Prof Dr Karin Schwiter – Curriculum Vitae

Education

2018 Habilitation in Geography: "Mobilising difference in today's labour markets:

Univ. of Zurich How gender, culture and mobility are used to legitimise inequalities"

2010 PhD in Sociology (with summa cum laude)

Univ. of Basel Dissertation: "Lebensentwürfe. Junge Erwachsene im Spannungsfeld zwischen

> Individualisierung und Geschlechternormen" (Life plans. Young adults caught between individualisation and gender norms), published with Campus Verlag

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2001-2002 Erasmus exchange year at the University of Sheffield, UK

Univ. of Sheffield

2004 MSc in Geography (with an award for outstanding grades)

Univ. of Zurich

Positions

since 2021 Assistant professor in labour geography with a focus on digitalisation

Univ. of Zurich

Leader of the research group "Labour, Migration & Gender" 2013-2021

Univ. of Zurich at the Department of Geography

2018 Visiting professor at the University of Toronto in Canada (3 months)

Univ. of Toronto

2014-2015 Acting professor (Lehrstuhlvertretung) at the Department of Geography

Univ. of Zurich during the sabbatical of Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (6 months)

2014 Visiting assistant professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver,

UBC, Vancouver Canada (7 months)

2012 Visiting scholar at the University of Washington in Seattle, US (6 months)

UW, Seattle

2010-2013 Postdoctoral research fellow at the Centre of Gender Studies, in the project Univ. of Basel "Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways" of Swiss

National Research Programme 60 on "Gender Equality"

2004-2013 Research and teaching assistant and from 2010 onwards senior research and Univ. of Zurich

teaching assistant (Oberassistentin) at the Department of Geography, with

teaching assignments at ETH Zurich and the University of Basel

Rankings, awards and excellence scholarships

2023	Wiley Top Downloaded Article Award, for the article "Male Privilege Revisited: How men in female-dominated occupations notice and actively reframe privilege"
2022	Ranked second for the full professorship in Gender Studies at the University of Basel
2022	Wiley Top Cited Article 2020-2021 Award, for the article "Geographies of care work: The commodification of care, digital care futures and alternative caring visions"
2018	Ranked second for the full professorship in Social and Cultural Geography at the University of Bern
2016	Swiss Prize for Research on Education, awarded by Johann Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation, for the article "Why are female electricians and male nurses still rare?" (CHF 25,000)
2012	Area Prize, awarded by the Royal Geographical Society for the best article by a young researcher (£500)
2001–2010	Various excellence scholarships awarded by the Swiss Study Foundation
2004	Award of the University of Zurich for outstanding grades in the masters' degree
1997	Award of the Christ-König Kollegium for the best A-levels (Matura) of the year (CHF 200)

Continuing education

since 2021	Continuing education modules offered for professors by the University of Zurich on professional academic leadership; reducing blind spots for less biased decision making; stress management and burnout prevention
2005–2021	Various continuing education modules offered by the University of Zurich on teaching large classes; supervising master and PhD students; peer teaching evaluation; leading research projects; scientific writing; teaching portfolios; time management; presentation techniques; visualising research; etc.
2005–2008	Various continuing education modules offered by the Graduate School at the University of Basel on doing interdisciplinary research; scientific writing; moderation techniques; qualitative research methodologies; discourse analysis; gender theories; etc.
2001–2010	Various continuing education modules offered by the Swiss Study Foundation on leadership; team building; negotiation techniques; communication; law and politics; life sciences and philosophy; etc.

Languages

German	mother tongue

English proficient (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency C2, grade A)

French good knowledge Italian basic knowledge

Funding history

2024	Digital Society Initiative of the University of Zurich Granted annual budget for the community "work" Contribution: Co-author of grant application	CHF 39'730
2023 3 months	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Project: Impact of the high-court decision of 22.12.2021 on the live-in care market in German-speaking Switzerland Contribution: Project lead; Co-author of grant application	CHF 17'884
2023 6 months	Digital Society Initiative of the University of Zurich Project: Assessing the scale of place-based platform labour in Swit Contribution: Project lead; Co-author of grant application	CHF 9'700 zerland
2022 36 months	German Research Foundation (Weave/Lead Agency project) Project: Urban Platform Economies Contribution: Co-author of grant application and PI of the Swiss proteam; in collaboration with Prof. Sybille Bauriedl (Flensburg) and Prof. Anke Strüver (Graz), supervision of 1 PhD student	CHF 259'993 as PI (€ 792'000 tot.) roject
2022 10 days	Federal Commission on Women's Issues Project: Report on gender impact of Covid-19 measures	CHF 2'880
2022 4 days	City of Zurich Project: Expertise on home care agencies	CHF 750
2020 3 months	Digital Society Initiative of the University of Zurich Project: Postdoc-Fellowship of Dr. Sarah Hartmann on digital platform labour Contribution: Co-author of grant application	CHF 15'000
2018 3 months	Graduate Campus of the University of Zurich Project: Travel grant for research visit at the University of Toronto	CHF 3,400
2018 5 days	Swiss Academy of Sciences & Graduate Campus Project: Organisation of the human geography summer school "Gender and Space" for 100 participants & workshop leaders Contribution: Main applicant	CHF 30,000
2017 48 months	German Research Foundation (trinational project) Project: Decent care work? Transnational home care arrangement Contribution: Co-author of grant application and PI of the Swiss pr team; in collaboration with Prof. Helma Lutz (Frankfurt am Main) and Prof. Brigitte Aulenbacher (Linz); supervision of 1 PhD student	oject
2016 7 months	Zurich Metropolitan Conference Project: Doing family: imaginations of family in Switzerland Contribution: Co-author of grant application and member of project steering group	CHF 25,000
2014 30 months	Swiss National Science Foundation Project: Anticipated parenthood and employment	CHF 271,300

	Contribution: Co-author of grant application and co-project leader with Prof. Andrea Maihofer (Basel) and Dr. Sandra Hupka (Bern)	
2013 42 months	Swiss National Science Foundation Project: Care agencies in the commodification of elderly care Contribution: Co-author of grant application and co-project leader with Prof. Christian Berndt (Zurich); supervision of 2 PhD students	CHF 470,500
2012 6 months	Voluntary Academic Society of Basel (extension grant) Project: Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways Contribution: Author of grant application, member of research team	CHF 20,000
2011 6 months	City of Zurich Project: Market analysis – care in Zurich's private households Contribution: Co-project leader with Prof. Christian Berndt (Zurich)	CHF 31,000
2010 24 months	National Research Programme 60 (SNSF) CHF 314,000 Project: Gender segregation in educational and occupational pathways Contribution: Co-author of grant application, member of research team	

Other academic activities

Committee work (current only, * at the University of Zurich)

since 2022	Group Leader Assessment Committee at the Department of Geography*
since 2022	Co-Lead of the "Better Science Taskforce" at the Department of Geography*
since 2020	Federal Commission for Women's Issues (vice-president since 2023)
since 2020	Co-Lead of the Digital Society Initiative's community "Work"*
since 2015	Gender studies commission of the University of Zurich*

Co-organisation of conferences and workshops (previous 5 years only)

2024	3-day meeting of the research network "AK Labour Geography" in Erkner (D)
2023	4-day-meeting of the DFG network "Labour Geography" in Frankfurt (D)
2021	Workshop "Better Science" for Group Leaders in Geography at the University of Zurich
2021	"Digital Geographies Networking Forum" at the Geowoche 2021, online
2021	Sessions on "Digital Labour Geographies" and on "Transformations of Care and Reproductive Work" at the Annual Conference of the Royal Geographic Society, online
2021	International conference "Decent Care Work" in Frankfurt (D)
2019	International expert workshop "Transnational Care" in Linz (A)
2019	3-day workshop of the network "Feminist Geographies" in Essen (D)

Reviews for academic journals

Member of the advisory board of: Geographica Helvetica

Served as reviewer for: Annals of the American Association of Geographers; Antipode; Children's Geographies; Community, Work and Family; Critical Policy Studies; Digital Geography and Society; Emotion, Space and Society; Environment and Planning A; Equality, Diversity, Inclusion; Erdkunde; Gender, Place and Culture; Gender, Work and Organization; Geoforum; Geographische Zeitschrift; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Political Geography; Population, Space and Place; Progress in Human Geography; Social and Cultural Geography; Sozialpolitik; Swiss Journal of Sociology; Suburban; Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers; Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie (14 reviews within the last two years)

Scientific Advisory Boards

Project "Promoting the quality of care" by Nicolas Pons-Vignon, Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana (SUPSI), 2022-2024

Project "The COVID-19 pandemic and its implications for urban essential workers" by David Kaufmann, ETH, as part of the National Research Programme 80, 2022-2025

Project "Hypervulnerability and Agency: The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Migrant Women Working in the Domestic Services Sector" by Myrian Carbajal, & Milena Chimienti, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland, as part of the National Research Programme 80, 2022-2025

Memberships in academic societies

Digital Society Initiative DSI of the University of Zurich, community "Work"

Netzwerk für Gute Arbeit in der Wissenschaft e.V. NGAWiss

Royal Geographic Society, RGS

Swiss Society of Gender Studies, SGGF

Swiss Society of Sociology, SGS

Society of Geographers at German Universities, VGDH, active member in the working groups "Digital Geographies", "Labour Geographies", and "Feminist Geographies"

Research Network "Labour Geography" of the German Research Community (DFG)

Research Network "LABORIS" of the Swiss Researchers in Labour Studies

Think tank "Denknetz", co-leader of the working group "Precarity"

Teaching

Overview of courses taught*** Lectures	Language	Level	Partici	pants	Years
Geography of Switzerland * / **	Ger	BSc	120	sinc	e 2022
Methods in human geography*	Ger	BSc	120	sinc	e 2016
Human geography II* (focussing on processes of globalisation)	Ger	BSc	120	2014	4, 2015
Introduction to spatial planning (with ETH Zurich)	Ger	BSc	220	2009	9, 2010
<u>Seminars</u>					
Research colloquium for master and PhD students*	En	PhD/MSc	15	sinc	e 2014
Gender, work and space* /**	En	MSc	25	sinc	e 2012
Human geography III* / ** (focussing on alternative economies)	Ger	BSc	60	2011	1–2015
Gender and space*	Ger	MSc	20	2006	5-2009
Qualitative research methods (University of Basel)*	* Ger	BSc	40		2010
<u>Project seminars</u>					
Human geography IV* (focussing on in-/exclusions in low wage labour)	Ger	BSc	60	2010	0, 2011
Geographies of Gender*	Ger	MSc	40		2005
<u>Exercises</u>					
Discourse analysis	Ger	MSc	20		2009
Methods in human geography*	Ger	BSc	25	sinc	e 2016
Block courses					
Discourse analysis (University of Bern)	Ger	PhD	15		2012
<u>Tutorials</u>					
Small group teaching: Introducing geography	En	BSc	6	201	5-2018
Field courses					
Hamburg: Door to who's world? * /**	Ger	BSc/MSc	24		2017
Zurich: Inequalities in the neoliberal city* /**	En	MSc	20	sinc	e 2014
Feminist Geographies*	Ger	MSc	25		2015

^{*} team teaching with various colleagues from human geography at the University of Zurich

^{**} as course coordinator

^{***} Unless otherwise indicated, the courses were taught at the Department of Geography, University of Zurich

Advising

Current PhD / postdoc advising

Khaoula Ettarfi, PhD start in 2021, main advisor & head of PhD committee

Jason Schneck, PhD start in 2021, head of PhD committee

Christiane Meyer-Habighorst, PhD start in 2022, main advisor & head of PhD committee

Reta Barfuss, PhD start in 2024, main advisor & head of PhD committee

Dr. Maaret Jokela-Pansini, start in 2024, SNF postdoc mobility return grant, main advisor

Barbara Orth, PhD start in 2019, committee member, Free University of Berlin Yannick Eckert, PhD start in 2020, committee member, University of Halle Lara Landolt, PhD start in 2021, committee member, GIUZ Xiaohui Jiang, PhD start in 2022, committee member, GIUZ Jana z'Rotz, PhD start in 2023, committee member, University of Lausanne

Past PhD / postdoc advising

Dr. Katharina Pelzelmayer, PhD received in 2017, main advisor

Dr. Huey Shy Chau, PhD received in 2018, main advisor

Dr. Isabella Stingl, PhD received in 2021, main advisor

Dr. Jennifer Steiner, PhD received in 2021, main advisor

Dr. Xavier Balaguer Rasillo, PhD received in 2022, committee member

Dr. Marisol Keller, PhD received in 2023, main advisor & head of PhD committee

Dr. Sarah Hartmann, UFO postdoc grant 2021-2023, main advisor

Master and bachelor student advising

Advisor of more than 30 master and more than 30 bachelor theses

Public lectures, workshops and panels (previous five years only)

Presentations at scientific conferences

Work Futures"

24 May 2024	New Cultural Geography Conference, Münster: "From exceptionalism to normalisation: How narratives of platform companies legitimise precarious work and commodified care"
08 Feb. 2024	Conference "Doing Labour Geogaphy", Berlin: "From exceptionalism to normalisation: How narratives of platform companies legitimise precarious work and commodified care"
07 Sep. 2023	Keynote at the conference "New Work – New Problems?", Lucerne: "Debating transformations of care work from a gender perspective"
24 Mar. 2023	Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Denver (online): "Gig

16 Nov. 2022	Annual Conference of the network Digitale Geographie of the German Research Association, Halle (Saale), Germany: "Urbane Plattformökonomien: Transformationen von Arbeit und intersektionalen Ungleichheiten im Bereich der Sorgedienstleistungen"
22 Jul. 2022	Centennial Conference of the International Geographical Union, Paris: "How the platformization of care services transforms care relations"
29 Oct. 2021	Digital Geographies Conference, online: "Commodification and platformisation of care services: Intensifying inequalities?"
05 Oct. 2021	Geowoche 2021, online: "Feministische Geographien im Gespräch"
06 Apr. 2021	International online conference "Decent Care Work": "The Marketization and Transnationalisation of Elderly Care Work in Germany, Austria and Switzerland"
04 Mar. 2021	Online Conference "Platform Urbanism": "The platformisation of care: How digital labour intermediation platforms transform domestic care work"
11 Feb. 2021	Keynote at the Annual Meeting of the Research Network "Labour Geography", online: "Covid-19 policy measures for circular migrant care workers in Germany, Austria and Switzerland"
20 Nov. 2020	Online Conference "Critical Gender and Diversity Knowledge": "Slow, critical, better science: The Slow Scholarship movement as approach to the question of excellence in today's academic culture"
07 Nov. 2020	Swiss Geoscience Meeting, online: "Slow Scholarship – Better Science: Political horizons and practical steps to remake the university"
31 Jan. 2020	New Cultural Geography Conference, Bonn: "Arbeiten als coopler, helpling, batmaid, notimer und co.: Wie online Arbeitsvermittlungsplattformen die Arbeit von morgen gestalten»
28 Sep. 2019	German Congress for Geography, Kiel: "Die Care Economy als Perspektive für die Labour Geographies: Vom Alltag als Care-Arbeiter*in zur Neu-Konzeptualisierung von (Care-)Arbeit im Gegenwartskapitalismus"
28 Sep. 2019	German Congress for Geography, Kiel: "Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen ethischer Forschungspraxis in der Zusammenarbeit mit einem Netzwerk organisierter Care-Arbeiter*innen in Basel"
11 Sep. 2019	Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association on "The Future of Work", Neuchâtel: "When caring around the clock becomes a job. On the struggles of defining work in the emerging professional field of live-in care"
22 Jun. 2019	Global Labour Migration Conference, Amsterdam: "Capitalising on gender, ethnicity and mobility. The role of transnational placement agencies for live-in elder care workers in Switzerland"

Invited lectures

29 Nov. 2023 University of Applied Sciences Lucerne: "Geschlechtersensible Perspektiven auf die gesellschaftliche Organisation der Sorgearbeit"

07 Feb. 2023	Human Geography Colloquium at the Free University of Berlin: "Plattformarbeiter:innen im Privathaushalt: Wie Batmaid, Care.com und co. die soziale Reproduktion in Städten verändern"
11 Jan. 2023	Lecture series "Global Societies" of the LMU in Munich (online): "Global Care Chains"
30 Nov. 2022	Lecture series "Hinter den Kulissen von Forschung und Lehre" at the University of St. Gall: "Die Slow-Scholarship Bewegung: Durch Entschleunigung zu einer besseren Wissenschaftskultur?"
31 Oct. 2022	UZH Innovathon on "Building a Human-Centered Future of Work", Zurich: "Gender in the Future of Work"
02 May 2022	Brown Bag Seminar Series, Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana (SUPSI), Lugano: "Invisible workers in the spotlight: Covid-19 policy measures for circular migrant care workers in Germany, Austria and Switzerland"
19. Jan. 2022	Department of Geography, University of Linz (online): "Sorgekrise trifft auf Coronakrise"
13 Mar. 2021	Digital Society Initiative, University of Zurich: "How does digitalisation transform the way we work?"
10 Dec. 2020	Department of Geography, University of Berne (online): "Home – Das Zuhause als Ort der Globalisierung"
14. Oct. 2020	Department of Design and Art, Lucerne University (online): "Slow Scholarhsip?! Strategien für gesundes Arbeiten und die kollektive (Wieder-)Aneignung der Hochschule"
20. Feb. 2019	Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris: "Can circular migration solve the care crisis? An analysis of the transnational live-in elder care arrangements in the German speaking countries"

Continuing education workshops

14 Jun. 2023	Network meeting Labour Geography, Steinbach: "Social Reproduction Theory"
29 Nov. 2022	Retreat of the Zurich Graduate School of Geography and Earth System Science, Herzberg: "Urban Platform Economies and the Commodification of Care"
28 Nov. 2020	Netzwerktreffen Feministische Geographien, Münster: Workshop "Intersektionale Methodologie am Beispiel digitaler Transformation der Geschlechterverhältnisse"
28 Feb. 2020	Reclaim Democracy Congress, Zurich: Workshop "Digital Capitalism"

Outreach presentations (invited)

31 Mar. 2023 Unia Conference, Münchenwiler: "Care Krise und Care Fixes"

02 Nov. 2022	Paulus Akademie, Zurich: "Senior:innenbetreuung zu Tiefstpreisen? Faire Arbeitsverhältnisse in der häuslichen Betreuung – (wie) geht das?"
26 Oct. 2022	Caritas Armutsforum 2022, Zurich: "Plattformarbeiter:innen: Die neuen Arbeitsrealitäten in Kürzest-Jobs, die über digitale Plattformen vermittelt werden"
23 May 2022	Media conference of the Federal Commission for Women's Issues, Bern: "Gender-Analyse der staatlichen Massnahmen während der Covid-19-Krise: Empfehlungen der EKF"
08 Nov. 2021	Inaugural lecture at the University of Zurich: "Arbeiten im 21. Jahrhundert: Die neue Welt der transnational und digital vermittelten Arbeitsverhältnisse"
10 Jun. 2021	Annual Assembly of the UZH Science Alumni, online: "Die digitale Plattform als Chefin: Arbeitsrealitäten in der Gig-Ökonomie"
11 Dec. 2020	Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights, Neuchâtel: "The situation of care workers in the Covid-19 pandemic"
21 Oct. 2019	Digital Society Initiative, Challenge Area "Work", Zurich: "Plattformarbeiter*innen. Wie digitale Vermittlungsplattformen verändern, wie wir im 21. Jahrhundert arbeiten"
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