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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:	Chair of Economic Sociology, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
NATIONALITY:	German
LANGUAGES:	German, English
THEMATIC EXPERTISE:	Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Financial Markets, Welfare State, Moral Economy, Theory of Capitalism
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:	Germany, UK, USA

OVERVIEW

Professor Muennich has worked from a comparative-historical perspective on the institutional evolution of financial markets and labour markets in Germany, UK, and the US. His core fields interests are the interplay between ideas and interests for political processes and social movements, the professional field of international Civil Society Organizations, the social, cultural, and moral embeddedness of markets, as well as the methodological connection between macro-comparative sociology and history. He has directed a three-year project on the moral legitimacy of financial markets, anti-finance movements in Germany, Britain, Spain and France, public discourse about finance, as well as emergence and justification of financial and banking profits in different European countries. Moreover, he has worked in the field of sociological theory on institutional change, varieties of capitalism and the history of economic ideas and the welfare state.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2009 **PhD – Doctor rerum politicarum**
University of Cologne, Germany

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2020 – PRESENT **Chair of Economic Sociology**, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany

2019 **Chair of Sociological Theory**, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Institute of Sociology, Germany

2013 – 2019 **Junior Professor of Comparative Sociology**, Georg-August-University Göttingen, Institute of Sociology, Germany

2014 – 2015 **John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow**, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, USA

2009 – 2013 **Senior Researcher**, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019 Winner of Karl Polanyi Prize for best article by the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association

2014 – 2015 John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2016 – 2019

The Legitimacy of Financial Profits

Funded by the German Ministry of Science and Education, €340,000 grant

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Published Articles, Books and Book Sections

Muennich, Sascha (forthcoming): **Selbstkritischer Kapitalismus in Grün** In: Neckel, Sighard; Degens, Philipp (2024): *Das Scheitern des Grünen Kapitalismus*. Frankfurt a. Main: Campus Verlag.

Münnich, Sascha; Kraemer, Klaus (2020): **Nation und Nationalität in der Wirtschaftssoziologie**. In: Klaus Kraemer und Sascha Münnich (Hg.): *Ökonomischer Nationalismus. Soziologische Analysen wirtschaftlicher Ordnungen*. Frankfurt: Campus, S. 9–38.

Muennich, S. (2019) '**Profit as Social Rent: Embeddedness and Stratification in Markets**', *Sociological Theory* 37.2: 162–183, DOI: 10.1177/0735275119850860 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Rohringer, Julia; Münnich, Sascha (2019): **Finanzialisierung als Entdifferenzierung – Zur wachsenden Verschränkung von Finanzmarkt und Wohlfahrtsstaat in der deutschen Sozialpolitik**. *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform* 65.4: 427–458. (double-blind) DOI: 10.1515/zsr-2019-0016 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Muennich, S. (2018) '**Die Legitimität von Finanzregimen. Ein Weberianischer Blick auf die Spielarten des Finanzmarktkapitalismus in Deutschland und Großbritannien**', *Sonderheft der Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 70: 227-258, DOI: 10.1007/s11577-018-0545-7 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Muennich, S. (2017) '**Outside Powers. The Moral Economy of Anti-Financial Movements, 1870-1930 and Today**', *Historical Social Research* 42.3: 123-146, DOI: 10.12759/hsr.42.2017.3.123-146 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Sachweh, Patrick & Münnich, Sascha (Hrsg.): **Kapitalismus als Lebensform. Deutungsmuster, Legitimation und Kritik in der Marktgemeinschaft**. Wiesbaden: Springer VS

Muennich, S. (2016) '**Readjusting Imagined Markets. Morality and Institutional Resilience in the German and British Bank Bailout of 2008**', *Socio-Economic Review* 14.2: 283-307, DOI: 10.1093/ser/mww014 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Muennich, S. (2015) '**Thieves, Fools, Fraudsters, and Gamblers? The Ambivalence of Moral Criticism in the Credit Crunch of 2008**', *European Journal of Sociology / Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 56.01: 93–118, DOI: 10.1017/S0003975615000053 (accessed 12 November 2021)

Muennich, Sascha (2011): **Interessen und Ideen. Soziologische Kritik einer problematischen Unterscheidung**. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 40-5: 371-387. (double-blind)

Muennich, Sascha (2011): **Interest-Seeking as Sense-Making. Ideas and Business Interests in the New Deal**. *European Journal of Sociology / Archives Européennes de Sociologie*, 52.11: 277-311. (double-blind)

Muennich, Sascha (2010): **Interessen und Ideen. Die Entstehung der Arbeitslosenversicherung in Deutschland und den USA**. Frankfurt a. Main: Campus