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Doctoral researcher with strong interdisciplinary research skills and over 4 years' experience with scientific research project design and management. Currently employed in the research group Resource Management in the Institute of Geography and at the Research Centre for Environmental Systems Science at Osnabrück University.

EDUCATION

Universität Osnabrück	<i>2017 - present</i>
PhD ongoing with Prof. Dr. Claudia Pahl-Wostl	
Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands	<i>2013 - 2016</i>
Master of Science in Communication Science and Environmental Sciences	
Van Hall Larenstein, Wageningen, The Netherlands	<i>2009 - 2013</i>
Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Animal Husbandry	

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OSNABRÜCK UNIVERSITY IN GERMANY

Doctoral Researcher in Working Group Resource Management with Prof. Dr. Claudia Pahl-Wostl and co-supervised by Prof. Dr. Christina Prell from Groningen University (2017 – present)

- Interdisciplinary research on collaboration and group dynamics in environmental governance networks employing a novel conceptual framework drawing on social network analysis and narrative analysis
- Employing a mixed-methods research approach and a case study design to investigate two regional cooperations in the district of Osnabrück that facilitate to implement the EU Habitats directive

Project Coordination and Management of project “Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa” funded by Volkswagen Foundation (2018 – present)

- Support of preparing and processing of the project application to the VW foundation
- Organization and conceptualization of two scientific workshops and a summer school in South Africa
- Coordination of meetings of the core project team and new research subgroups
- Active maintenance of the project network including regular communication and coordination of activities
- Preparation of project reports, administrative processing and budget management

Member of the Board of the Research Centre Institute of Environmental Systems Research (2019 – present)

- Representative of interests of scientific staff and regular attendance of board meetings
- Planning and implementing an interim workshop with all members

Teaching Summer Semester 2021

- Advanced seminar on Resource Management
- Provision of knowledge in the structuring and processing of a complex case in the management of socio-ecological systems

MERCATOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON GLOBAL COMMONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MCC), BERLIN, GERMANY

Research assistant in project on Stakeholder Engagement and Evaluation (2016 – 2017)

- Supporting research and work on a project to explore methods of engaging with stakeholders through discussion platforms and other means of deliberative scientific policy advice
- Supporting to prepare a written report with novel engagement options for MCC high-level policy advice based on extensive database of practices at other institutes, agencies and organizations
- Providing expert advice on engagement in research projects

LIVING LANDS – ENVIRONMENTAL NGO IN SOUTH AFRICA

Internship with Living Lands in the Langkloof, Eastern Cape in South Africa (Spring/ summer 2016)

- Support of establishing regional stakeholder network and maintaining existing relationships to peasant farmers in the Langkloof
- Helping with action and transdisciplinary research endeavors

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY, WAGENINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

International student project on Environmental Policy Consultancy (Winter semester 2014/15)

- Client: United Nations – Division for Sustainable Development, Policy Analysis Branch, New York
- In cooperation with students from SUNY-ESF (New York University, US)
- Preparing and presenting to the client a written report on “Assessing Sustainable Development for the 2014-2015 United Nations’ SDG Report

PUBLICATIONS

Koch, L., Gorris, P. & Pahl-Wostl, C. (*in review*). Narratives, narrations and social structure in environmental governance networks. *Global Environmental Change*.

Pahl-Wostl, C., Gorris, P., Jager, N., **Koch, L.**, Lebel, L., Stein, C., Venghaus, S. & Withanachchi, S. (2020). Scale-related governance challenges in the water-energy-food nexus: Towards a diagnostic approach. *Sustainability Science*. doi: 10.1007/s11625-020-00888-6.

Schenuit, F., **Koch, L.** & Jakob, M. (2019): Markets for Public Attention at the Interface of Climate Science and Policy Making. *Environmental Communication*. doi: 10.1080/17524032.2019.1688370

Chabay, I., **Koch, L.**, Martinez, G. & Scholz, G. (2019). Influence of Narratives of Vision and Identity on Collective Behavior Change. *Sustainability* 11 (20), 5680. doi: 10.3390/su11205680

Garard, J., **Koch, L.**, & Kowarsch, M. (2018). Elements of success in multi-stakeholder deliberation platforms. *Palgrave Communications* 4, 129. doi: 10.1057/s41599-018-0183-8

Sticzay, N., & Koch, L. (2015). Slum upgrading. Policy Brief written for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Report 2015.

WORKSHOPS and CONFERENCES (*organized)

- **Expert workshop on Sustainability: platforms to facilitate deliberative policy learning**
Berlin, Germany, Sep 5-6, 2018
- **2nd KLASICA Symposium** Taipei, Taiwan, Sep 29 – Oct 2, 2018
- **Leverage Points Conference** Lüneburg, Germany, Feb 5-8, 2019
- **DFG Academy for early-career researchers: Understanding the Water-Energy-Food Nexus and its Implications for Governance*** Zierenberg, Germany, March 25-29, 2019
- **Analyzing transformative processes and transformative learning workshop*** Makhanda, South Africa, Nov 12-15, 2019
- **ECPR General Conference** Online conference, Innsbruck, Austria, Aug 24-28, 2020
- **Webinar: Narratives for engagement, learning and action-taking in support of environmental management*** Online event Oct 26, 2020

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS (with regular online meetings)

- International network on collaborative governance and management under the Future Earth Programme on Ecosystem Change and Society (PECS) run by Dr. Georgina Cundill, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Environmental Science, Rhodes University and Dr. Michael Schoon, Assistant Professor, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
- International network of scholars working on social networks in environmental governance and natural resource management run by Prof. Dr. Örjan Bodin, Stockholm Resilience Centre and Stockholm University

QUALIFICATIONS

Assets – well-organized, passionate, responsible, good leader and team-oriented

Languages – German (mother tongue), English, Dutch as well as elementary French

Computer programs – Microsoft Office, MaxQDA, Gephi

Personal Interests

I love interacting with people, finding solace in nature and in hiking. I like intercultural encounters and conservations, as I am keen on broadening my horizon. In my free time, I enjoy knitting, cooking, trail running and long walks with my dog. I recently joined a community supported agriculture farm where I sometimes help in the weekends. Digging with your hands in the dirt really clears the head!

Websites

<https://www.usf.uni-osnabrueck.de/institut/mitarbeiter/koch.html>

https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=c_Dik-EAAAAJ&hl=de

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Larissa_Koch