

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

05/2025 - present	Postdoctoral Researcher Digital In/Justice Initiative Department of Geography, University of Bern (Switzerland)
04/2024-04/2025	Postdoctoral Researcher Working Group Economy and Civil Society Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS) (Germany)
10/2019- 03/2024	Pre-Doctoral Research Associate Working Group Geographical social research and gender Institute for Geography, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)

EDUCATION

2024	PhD (Dr. Rer. nat.) in Human Geography, <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (defended 20.06.2024) Department for Earth Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
2015	M.Sc. Refugee & Forced Migration Studies, <i>Merit</i> Department for International Development, University of Oxford (UK)
2013	B.A. International Relations, <i>First Class Honours</i> , Department for Political Science, University of East Anglia (UK)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

Orth, B. (2025). Forging mobilities, becoming ideal workers? Temporary migration and the gig economy. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2025.2467176>

Stingl, I., & **Orth, B.** (2024). Becoming “Platform Workers”: A Biographical Exploration of Temporary Visa and Worker Subjectivities in the Gig Economy. *International Migration Review*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183241299717>

Orth, B., & Baum, F. (2024). Researching Care Platforms: Methodological and Ethical Considerations in the Broad Field of Domestic Platform Labour. *Critical Sociology*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08969205241280360>

Orth, B. (2024) “Stratified pathways into platform work: Migration trajectories and skills in Berlin’s gig economy”. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 56(2): 476–490
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X231191933>

Orth, B., Jahre, S. & Schmitz, A. (2023) "Infrastrukturelle Perspektiven auf Plattform-Urbanismus - Die Rolle von Körpern und Migrationsregimen". *SubUrban Zeitschrift für kritische Stadtforschung* 11(1/2): 47-67
<https://doi.org/10.36900/suburban.v11i1/2.851>

BOOK CHAPTERS & EDITOR REVIEWED ARTICLES

Bronowicka, J., Orth, B., Schumacher, S. (in print) "Autonomia Zurich: A Case Study of a Platform Cooperative" in Kocher, E. und Poblete, L., (2025) *Digital Intermediaries in Care and Domestic Work*. Hart Publishing: Oxford

Orth, B. (2024). Feministischer Aktivismus. In B. Belina, M. Naumann, & A. Strüver (Eds.), *Handbuch Kritische Stadtgeographie* (6., völlig überarbeitete und erweiterte Auflage ed., pp. 381-392). Westfälisches Dampfboot

Orth, B. (2022) "Riders United Will Never Be Divided? - A Cautionary Tale of Disrupting Platform Urbanism". In: Strüver, A. and S. Bauriedl (eds.) *Platform Urbanism*, Transcript/ Columbia University Press: 185-204
<https://doi.org/10.1515/9783839459645-012>

Schmitz, A.; Liebscher, S.; Orth, B. (2022): Karten: Im Dienste der Mächtigen. Atlas der Migration, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, [hier](#) verfügbar.

Orth, B. (2021) Engaging Feminist Geographies in Platform Research. In: *Feministische Georundmail*: 16-22. Open Access available [here](#).

BOOK REVIEWS

Orth, B. (2021) "Krisenbearbeitung durch digitale Plattformen. Rezension zu Moritz Altenried, Julia Dück und Mira Wallis (Hsg.) (2021): *Plattformkapitalismus und die Krise der sozialen Reproduktion*." In: *SubUrban Zeitschrift für kritische Stadtforschung* 9(3/4), 380–386. <https://doi.org/10.36900/suburban.v9i3/4.724>

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Best Paper Award, Feminist Economic Geography Competition (\$500), 2022
- PhD Researcher Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (€1000), 2022
- Thesis Award, Department for Int. Development, University of Oxford (£250), 2015
- Oxford Graduate Scholarship, University of Oxford & HECFE (£ 20 000), 2014

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Future Leaders Fellowship, Bridging Divides, Toronto Metropolitan University (CAN 18,000), 2025
- Conference Grant for ESA conference 2024, German Academic Exchange Service (€ 1 300), 2024
- Conference Grant for ILPC conference 2024, Department of Earth Sciences Fund for Female Researchers, FU Berlin (€600), 2024
- Starter Grant for a research stay at the University of Zurich, UNA EUROPA Network (€1500), 2023
- Connex-Grant Early Career Research Network Grant, Hans Riegel Foundation (€4 000), 2023
- Field Work Grant, Society for Geography (€1 800), 2022
- Field Work Grant, Ernst Reuter Foundation (€1 500), 2022
- Booster Grant, FU Berlin (jointly awarded w/ Stephan Liebscher; €3000), 2022
- Conference Grant for Global Conference on Economic Geography 2022, Department of Earth Sciences Fund for Female Researchers, FU Berlin (€1000), 2022
- Joint Funding for Conference Feminist Geographies, Margerita-von-Brentano Centre & Ernst Reuter Foundation (€12 680), 2021
- EU Teaching Mobility Grant at Catolica Universidad Santiago, Chile (€2 700), 2021

- Partnership Grant, Oxford-Berlin University Alliance (€5 000), 2021 (returned because of COVID-19 lockdowns)

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- Expert Interview for [Tonspur Wissen](#), 26.06.2025
- Expert interview for [Deutschlandfunk Zeitfragen](#), 06.05.2025
- Research featured in the media, [RLS News](#), 28.08.2024
- Expert interview for [ZDF Heute](#), 11.08.2024
- Expert interview for [NTV](#), 31.05.2024
- “It’s Like Uber but for Care?” Panelist at [Re: Publica](#) Conference for Journalists, May 2024
- “The Importance of Gender and Migration in Platform Regulation” Keynote and Expert Consultation for policy makers and trade unionists [Trade Union Platfor\(u\)m Conference](#), September 2023

INVITED TALKS

Keynote Panel Feminist perspectives on platform economies and future challenges, [Feminist on Platformisation of Care](#) Conference, 03.07.2025 University Flensburg

Orth, B., Migration und Plattformkapitalismus im Dienste der sozialen Reproduktion. Lecture at [Soziale Reproduktion & Migration: Studentisches Symposium](#), 23.11.2024, HH University Düsseldorf (online)

Orth, B., Gaining Access to hidden workers: Methods, challenges and lessons learnt from recruiting cleaning and care workers, Input for Gender & Gig Economy Research Network, 13. 11.2024 (online)

Orth, B., Researching Platform Labour Beyond the Gig. Keynote at Summer School on [Gender, AI and Inclusive Work](#), Weizenbaum Institute, Berlin, September 2024

Orth, B. Migration Perspectives on Data Work as a Career, Discussant at Data Workers’ Inquiry [Public Seminar Series](#), Weizenbaum Institute, online, September 2024

Orth, B. What is missing from platform research? Perspectives of Migration, Lightning Talk at [Continuity and Change](#) Workshop Collegium Helveticum Zurich, June 2024

Orth, B. Visa Categories in Platform Labour: The Working Holiday Visas Fuelling Berlin’s Gig Economy, Colloquium, [BIM](#) (Berliner Zentrum für Empirische Integrations- und Migrationsforschung), Humboldt University Berlin, July 2023

Orth, B. Platforms as Infrastructures of Migration?, Lightning Talk at *Infrastructures of Migration and The Architectures of Fulfillment* Workshop, University of Uppsala, May 2023

Orth, B. A ‘Labour of Love:’ Deep-Acting in Platform Labour, Workshop Politics and Ethics of Platform Labour, University of Cambridge, June 2022

Orth, B. Engaging Feminist Geographies in Platform Research, [Gender Lunch Talk Series](#) hosted by Margerita-von-Brentano Zentrum, Freie Universität Berlin, November 2021

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

PANELS ORGANIZED

- Going beyond the place of production - Learning from care and migrantized labour to broaden our understanding of platforms, resistance, and subjective precarity, 42nd International Labour Process Conference, University of Göttingen, April 2024
- Migration & the Gig Economy I: Labour Organising, [IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), July 2023
- Migration & the Gig Economy II: Visa and Residence Status, [IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), July 2023
- (In)Visibility, Identity & Value in Platform Work, [Global Perspectives on Platforms, Labor & Social Reproduction](#) Conference, University of Amsterdam, June 2023
- Trajectories of Care Platforms, [Global Perspectives on Platforms, Labor & Social Reproduction](#) Conference, University of Amsterdam, June 2023

PAPERS PRESENTED

1. Orth, B. Migration Trajectories into Data Work, [Annual meeting Working Group Labour Geography](#), University of Graz, February 2025
2. Orth, B. Visa Categories in Platform Labour, European Sociological Association Tension, Trust and Transformation, Portugal, August 2024
3. Orth, B. New Mobility Pathways from the Global South to Europe's Urban Platform Economies, Future of Work in the Global South and Global North Symposium, University of Melbourne (online), May 2024
4. Orth, B. The Formation Of A Platform Workforce In Berlin: The Working Holiday Visa Fueling Berlin's Gig Economy, [42nd International Labour Process Conference](#), University of Göttingen, April 2024
5. Orth, B. The Labour and Lifestyle Migration Nexus: The Working Holiday Visas fuelling Berlin's Gig Economy, [Working in/for Platforms International Conference](#), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, February 2024
6. Orth, B. Becoming A 'platform Worker': A Biographical Exploration Of Visa Categories And Worker Subjectivities In The Gig Economy (co-authored with Isabella Stingl), [Annual meeting Working Group Labour Geography](#), Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Berlin, February 2024
7. Orth, B. "Becoming Migrant Platform Workers": Zum Zusammenhang von Migration, Aufenthaltsstatus und der Plattformökonomie (w/ Isabella Stingl), [Deutscher Kongress für Geographie](#), September 2023
8. Orth, B. Becoming A Platform Worker: A Biographical Exploration Of Visa Categories And Working Subjectivities In Berlin's Gig Economy (w/ Isabella Stingl), 20th [IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), July 2023
9. Orth, B. Platform Urbanism: Thinking Reproductive Contradictions through Body Scales, [Global Perspectives on Platforms, Labor & Social Reproduction](#) Conference, University of Amsterdam, June 2023
10. Orth, B. Regulating Mobilities for Platform Labour, [Migration and the Future of Work](#), International Workshop Co-Convened by Institut Convergences Migrations (ICM), CERC Migration at Toronto Metropolitan University, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), March 2023
11. Orth, B. Riders United Will Never Be Divided?, [Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference](#), Amsterdam, July 2022

12. Orth, B. 'Precarious Workers' Visa: Intersectional Perspectives on Platform Labour in Berlin, [4th International Feminist Geography](#) Conference, University of Colorado (online), June 2022
13. Orth, B. The 'Precarious Workers' Visa: Migration and Platform Labour in Berlin, [Global Conference of Economic Geography](#), Dublin, June 2022
14. Orth, B. Research Strategies for Investigating Reproductive Labour in the Platform Economy, [Annual Conference of the Royal Geographical Society](#), London (online), September 2021
15. Orth, B. Coping with the Covid-19 Pandemic by Engaging in Platform Work. Talk presented at the [Migration and Mobility Postgraduate Conference](#), University of Neuchâtel (online), July 2021
16. Orth, B. Global Care Chains Reloaded? Research Strategies for Investigating Workers' Experience on Digital Care Platforms, [Migrant Belongings](#) Conference, Utrecht University (online), April 2021
17. Orth, B. Care for a Gig Job? Investigating Workers' Experience on Care Platforms. Poster presented at the [Politics and Ethics of Platform Labour: Learning from Lived Experiences conference](#), University of Cambridge (online), April 2021
18. Orth, B. Care for a Gig Job? Research Strategies for Investigating Reproductive Labour in the Platform Economy. Talk presented at the [Augmented Cities](#) conference, Humboldt University Berlin (online), April 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTOR

- Racism, Migration & the City (research project seminar), summer term 2022
- Going Local: Negotiating Urban Contestations in Berlin (UG spring school), summer term 2022
- Introduction to Migration and Border Studies (UG seminar), autumn terms 2020, 2021

TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR LECTURES

- Geographies of Difference (UG seminar), summer terms 2020, 2023
- Geographies of Globalization (UG seminar), autumn terms 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Speaker Standing Committee on Labour Geography of the German Association of Geographers
- Reviewer for *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *Work Organisation Employment, Platforms & Society*, *Critical Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Sub/Urban*, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, *Digital Geography*, *Geoforum*
- Organizing team, Annual Conference Labour Geographies, 2023
- Organizing team, Annual Conference Feminist Geographies, 2022
- Organizing team, Annual Conference Network for Critical Migration Scholars (Kritnet), 2018
- Member of International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE), Standing Committees on Labour Geography, Migration Studies, Digital Geography of the German Association of Geographers
- Academic Editor for Oxford Journal of Forced Migration Studies (2015-2017)

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2018-2019 | Principal Investigator, Camino Werkstatt für Sozialforschung: Queer Works: Researching LGBTQI Experiences in Berlin's Labour Market |
| 2017-2018 | Project Manager MORE Study on Labour Market Integration Through |

Mentoring for Refugees, German Institute of Economic Research

2015-2017 Project management roles in the non-profit sector for various employers,
Including Über den Tellerrand e.V., Start with a Friend e.V., Diakonie Berlin Brandenburg

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

- Visiting Researcher, Labour Geography Group, University of Zurich, 10.2023
- Erasmus Mundus [Teaching Exchange](#) at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile, 09.2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Feminist Geographies
- Migration & socio-legal migration questions
- Labour geographies
- Digital platforms

LANGUAGES

- English (native/bilingual proficiency)
- German (native/bilingual proficiency)
- Spanish (intermediate proficiency)

REFEREES

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