

Prof. Dr. Martina Brandt

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Academic positions

Since 10/2014	Chair for Social Structure & Sociology of Ageing Societies, TU Dortmund
09/2016	Guest Researcher (salaried) at NOVA Social Research, Oslo
2011-2014	Assistant Coordinator (Research) Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) at the Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (MEA), Max-Planck-Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (MPISOC)
2010-2011	Head of Unit Communications at the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA), Research Unit Communications, Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
2009-2010	Senior Researcher at the Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging (MEA), Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
2005-2009	Scientific Assistant and Lecturer at the Institute of Sociology, University of Zurich, Chair Prof. Dr. M. Szydlik

Education

2005-2008	University of Zurich, Institute of Sociology: Ph.D. Sociology; Doctoral Thesis: Help between Generations. A European Comparison. [Hilfe zwischen Generationen. Ein europäischer Vergleich] (summa cum laude)
1998-2005	University of Cologne: Magister Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology; Thesis: Finding a job via social contacts – A panel analysis [Ausstieg aus Erwerbslosigkeit mit Hilfe sozialer Beziehungen – Eine Analyse mit den Daten des Niedrigeinkommens-Panels] (1,0)
1997-1998	Catholic University of Applied Sciences Cologne: Social Pedagogy
1996	Abitur (Wilhelmsgymnasium Stuttgart)

Awards and short-lists

2025	Heidelberg University, Chair (W3) Gerontology (2nd)
2025	Directorship German Centre of Gerontology (DZA), [Institutsleitung Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen](1st, declined)
2019	Bielefeld University, Chair (W3) Structural Analysis of Social Inequalities [Sozialstrukturanalyse sozialer Ungleichheiten] (1 st , declined)
2014	TU Dortmund University, Chair (W3) Social Structure and Sociology of Ageing Societies Sozialstruktur und Soziologie alternder Gesellschaften [Sozialstruktur und Soziologie alternder Gesellschaften] (1 st , accepted)
2013	Carl-Albrechts University Kiel, Chair (W3) Sociology[Soziologie (3 rd)
2009	German Award for Young Academics [Deutscher Studienpreis], 2nd Price for the Thesis “Help between Generations. A European Comparison”

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2007 Vontobel Prize for Research on Ageing for the Manuscript “Help and Care between Generations in Europe” (with Klaus Haberkern)

Projects and funding

2025-2027	BMAS (PI with Carolin Kunz and Rasmus Hoffmann): “Wechselwirkungen zwischen Gesundheit und Verrentung: Soziale Ungleichheit vor dem Hintergrund einer Anhebung des Rentenalters (GeReAlt)”
2023-2027	Graduate School HBS PK055 (PI with Mona Motakef) “New Challenges in Ageing Societies”
From 07/2022	EU COMM: SHARE Cohesion (PI Axel Börsch-Supan) Area “Family and Social Networks”
2021-2024	MKW NRW: Interdisciplinary Research Area FAIR: “From Prediction to Agile Interventions in the Social Sciences” (with Philipp Doeblner, Markus Pauly, Fani Lauermann, Nele Mc Elvany, Tobias Kuhn, Sarah Weigelt, Alexander Munteanu, Katja Ickstadt)
2020	“Gesundheit und Unterstützung in Zeiten von Corona“, own funds
2020-2023	BEETHOVEN DFG (German PI; with Michał Myck) “AGE-WELL: Material Conditions and Older Age Wellbeing in Germany and Poland: Institutional and Regional Variation in Individual Risks and Insurance Mechanisms”
2020-2023	BMBF (Consortium with Sabine Sachweh, Sebastian Brato, Thomas Biskup, Susanne Lengyel, Christin Schäfer) “PLUG-IN: Plattform selbstadaptiver Benutzungsschnittstellen zur Gerätebedienung als individuelles Assistenzsystem”
2019-2022	ORA DFG (German PI; with Marjolein Broese van Groenou, Ellen Verbakel, Karen Glaser, Yoko Ibuka) “IN-CARE: How Are Varying Care Systems Associated With Inequalities in Care and Wellbeing in Later Life?”
2017	MERCUR (PI) “Wahrheit oder Bericht? Die Messung von Gesundheit im Rahmen vergleichender Analysen”
2013-2014	BMBF (PI Axel Börsch-Supan) “Internationale Koordination und deutsche Erhebung des Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)”
2012-2012	DFG BO 934/10-1 Wissenschaftliche Literaturversorgungs- und Informationssysteme (PI with Annelies Blom and Axel Börsch-Supan) “Professionalisierung und Ausbau des Forschungsdatenzentrums Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe”
2011-2014	European Commission SHARE-M4 (PI Axel Börsch-Supan) “Multinational Advancement of Research Infrastructures on Ageing”
2007-2010	European Commission SHARELIFE (PI Axel Börsch-Supan) “Employment and Health at 50+: A life History Approach to European Welfare State Interventions”
2006-2009	Schweizer Nationalfonds (PI Marc Szydlik) “Generationen in Europa”
2005	Böckler Stiftung (PI Hans-Jürgen Andreß) “Ausstiege aus dem unteren Einkommensbereich”

Advanced training

2022	Agiles Projektmanagement Grundlagentraining, Ibo Akademie (Christian Konz)
2017	Mitarbeitergespräche führen – Ziele vereinbaren, ZHB TU Dortmund (Ilona Fischer consult)
2012	Project Management, Kempkes. Gebhardt Organisationsberatung (Ulrich Hoffmann)
2011	Communications Masterclass, European Commission
2010	Change Management, Change Compass Managementberatung (Dr. Andrea Schichtel)
2008	Didactica, University and ETH Zurich: Activating Students (Eva Buff-Keller)
2007	ESPAnet/ RECOWOE Second Joint Doctoral Workshop: Development of Work and Welfare Reform in European Societies, Hamburg, DE
2006	ZA Cologne Spring Seminar: Structural Equation Models (SEM): Theory, Applications and Extensions of the Basic Model (Peter Schmidt, Eldad Davidov) and Multi-Level Models in SEM (Joop Hox)
2005/06	Sprachenzentrum University and ETH Zurich: Discussing in English

Affiliations and committees

University

Since 01/2026	Strategy and Research Council of TU Dortmund for the Period 2026–2028
Since 08/2025	Head of Appointment Commission for H-Professorship at Department of Social Sciences, TU Dortmund
Since 10/2024	Head Appointment Committee W2/W3 transformationsbezogene Sozialforschung, TU Dortmund
Since 06/2023	Speaker of the Graduate School HBS PK055 “New Challenges in Ageing Societies”, TU Dortmund
Since 04/2021	Representative of TU Dortmund in the Board of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI), Essen
Since 10/2020	Vice Dean for Research, Department of Social Sciences, TU Dortmund Representative of the Rector (TU Dortmund) in the Board of the Institute for Gerontology, Dortmund
2021-2023	Representative of TU Dortmund in the UA Ruhr Research Council
2019-2020	Head of the Habilitation Committee Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen Working Groups Department Social Sciences: Bachelor and Master Sociology, Public Relations, Internationalisation
2017-2019	Head of the Sociological Institute, TU Dortmund Steering Committee Research Focus “Life in Ageing Societies”
Since 2015	(Co-) organisation ISO Kolloquium, TU Dortmund

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- 2015 Head of Appointment Committee W1 Migrationssoziologie, TU Dortmund
- Since 2014 Head of Examination & Re-accreditation Committee Master Ageing Societies, TU Dortmund
- 2005-2009 Study- and Methods Group of the Sociological Institute, University of Zurich

Research

Working Group Member cost action CA 15122: ROSEnet – Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy

German Representative Cost Action IS1311: INTERFASOL – Intergenerational Family Solidarity across Europe

Senior Fellow Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (mea), Max-Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (MPISOC)

SHARE Research Area Social Networks

Graduierteninstitut NRW, Fachgruppe Gesundheit und Soziales

NRW Forschungsnetzwerk Arbeitsmarktteilhabe im höheren Erwerbsalter

Arbeitsgruppe Sozialpolitikforschung und Kompetenzfeld Metropolenforschung, Bereich Heterogenität, Diversität und Kohäsion, Universitätsallianz Ruhr (UAR)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gerontologie und Geriatrie (DGGG)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS), Sections: Alter(n) und Gesellschaft, Familiensoziologie, Medizin- und Gesundheitssoziologie, Soziale Indikatoren, und Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse

European Sociological Association (ESA), Research Networks: Ageing in Europe, Family and Intimate Lives and Social Policy

International Sociological Association (ISA), RC 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility

Scientific boards

- Since 06/2025 Editorial Board Research on Aging
- Since 2023 Lenkungskreis „Modellprojekt DI-PASst Soziale Teilhabe in Gesundheit und Pflege durch digitale Assistenzsysteme“
- Since 2022 Deputy Chair of the Advisory Board, German Centre of Gerontology (DZA) [Stellvertretende Sprecherin Beirat Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen]
 Chair of the 9th Ageing Report Commission for the German Government [Vorsitz 9. Altersberichtskommission der Bundesregierung] “Alt werden in Deutschland – Potenziale und Teilhabechancen”
 DGS Poster Jury “Perspektiven in ‚polarisierten Zeiten’”
 Management Board SHARE ERIC: Area Coordination “Family and Social Networks”
 “The Changing Role of Families in Care Networks and Wellbeing of Older Adults in the Netherlands” (FAMCARE)
 BIB (Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung) Fellow

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Since 2021	Jury Doctoral Award [Jury Promotionspreis] FH Dortmund Research Consortium “Sorgetransformationen” “Combining Employment With Informal Care for the Aged” (COMBECA)
Since 2020	Masterplan Wissenschaft der Stadt Dortmund, Speaker “Kompetenzfeld Demografische Entwicklung” Jury “Nordrhein-Westfalen – hier hat alt werden Zukunft” “Migrantenorganisationen und die Koproduktion Sozialer Sicherung” (MiKoSS) Jury Science Award ConSozial Editorial Board Dortmunder Beiträge zur Sozialforschung
Since 2019	Third Participation Report of the Federal Government Germany [Dritter Teilhabebericht der Bundesregierung DE] German Centre for Gerontology [Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen] Editorial Board Journal of Intergenerational Relationships
Since 2018	Board of the Section for Medical and Health Sociology, German Sociological Association [Sektion Medizin- und Gesundheitssoziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie]
Since 2017	“Arbeit, Alter, Gesundheit und Erwerbsteilhabe” (AAGE), “leben in der Arbeit” (lida) [Work, Age, Health and Participation]
Since 2016	NOVA “Retirement and Intergenerational Support in an Ageing Society: Patterns & Pathways”, NO
2014-2017	Second Participation Report of the Federal Government Germany [Zweiter Teilhabebericht der Bundesregierung DE]

Scientific (co-)organization

2025	Workshop “Methodological Complexities in Cross-Cultural Life Course Research”, College for Social Sciences and Humanities, UA Ruhr, Bochum
2024	Spring Conference of the Sections Ageing & Society and Medical & Health Sociology [Frühjahrstagung der Sektionen Altern & Gesellschaft and Medizin & Gesundheitssoziologie], Dortmund
2023	Warm-up Workshop HBS PK “Neue Herausforderungen in alternden Gesellschaften”, Dortmund
2022	Stakeholder Meeting ORA IN-CARE, Dortmund
2020	Stakeholder Meeting ORA IN-CARE, Dortmund
2017	Cost INTERFASOL training school, Dortmund
2016	8th Congress of the European Society on Family Relations (ESFR): Changing Family Relations – Gender and Generations, Dortmund
2016	Spring seminar of the Section of Ageing and the German Sociological Association [Frühjahrstagung der Sektion Alter(n) und der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie], FH Dortmund

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2009-2014	SHARE Internal Working Meetings, First Results Presentations für the European Commission and Press Workshops
2013	SHARE User Conference Liège, BE
2011	SHARE User Conference Tallinn, EE