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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2016 – 2021 Ph.D., History, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*.
Dissertation: “The Hopeful Science. A Transatlantic History of Business Forecasting, 1920 – 1960,” funded by the German Research Foundation/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (summa cum laude)
- 2017 – 2018 Visiting Student Research Collaborator, *Princeton University*.
- 2014 M.A., History, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*.
Thesis: “Die Erfindung der Konjunkturprognose aus dem Geist der Krise. Das National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 1913 – 1923”
- 2010 – 2011 Exchange semester, *University of Geneva*.
- 2013 Exchange semester, *Charles University*, Prague.
- 2010 B.A., Modern and Recent History and Philosophy, *Albert-Ludwigs-Universität*, Freiburg.

Publications

Edited Volumes

- Ulrich Fritsche, Roman Köster, and Laetitia Lenel, eds. (2020). *Futures Past. Economic Forecasting in the 20th and 21st Century*. Berlin: Peter Lang
The publication can be found [here](#).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Laetitia Lenel (2021a). “Searching for a Tide Table for Business:” in: *History of Political Economy* 53.6, pp. 139–174
The article can be found [here](#).
- Laetitia Lenel (2018). “Mapping the Future. Business Forecasting and the Dynamics of Capitalism in the Interwar Period.” In: *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte/Economic History Yearbook* 59.2, pp. 377–413
The working paper version can be downloaded [here](#).
- Laetitia Lenel (2018a). “As He Lay Dying. Vom Problem der Wahrheit in der Geschichte.” In: *WerkstattGeschichte* 78, pp. 73–80

Book Chapters

- Laetitia Lenel, Roman Köster, and Ulrich Fritsche (2020). “Introduction.” In: *Futures Past. Economic Forecasting in the 20th and 21st Century*. Ed. by Ulrich Fritsche, Roman Köster, and Laetitia Lenel. Berlin: Peter Lang, pp. 11–29

Book Reviews

- Laetitia Lenel (2016). “Review of Tim Schanetzky, Regierungsunternehmer. Henry J. Kaiser, Friedrich Flick und die Staatskonjunkturen in den USA und Deutschland.” In: *German History* 34.4, pp. 710–712
- Laetitia Lenel (July 25, 2018b). “Review of Jamie Pietruska, Looking Forward. Prediction and Uncertainty in Modern America.” In: *H-Soz-Kult* The review can be found here.

Newspaper Articles, Blogs and Other Writing

- Laetitia Lenel (2021b). *The Formation of the NBER: Insights from the Rockefeller Archive Center*. url: <https://rockarch.issuelab.org/resource/the-formation-of-the-nber-insights-from-the-rockefeller-archive-center.html>
- Laetitia Lenel (Dec. 5, 2020e). *Geschichte ohne Libretto*. H-Soz-Kult, Forum Zeiterfahrung. url: www.hsozkult.de/debate/id/diskussionen-5090
- Laetitia Lenel (Nov. 22, 2020a). „Gezeiten der Wirtschaft“. *Konjunkturprognosen und ihre Inszenierung*. Geschichte der Gegenwart. url: <https://geschichtedergewegent. ch/gezeiten-der-wirtschaft-konjunkturprognosen-und-ihre-inszenierung/>
- Laetitia Lenel (Oct. 2020d). “Alles schon mal dagewesen?” In: *Programm for "Einer gegen alle," Residenztheater Munich*, pp. 14–18
- Laetitia Lenel (May 13, 2020f). *Public and Scientific Uncertainty in the Time of COVID-19*. History of Knowledge. url: <https://historyofknowledge.net/2020/05/13/public-and-scientific-uncertainty/>
- Laetitia Lenel (Apr. 12, 2020b). *Alles neu macht das Coronavirus?* SciLogs. url: <https://scilogs.spektrum.de/fischblog/alles-neu-macht-das-coronavirus/>, also published as Laetitia Lenel (May 18, 2020c). *Alles neu macht das Coronavirus?* Demokratiegeschichten. url: <https://www.demokratiegeschichten.de/alles-neu-macht-das-coronavirus/>
- Ford Madox Ford (2018). “Arbeiten mit Conrad.” Trans. by Laetitia Lenel. In: *SINN UND FORM* 5, pp. 674–677
- Laetitia Lenel (Dec. 20, 2017). “Am Ende eines schrecklichen Jahres.” In: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 Humboldt Prize for the dissertation “The Hopeful Science. A Transatlantic History of Business Forecasting, 1920 – 1960”
- 2021 Research Grant, SPP 1859 “Experience and Expectation. Historical Foundations of Economic Behaviour”
- 2020 – 2021 Completion Grant, Stiftung Bildung und Wissenschaft
- 2018 Essay Award *WerkstattGeschichte*
- 2017 – 2018 German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship (DAAD)
- 2017 Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Travel Grant
- 2017 Rockefeller Archive Center Research Stipend

- 2017 – 2018 Visiting Fellow Princeton University
- 2010 – 2014 German National Merit Foundation Scholarship/Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

Teaching Experience

- 2015 – 2016 “Wirtschaftskrisen in historischer Perspektive,” joint seminar with Alexander Nützenadel
- 2015 “Die Weltwirtschaftskrise 1929/31. Deutschland und die USA im Vergleich”
- 2015 “History matters? Zum Verhältnis von Ökonomie und Geschichte”

Conference Presentations and Academic Talks

- 09/2021 “Narrative in Economics: Historical Experiences” (London/Online)
- 06/2021 Annual Meeting of the *Ausschuss für die Geschichte der Wirtschaftswissenschaften im Verein für Socialpolitik* (Frankfurt am Main/Online)
- 06/2020 “Timing Knowledge” (Lüneburg/Online)
- 04/2020 HOPE Conference “Exploring the History of Statistical Inference in Economics in the 20th Century” (Durham/Online)
- 07/2019 Annual Meeting of the History of Science (Utrecht)
- 11/2018 Annual Meeting of the History of Science (Seattle)
- 10/2018 “Futures Past? Economic Forecasting in the 20th and 21st Century” (Hamburg)
- 09/2018 Biennial Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (London)
- 05/2018 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Chair for the History of Science (Berlin)
- 02/2018 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Chair for 20th Century European History (Berlin)
- 12/2017 History of Science (HOS) Program Seminar (Princeton)
- 05/2017 Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Workshop “The Historical Experience of Time: A Global Look” (Berlin)
- 04/2017 History of Recent Economic Conference/HISRECO (Lucerne)
- 02/2017 Modern International History Group (Sheffield)
- 02/2017 Conference “Experience and Expectation,” SPP 1859 (Mannheim)
- 05/2015 Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Workshop on Global History (Berlin)

Professional Activities & Academic Service

- 2021 – present Assistant Coordinator of the Priority Program 1859 “Experience and Expectation. Historical Foundations of Economic Behaviour”
- 06/2020 Conference Organization (together with Christian Flow, Anna-Maria Meister, Richard Spiegel, and Janina Wellmann), “Timing Knowledge” (Online)
- 10/2018 Conference Organization (together with Ulrich Fritsche and Roman Köster), “Futures Past. Economic Forecasting in the 20th and 21st Century” at Universität Hamburg

- 05/2017 Workshop Organization (together with Christian Flow, Emily Kern, and Andrew Edwards), “The Historical Experience of Time: A Global Look” at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 09/2016 Workshop Organization (together with Alexander Kriwoluzky), “Vom Archiv zur Erfahrung und Erwartung” at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2015 – present Research Assistant at the Chair of Social and Economic History, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2014 – 2015 Research Assistant for a Corporate History of OSRAM GmbH, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2014 Research Assistant at the Chair of Development and Emerging Markets, University Zurich
- 2011 – 2014 Student Assistant at the Chair for the History of Eastern Europe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2008 Intern in the Archives of the Leo Baeck Institute New York
- 2008 – 2010 Student Assistant at the School of History, Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS)

Affiliations

American Historical Association
Arbeitskreis Geschichte+Theorie
Economic History Association
History of Economic Thought Society
History of Science Society
Netzwerk Wissen und Wirtschaft