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Christian Haid has been a senior researcher at the Habitat Unit since October 2017. Christian is an architect and urban sociologist and his research focuses on critical urban studies, urban informality, and postcolonial theories. He teaches in the master's courses in Architecture and Urban Design as well as in the international Urban Management master's course.

Christian holds a master in Architecture from the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna and a master in Urban Studies from University College London (UCL). In July 2017 he completed his doctoral dissertation “City Life in Limbo – Globalizing Urban Informality and (In)Stabilites in Informal Practice” in urban sociology at Humboldt University Berlin.

Before joining the Habitat Unit team, Christian worked as a lecturer at the international Urban Management master's course, the Institute of Urban Sociology at Humboldt University Berlin and the Department for Urban Design and Planning at Leibniz University Hanover. He furthermore was a researcher in the EU FP7 Project “DIVERCITIES -

Governing Urban Diversity” at Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig. After his degree in Architecture he worked as an independent architect as well as project architect and urban planner for 3:0 Landschaftsarchitektur Vienna.

Education

2012 – 2017

**Doctorate of Sociology (Dr. phil)
Humboldt University Berlin and Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin.
Thesis: City Life in Limbo: Globalizing Urban Informality and (In)Stabilities in Informal Practice
(Supervisors: Prof. Talja Blokland, Prof. Kanishka Goonewardena)**

2010 – 2011

Master of Science with distinction in Urban Studies, University College London (UCL Geography and The Bartlett. Supervisor: Prof. Matthew Gandy)

2001 – 2007

Mag. arch. with distinction in Architecture, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna. (Supervisor: Professor Nasrine Seraji)

Employment History

Since 2017

**Senior Researcher
Habitat Unit, TU Berlin**

Since 2016

**Lecturer
Urban Management Master Programme, TU Berlin**

2018 – 2019

**Conference Coordinator
First International conference of the SFB 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces: Mediatization, Mobility, Globalization and Social Dislocation", February 2019, TU Berlin**

2017

**Lecturer
Institute for Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt University Berlin**

2015–2016

**Researcher
Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig (UFZ). Department of Urban and Environmental Sociology. Project: Divercities - Governing Urban Diversity (EU FP7 Project)**

2012 –2015

Assistant Professor, Researcher and Lecturer
Leibniz University Hanover. Department for Urban Design and Planning.
Chair for Regional Building and Urban Planning. Prof. Jörg Schröder

2009 –2012

Director of FABRIC
Architecture Urbanism Research Vienna

2007 –2010

Project Architect / urban planner
3:0 Landschaftsarchitektur, Vienna

2006 –2007

Student Assistant
University of Fine Arts Vienna

2001 –2006

Various internships and work experience in offices for architecture and urbanism, in Austria, Germany and France

Teaching Activities

2019

Charlottenburg lexikographisch. BA Design Studio (Architecture), TU Berlin

2019

"The ABC of Writing a Thesis" and "From Question to Research Problem", MA & PhD Architecture, Urban Planning, Sociology, Urban Management, WITS Witwatersrand University Johannesburg, South Africa

2018

Urban Design Studio "Red Sea - All Inclusive", MA Architecture/MA Urban Design, TU Berlin

2018

Seminar "Urban Governance and Planning" MA Urban Management, TU Berlin

2018

City Lab Venice Summer School "Space : People : Possibilities", European Cultural Academy, Venice

2018

Seminar "Diagnose 1968 und ihre Spuren", MA Architecture/MA Urban Design, TU Berlin

2017

Urban Design Studio "Diagnose 1968-2019", MA Architecture/MA Urban Design, TU Berlin

2017

Lecturer 'Integrated urban management project in Albania' at Urban Management Master Programme, Technical University Berlin, in cooperation with GIZ.

2017

Lecturer in Urban Theory at Institute for Urban and Regional Sociology, Humboldt University Berlin.

Since 2016

Lecturer in Urban Planning and Governance at Urban Management Master Programme, Technical University Berlin.

2016

Seminar - Lecturer 'Exploring Urban Diversity - DIVERCITIES and the case study of Leipzig', Bauhaus Universität Weimar, Europäische Urbanistik.

2016

Lecturer and Tutor 'Inequalities and Segregation in Urban Settings: A Comparative Perspective NY-Berlin', CUNY/Humboldt DAAD: Urban Studies Summerschool, Humboldt University Berlin.

2015

Seminar - Lecturer 'Informality and Urban Development in Berlin - Everyday Life, State, Representation' Urban Management Technical University Berlin.

2014

Input Lecture 'Ethnographie und qualitative Methoden für Architekten und Stadtplaner.', Abteilung Entwerfen und Architekturtheorie, Leibniz University Hanover.

2014

Seminar Lecture 'Thaipark Berlin'. Gesellschaftliche Grundlagen des Urban Design. Institut für Soziologie, Planung und Architektursoziologie, Technical University Berlin.

2014

Lecturer 'Inequalities and Segregation in Urban Settings: A Comparative Perspective NY-Berlin', CUNY/Humboldt DAAD: Urban Studies Summerschool, Humboldt University Berlin.

2013– 2014

Lecturer Master Seminar 'D.I.Y. – Wir machen uns unsere Stadt

selbst!'. Leibniz University Hannover.

2013

Lecturer and organizer of 'Interferenz – Strategies of the temporal' Urban Design Project. Leibniz University Hanover.

2013

Seminar Lecture 'Sichtweisen des Informalen'. Die Global Vernetzte Stadt: Theorien. Master für Historische Urbanistik. Center for Metropolitan Studies. Technical University Berlin.

2012– 2013

Lecturer and organizer of 'FatC – Food and the City' Urban Design Project. Leibniz University Hanover.

2012

Lecturer for 'Alpen Nord' Urban Design Project. Leibniz University Hanover.

2011– 2012

Invited design critic at various schools of architecture such as BTU Cottbus, Department of Architecture, Germany and School for Architecture and Construction at University of Greenwich London, UK.

Publications

Book contributions

with Großmann K., Alexandri, G., Budnik, M., Haase, A., Hedke, C., Kullman, K., Shokry, G., in review (2019) "Living with diversity or living with difference? International perspectives on everyday perceptions of the social composition of diverse neighbourhoods." in: Oosterlynck, S, Verschraegen, G. & van Kempen, R. (eds.) *'Divercities: Understanding Super-Diversity in Deprived and Mixed Neighbourhoods'*. Policy Press, Bristol. 211-234.

with Kullman, K., Großmann K., Haase, A., Budnik, M. (2019) "Lokale Unternehmen im Quartier – Bindungen, Interaktionen, Anpassung an den Quartierswandel" in: Niermann, O., Schnur, O., Drilling, M. (eds) *"Ökonomie im Quartier: Von der sozialräumlichen Intervention zur Postwachstumsgesellschaft"*. Springer, Wiesbaden. 93-116.

(2014) 'Food and the Urban Microscale - Informal Urban Markets'. Haid, C., Schröder, J., (eds.). *Food and the City - Urban Foodscapes in the Hanover Region*, München: Landraum.

Refereed articles

with Hilbrand, H. (2019) Urban Informality and the State: Geographical

Translations and Conceptual Alliances. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 43 (3), 551-562.

with Haase, A., Budnik, M., Grossmann, K., Hedke, C., Kullmann, K. (2019) Soziale Differenzierung und zunehmende soziale Heterogenität in Leipzig im Spiegel von Alltagswahrnehmung und Politik. *Raumforschung und Raumordnung*, 77(5), 1-16.

(2017) The Janus face of urban governance: State, informality and ambiguity in Berlin, *Current Sociology* 65(2), 289-301.

Other articles and publications

with Kullmann, K., Grossmann, A., Haase (2015). 'Governing Urban Diversity: Fieldwork entrepreneurs', Leipzig (Germany). *Leipzig: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Erfurt University of Applied Science*. Research Report.

(2015) 'Die Informelle Ökonomie des Pfandsammelns - Rezension zu Sebastian J. Moser: Pfandsammler. Erkundungen einer urbanen Sozialfigur'. *sub|urban. zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung* (3.2)

(2015) 'Pioneer Urbanism and the Ambiguity of Governing Temporary Uses in Berlin', [Ecoweptown \(no.10-11\)](#).

(2013) 'Contentious Informalities - The Narratives of Picnicking at Berlin's Thai Park'. *dérive - Zeitschrift für Stadtforschung*, (51), pp. 43-48.

Books

with Bereskin, E. (eds) (2018): Sustainable Models of Heritage Conservation and Revitalization - A Proposal for the Historic Villages of Vuno and Qeparo, Albania. Technical University Berlin, Urban Management.

with Budnik, M., Grossmann, K., Haase, A., Hedke, C., Kullmann, K., Wolff, M. (2017). DIVERCITIES: Living with Urban Diversity – The Case of Leipzig, Germany. Utrecht: Utrecht University, Faculty of Geosciences.

with Schröder J., eds. (2015)*D.I.Y. - Wir machen uns unsere Stadt selbst*, München: Landraum.

with Schröder J., eds. (2014)*Food and the City - Urban Foodscapes in the Hanover Region*, München: Landraum.

Lectures and Conference Presentations

Conference Papers

(2019) "Globalizing Urban Informality: The State and the Myth of (In)Formality", WITS Witwatersrand University Johannesburg, South Africa

(2018) Urban Governance, the State and the Myth of (In)Formality, Urban Talk Lecture Series, TU Berlin and Floating University Berlin

(2017) "City Life in Limbo – Globalizing Urban Informatity and (In)Stabilites in Informal Practice", Brownbag Lecture, TU Berlin

with Hanna Hilbrandt (2017) Globalizing Informality and Everyday Stateness, *AAG Annual Meeting Boston, USA. Together.*

(2016) The Trouble with Diversity - A European Perspective, *Diversity Encounters Conference*, Humboldt University Berlin.

(2015) Urban Diversity on the Neighbourhood Scale, Workshop *The Infrastructures of Diversity - Materiality and Culture in Urban Space*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany.

(2015)*Ruling By Exception - Uneven Geographies Of Law, Order And Policing in Berlin-* AAG Annual Meeting Chicago, USA.

(2015) 'Seeing From The South: Rethinking 'Urban Informality' In Berlin' - Workshop *Urban Informality beyond the South*, Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin, Germany.

(2014) 'Seeing From The South: Rethinking 'Urban Informality' In Berlin' - Workshop *Beyond the Straw man - Post-colonial Urban Theory and 'Western' Urban Theory: Perspectives and Possibilities*, Ghent University, Belgium.

(2014) 'The Politics of Representation - Discourses of Informal Practices in Berlin', Workshop *Disrupting and (Re)Contextualizing 'Urban Informality'* Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin, Germany.

(2014) 'Planning'City Life in Limbo – (In)Stabilites and Conflict in Informal Practices '*Ethnographic Methods and Writing*', Workshop with Prof. Suzanne Hall (LSE), Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin, Germany.

(2013) 'Aestheticizing the Informal - Representations of Urban Informality', *RC 21 Resourceful Cities Conference Berlin*.

(2013) 'Legitimate or not -Tracing Informal Spatial Practices in Berlin', *IGK Annual Conference Toronto 'Empire, City, Nature'*.

(2013) 'Anything goes?- Informality and Conflict in Diasporic Practices in Berlin', *AAG Annual Meeting Los Angeles*.

(2013) 'Rethinking Hanover's Food System – The Potential of a Regional Foodshed', *XVI National Conference of the Italian Society of Urban Planners (SIU) Naples, Italy*.

(2011) 'Landscapes of Wilderness - Heterotopias of the Post-Industrial City', *CRESC annual conference: Framing the City*. University of Manchester.

(2010) 'To be continued...Process Oriented and Adaptive Planning Strategies' *EUROPAN 10 Congress: European Urbanity- Regeneration Revitalisation Colonisation*. Neuchâtel, CH.

Academic Workshop and Conference Organization

2019

Coordinator of the first International conference of the SFB 1265 "Re-Figuration of Spaces: Mediatization, Mobility, Globalization and Social Dislocation", February 2019, TU Berlin

2018

Co-organizer of the International Symposium Diagnose 1968/2028 "Critical Perspectives on the Legacy of Reform and Revolt in Architecture, Planning and Urbanism", December 2018, TU Berlin

2017

Workshop organization with Hanna Hilbrandt and Julie-Anne Boudreau Rethinking State Theory in an Urban World, AAG Annual Meeting Boston, USA.

2015

Workshop organization with Annika Levels, Anna Steigemann Public Space in the Ideal City, RC21 Conference Urbino Italy.

2015

Workshop organization 'Urban Informality beyond the South' with Christine Hentschel, Hanna Hilbrand, Rivke Jaffe, Martijn Koster, Andrea Varriale, Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin, Germany

2014

Workshop organization with Annika Levels, Anna Steigemann 'Ambiguous Spaces: Moving beyond Dichotomies of Public Space', XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology*, Yokohama, Japan.

2014

Workshop organization 'Disrupting and (Re)Contextualizing 'Urban

Informality" with Solomon Benjamin, Ayona Datta, Felipe de Alba, Melanie Lombard, Abdoumalig Simone, Andrea Varriale, Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin, Germany

2014

Workshop organization 'Ethnographic Methods and Writing' with Prof. Suzanne Hall (LSE), Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

2019

Hartmut Häußermann Prize "Soziale Stadt" for the monograph "City Life in Limbo – Globalizing Urban Informativ and (In)Stabilities in Informal Practice"

2012 –2015

DFG Scholarship International Graduate Program Berlin – New York – Toronto, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin

2013

AULET
Research Grant, Leibniz University Hanover

2012

START
Scholarship of the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria

2011

Scholarschip Landesgedächtnisstiftung Tirol, Austria

2008

TISCHE
Scholarship of the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria

2006

Studio Award
Academy of Fine Arts Vienna

Professional and Academic Affiliations

[AAG - American Association of Geographers](#)

[ISA - International Association for Sociology](#)

[RC21 - Research Council Urban Sociology](#)