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born February 9, 1970, in Bremen, Germany

Education and positions

- 1990 – 1996 Studies in Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Cultural Studies at Marburg University, graduated
- 1996 – 1999 Research Assistant at Carl-von-Ossietzky-University Oldenburg
- 1999 PhD in Social Sciences Carl-von-Ossietzky-University Oldenburg (summa cum laude)
- 1999 – 2004 Assistant professor (C1) at Institute for Sociology at Marburg University
- 2002 Deputy professorship for Sociology Carl-von-Ossietzky-University Oldenburg
- 2004 – 2008 Assistant professor (W1) for Peace and Conflict Studies at the Centre for Conflict Studies at Marburg University
- 2008 Offer of a full professorship (W3) for Political Science at Augsburg University (rejected)
- since 2008 Professor (W3) for Peace and Conflict Studies at the Centre for Conflict Studies at Marburg University

Award

Award for excellent teaching by the Hessian Minister for Science and Art (2007)

Membership in academic associations

- German Association for Political Science (DVPW)
- German Sociological Association (DGS)
- German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK)
- British International Studies Association (BISA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- German Association of Professors and Lectures (DHV)

Current Positions at Marburg University

- President's delegate of European University for Peace, Justice, and Inclusive Societies (EUPeace)
- Director of the DFG-Collaborative Research Cluster „Dynamics of Security“
- Director of Master programs in Peace and Conflict Studies
- Academic director of the Hessen International Summer School (ISU)
- Deputy director of the Center for Conflict Studies
- Member of the board of the Institute for Sociology
- Member of the exam board and the board for international affairs at the faculty

Positions in institutions and advisory boards

- Elected member of the research counsel for social sciences at the *German Research Foundation* (DFG) 2016–2024
- Member of the research board of *Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik* (SWP)
- Member of the advisory board of *Institute for Peace and Security Policy* (IFSH)
- Member of the advisory board of the *Centre for Peace History* at Sheffield University
- Co-opted member of the *Institute for World Society* at Bielefeld University
- Member of the advisory board of the Journal "Die Friedens-Warte"

Reviewer for research projects

- German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Austria Science Fund (FWF)
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
- German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- Austria Research Association
- Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)
- European Commission
- German-Israeli-Foundation
- Bertelsmann-Foundation
- Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation
- Volkswagen-Foundation

Reviewer for accreditation and evaluation agencies

- ACQUIN (national und international study programs)
- Wissenschaftsrat
- Johannes-Rau-Forschungsgemeinschaft

Selected third party funded projects

- *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network VORTEX: Coping with varieties of radicalization into terrorism and extremism* (2023-2026, EU, principle investigator, lead University of Malmö)
- *Collaborative research cluster „Dynamics of Security“* (2022-2025)
- *(De-)Securitisation in international trusteeship administrations* (2014-2025, subproject of the DFG-collaborative research cluster „Dynamics of Security“)
- *Postcolonial hierarchies in peace and conflict* (2023-2026, BMBF)
- *Transformations of political violence* (2023-2026, BMBF)
- *Reparation politics of victim organizations in transitional justice* (2021-2024, DFG)
- *Translate sexuality: A comparative study on the localization of international standards for sex education in school education contexts* (2020-2023, Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation)
- *Integration of work-based learning in peace, conflict and security studies* (Erasmus, 2020-2023)
- *Integrated international study programs: Double and joint degree peace and conflict studies* (DAAD, 2011-2026)
- *Peacetraining.eu* (2016-2018, EU Research and Innovation Programme Horizon 2020)
- *Localisation of global institutions: A comparative analysis of development programs on sexual and reproductive rights* (2013-2018, Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation)
- *Conflict regions in Eastern Europe* (partner for knowledge transfer, directed by Gießen Center on Eastern Europe Studies)
- *Institution-Centered conflict studies. Applied research methods and teaching in the Caucasus* (Partner, 2015-2018, Volkswagen-Foundation, directed by FU Berlin)
- *The institutionalisation of interpretative power in international administrations. An analysis of transitional authority in Kosovo and Cambodia* (2010-2014, DFG)
- *Human rights in conflict: The role of civil society* (EU 6. framework, directed by LUISS, Rome, 2007-2009)

Selected publications (in English)

Falschebner, P./ Willems, E./ Bonacker, T 2024: Collective Agency in Reparation Politics: A Contentious Politics Perspective on Victim Mobilisation in Northern Ireland, in: *Global Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13600826.2024.2428173>

Bonacker, T. 2022: Trusteeship as Affective Arrangement. Exploring Affective Practices of an International Bureaucracy, in: Jan Lüder, Maria Ketzmerick, Julius Heise (Hg.): *The United Nations Trusteeship System. Legacies, Continuities, and Change*, 190-212.

Bonacker, T./ Lottholz, P. 2022: The Post-Imperial Politics of Security and Depoliticisation: Comparing Discourses and Practices of Ordering Across Central Asia, in: *Europe-Asia-Studies*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2021.2020217>

Lottholz, P./ Bonacker, T. 2022: Understanding the Post-Imperial Politics of Security, Stability and Ordering in Central Asia: An Introduction, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2021.2020492>

- Kolah Ghoutschi, S./ de Luna, A./ Bonacker, T. 2022: Translating Sexuality Education in Ethiopia and Kenya: A Multi-Sited Approach, in: Australian Feminist Law Journal 47, 251-282.
- Bonacker, T. 2021: Reporting Security: Postcolonial Governmentality in the United Nations' Trusteeship System, in: International Political Sociology, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ips/olab030>
- Bonacker, T./ Distler, W. 2021: Securitisation in World Politics. The Conflict on the Self-Determination of East Timor at the United Nations, in: International Quarterly for Asian Studies 52: 1-2, 35-54
- Bonacker, T & Sydiq, T 2020: The International and the Construction of Opposition in Iran, in: R. Ouaisa, F. Pannewick & A. Strohmeier (Hg.): Re-Configurations. Contextualising Transformation Processes and Lasting Crises in the Middle East and North Africa, Springer, 65-81.
- Bonacker, T & Zimmer, K 2019: The Localization of Sexual Rights in Ukraine, in: Radzhana Buyantueva & Maryna Shevtsova (Hg.): LBTQ+ Activism in Central and Eastern Europe, Cham: Palgrave, 153-184.
- Bonacker, T 2019: Security Practices and the Production of Center-Periphery-Figurations in Statebuilding, in: Alternatives, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0304375418821479>
- Bonacker, T 2018: The Militarization of Security. A Systems Theory Perspective, in: Critical Military Studies, online first: [DOI:10.1080/23337486.2018.1505383](https://doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2018.1505383)
- Bonacker, T/ Distler, W/ Ketzmerick, M 2018: Securitisation and Desecuritisation of Violence in Trusteeship Statebuilding, in: Civil Wars, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698249.2018.1525675>
- Bonacker, T/ Brodocz, A 2017: Introduction: Authority Building in International Administered Territories, in: Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding 11:4, 395-498.
- Bonacker, T/ von Heusinger, J/ Zimmer, K (ed.) 2017: Localization in Development Aid. How Global Institutions enter Local Lifeworlds, London/ New York.
- Bonacker, T 2013: Global Victimhood. On the Charisma of the Victim in Transitional Justice Processes, in: World Political Science Review 9: 1, 97-129.
- Bonacker, T/ Safferling, C (Hg.) 2013: Victims of International Crimes: An Interdisciplinary Discourse, Den Haag: Asser Press/ Springer Verlag

