- 06/2016 – “*Organized Creativity: Practices for Inducing and Coping with Uncertainty.*”
09/2019 DFG-Research Group with J. Sydow (Spokesperson), G. Jackson, J. Costas, (Free University Berlin), L. Dobusch (University of Innsbruck) O. Ibert (Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning Erkner), S. Quack (University Duisburg-Essen) and E. Schüßler (Johannes Kepler University Linz). Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (Project PI Grabher: 223.605 €).
- 11/2014 - “*From Know-how to Know-who: Reflexive Management of Interpersonal*
10/2016 *Knowledge Networks on Social Networking Sites.*” Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (139.084 €).

- 3/2014 - 10/2014 *"The Sharing Economy: Drivers and Constraints of New Practices of Collective Asset Utilization."* Financed by the HCU Research Seed Fund (HCU-Anschubfinanzierung) (29.481 €).
- 1/2013 *"Constructing Resilience."* Joint conference and publication project with G. Christmann, O. Ibert, H. Kilper (Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, IRS). Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (26.470 €).
- 3/2012 - 2/2014 *"Learning through Rare Events: Learning from the Past and Anticipating the Future. The Case of the London Olympics 2012."* Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (215.027 €).
- 12/2011 - 05/2013 *"Port City Networks: Interdependencies of Global Shipping Networks and Urban Transformations of Port Cities."* Joint research project with C. Hein (Brywn Mawr College), D. Schubert (HCU Hamburg). Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (24.074 €).
- 12/2011 - 12/2013 *"Low Budget Urbanity - Transforming the Urban under the Imperative of Saving."* Joint research project with A. Färber (Spokesperson), B. Kniess (HCU Hamburg), M. Heßler (Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg). Spokesperson: A. Färber. Financed by the Science Foundation Hamburg (Wissenschaftsstiftung Hamburg) (Project PI Grabher: 51.429 €).
- 6/2007 *"Second Global Conference on Economic Geography, Keynote."* Financed by the Chinese Academy of Science (1.750 €).
- 6/2006 - 5/2008 *"Mobile Places, Virtual Networks: The Geography of Customer-Driven Processes of Innovation. Co-Development in Hybrid Communities of Practice."* Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (129.340 €).
- 1/2006 - 12/2012 *"Globalization and Regional Innovation Systems."* Joint research project with the University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of Ottawa, Université de Montreal, University of Toronto. Spokesperson: M. Gertler. Financed by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) (Project PI Grabher: 25.000 €).
- 9/2005 - 8/2007 *"Learning in Personal Networks: Collaborative Knowledge Production in Virtual Forums."* Joint research project with D. Stark (Columbia University New York). Financed by the Volkswagen Foundation (153.800 €).
- 7/2005 - 12/2006 *"Learning from Rare Events: Repositories of Knowledge in Temporary Organizations."* Joint research project with A. Prencipe (University of Sussex), E. Ciacciatori (Bocconi Business School Milan). Financed by the Anglo-German Foundation and the Italian Research Foundation (FIRB) (38.280 €).

- 6/2004 - *"Knowledge, Governance and Projects. Configurations and Dynamics of the Project-Based Economy."* Joint research project with A. Grandori (Bocconi Business School Milan), project lead, P. Maskell (Copenhagen Business School), P. Kenis (Tilburg University), P. Cohendet (Université Strasbourg), M. Ebers (Universität zu Köln). Project leader: A. Grandori. Financed by the Italian Research Foundation (FIRB) (Project PI. Grabher: 58.290 €).
- 12/2006
- 8/2002 - *"Knowledge Production in Projects. Comparing Project Ecologies in the Munich Software and the Hamburg Advertising Industry."* Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (134.705 €).
- 6/2005
- 1/2002 - *"Networks in Economic Life: An Overview on Major Theoretical Debates."* Joint research project with W. Powell (Stanford University). Financed by the Rockefeller Foundation (42.195 €).
- 6/2004
- 7/2001 - *"Political Lock-Ins in Traditional Industrial Areas: Comparing Shipbuilding and Textile Regions in Germany and South-Korea."* Financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG) (112.520 €).
- 12/2004
- 10/2000 - *"Beyond the Firm: The Social and Spatial Dynamics of Project-Organization."* Financed by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) (15.950 €).
- 9/2001
- 8/1997 - *"Local Clusters and Global Networks in the British Advertising Industry."* Financed by the Research Foundation of Baden-Württemberg (51.620 €).
- 7/1999
- 3/1994 - *"Clans, Clientelism, and Corruption: Informal Economic Activities in the Hungarian and Polish Trucking Industry."* Financed by the International Partnership Foundation, the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences Palo Alto and the Center for International Studies at Cornell University (55.245 €).
- 9/1995
- 7/1993 - *"The Role of Redundant Capacities in Regional Development: Theoretical Perspectives and Empirical Application."* Financed by the Austrian Federal Chancellery, Dept. IV-4 (40.745 €).
- 6/1994
- 4/1991 - *"The Role of Networks in the Decentralization of Combines and the Foundation of New Firms in East Germany and Hungary."* Joint research project with I. Gabor, L. Neumann (Budapest Economics University). Financed by the International Partnership Initiative, Collegium Budapest and the Austrian Academy of Science (158.000 €).
- 3/1994
- 12/1987 - *"Inter-Firm Networks and Regional Change: New Forms of Collaborative Organization in the Coal, Iron and Steel Industry of the Ruhr."* Financed by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, the Swedish Council for Work Life Issues and the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research (81.200 €).
- 12/1990

- 7/1985 - *"Industrial Renewal in an Old Industrial Area: the Case of Lower Austria."*
 6/1986 Financed by the Regional Development Agency Lower Austria (7.395 €).

Research Networks

- 2012 - Member of the Research Network "Field-Configuring Events as Arenas for Learning
 2016 and Innovation", Project lead: E. Schüßler (Free University Berlin), funded by the
 German Research Foundation (DFG).
- 2010 - Co-Founder of the Research Network "Port City Networks" with C. Hein (Bryn Mawr
 2014 College Philadelphia, Urban Growth and Structure Program), funded by the German
 Research Foundation (DFG).
- 2005 - Member of the "Innovation Systems Research Network (ISRN)", Project lead: M.
 2011 Gertler; D. Wolfe (University of Toronto, Department of Geography), funded by the
 Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).
- Since Member of the Research Network "Making Projects Critical", Project lead: D. Hodgson
 2002 (Manchester Business School).
- Since International Partner of the Columbia University Center for Organizational Innovation
 2000 (D. Stark).
- 1999 - Member of the Program "Co-evolution of States and Markets", Santa Fe Institute,
 2003 Project lead: J. Padgett (University of Chicago).
- 1993 - Member of the Karl-Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University
 1998 Montreal, Working Group "Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe".
- 1992 - Co-Founder of the "Agenda-Group for the Socio-Economic Reconstruction of Central
 1999 and Eastern Europe", Austrian Academy of Sciences.
- 1992 - Member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Network "European
 1996 Management Organisation in Transition" (EMOT), Working Group "Processes of
 Industrial Transformation in East and West".
- 1991 - Member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Network "Regional and
 1994 Urban Restructuring in Europe" (RURE).

TEACHING

HafenCity University Hamburg (since 4/2009)

Basics Course (mandatory for all HCU students)

“Theoretical and Conceptual Basics: The Economic Perspective” (annually).

Bachelor Urban Planning (mandatory)

“The Economy of Cities I and II” (2 hours weekly, 2 semesters, annually).

“Project I” (research project seminar, 4 hours weekly, annually).

2025: „Masterplan Magistralen Hamburg: What Next?”

2024: “Hamburg Main Station: Open Heart Surgery“.

2023: “After HEAT: What next with Autonomous Mobility in Hamburg?”

2022: “Urban Development through Science? The Science City Bahrenfeld”.

2021: “From Car- to Micro-Mobility? Potentials of New Mobility Services in Hamburg”.

2020: „Luft-Hanse? Networking in Hamburgs Aviation Cluster”.

2019: “From Container-Ship to Delivery-Drone? The Logistics Cluster Hamburg”.

2018: “Innovation Ports Hamburg: Economic Development beyond the Harbor Economy”.

2017: “Sharing Instead of Owning? Car-Sharing in Hamburg”.

2016: “Start-Up Spaces Berlin: Entrepreneurial Dynamics in the Internet-Economy”.

2015: “Start-Up Spaces Munich: Entrepreneurial Dynamics in the Creative Economy”.

2013: “Blocked Urban Development: The Lost Waterfront of Philadelphia”.

2012: “A Future for Tradition? The Urban Craft Sector in Munich”.

2011: “The Villages of the HafenCity: Neighborhood Development in a New District”.

“Project II” (advanced research project seminar, 3 hours weekly, 2010/2011)

2012: “Regeneration Games: Impacts of the London Olympics 2012 on Urban Development”.

Master Urban Planning

“Socioeconomics of Urban Milieus” (together with J. Hoerning), 2 hours weekly, annually).

“Cluster and Networks: Regional Innovation Concepts” (2 hours weekly, annually).

“Smart Cities: From Traditional Planning to Lab-Urbanism?” (in English, 2 hours weekly, annually).

“The City as Node: Geographies of Global Networks” (in English; 2 hours weekly, 2012/2013/2014).

Q-Studies (Studium Fundamentale)

“The Sharing Economy: Noble Promises, Disruptive Practices, Puzzled Politics” (in English; 2 hours weekly, bi-annually)

“Network Society. The Logics of Making and Breaking Relations” (in English; 2 hours weekly, bi-annually).

“Online Sociality. How the Internet transforms our Social Worlds” (in English; 2 hours weekly, bi-annually).

“Resilience: The Science of Survival” (English; 2 hours weekly, 2012/2013/2014).

University of Bonn (1998 - 2009)

1st Year Courses (mandatory)

“Introductory Course into Human Geography” (4 hours weekly, each semester).

“Dynamics of Urban and Regional Growth and Decline: Introduction into Economic Geography” (6 hours weekly, 3 weeks, annually).

2nd and 3rd Year Courses (optional, 2 hours weekly, 14 weeks)

“Economic Geographies of the Internet” (2006/2007).

“The New Economic Geography: Concepts and Policy Implications” (2005/2006).

“The Political Economy of Global Cities” (2004/2005).

“Regional Development in Post-Socialism” (taught in English, 2002/2003).

2nd and 3rd Year Project Seminar (optional, 12 research project seminars plus field trip)

“Global City London” (1999/2000).

“Economic Geographies of Temporary Clusters: Formula 1” (2007).

“Economic Geographies of a Mega-Event: The Football World Championship 2006 in Germany” (2006).

“Berlin – A Creative Metropolis?” (2003/2004).

“High-Tech Location Munich” (2002/2003).

4th Year Courses (optional, 2 hours weekly, 14 weeks)

“Networks: Sociological Foundations of a Key Concept in Human Geography” (2006/2007).

“Research Methods in Economic Geography” (each semester).

University of Konstanz (1997/98)

1st Year Course

“Regions in the European Union: Economic Development and Policies” (2 hours weekly)

2nd and 3rd Year Courses (optional, 2 hours weekly)

“Regional Policies in the Post-Socialist Transformation” (in English).

“Local Policies in Global Cities?”

4th Year Courses (optional, 2 hours weekly, 14 weeks)

“New Approaches in Regional Science and Regional Policy”. MSc Dissertation Course.

King’s College London (1996/97)

2nd Year Course

“Economic Development in Europe: Geographical Approaches” (10 lectures).

3rd Year Course

“The Regional Political Economy of Post-Socialism” (20 lectures).

MSc Course

“The Economics of European Integration” (10 seminars).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT

01/2022 - 04/2025	Member of the Selection Committee for the Professorship “Urban and Regional Sociology” (HCU Hamburg).
01/2018 - 03/2019	External Member of the Selection Committee for the Professorship “Organization and Governance” (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin).
03/2018 - 07/2018	External Evaluator of the Leibniz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung Dresden (IÖR).
10/2017 - 04/2026	Head of HCU-Examination Board, Urban Planning Program.
05/2012 - 10/2014	Dean of the HCU-Master School Urban Planning.
11/2012 - 10/2014	Member of the HCU-Commission Structure and Development Plan 2020.

- 01/2013 - Organizer of the HCU-International Lecture Series “University of Opportunities:
05/2013 University Development beyond Traditional Disciplinary Settings”.
- 1/2012 - Member of the HCU-Commission New University Campus and Re-allocation.
02/2014
- 12/2009 - Head of the HCU-Selection Committee for the Professorship “Science Cultures”.
05/2010
- 10/2010 - Member of the HCU-Senate Committee for Teaching and Study Affairs.
09/2012
- 04/2009 - Member of the Advisory Board of the HCU-Information- and Media-Center (IMZ).
03/2013
- 10/2004 - Delegate of the Science Faculty in the Finance Committee of the University of Bonn.
03/2009
- 10/2003 - Head of the Graduate Examination Board of the Department of Geography at the
03/2009 University of Bonn.
- 10/2002 - Delegate of the Earth Sciences in the Finance Committee of the Science Faculty of
03/2009 the University of Bonn.
- 10/2000 - Deputy Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Bonn.
03/2002
- 01/1991 - Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin
12/1993 (WZB).
- 03/1989 - Founder and Coordinator of the Program “Intra-Muros - Art in the Science Center”.
12/1993

Hamburg, 24.11.2025

