
Dr. Dana Mahr

Curriculum Vitae

Born June 23, 1978 (as Dominik Mahr) in Herford, Germany

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Scientific keywords

Participation studies

History and sociology of public participation in health, medicine and science
Epistemology of citizen science, DIY bio, crowdsourcing and big data
Co-production of knowledge in the 19th, 20th and 21st Century

Social structures of...

Reproduction (cloning, social freezing, surrogate motherhood)
Genetic knowledge (GWAS, direct to consumer, incidental findings)
Informed consent
Alzheimer's and dementia
Chronic diseases

Queer studies

LGBTQ and aging
Intersectionality
History and sociology of queer activism

Present positions

Post-doctoral fellow, University of Geneva (Switzerland) – SNFS/ERC Group ‘The Rise of the Citizen Sciences’ (PI: B. J. Strasser)

November 2015 – PRESENT

- Individual project: ‘Participatory health research and social movements’
- Citizen science in biomedicine, healthcare and health consumerism
- Political representation and activity (COST etc.)
- Counseling for Ph.D. students (methodology workshops etc.)
- Public outreach

Representative of the Swiss Confederation within COST, Geneva, Berne (Switzerland) and Brussels (Belgium)

May 2016 – PRESENT

- Management Committee of COST Action CA15212
- Evaluation of Switzerland's activities within COST
- Project assessment

Young Fellow, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld (Germany)

October 2014 – PRESENT

QueerAltern, Zurich (Switzerland)

June 2016 – PRESENT

- Scientific advisory board

Previous appointments since Ph.D.

Principal Investigator, University of Bielefeld (Germany) – BMBF Pilot ‘Myocardial Infarction and the Lived Genome’

July 2014 – October 2015

Post-doctoral fellow, University of Luebeck (Germany) – DFG Project ‘The Lived Genome and Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Diseases’ (PI: C. Rehmann-Sutter)

April 2013 – October 2015

Post-doctoral fellow, TU Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany) – teaching activities

April 2013 – July 2013

Education

Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology, University of Bielefeld (Germany) – Dr. phil. (equivalent to Ph.D.)

April 2009 – July 2013

Thesis: Citizen Science – Participatory knowledge production in the late 19th and early 20th Century (in German),

Referees: C. Reinhard, C. Menke and M. Carrier), Final mark: *summa cum laude*

University of Bielefeld (Germany) – Master of Arts (MA)

October 2006 – March 2009

Subject: History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Final mark: 1,2 (A)

Ecclesiastical College Bethel and University of Bielefeld (Germany) – Bachelor of Arts (BA)

September 2003 – September 2006

Major: Social History / Minor: Lutheran Theology, Final mark: 1,3 (A)

Oberstufen Kolleg (College), Bielefeld (Germany) – Abitur (equivalent to A level)

August 1999 – July 2003

Major: History / Minor: Fine arts, Final mark: 1,2 (A)

Awards, Fellow- and Mentorships

Research fellowship for young scholars, Alfried-Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald (Germany)

I rejected this fellowship for the academic year 2016/17 because of my position in Geneva.

Mentorat relève, University of Geneva (Switzerland)

May 2016 – May 2017

Printing allowance of the FAZIT – Foundation Frankfurt a. M. (Germany)

February 2014

Doctoral scholarship, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology, Bielefeld (Germany)

April 2009 – March 2013

Scholarship for research students, Institute for Science and Technology Studies, Bielefeld (Germany)

April 2007 – November 2007

Emmy-Hüttemann scholarship, University of Bielefeld (Germany)

October 2006

Teaching

19 lectures and courses (undergraduate and graduate level) in the following fields:

Since summer term 2009

History of science, history of medicine, sociology of health, medical humanities, social epistemology, bioethics, queer- and gender studies, methodology.

Supervision of 2 bachelors and 4 masters theses

Since summer term 2009

Comissions of trust

Center for Citizen Science, Federal Ministry for Science, Technology and Economy, Vienna (Austria)

May 2016 – PRESENT

Member of the scientific advisory board

COST Action CA15212 'Citizen Science for Innovation', Berlin (Germany) and Brussels (Belgium)

May 2016 – PRESENT

Member of the management committee

QueerAltern, Zurich (Switzerland)

May 2016 – PRESENT

Member of the scientific advisory board

Memberships

European Citizen Science Association, Berlin (Germany)

May 2016 – PRESENT

Queer Amnesty, Zurich (Switzerland)

November 2015 – PRESENT

German Society for the History of Medicine and Natural Sciences, Berlin (Germany)

May 2015 – PRESENT

Organisation of conferences and workshops

Citizen Science Studies, Workshop at the 1st International ECSA Conference, Berlin (Germany)

May 2016

In collaboration with A. Irwin, C. Göbel, K. Vohland and L. Pettibone.

Biomedical Citizen Sciences, Workshop at Barcamp Citizen Science, WIKIMEDIA and GEWISS, Berlin (Germany)

February 2016

GenoGraphies: Our sequenced lives, Conference at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld (Germany)

October 2015

In collaboration with C. Rehmann-Sutter.

Digital Media and Citizen Science, Workshop at the Conference Museum of Babel, Senckenberg Museum Frankfurt a. M. (Germany)

November 2014

In collaboration with K. Vohland and Sascha Dickel.

Who lives whom? Sociology of genetic lifeworlds, Workshop at the Conference 'Are you...your Genes?', University of Basel (Switzerland)

October 2014

In collaboration with N. Wilhelm.

Presentations

23 invitations for keynotes and major talks on the following topics:

Since summer term 2009

History of public participation in science, co-production of knowledge, sociology of genomic knowledge, sociological aspects of medical conditions like Alzheimer's disease, Crohn's disease, Ulcerative colitis, transgender issues, intersectionality.

Publications

4 publications in rank A peer-reviewed journals (3 under evaluation, 2 in production)

Since 2013

9 invited chapters for edited volumes (2 still in production)

Since 2007

3 invited reviews

Since 2012

1 edited volume in a series of a high-impact publisher (still in production)

Since 2016

1 monography (Ph.D. Thesis), published in a major sts-series

2014

References

Bruno J. Strasser, Geneva (Switzerland) and Yale (USA)

Professor for the history of science

Carsten Reinhardt, Bielefeld (Germany) and Philadelphia (USA)

Professor for the history of science

CEO / President of the Chemical Heritage Foundation

Martin Carrier, Bielefeld (Germany)

Professor for the philosophy of science

Cornelius Borck, Luebeck (Germany)

Professor for the history of science

Christoph Rehmann-Sutter, Luebeck (Germany)

Professor for bioethics