CV
Dr Christian Kroll

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Professional experience

Guest Lecturer, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin 02/2016 – present
Teaching in Master of Public Policy (MPP),
Course "Sustainable Development: Theory, Analysis, Practice" (2016, 2017)

Scientific Co-Director, Sustainable Development Goals Index 04/2016 – present
Annual report to measure country performance on the UN Global Goals
(Sachs et al. 2016, see publications). Website: www.sdgindex.org

Project Manager of the Sustainable Governance Indicators, Bertelsmann Foundation 09/2012 – present
coordinating a dataset of 140 quantitative + qualitative indicators in OECD + EU
with a network of around 100 academics worldwide.

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences: (Affiliated) Fellow 01/2012 - present
Jacobs University & University of Bremen
Conducting research, initially with a competitive grant from the DFG excellence initiative

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government: Visiting Scholar 09/2010 – 12/2010
Worked in the research group the "Saguaro Seminar" upon invitation
and under the direction of Prof. Robert D. Putnam

London School of Economics, Dept. of Sociology: Course Instructor 10/2009 – 07/2010
Taught in B.A. Sociology programme: "Issues and Methods in Social Research" to 2nd year undergraduate students
Achieved very good student evaluations

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, London School of Economics, UK 10/2008 – 10/2011
Thesis title: "Towards a Sociology of Happiness: Examining social capital and subjective well-being across subgroups of society"
Result: Straight pass without need for revisions
Supervisor: Dr Ursula Henz, Dept. of Sociology, LSE
Advisor: Dr Jouni Kuha, Methodology Institute, LSE

Magister Artium (M.A.) with distinction in Sociology, Political Science and Psychology, University of Hamburg, Germany 03/2003 – 01/2008
Graduated top of the class with final grade 1.0 ("Ausgezeichnet")

Licence in Social Anthropology (French B.A.) during one year spent at Université de St. Denis de La Réunion, France 09/2004 – 05/2005

Teaching experience

- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Master of Public Policy, spring term 2017, “Sustainable Development in practice”, 2 SWS
- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Master of Public Policy, spring term 2016, “Implementation Strategies for the UN Sustainable Development Goals”, 2 SWS
- Summer University of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung 2014: Workshop on “Good Jobs, Good Life – research on quality of life and its implications”
- Summer University of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung 2013: Workshop on “Growth, Wealth, Quality of Life”
- London School of Economics, Dept. of Sociology, B.A. Sociology, academic year 2009 / 2010, seminar on “Issues and Methods in Social Research”, 2 SWS

Awards

- Best Dissertation 2010-2012, International Society for Quality of Life Studies, 2nd place
- “Deutscher Studienpreis 2007”, Körber Stiftung, 3rd prize
- Foundation of the German Economy sdw (3-year PhD scholarship)
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation (4-year study scholarship)
- 3 LSE Research Studentship Awards and 2 Postgraduate Travel Awards
- DFG Travel Stipend

Memberships & Advisory Roles

- Member of Advisory Group, Measuring National Well-being Programme, UK Office for National Statistics (set up at the initiative of the Prime Minister), 2011 - 2013
- Member of advisory group to the SPD leadership (Parteivorstand): „Steuerungsgruppe des Themenlabors Innovation und Neues Wachstum“ 2015 - 2016
- Invited expert in German Parliament, MP working groups on “Growth, wealth and quality of life”, as well as “Sustainable development” 2011 - 2012
- Invited panellist for the EU, OECD, CDU Wirtschaftsrat, Körber Stiftung, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and others

Refereeing

American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Psychology

Language and IT skills

- English (fluent), German (native), French (good), Spanish (basic)
- Microsoft Office, SPSS, STATA, EndNote

References are available upon request.

Publications

Under review

Sachs, J., Schmidt-Traub, G., Kroll, C., Durand-Delacre, D. and Teksoz, K. (2017*):* Country-level Baselines for the Sustainable Development Goals: An SDG Index and Dashboards. Invited article for *Nature Geoscience*.

Verweij, S., Gerrits, L.M., Kroll, C., Meek, J. W., Schraad-Tischler, D. The Relationships between Governance Capacity and Environmental Policy Performance: A Comparative Evaluation of 41 OECD and EU Countries with Fuzzy Set QCA. *Under review.*

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Kroll, C. (2015). Global development and happiness: How can data on subjective well-being inform development theory and practice? *Oxford Development Studies.* Vol. 43, 3, p. 281-309.

Kroll, C. (2014). Towards a Sociology of Happiness: The case of an age perspective on the social context of subjective well-being. *Sociological Research Online (British Sociological Association)*. Special Section on Happiness Research, edited by M. Cieslik and D. Bartram.

Kroll, C. & Delhey, J. (2013). A Happy Nation? Opportunities and challenges of using subjective indicators in policymaking. *Social Indicators Research* 114 (1), 13-28. Special issue on "Subjective social indicators – Usability and limitations for policymaking" (edited by H.H. Noll).

Kroll, C. & Pokutta, S. (2013). Just a perfect day? Developing a happiness optimised day schedule (with Sebastian Pokutta). *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 34, pp. 210-217.
discussed in Harvard Business Review, Wall Street Journal Live, The Independent, Le Monde, The Huffington Post, ITV, ABC News, Daily Telegraph, The Sun, Times of India, China Daily, Spiegel Online, Hamburger Morgenpost (frontpage) and others. Interviewed on GloboTV (20 million viewers), Buzzfeed.com, TAZ tageszeitung, HR Radio, SWR Radio and others.

Kroll, C. (2011). Different things make different people happy: Examining social capital and subjective well-being by gender and parental status. *Social Indicators Research*, 104 (1), 157-177.

Books

Kroll, C. (2011). *Towards a sociology of happiness: examining social capital and subjective well-being across subgroups of society.* PhD thesis, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Kroll, C. (2008). *Social capital and the happiness of nations. The importance of trust and networks for life satisfaction in a cross-national perspective.* Frankfurt a.M./New York/Oxford: Peter Lang Publishing Group.

Book chapters

Kroll, C. (2014). Social correlates of well-being. In: A. Michalos (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*. Dordrecht: Springer.

Delhey, J. & Kroll, C. (2013). A 'happiness test' for the new measures of national well-being: How much better than GDP are they? In Brockmann, H. & Delhey, J. (Eds.) *Is more always better? Human happiness and the limits of the maximization principle.* New York / Heidelberg: Springer.

Also published as *WZB Discussion paper* SP I 2012 201, June 2012.
discussed in The Telegraph, The Irish Independent, Canberra Times, Svenska Dagbladet, OECD Insights, Council of Europe (Resolution and Report on "Well-Being of European Citizens")

Kroll, C. (2013). Das Prinzip des größtmöglichen Glücks: Ein neuer Leitfaden für die Gute Gesellschaft. In: H. Meyer / C. Kellermann (Eds.): *Die Gute Gesellschaft: Soziale und demokratische Politik im 21. Jahrhundert*. Berlin: Suhrkamp.

Kroll, C. (2011). The Greatest Happiness Principle: An Imperative for Social Democracy? In: H. Meyer / J. Rutherford: *The Future of European Social Democracy - Towards the Good Society.* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Kroll, C. (2008). Arbeit und Fairness in den vier Wänden. Eine empirische Untersuchung zum Zusammenhang zwischen unserem Geschlechterrollenverständnis und dem Ausmaß unserer unbezahlten Haushaltsarbeit. In: A. Fischer, T. Gotthard, T. Lorenz and K. Humberg: Drahtseilakt Leben. *Junge Forscher zwischen Wissenschaft und Wirklichkeit.* Stuttgart: ibidem.

Reports

Sachs, J., Schmidt-Traub, G., Kroll, C., Durand-Delacre, D. and Teksoz, K. (2016): *SDG Index and Dashboards - Global Report.* New York: Bertelsmann Stiftung and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
discussed in *The Guardian, Washington Post, Reuters, Huffington Post, Yahoo, Bild, Spiegel Online, and others.*

Kroll, C. (with a foreword by Kofi Annan). (2015). Sustainable Development Goals - Are the rich countries ready? Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung.
discussed in CNBC, ABC News, Huffington Post, Reuters, World Economic Forum, ARD Mittagsmagazin, 3Sat Makro, CCTV, Daily Mail, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesschau.de, Spiegel Online, Bild.de, and others.

Schraad-Tischler, D. & Kroll, C. (2014). *Social Justice in the EU – how do member states compare?* Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung.
discussed in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Le Monde, Republica, Irish Times, ARD Plusminus, Deutsche Welle, Focus, Spiegel Online, Russia Today and others.

Kroll, C. (2011). *Measuring progress and well-being: Achievements and challenges of a new global movement*. Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation.
published in German as: *Wie wollen wir zukünftig leben? Internationale Erfahrungen bei der Neuvermessung von Fortschritt und Wohlergehen*.
reprinted as *RatSWD Working paper* Nr. 186

Kroll, C. (2011). *Measuring progress and well-being: An opportunity for political parties? Berlin: Friedrich Ebert Foundation*.
published in German as: *Die Neuvermessung von Fortschritt und Wohlergehen: Eine Chance für politische Parteien?*

Kroll, C. (2010). *Public policy and happiness*. London: Friedrich Ebert Foundation.
published in German as: *Die Politik des Glücks*. Bonn: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

Kroll, C. (2010). Invited report for the Robert Bosch Foundation: Erfolgreiche Interventionsstrategien zum Wohlergehen von Kindern.

Kroll, C. & Meditz, H.(2009). Invited report for the German Ministry of Family Affairs: Wissenschaftliche Bestandsaufnahme der Forschung zum Wohlbefinden von Eltern und Kindern. *Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend Monitor Familienforschung 4/2009*. Collaboration with Roland Berger Strategy Consultants.

Non-refereed articles

Kroll, C. (2015). Much more than just a group picture – the UN Sustainable Development Goals. *OECD Insights.*

Kroll, C. and Wagner, G.W. (2014). Gute Politik orientiert sich nicht nur am BIP. *Capital*.

Kroll, C. (2014). Wellbeing gains significance in German policymaking. *OECD Progblog*.

Kroll, C. (2013). Can 'happiness economics' provide a new framework for development? *TheGuardian.com*

Reprinted twice in Spanish:
Kroll, C. 2013. Objectivos para la felicidad. *America Economia* and in *Revista Humanum* (UNDP)

Kroll, C. (2012). Wir brauchen neue Indikatoren – und ein Glücks-Audit für die Politik! *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, Juli 2012.

Kroll, C. & Grassi, S. (2012). The international debate on progress: What does it mean for political parties? *Social Europe Journal*, Feb. 2012.

Kroll, C. (2012). Just do as Aristotle did. *Zocalo Public Square debate: How Can We Most Effectively Measure Happiness?*

Kroll, C. & Grassi, S. (2011). Chancen aus der internationalen Fortschrittsdebatte, *Neue Gesellschaft / Frankfurter Hefte*, Dez. 2011.

Kroll, C. & Layard, R. (2011). Happiness matters, *Social Europe Journal,* Nov. 2011.

Kroll, C. & Layard, R. (2011). Auch das Glück zählt. *DIE WELT*, 21.10.2011, page 2.

Kroll, C. (2010). *Volunteering, happiness and the 'motherhood penalty'*. London: Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR), Volunteer Development Agency Northern Ireland, Volunteer Development Scotland (VDS) and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

Kroll, C. (2010). Social democracy and happiness. Contribution to 'The Good Society Debate', *Social Europe Journal.*

Kroll, C. (2010). Soziale Demokratie des Glücks? Folgen der Glücksforschung für die Politik. *Neue Gesellschaft / Frankfurter Hefte*, November. 2010.

Kroll, C. (2010). Die Suche nach dem Bruttoglücksprodukt - Welcher Maßstab für eine Politik des 21. Jahrhunderts? *Berliner Republik*, 2 / 2010.

Kroll, C. (2010). *The SPD's ill-fated optimism*. Invited op-ed for Policy Network, London.

Conference papers, invited presentations, participation in panels
(video links provided)

Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Launch Event for the SDG Index, New York, 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hX2KW1QBSmE

OECD, NAEC Seminar (New Approaches to Economic Challenges), Paris, 2016
http://video.oecd.org/2263/or/NAEC-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Are-the-rich-countries-ready-Ch-Kroll.html

Dahrendorf Symposium, Launch of EGM, Berlin, 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWXohGqd2GY

Econsense, Berlin, 2016

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Milan, 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoAEvXM2Z1E

World Health Summit, Berlin, 2016

Sustainable Development Solution Network Germany, Annual Conference, Potsdam, 2016

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Sektion Soziale Indikatoren, Jahrestagung, Berlin, 2015: Die UN Sustainable Development Goals im Kontext der Forschung zu Sozialindikatoren

Global Economic Symposium 2015, Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel, 2015: Plenary session on "Sustainable Development Goals: Are the rich countries ready?"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsBZ2U55WfI

International Conference on Sustainable Development, Columbia University, New York, 2015: Panelist on UN Sustainable Development Goals – Indicators for OECD countries.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0Ix3u99Ta8

Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, 2015: Keynote on UN Sustainable Development Goals
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVreJKuhDTc
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWlMuFUEIKo

Sustainable Development Solutions Network, G20 Conference, Istanbul, 2015: The SDGs in G20 countries.

World Happiness Report 2015, expert launch workshop, SDSN, New York. Discussant for presentation and chapter by Jeffrey D. Sachs: "Investing in Social Capital"

OECD, Workshop on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Paris, 2015: Are the rich countries ready for the UN goals?

Wirtschaftsrat der CDU, conference on sustainability, Berlin 2015: Is Germany ready for the UN Sustainable Development Goals?

Ta Nea, Panel discussion with former Greek finance minister Sachinidis, Athens, 2015: The performance of Greece in the EU Social Justice Index.

OECD, European workshop on measuring and using subjective well-being data, Paris, 2014: How can data on subjective well-being inform public policy?

Europe Club, Budapest, 2014: Sustainable Governance and Social Justice in the EU

European Economic and Social Committee, Conference on “Let’s talk happiness – Beyond GDP”, Brussels, 2014: Sustainable Governance Indicators.

African Initiative for Development Cooperation & FES Botswana, Kenya and South Africa, 2013: Going Beyond GDP - What’s in it for Africa?

Jacobs University, CoWell Brown Bag Series, Bremen, 2013: Research on Subjective Well-Being - What is in it for global development?

Volkswirtschaftliche Gesellschaft Kärnten, Klagenfurt, 2013: Bruttonationalglück

Columbia University, Earth Institute, New York, 2013: Does development make you happy?

ETHOS Media CEO & CSR Conference, Athens, 2012: Happiness: Rise of a new global paradigm.

Volkshochschule Beckum, 2012: Auf dem Weg zu einer Politik des Glücks?

Jacobs University, CoWell Brown Bag Series, Bremen, 2012: Just a Perfect Day: Developing a happiness optimized day schedule.

International Sociological Association Forum, Buenos Aires 2012, RC 55 Session on Translating research on subjective well-being into public policies: Measuring well-being - consequences for political stakeholders.

Conference on Social Monitoring and Social Reporting in Europe: Subjective social indicators: Usefulness and information potential for policymaking. Vila Vigoni, Italy, 2012: Using subjective well-being in public policy: What will work and what will not.

African Conference on Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies (OECD Development Centre and High Commission of Planning of Morocco), Rabat, Morocco, 2012. Measuring progress for development: How data on subjective well-being and social cohesion can inform development policy?

ETUI/EPSU conference on Beyond GDP? Social progress in the aftermath of the crisis, Brussels 2012: Measuring progress and well-being: Implications for political stakeholders.

Jacobs University, BIGSSS Colloquium on Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life, Bremen 2011: Towards a Sociology of Happiness.

Social Europe Journal, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Compass, London 2011: Is equitable and sustainable well-being achievable?

German parliament, Social Democratic Party, parliamentary working group on sustainable development, Berlin 2011: Lessons from the international progress debate for public policy. [Lehren aus der internationalen Fortschrittsdebatte für die Politik].

FES Fortschrittsforum, Berlin, 2011: The politics of happiness [Eine Politik des Glücks].

German parliament, Social Democratic Party, parliamentary working group on "Growth, Wealth, Quality of Life", Berlin 2011: Lessons from the international progress debate for public policy. [Lehren aus der internationalen Fortschrittsdebatte für die Politik].

British Sociological Association Annual Conference, '60 Years of Sociology', London, 2011: Towards a Sociology of Happiness: The Case of a Life Course Perspective on the Social Context of Subjective Well-being.

European Social Survey Well-Being Module Workshop, London, 2011: Studying social capital and subjective well-being using the European Social Survey.

V. Conference on Social and Economic Data. Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, Wiesbaden, Germany, 2011: An empirical study on life satisfaction based on large-scale survey data.

XVII. International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress, Gothenburg, 2010: Social capital and subjective well-being from a life course perspective.

X. conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), Bangkok, 2010: The social context of well-being across the life cycle.

Volunteering counts - A research conference on voluntary action, Manchester, 2010: Volunteering, Happiness, and the 'Motherhood Penalty'.

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin, 2010: The 'Good Life': A new paradigm for public policy?

Herbert Quandt-Stiftung, 30th Sinclair House Talks on "Trust and Social Capital", strategy conference, Potsdam, 2010: Social Capital - What is it and what does it do?

New Economics Foundation, London, 2009: Heterogeneity in the correlates of subjective well-being – selected findings.

Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart, 2009: The Good Childhood Report and research on child well-being.

IX. conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, Florence, 2009: His 'n hers: Gender differences in the relationship between social capital and subjective well-being.

LSE Department of Sociology annual conference, Cumberland Lodge / Windsor, 2009: Re-examining the social context of well-being.

Selected media appearances

Interviews and research citations

TV
ARD Mittagsmagazin, 24.09.2015
3Sat Makro, 25.09.2015
CCTV (biggest broadcaster in China), 22.09.2015
Deutsche Welle TV, Made in Germany, 16.09.2015
ORF 1 Nachrichten, 9.9.2015
NDR TV, “Plietsch”, 17.11.2013
NDR TV, “Wie glücklich ist der Norden?” 18.11.2013
TV Globo Brazil (biggest broadcaster in South America), Fantastico (Prime time TV show on Sunday night, 20 million viewers), September 2012
ITV, ABC News

Print
Harvard Business Review
Le Monde
Hamburger Morgenpost (frontpage)
TAZ tageszeitung
Portrait in Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung
Portrait in Weser Kurier
Psychologie Heute
SELF Magazine USA
Süddeutsche Zeitung
The Independent
Daily Telegraph
The Sun
Times of India
China Daily

Radio
Hessischer Rundfunk
Südwestfunk
Radio 21

Online
Wall Street Journal Live
Spiegel Online
Tagesschau.de
The Huffington Post
Bild.de
fortschrittsforum.de
Austrian Presse
Buzzfeed.com