

Curriculum Vitae – Josef Kaiser

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Education

2019 – 2024 Doctoral researcher at the Department of Geography, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU Berlin)
2015 – 2019 Master *Global Change Geography*, HU Berlin
2012 – 2015 Bachelor in *Geography* including the minor subject *Economics*, HU Berlin

Professional Experience

since 10/2024 Postdoc at the *Department of Urban and Environmental Sociology & Department of Environmental Politics*, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Contributing to the Helmholtz project *Urban Transformations towards Blue-Green Infrastructures*
since 08/2024 Guest researcher at the *Landscape Ecology Lab*, Department of Geography (HU Berlin)
04/2023 – 07/2024 Researcher at the *Landscape Ecology Lab* (HU Berlin) | Contributing to the projects *Faktencheck Artenvielfalt* (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research) and *Clearing House* (funded by the EU funding program H2020; until 12/2023)
03/2019 – 09/2020 Employee at *netzwerk n e.V.* | Contributing to the project *Zukunftsfähige Hochschulen* (funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research)
since 10/2017 Organization and facilitation of workshops and seminars for student-driven sustainability initiatives at different universities in Germany and moderation of public events in the field of sustainability in higher education (with *netzwerk n e.V.*)
04/2017 – 03/2018 Student assistant at HU Berlin | Conducting the student project tutorial *Green Growth versus Post-Growth* (student-led course, HU Berlin), including the organization of two public dialogue events
11/2013 – 09/2016 Student assistant at the *Climatology Lab* and the *Landscape Ecology Lab* at HU Berlin | Conducting accompanying tutorials to the statistics and climatology lectures

Internships

10/2016 – 12/2016 Internship at the *Institute for Ecological Economy Research* | Internship topic: participation processes for climate adaptation
02/2015 – 04/2015 Internship at the *Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research* | Research Department: Earth System Analysis; Working Group: *Planetary Opportunities and Planetary Boundaries*

Teaching

10/2021 – 03/2022	Master course <i>Modelling Social-Ecological Systems: The Commons</i> (HU Berlin, together with Prof. Dr. Dagmar Haase and Dr. Sebastian Scheuer)
10/2020 – 03/2022	Co-head of the <i>Landscape Ecology Colloquium</i> (HU Berlin)
04/2017 – 03/2018	Tutor of the project seminar <i>Green Growth versus Degrowth</i> (HU Berlin)
10/2013 – 09/2016	Tutor for <i>Climatology and Statistics</i> (bachelor level, HU Berlin)

Research Stays Abroad

03/2022 – 07/2022	Visiting scholar at <i>Stockholm Resilience Centre</i> , Sweden
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Scholarships and Academic Distinctions

10/2019 – 03/2023	PhD Scholarship of the <i>Heinrich Böll Foundation</i> including a membership in the <i>Böll Research Cluster on Transformation Studies</i>
12/2019	<i>IRI THESys Award</i> , 2 nd prize for the Master thesis <i>Payments for Ecosystem Services as a Promising Approach for Successful Nature Conservation? Definitions, the Role of Spatial Scales and Critique: A Systematic Literature Review</i>
02/2019 – 07/2019	<i>Humboldt Research Track Scholarship</i>
02/2020	Awarded as best graduate of the Master program <i>Global Change Geography</i> of 2019
04/2017 – 09/2018	Scholarship <i>Deutschlandstipendium</i> Scholarship on climate impact research (HU Berlin)
04/2014 – 09/2016	Scholarship <i>Deutschlandstipendium</i> Member of the interdisciplinary scholarship class <i>Sustainability and Global Justice</i> (HU Berlin)
2008	Scholarship holder of the <i>Foundation Wilderness International</i> Participation in the <i>Three Rivers Conservation Expedition</i> (German-Canadian student exchange program)

Committee Involvements and Memberships

04/2022 – 03/2023	Member of the <i>Climate Protection Management Steering Group</i> of HU Berlin
06/2018 – 09/2019	Member of the expert jury for awarding the prize for successful projects in the field of education for sustainable development in Germany initiated by the <i>German Federal Ministry of Education and Research</i> and the <i>German UNESCO Commission</i>
05/2018 – 04/2021	Board member of <i>netzwerk n e.V.</i> <i>netzwerk n e.V.</i> is a German-wide network connecting and empowering students to push universities to become more sustainable
01/2016 – 07/2018	Member of the <i>Forum Sustainable University</i> at HU Berlin joint project of the university management and the student initiative <i>Sustainability Office</i> to develop a university-wide sustainability strategy
12/2015 – 03/2018	Member of the President's participatory <i>Forum Excellence Initiative</i> at HU Berlin
08/2013 – 07/2018	Member of the student initiative <i>Sustainability Office</i> at HU Berlin

Publications

Christian W., H. Bruelheide, N. Farwig, J. M. Marx, J. Settele (Hrsg.). 2024. **Faktencheck Artenvielfalt. Bestandsaufnahme und Perspektiven für den Erhalt der biologischen Vielfalt in Deutschland. Zusammenfassung für die gesellschaftliche Entscheidungsfindung.** oekom-Verlag, München.
<https://doi.org/10.14512/9783987263378>

Haase, D., P. Keil, A. Mascarenhas, J. Kaiser, C. Albert, F. Mayer, L. K. Fischer, M. W. Strohbach, M. Egerer, R. Bartz, S. Knapp, S. Kramer-Schadt, T. Straka, B. Rhein, T. Wellmann. 2024. **Urbane Räume.** In: Wirth, C., H. Bruelheide,

N. Farwig, J. M. Marx, J. Settele (Hrsg.). **Faktencheck Artenvielfalt. Bestandsaufnahme und Perspektiven für den Erhalt der biologischen Vielfalt in Deutschland.** oekom-Verlag, München.

<https://doi.org/10.14512/9783987263361>

Kaiser, J. 2024. **Paying Local Communities for Conservation Efforts. Investigating Collective Payments for Ecosystem Services alongside Commodification Processes and Wicked Conservation Conflicts.** Dissertation. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18452/29060>

Kaiser, J., T. Krueger, D. Haase. 2023. **Global patterns of collective payments for ecosystem services and their degrees of commodification.** *Ecological Economics* 209. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2023.107816>

Kaiser, J., D. Haase, T. Krueger. 2023. **Collective payments for ecosystem services: a counterpart of commodification and privatization trends in nature conservation?** *Ecology and Society* 28(1):13. <https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-13549-280113>

Grenzdörffer, S., J. Kaiser, F. Mainz, M. Middendorf. 2022. **The diversity of property: a potential for a social-ecological transformation.** *GAIA – Ecological Perspectives on Science and Society* 31(2):77-81. <https://doi.org/10.14512/gaia.31.2.3>

Kaiser, J., D. Haase, T. Krueger. 2021. **Payments for ecosystem services: a review of definitions, the role of spatial scales, and critique.** *Ecology and Society* 26(2):12. <https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-12307-260212>

Selection of Scientific Presentations and Events

06/2024	Conference presentation: <i>Collective payments for ecosystem services: a counterpart of commodification and privatization trends in nature conservation?</i> (19.06.2024) 10 th International Degrowth Conference and 15 th Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics in Pontevedra, Spain
06/2024	Conference presentation: <i>Conservation Performance Payments and the Wickedness of human-wildlife Conflicts: The Swedish Lynx and Wolverine Protection Policies</i> (11.06.2024) POLLEN24 – Conference of the Political Ecology Network in Lund, Sweden
07/2023	Conference presentation: <i>Collective payments for ecosystem services: a counterpart of commodification and privatization trends in nature conservation?</i> (1 st July 2023) Conference on <i>Re-imagining Transitions. Beyond established methods and concepts</i> ; 8 th Network of Early Career Researchers in Sustainability Transitions Conference 2023
04/2022 – 10/2022	Co-organization of the symposium <i>Mine? Yours? Ours? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Importance of Property for the Social-Ecological Transformation</i> , 19 th and 20 th October 2022 in Jena, Germany; giving the opening talk on <i>The Diversity of Property: A Potential for a Social-Ecological Transformation</i> Collaboration between the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the research centre <i>Structural Change of Property at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena</i>
07/2021	Conference presentation: <i>The privatization, commodification and commercialization of nature – payments for ecosystem services as a neoliberal conservation instrument?</i> (8 th July 2021, online) Conference <i>Building alternative livelihoods in times of ecological and political crisis</i> organized by the International Degrowth Research Network and the International Society for Ecological Economics, Manchester
06/2019 – 08/2019	Coaching students to prepare and conduct the participatory workshop format <i>Treasure Quest</i> at the KOSMOS Conference <i>Navigating the Sustainability Transformation in the 21st Century</i> at HU Berlin (28 th to 30 th August 2019)
01/2013 – 06/2013	Co-organization of the student conference <i>Generation Sustainability</i> at HU Berlin (13 th to 15 th June 2013)

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