

## Dr. Johanna Fischer | CV

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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social policy, care policy and politics, long-term care, informal/familial care, care leave, health care, eco-social policy, international comparison, policy analysis, policy transfer, methods of comparative research

### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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- 06/2018 - 12/2021 **Doctor in Economics and Social Sciences (Dr. rer. pol. / Ph. D.)**  
grade “magna cum laude”  
University of Bremen, Germany  
Affiliated Doctoral Fellow at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)  
*Doctoral Thesis: „The emergence of social policy in the field of long-term care. A comparative analysis of the introduction and types of long-term care systems”*
- 10/2015 - 05/2018 **Master of Arts Social Policy** (grade 1.0/very good)  
University of Bremen, Germany  
*Master Thesis “Variations of care markets: Ideal types and classification of European long-term care systems”*
- 10/2010 - 05/2014 **Bachelor of Arts Governance and Public Policy** (grade 1.4/very good)  
University of Passau, Germany  
*Bachelor Thesis: „Better off out or in? An analysis of the British discourse on the European Union membership referendum”*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

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- since 03/2025 **Postdoctoral researcher**  
SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy  
University of Bremen, Germany
- 01/2022 - 02/2025 **Postdoctoral researcher**  
Collaborative Research Centre 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social Policy”  
Research project A07 Global Dynamics of Long-term Care Policy  
University of Bremen, Germany
- 06/2018 - 12/2021 **Doctoral researcher**  
Collaborative Research Centre 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social Policy”  
Research project A04 Global Developments in Health Care Systems and Long-term Care as a New Social Risk  
University of Bremen, Germany

08/2017 - 03/2018	<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Research project "Parliamentary Careers in Comparison" SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany
06/2017 - 07/2017	<b>Internship</b> Research project "The Politics of Deindustrialisation" Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany
02/2016 - 08/2016	<b>Student Research Assistant</b> Department Theoretical and Normative Foundations SOCIUM, University of Bremen, Germany
08/2015 - 09/2015	<b>Internship</b> Competence Centre Welfare and Integration Rambøll Management Consulting, Berlin, Germany
05/2014 - 08/2014	<b>Internship</b> Project „Providing for Health“ Department Education, Health and Social Protection German Development Cooperation (GIZ), Eschborn, Germany

## STAYS ABROAD

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03/2025	Research stay with Prof. Yueh-Ching Chou, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan and Asia University, Taichung, Taiwan
10/2023 - 11/2023	Research stay at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Health & Care Team, Vienna, Austria
09/2016 - 01/2017	MA exchange semester (Comparative Public Policy & Welfare Studies), University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark
08/2014 - 02/2015	Voluntary service ("kulturweit" programme) at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Information Centre Amman, Jordan
09/2012 - 01/2013	BA exchange semester (political science, international relations), Cardiff University, United Kingdom

## FUNDING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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### Own third party funding / principle investigator

01/2026 – 12/2029	Project A07 "New Politics of the Ageing Welfare State? Comparing Political Outcomes and Policy Feedback of Long-term Care Policies", Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" (3. funding phase 2026-2029) PIs Johanna Fischer, Simone Leiber, Heinz Rothgang Funding organisation: German Research Foundation (DFG)
03/2025 - 02/2028	Research project " <u>Work-care conciliation policies for informal elder care: Comparing the generosity of long-term care leave schemes in Europe</u> " Funding line "Independent Projects for Postdocs" Funding organisation: Central Research Development Fund, University of Bremen (ca. 280,000€)
2023	Grant for research stay at the European Centre in Vienna Funding organisation: Baumeister-Stiftung für Chancengleichheit (500€)

### Contribution to funding application and project management

- 01/2022 - 12/2025    Project A07 “Global Dynamics of Long-term Care Policy”, Collaborative Research Centre 1342 (PIs Heinz Rothgang, Simone Leiber)
- Participation in application writing and evaluation process of the 2<sup>nd</sup> CRC funding phase (2022-2025)
  - Responsible for project coordination and planning (with PIs)
  - Hiring and supervision of student assistants
  - Contribution to hiring and supervision of doctoral researchers

### TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

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#### University courses taught

- SoSe 2023 & WS 2023/24    Seminar “Who cares? Long-term care policies in Europe in comparison“, (in German, blended learning concept)  
Bachelor Social Work, **University of Duisburg-Essen**  
Two teaching assignments on honorary basis (Lehrauftrag)
- WS 2022/23    Seminar „Health care systems and long-term care systems in international comparison“ (in English, block seminar)  
Bachelor International Degree Programme Nursing, **City University of Applied Sciences Bremen**  
Teaching assignments on honorary basis (Lehrauftrag)
- SoSe 2022    Tutorial „Theory and empirics of socio-structural change“ (in German)  
Bachelor Sociology, **University of Bremen**  
Teaching assignments on honorary basis (Lehrauftrag)

#### Bachelor and Master thesis supervision

- ongoing            MA Social Policy, 2025  
completed        MA International Relations, 2024

### ACADEMIC SERVICE AND NETWORKS

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#### Academic self-administration

- since 2024        Member of the women\* representative committee of the SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy, University of Bremen
- 2024 - 2025        Member of professorial selection committee for Professorship on Comparative Politics, University of Bremen
- 2022                Member of professorial selection committee for Professorship on Global Social Policy, University of Bremen
- 2021 - 2025        Member in dissertation defense committees, University of Bremen  
Keonhi Son (2021); Maria Ignatova-Pfarr (2023); Greta-Marleen Storath (2024); Priya (2024); Kristin Noack (2025)
- 2018 - 2022        Member of the Equal Opportunities Committee of the Collaborative Research Centre 1342, University of Bremen
- 2019                Co-development of the “Code of Conduct Data Use and Ownership at the CRC 1342”
- 2015 - 2018        Co-founder of representative committee of master programme Social Policy & student representative of MA Social Policy class 2015

### Academic network roles and editorships

- since 2025      Coordinating the researcher group “The politics of long-term care policies” in preparation of a special issue (follow up from the Workshop Long-term Care Policies in East Asia and Europe: Current Challenges and Future Policy Options in Comparison, March 2025, Taipei)
- since 2024      Member of the steering committee of the Long-Term Care Policy Interest Group of the Global Observatory of Long-Term Care
- 2020 - 2022      Initiator and co-editor of the publication series CRC 1342 Social Policy Country Briefs

### Membership in scientific networks

#### *international*

- International Long-term Care Policy Network (ILPN) & Global Observatory of Long-Term Care (GOLTC)
- International Network on Leave Policy & Research (ILP&R)
- Transforming Care Network (TCN)
- European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet)
- European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR, Standing Group Political Economy and Welfare State Politics)

#### *national*

- German Political Science Association (DVPW, Section Policy Analysis and Administrative Science and Working Group Welfare State Research)
- Section Social Policy of the German Sociological Association (DGS)
- German Institute for Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research (DIFIS, Research Field 4 life courses and social policy; early career researcher network)

### Peer review

Social Policy & Administration; Social Policy & Society; Journal of Family Research; INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing; Socium SFB 1342 Working Paper Series

### FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE

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- Language skills**      German (mother tongue), English (C2), French (A2), Spanish (A2)
- IT skills**              R, Limesurvey, Maxqda, Stata, Endnote, Citavi, Wiki, Microsoft Office
- Main research methods**      Typologies and classification, creation of country-comparative datasets, expert surveys and interviews, fuzzy set analysis, comparative case studies, document analysis

## Dr. Johanna Fischer | List of Publications

### Journal articles (peer reviewed)

- Aigner, Ernest; Fischer, Johanna; Kraudi, Anne (2025): Suffiziente Langzeitpflege: Institutionelle Ansatzpunkte in Deutschland. In *WSI-Mitteilungen* 78 (5), pp. 380–389. DOI: 10.5771/0342-300X-2025-5-380.
- Besche-Truthe, Fabian; Böger, Tobias; Fischer, Johanna (2025): Stages, orders & periods of welfare state development: a global sequence analysis of social policy dynamics. In *Journal of Public Policy* 45 (4), pp. 549–576. DOI: 10.1017/S0143814X25100676.
- Sternkopf, Meika; de Carvalho, Gabriela; Fischer, Johanna (2024): New agendas and old legacies? Comparing international organisations' proposals on health and long-term care systems in Latin America. In *Global Social Policy* 3 (24), pp. 433–455. DOI: 10.1177/14680181241254087.
- Fischer, Johanna (2022): The social long-term care insurance model: comparing actor configurations across countries and time. In *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy* 38 (2), pp. 93-110. DOI: 10.1017/ics.2022.9.
- Fischer, Johanna; Frisina Doetter, Lorraine; Rothgang, Heinz (2022): Comparing long-term care systems: A multi-dimensional, actor-centred typology. In *Social Policy & Administration* 56 (1), 33-47. DOI: 10.1111/spol.12742.
- de Carvalho, Gabriela; Schmid, Achim; Fischer, Johanna (2020): Classifications of health care systems: Do existing typologies reflect the particularities of the Global South? In *Global Social Policy* 21 (2), 278-300. DOI: 10.1177/1468018120969315.

### Articles in edited volumes

- Fischer, Johanna; Höppner, Julia (2025): Typology construction. In: Reference Module in Social Sciences: Elsevier.
- Simmons, Cassandra; Fischer, Johanna; Leichsenring, Kai (2025): Emerging long-term care systems – Learning from comparison. In Julia Morgan, Vincent La Placa (Eds.): *Contemporary Issues in Health and Social Care Policy and Practice. A Comparative Introduction*. London: Routledge.
- Frisina Doetter, Lorraine; Fischer, Johanna; Rothgang, Heinz (2023): Unpacking the 'elder-care regime': The many faces of long-term care within and across societies. In Mary Daly, Neil Gilbert, Birgit Pfau-Effinger, Douglas Besharov (Eds.): *International Handbook of Family policy: A Life-Course Perspective*: Oxford University Press (Oxford handbooks), pp. 939-960.
- Fischer, Johanna; Kim, Hongsoo; Frisina Doetter, Lorraine; Rothgang, Heinz (2022): Social long-term care insurance: An idea traveling between countries? In Frank Nullmeier, Delia González de Reufels, Herbert Obinger (Eds.): *International Impacts on Social Policy. Short Histories in a Global Perspective*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan (Global Dynamics of Social Policy), pp. 939-960.
- Fischer, Johanna, Polte, Alexander; Sternkopf, Meika (2022). The introduction of long-term care systems: The nascent diffusion of an emergent field of social policy. In Michael Windzio, Ivo Mossig, Fabian Besche-Truthe, & Helen Seitzer (Eds.): *Networks and geographies of global social policy diffusion: Culture, economy and colonial legacies*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. (Global Dynamics of Social Policy), pp. 139-167.
- Fischer, Johanna; Rothgang, Heinz (2020): Pflegesysteme im internationalen Vergleich. Soziale Sicherung für Langzeitpflege in OECD-Ländern. In Bundeszentrale für politische

Bildung (Ed.): Pflege. Praxis - Geschichte - Politik. APuZ-Edition. Bonn: Bundeszentral für politische Bildung (bpb) (bpb Schriftenreihe, 10497), pp. 94-105.

Rothgang, Heinz; Fischer, Johanna (2019): Langzeitpflege. In Herbert Obinger, Manfred G. Schmidt (Eds.): Handbuch Sozialpolitik. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden, pp. 645-668.

### **Working papers (peer reviewed)**

Viero, Davide; Fischer, Johanna (forthcoming): Comparative Assessment of Long-term Care System Generosity: Mapping Benefits and Inclusiveness Internationally. In *SOCIUM SFB 1342 WorkingPapers* (31).

Rothgang, Heinz; Fischer, Johanna; Sternkopf, Meika; Frisina Doetter, Lorraine (2021): The classification of distinct long-term care systems worldwide: the empirical application of an actor-centered multi-dimensional typology. In *SOCIUM SFB 1342 WorkingPapers* (12). 10.26092/elib/2744.

### **Technical papers and reports**

Blum, Sonja; Fischer, Johanna; Peukert, Almut; Reimer, Thordis; Schober, Pia; Stertz, Anna M. (2025): Germany country note. In Ivana Dobrotic, Sonja Blum, Gayle Kaufman, Alison Koslowski, Peter Moss, Marie Valentova (Eds.): 21st International Review of Leave Policies and Related Research 2025, pp. 245–255.

de Carvalho, Gabriela; Fischer, Johanna; Rothgang, Heinz (2024): CRC 1342 Glossary of Terms for Social Policy Generosity. In *SFB 1342 Technical Paper Series* (16). DOI: 10.26092/elib/2834.

Fischer, Johanna; Sternkopf, Meika; Rothgang, Heinz (2023): Covering a new social risk: The introduction of long-term care systems worldwide. In Ivo Mossig, Herbert Obinger (Eds.): Mapping Global Dynamics of Social Policy. Bremen: Collaborative Research Centre 1342 (SOCIUM SFB Working Papers, 25), pp. 32–35. 10.26092/elib/2559

Polte, Alexander; Fischer, Johanna (2021): “WeSISdadia” – A Formalized Work-Flow for Uploading and Documenting Data for WeSIS and its Implementation as an R Package. In *SFB 1342 Technical Paper Series* (9). 10.26092/elib/1609

de Carvalho, Gabriela; Fischer, Johanna (2020): Health and long-term care system introduction and reform – concepts and operationalisations for global and historical comparative research. In *SFB 1342 Technical Paper Series* (3). DOI: 10.26092/ELIB/539.

### **Dissertation**

Fischer, Johanna (2021): The emergence of social policy in the field of long-term care. A comparative analysis of the introduction and types of long-term care systems in global perspective. Cumulative Dissertation. Universität Bremen, Bremen. DOI: 10.26092/elib/1916

## Dr. Johanna Fischer | Talks, Conference Presentations and Organisation

### Invited talks

Lecture series “Healthy future: Sustainability and Climate Justice (in Bremen)” [Vortragsreihe “Gesunde Zukunft: Nachhaltig und Klimagerecht (in Bremen)”], Haus der Wissenschaft Bremen, Germany; 12.11.2025

*Genug Pflege? Wege zu einem sozial-ökologischen Pflegesystem [Sufficient long-term care? Pathways towards a socio-ecological long-term care system] (with Ernest Aigner, Anne Kraudi)*

Institute of Government and Public Policy (IGOP) Open Seminars, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain; 05.10.2025

*Comparing Long-Term Care Leave Policies in Europe*

Colloquium of Administrative Sciences, Helmut-Schmidt-University, Hamburg, Germany; 14.05.2025

*Fälle vergleichen und klassifizieren mit Fuzzy Set Analyse [Comparing and classifying cases with fuzzy set analysis]*

Lecture at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan; 25.03.2025

*The Long-Term Care System in Germany*

Lecture at Asia University, Taichung, Taiwan; 19.03.2025

*The Long-Term Care System in Germany*

Jour Fixe at the European Centre of Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, Austria; 16.11.2023

*Social policies for elder care. The emergence and design of long-term care systems in global perspective*

### Conference presentations

23rd ESPAnet Annual Conference, 27-29 August 2025, Milan, Italy

*Social-Ecological Sufficiency in Long-Term Care Systems. Conceptual Considerations and Application to the German Case (with Ernest Aigner, Anne Kraudi)*

*Social citizenship for people with care needs: An international comparative analysis of inclusiveness of long-term care systems (with Davide Viero)*

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seminar of the International Network on Leave Policies and Research

“Challenges of Leave Policies and Social Sustainability”, 12-13 June 2025, Vilnius. Lithuania  
*Comparing long-term care leave schemes in Europe*

29. Kongress der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW), 24-27 September, Göttingen

*Care policies for averting the old-age crisis? Analysing the global spread and generosity of long-term care systems (with Davide Viero)*

7th International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care (ILPN), 12-14 September 2024, Bilbao, Spain

*The introduction of social protection for elder care worldwide: The Historical Long-Term Care Systems Dataset*

12th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, 19-21 June 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

*On the road to accessible, affordable, high-quality long-term care? The emergence and framing of elder care policy in the European Union* (with Meika Sternkopf, Cansu Erdogan, Lorraine Frisina Doetter)

ESPAnet 2022 Conference, 14-16 September 2022, Vienna, Austria  
*Work-care reconciliation policies in elder care: Comparing the generosity of long-term care leave schemes in Europe*

6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care (ILPN), 7-10 September 2022, London, UK  
*Work-care reconciliation policies in elder care: Comparing the generosity of long-term care leave schemes in Europe*

11<sup>th</sup> International NordWel Summer School, 19-23 August 2019, Bremen, Germany  
*Constructing a long-term care systems typology - a conceptual framework for international comparative research*

4<sup>th</sup> Transforming Care Conference, 24-26 June 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Classifying Long Term Care Systems - A Conceptual Framework for Comparative Research* (with Lorraine Frisina Doetter, Heinz Rothgang)

International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy, 25-26 October 2018, Bremen, Germany  
*Classifying health and long-term care systems: Reflections on the utility and limits of typological approaches for comparative research* (with Lorraine Frisina Doetter, Achim Schmid, Gabriela de Carvalho, Heinz Rothgang)

#### **Conference panel organisation & discussant**

7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care (ILPN), 12-14 September 2024, Bilbao, Spain  
*Easy to compare? Generating and using comparative data on long-term care* (with Adelina Comas-Herrera)

21<sup>st</sup> ESPAnet Annual Conference 2023, 7-9 September 2023, Warsaw, Poland  
*Inter- and transnational social policy: Bringing together research strands, evidence and ideas for studying global interdependencies* (with Migyeong Yun, Meika Sternkopf)

6<sup>th</sup> Transforming Care Conference, 26-28 June 2023, Sheffield, UK  
*Boundaries of inclusion and benefits? Assessing the generosity of long-term care systems worldwide* (with Simone Leiber, Heinz Rothgang)

5<sup>th</sup> Transforming Care Conference, 24-26 June 2021, Venice/online, Italy  
*Comparing long-term care policies in time and space: Historical developments and cross-country variations* (with Heinz Rothgang)

#### **Conference / workshop organisation and moderation**

Conference and Workshop on Long-term Care Policies in East Asia and Europe: Current Challenges and Future Policy Options in Comparison, 26-28 March 2025, Taipei, Taiwan

Collaborative Research Centre 1342 Retreat on Concepts, Operationalisation and Measurement, 8-9 February 2023, Bremen, Germany

International Workshop on Developments in Health and Long-term Care in the Americas, 14-16 August 2019, Bremen, Germany