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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Survey Methodology 10/2014-05/2018
University of Essex
Thesis: *Sources of error in mobile survey data collection*

B.A. Politics and Public Administration 10/2011-08/2014
University of Konstanz

Thesis: *Predicting response times in web surveys*
Exchange Semester at the University of Essex 10/2013-03/2014

CURRENT AFFILIATION

Postdoctoral Researcher since 10/2020
University of Mannheim, School of Social Sciences

Adjunct Assistant Professor since 09/2019
University of Mannheim & University of Maryland,
International Program in Survey and Data Science

Research Associate since 05/2019
University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Researcher 05/2019-09/2020
University of Mannheim, SFB 884 Political Economy of Reforms

Postdoctoral Researcher 10/2017-04/2019
University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research

Research Associate 01/2018-04/2019
University of Mannheim, SFB 884 Political Economy of Reforms

Visiting Scholar 09/2018-10/2018
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research

Visiting Scholar 01/2017-03/2017
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research

Research Officer University of Essex, School of Biological Sciences	03/2016-12/2016
Research Officer University of Essex, Department of Sociology	05/2016-07/2016
Visiting Scholar University of Mannheim, SFB 884 Political Economy of Reforms	01/2016-02/2016
Research Officer University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research	08/2015-12/2015
Research Intern GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim	03/2013-08/2013

PUBLICATIONS

Legend for co-authored work: * Shared first authorship

Edited Volumes

Blom, A. G., Cornesse, C., Sakshaug, J. W., & **Wenz, A.** (Eds.) (2020). Special Issue: Recent Advances in Probability-Based and Nonprobability Survey Research. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, 8(1).

Refereed Journal Articles

Wenz, A., Jäckle, A., Burton, J., & Couper, M. P. (2020). The effects of personalized feedback on participation and reporting in mobile app data collection. *Social Science Computer Review*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0894439320914261>

Bach, R. L. & **Wenz, A.*** (2020). Studying health-related internet and mobile device use using web logs and smartphone records. *PLoS ONE* 15(6), e0234663. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0234663>

Wenz, A., Al Baghal, T., & Gaia, A. (2020). Language proficiency among respondents: Implications for data quality in a longitudinal face-to-face survey. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jssam/smz045>

Naumann, E., Möhring, K., Reifenscheid, M., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C., & Blom, A. G. (2020). COVID-19 policies in Germany and their social, political and psychological consequences. *European Policy Analysis*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1002/epa2.1091>

Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Krieger, U., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C., & Blom, A. G. (*in press*). The COVID-19 pandemic and subjective well-being: Longitudinal evidence on satisfaction with work and family. *European Societies*.

Blom, A. G., Cornesse, C., Friedel, S., Krieger, U., Fikel, M., Rettig, T., **Wenz, A.**, Juhl, S., Lehrer, R., Möhring, K., Naumann, E., & Reifenscheid, M. (2020). High-frequency and high-quality survey data collection: The Mannheim Corona Study. *Survey Research Methods*, 14(2), 171-178. <https://doi.org/10.18148/srm/2020.v14i2.7735>

Cornesse, C., Blom, A. G., Dutwin, D., Krosnick, J. A., de Leeuw, E. D., Legleye, S., Pasek, J., Penney, D., Phillips, B., Sakshaug, J. W., Struminskaya, B., & **Wenz, A.** (2020). A review of conceptual approaches and empirical evidence on probability and nonprobability sample survey research. *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, 8(1), 4-36. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jssam/smz041>

Wenz, A. (2019). Do distractions during web survey completion affect data quality? Findings from a laboratory experiment. *Social Science Computer Review*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0894439319851503>

Wenz, A., Jäckle, A., & Couper, M. P. (2019). Willingness to use mobile technologies for data collection in a probability household panel. *Survey Research Methods*, 13(1), 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.18148/srm/2019.v1i1.7298>

Allum, N., Conrad, F. G., & **Wenz, A.** (2018). Consequences of mid-stream mode switching in a panel survey. *Survey Research Methods*, 12(1), 43-58. <https://doi.org/10.18148/srm/2018.v12i1.6779>

Matthews, P., Bell, E., & **Wenz, A.** (2017). Surveying young people in the smartphone age. *Social Research Practice*, 5, 2-11.

Manuscripts under Review

Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.***, Cornesse, C., Rettig, T., Fikel, M., Friedel, S., Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., & Krieger, U. Barriers to the large-scale adoption of the COVID-19 contact-tracing app in Germany: Survey study, *Revise & Resubmit*, *Journal of Medical Internet Research*

Wenz, A. Completing web surveys on mobile devices: Does screen size affect data quality?

Al Baghal, T., **Wenz, A.**, Sloan, L., & Jessop, C. Linking Twitter and survey data: Quantity and its impact

Mata, J., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Reifenscheid, M., Möhring, K., Krieger, U., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C., Blom, A. G., & Naumann, E. Health behaviors and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic: A longitudinal population-based survey

Cornesse, C., Krieger, U., Sohnius, M., Fikel, M., Friedel, S., Rettig, T., **Wenz, A.**, Juhl S., Lehrer, R., Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., & Blom, A. G. From German Internet Panel to Mannheim Corona Study: Adaptable probability-based online panel infrastructures during the pandemic

Manuscripts in Preparation

Wenz, A., Jäckle, A., Burton, J., Couper, M. P., & Read, B. Quality of spending data collected with a receipt scanning app in a probability household panel

Wenz, A., Jäckle, A., & Couper, M. P. Data collection using mobile technologies: Changes over time in the barriers to participation

Antoun, C. & **Wenz, A.** Social desirability and nonparticipation in sensor data collection: Results from a national field study measuring physical activity

Working Papers and Reports

Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Reifenscheid, M., Naumann, E., Möhring, K., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). The Mannheim Corona Study: Life in Germany in a state of emergency. Report for March 20 to July 9, 2020. *University of Mannheim*.

Juhl, S., Lehrer, R., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Reifenscheid, M., Naumann, E., Möhring, K., Krieger, U., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Gesellschaftliche Akzeptanz politischer Maßnahmen und befürchtete Konsequenzen für die Wirtschaft [The Mannheim Corona Study: Social acceptance of political measures and feared consequences for the economy]. *University of Mannheim*.

Juhl, S., Lehrer, R., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Reifenscheid, M., Naumann, E., Möhring, K., Krieger, U., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Demokratische Kontrolle in der Corona-Krise [The Mannheim Corona Study: Democratic control in the Corona crisis]. *University of Mannheim*.

Lehrer, R., Juhl, S., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Reifenscheid, M., Naumann, E., Möhring, K., Krieger, U., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Die vier Phasen des Social Distancing in Deutschland [The Mannheim Corona Study: The four phases of social distancing in Germany]. *University of Mannheim*.

Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Schwerpunktbericht zur Erwerbstätigkeit in Deutschland [The Mannheim Corona Study: Focus report about employment in Germany]. *University of Mannheim*.

Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Schwerpunktbericht zu Erwerbstätigkeit und Kinderbetreuung [The Mannheim Corona Study: Focus report about employment and childcare]. *University of Mannheim*.

Naumann, E., Mata, J., Reifenscheid, M., Möhring, K., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C., Blom, A. G. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Schwerpunktbericht zum Angstempfinden in der Bevölkerung [The Mannheim Corona Study: Focus report about feelings of fear in the population]. *University of Mannheim*.

Möhring, K., Heinemann, F., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Schwerpunktbericht zum subjektiven Arbeitslosigkeitsrisiko der Beschäftigten in Deutschland [The Mannheim Corona Study: Focus report about the subjective risk of unemployment among employees in Germany]. *University of Mannheim*.

Möhring, K., Naumann, E., Reifenscheid, M., Weiland, A., Blom, A. G., **Wenz, A.**, Rettig, T., Lehrer, R., Krieger, U., Juhl, S., Friedel, S., Fikel, M., Cornesse, C. (2020). Die Mannheimer Corona-Studie: Schwerpunktbericht zur Nutzung und Akzeptanz von Homeoffice in Deutschland während des Corona-Lockdowns [The Mannheim Corona Study: Focus report about the use and acceptance of working from home in Germany during the Corona lockdown]. *University of Mannheim*.

Jäckle, A., **Wenz, A.**, Burton, J., & Couper, M. P. (2019). Increasing participation in a mobile app study: The effects of a sequential mixed-mode design and in-interview invitation. *Understanding Society Working Paper, 2019-04*.

Burton, J., Connelly, R., Couper, M. P., Crossley, T. F., De Vries, C., Gayle, V., Hanson, T., Jäckle, A., Lynn, P., Martin, N., McGee, A., Playford, C., Pudney, S., Sobolewska, M., Taylor, M., Walzenbach, S., & **Wenz, A.** (2019). Understanding Society Innovation Panel Wave 11: Results from methodological experiments. *Understanding Society Working Paper, 2019-03*.

Wenz, A. (2017). Completing web surveys on mobile devices: Does screen size affect data quality? *ISER Working Paper, 2017-05*.

Kaczmarek, L., Mayr, P., Vatrapu, R., Bleier, A., Blumenberg, M., Gummer, T., Hussain, A., Kinder-Kurlanda, K., Manshaei, K., Thamm, M., Weller, K., **Wenz, A.**, & Wolf, C. (2014). Social media monitoring of the campaigns for the 2013 German Bundestag elections on Facebook and Twitter. *GESIS Working Paper, 2014-31*.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 *Workshop Development Grant* provided by the SFB 884 Political Economy of Reforms at the University of Mannheim for the workshop *Data science in survey operations*
- 2014-2017 *Ph.D. Fellowship* provided by the UK Economic and Social Research Council for the project *Sources of error in mobile survey data collection*
- 2017 *Overseas Institutional Visit Grant* provided by the UK Economic and Social Research Council for a research visit at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2015 *Seedcorn Grant* provided by the ESSEXLab at the University of Essex for the project *The effect of distractions during web survey completion on data quality*
- 2013-2014 *Erasmus Grant* provided by the European Union Erasmus Program for an exchange semester at the University of Essex, Colchester
- 2011-2014 *B.A. Fellowship* provided by the Cusanuswerk Foundation to exceptionally talented Catholic students

AWARDS

- 2020 Burns “Bud” Roper Fellow Award provided by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) to attend the AAPOR Conference 2020
- 2019 *Early Career Scholar Travel Award* provided by the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) to attend the ESRA Conference 2019

- 2018 *Early Career Scholar Travel Award* provided by Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv) to attend the BigSurv Conference 2018
- 2017 *Faculty of Social Sciences Celebrating Excellence Award* provided by the University of Essex. Citation: For his excellent contributions to the Institute for Social and Economic Research and the University of Essex, his original and useful research and his proactive and thorough approach in assisting on a variety of projects, all in addition to working on his Ph.D. thesis.
- 2017 *Student Travel Award* provided by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) to attend the AAPOR Conference 2017
- 2016 *Three-Minute-Thesis Competition Audience Award* provided by the University of Essex for the presentation *Surveys on mobile devices*
- 2015 *General Online Research Thesis Award* provided by the German Society for Online Research for the thesis *Predicting response times in web surveys*

INVITED TALKS

How to increase participation in mobile app data collection on consumer expenditure?

- U.S. Census Bureau, Suitland, MD, 2019
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Economic Research Service, Washington, D.C., 2019
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., 2019

Quality of expenditure data collected with a receipt scanning app in a probability household panel

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., 2018
- Westat, Rockville, MD, 2018
- RTI International, Washington, D.C., 2018
- JPSM-MPSM Brownbag Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2018

Do distractions during web survey completion affect data quality? Findings from a laboratory experiment

- JPSM-MPSM Brownbag Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Linking Twitter and survey data: Quantity and its impact

- Big Data Meets Survey Science Virtual Conference, 2020 (accepted)

Personalizing interventions with machine learning to reduce panel attrition

- General Online Research Virtual Conference, 2020
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Virtual Conference, 2020

Methoden zur Erhöhung der Teilnahme in Bevölkerungsumfragen mit mobiler Datenerhebung
[Methods to increase participation in general population surveys with mobile data collection]

- German Society for Sociology, Methods of Empirical Social Research Fall Conference, Cologne, Germany, 2019

The effects of personalized feedback on participation and reporting in mobile app data collection

- European Survey Research Association Conference, Zagreb, Croatia, 2019

Quality of expenditure data collected with a receipt scanning app in a probability household panel

- Big Data Meets Survey Science Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 2018
- General Online Research Conference, Cologne, Germany, 2018

Do distractions during web survey completion affect data quality? Findings from a laboratory experiment

- European Survey Research Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2017
- German Society for Sociology, Methods of Empirical Social Research Spring Conference, Mannheim, Germany, 2017

Language proficiency among respondents and implications for data quality in a face-to-face longitudinal survey

- European Survey Research Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2017

Willingness to use mobile technologies for data collection in a probability household panel

- American Association for Public Opinion Research Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2017
- Michigan Student Symposium for Interdisciplinary Statistical Sciences, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2017

How screen size of mobile devices affects data quality in non-mobile-optimised web surveys

- European Survey Research Association Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2015

Predicting response times in web surveys

- European Survey Research Association Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2015
- General Online Research Conference, Cologne, Germany, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mannheim

Fundamentals of Survey and Data Science

6 ECTS M.Sc. Seminar, Mannheim Business School, Fall/Winter 2020; Fall/Winter 2019

Empirical Research Practicum II (with Dr. R. Bach)

10 ECTS B.A. Seminar, School of Social Sciences, Fall/Winter 2020

University of Essex

Survey Measurement and Question Design (with Dr. T. Al Baghal)

10 ECTS M.Sc. Seminar, Department of Sociology, Spring 2019

Introduction to Survey Design and Management (with Prof. A. Jäckle & Dr. J. Burton)

10 ECTS M.Sc. Seminar, Department of Sociology, Autumn 2018

Designing Research for Your Data (with Dr. T. Al Baghal)

Short Course, Big Data and Analytics Summer School, July 2017

University of Konstanz

Statistics

B.A. Tutorial, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Summer 2014

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Activities

- Associate Editor, *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, since 2019

Reviewing Activities

- Journal Articles: *Field Methods*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, *mda (methods, data, analyses)*, *Social Science Computer Review*, *Survey Methods: Insights from the Field*, *Survey Research Methods*
- Conference Papers: *General Online Research Conference (2015-2020)*, *American Association for Public Opinion Research Conference (2016-2020)*, *Big Data Meets Survey Science Conference (2018, 2020)*

Conference & Workshop Organization

- Program Committee Member, Workshop on Probability and Nonprobability Survey Research, University of Mannheim, 2018
- Program Committee Member, General Online Research Conference, Berlin, Germany, 2017
- Conference Session Organizer, *New technologies to improve the measurement of household finances* (with Prof. Jäckle & Prof. Couper), European Survey Research Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2017

Research Group Coordination

- Convenor, Methods Research Group, University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research, 2017-2019
- Deputy Convenor, Methods Research Group, University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research, 2015-2017

SOFTWARE

R, Stata, Python, Qualtrics

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), German (Native), French (Proficient), Spanish (Proficient)