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Professor of Sociology, Mercator endowed chair on the societal dynamics of ecological transformation. WISO Faculty, Universität Hamburg

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- Born 17.11.1980 in Filderstadt, Germany

Education and qualifications

- May 2024: **W3-Professor of Sociology**, Universität Hamburg
- April 2020: **Successful mid-term evaluation** of the assistant professorship
- Oct. 2008 - May 2012: **PhD in History and Civilizations**, EHESS Paris
 - Written in French, Directed by Amy Dahan (EHESS)
 - Grade : *Mention Très honorable avec félicitations du jury (summa cum laude)*
- 2004 - 2006: **Master in Social Sciences**, EHESS Paris, Grade: 17/20 (very good)
- 2003 - 2004: Exchange semester, Sabanci University, Istanbul
- 2001 - 2007: **Diploma in Political Science**, Otto-Suhr-Institut, FU Berlin, Grade: 1.1 (excellent)

Employment

- Nov. 2023: **Offer for a CNRS Research Professorship** (CNRS Chaire de professeur junior Habitabilité de la terre et transitions justes), France
- May 2017: **Assistant professor of Sociology** at Universität Hamburg
- Oct. 2014- Apr. 2017: **Research associate** at LISIS (INRA/UPEM/CNRS/ESIEE)
- Oct. 2012 - Sept. 2014: **Post-doctoral fellow** at LATTs (UPEM/CNRS/ENPC)

Outside academia:

- **Contractual researcher & director** of the Paris bureau of deutsch-französisches Institut Ludwigsburg (Oct. 2009 - Feb. 2013); **associate researcher** for OECD (Nov.-Dec. 2010), French Agency for Food Security (Oct. 2008 & Oct. 2010), Cité des Sciences (Sept. 2009)

Honours & Awards

- **Heinz Maier-Leibnitz-Prize** for early career researchers, the most important early researcher grant awarded by the German Research Association DFG (20.000€, 2019)
- **Two-times Finalist, Best Political Ecology Book Award**, Fondation d'écologie politique, respectively for *Gouverner le Climat* (2015) and *Climatiser le monde* (2020).

Scholarships & grants

- **Alba Viotto Visiting Professorship in Sociology**, at the Institut de recherches sociologiques (IRS), Université de Genève (3 months in 2023)
- **Senior Researcher Fellowship** at the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Futures of Sustainability" at Universität Hamburg (6 months in 2021)
- **Guest researcher grant**, Institute of Sociology, TU Berlin (1 month in 2014)
- **Guest researcher grant**, Centre Marc Bloch, HU Berlin (6 months in 2013)
- **Postdoctoral scholarship** from IFRIS (2 years, 2012-2014)
- **Public research grant** (*allocation de recherche*), EHESS Paris (3 years, 2006-2009)
- **Undergraduate Scholarship**, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes (5 years, 2002-2006)

Professional associations and academic activities

- **Executive Director**, Center for Sustainable Society Research (CSS), Universität Hamburg
- **Elected Member**, Senate Commission on Biodiversity, German Research Association DFG
- **Board of editors**, *La Pensée écologique*
- **Member** of the International, German and French Political Science Associations (IPSA,

DVPW, AFSP), International and German Sociological Associations (ISA, DGS), Society for the Social Study of Science (4S), Climate and energy group of Alliance Athéna (CNRS/CNU).

- **Reviewer** for DFG (German Research Association), ANR (French Research Association), ERC (European Research Council), *Nature Climate Change*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Science, Technology and Society*, *Climate Policy*, *WIREs Climate Change*, *History of Technology*, *Science & Technology Studies*, *Vertigo*, *Natures Sciences Sociétés*, *Critique Internationale*, *Nanoethics*, *Annuaire français de relations internationales*

Research projects

As principle investigator (PI) of a project or a major subproject

- **DFG**: Co-chair of the Advanced Humanities Center Futures of sustainability, 2023-2027
- **Mercator Stiftung**: Stiftungsprofessur an der Universität Hamburg zu gesellschaftlichen Dynamiken der Klimawende, 2023-2028, 2.288.755,00 €.
- **DFG**: Co-chair of Theme B2 (*Dynamics of climate governance: Norms, contestation, and policies*) of the Cluster of Excellence CLICCS (with G Perino and A Wiener), 2019-2026, 1.263.000 €
- **Center for Sustainable Society Research**: AG Academic Flying, 2020-2023, 15.000€
- **LabEx Sites**: Globalising the Climate, Climatising the World, 2014-2016, 50.000€
- **CAS** (Strategic planning office, Prime Minister): From Rio 1992 to Rio 2012, 2012, 25.000€
- **CNRS & GIS climat**: The construction of climate change as a social problem in France: what visibility of controversies?, 2009-2011, 12.000€

As coordinator of a subproject or working-package (SP)

- **PSL Research University Paris**: Humanités environnementales à l'heure de l'Anthropocène, SP *Savoirs et pouvoirs de la Terre*, 2016-2018, 240.000€ (total) / 38.000€ (SP)
- **CNRS**: Prospectives et Scénarios dans les Politiques Energétiques (PROSPER), SP *DNTE*, 2016-2017, 25.325€ (total) / 7.000€ (SP)
- **ANR**: Modeling and Scenarios as Innovation in Expertise (Innox), SP *modèles et scénarios énergétiques*, 2014-2017, 296.180€ (total) / 125.100€ (SP)
- **ANR**: Les questions de confiance dans le réchauffement global (ClimaConf), SP *prospective énergétique*, 2010-2014, 428.792€ (total) / 15.000€ (SP)
- **GIS Climat Environnement Sociétés**: Mise en débat de l'environnement global (Enviglob), SP *controverses*, 2011-2013, 65.000€ (total) / 30.000€ (SP)

Teaching and mentoring (language: F = French, G = German, E = English)

Lectures

- *Grundkurs Soziologie*, Bachelor level (BA), Hamburg University, 2018 (G)
- *Environmental Policy*, Master level (MA), Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, 2016-2017 (F)
- *The Globalization of Information*, MA, Université Panthéon-Assas, 2012-2015 (F)
- *Introduction to the sociology of organizations and risk*, BA, UTC Compiègne, 2009-2010 (F)

Classes and courses

- *Sociology of the Anthropocene*, MA Hamburg Univ., 2020-21 (G)
- *Climate Policy: Actors, Institutions, Instruments*, MA, Hamburg Univ., 2017-2020 (E)
- *Sociology of Environmental Crises and Conflicts*, BA, Hamburg Univ., 2017-2020 (G)
- *Cartography of Controversies*, MA, ENPC Paris, 2012-2013; MA, Sciences Po Paris, 2011-2012 (E)
- *Climate Change*, MA, ENPC Paris, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 (F)

Mentoring and supervision of students

- *Ongoing*: 4 PhD students as first supervisor (since 2018), 5 as second supervisor.
- *Completed*: 1 PhD as first, 2 PhDs as second supervisor at Hamburg University
- Supervision of over 10 MA & BA theses at Univ. Hamburg, Middlebury College, Agro ParisTech

Language skills

- **German** and **Turkish** (native), **French** (bilingual), **English** (fluent written and spoken, APIEL test: grade 5/5), **Spanish** and **Portuguese** (conversant).

Publications (selection)

Books

- **Aykut**, Braun, Rödder 2024: *Collaborative Ethnography of Global Environmental Governance, Concepts, Methods and Practices*, Cambridge University Press
- **Aykut** 2020: *Climatiser le monde*, Paris: Quae
- **Aykut**, Foyer, Morena (Ed.) 2017: *Globalising the Climate. COP21 and the Climatisation of Global Debates*, London: Routledge
- **Aykut**, Dahan 2015 : *Gouverner le Climat ? 20 Ans de Négociations Internationales*, Paris : Presses de Sciences Po, 749p.

Special issues

- **Aykut**, Maertens 2021: The Climatization of Global Politics, *International Politics*, 58: 501-518
- **Aykut**, Demortain and Benbouzid 2019: The Politics of Anticipatory Expertise: Plurality and Contestation of Futures Knowledge in Governance, *Science & Technology Studies*, 32(4) [with D Demortain and B Benbouzid]
- **Aykut**, Topçu and Évrard 2017: Transitions énergétiques et changements politiques, for *Revue internationale de politique comparée*, 24(1-2)

Journal articles [*peer reviewed]

- *Zengerling, Bähring, **Aykut**, Wiener 2024: Climate Litigation as a Social Driver Towards Deep Decarbonisation II: Zooming in on Two Cases. *Carbon & Climate Law Review*, 18(1): 3-16
- ***Aykut**, Wiener, Zengerling, Bähring 2023: Climate Litigation as a Social Driver Towards Deep Decarbonisation I: A Framework and a General Assessment. *Carbon & Climate Law Review*, 17(3): 181-192
- ***Aykut**, Schenuit, Klenke, D'Amico 2022: It's a Performance, Not an Orchestra! Rethinking soft coordination in global climate governance. *Global Environmental Politics*, 22 (4): 173–196.
- *Oberghassel, Bauer, Hermwille. **Aykut**, et al. 2022: From regime-building to implementation. Harnessing the UN climate conferences to drive climate action, *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change*, 13(6), e797.
- **Aykut**, Dahan 2022: Boomerang géopolitique: peut-on encore relever le défi climatique global / The Geopolitical Boomerang: Can We Still Hope to Meet the Climate Challenge, *GREEN - Géopolitique, Réseau, Énergie, Environnement, Nature*, Vol. 2: 31-38.
- **Aykut**, Gaudillère 2022 : Heurts et malheurs de la transition énergétique en Allemagne, entretien mené par Jean-Paul Gaudillère, *Mouvements* 2022/1(109) : 121-129.
- * Pohlmann, Walz, Engels, **Aykut**, et al. 2021: It's not enough to be right! The climate crisis, power, and the climate movement, *GAIA-Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society* 30(4): 231-236
- ***Aykut** 2021: Politik der Beschwörung: Kommunikation als Instrument globaler Klimapolitik. *GAIA - Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society*, 30(3): 168-173
- **Aykut**, Maertens 2021: The Climatization of Global Politics. Introduction to the Special Issue, *International Politics*, 58: 501–518 [with L Maertens]
- ***Aykut**, Foyer, Morena 2021: Incantatory Governance. Global Climate Politics' Performative Turn and its Wider Significance for Global Politics, *International Politics*, 58: 519-540
- **Aykut**, Demortain, Benbouzid 2019: The Politics of Anticipatory Expertise: Plurality and Contestation of Futures Knowledge in Governance — Introduction to the Special Issue, *Science & Technology Studies*, 32(4): 2-12
- ***Aykut** 2019: Reassembling energy policy. Models, scenarios and policy change in Germany and France, *Science & Technology Studies*, 32(4): 13-35
- ***Aykut**, Nadaï 2019: Le calcul et le politique. Le Débat National sur la Transition Énergétique et la construction des choix énergétiques en France, *Revue d'Anthropologie des Connaissances*
- **Aykut**, Neukirch, Zengerling, Engels, Suhari & Pohlmann 2019: Energiewende ohne gesellschaftlichen Wandel? Der blinde Fleck in der aktuellen Debatte zur „Sektorkopplung“, *Energiewirtschaftliche Tagesfragen*, 69(3): 20-24

- *Aykut, Evrard 2017: Une transition pour que rien ne change ? Changement institutionnel et dépendance au sentier dans les 'transitions énergétiques' en Allemagne et en France, *Revue internationale de politique comparée*, 24(1-2) : 17-49
- *Aykut 2017: La 'gouvernance incantatoire'. L'accord de Paris et les nouvelles formes de gouvernance globale ». *La Pensée écologique*, 1(1), URL: <http://lapenseeecologique.com/la-gouvernance-incantatoire-laccord-deparis-et-les-nouvelles-formes-de-gouvernance-globale/>
- *Aykut 2016 : Taking a wider view on climate governance: moving beyond the 'iceberg', the 'elephant' and the 'forest,' *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change* , 7 (3): 318-328
- *Aykut 2015 : Les « limites » du changement climatique. Finitude et abondance dans la crise écologique, *Revue Cités* 63, pp.193-207.
- *Aykut 2015 : Comment se construit la confiance dans les sciences et les politiques du climat ? Retour sur un colloque international, *Natures Sciences Sociétés* 23, pp. 102-110.
- *Aykut, Rüdinger 2015 : Les transitions énergétiques allemande et française. Convergence ou divergence dans le cadre européen ? *Annuaire français des relations internationales* 16, pp. 389-407.
- *Aykut 2014 : Gouverner le climat, construire l'Europe : l'histoire de la création du marché de carbone ETS, *Critique internationale*, 62 (janvier-mars), pp.39-56.
- *Aykut, Comby and Guillemot 2012: Climate Change Controversies in French Mass Media 1990-2010, *Journalism Studies* 13(2): 157-174.
- *Aykut, Dahan 2011 : Le régime climatique avant et après Copenhague: sciences, politiques et l'objectif des deux degrés, *Natures, Sciences, Sociétés* 19(2) : 144-157.
- *Aykut, Comby, Guillemot 2011 : Eléments pour une analyse sociologique de la médiatisation des controverses liées aux changements climatique, *Annuaire français des relations internationales* 12 : 1063-1075.
- *Aykut 2011: La France et l'Allemagne dans le cadre du processus post-Copenhague, *Annuaire français des relations internationales* 12 : 511-529.

Reports and Discussion papers [*peer reviewed]

- *Aykut, Hüppauff, Frerichs, Fünfgeld, Walter, Aguirre, Mollyk, Ritterbach, Hildebrandt 2024: Klimawende Ausblick 2024. Gesellschaftliche Treiber der Transformation in Deutschland. Band 1. Klimapolitik, Klimabewegung und Klimaklagen. Universität Hamburg.
- *Aykut, Pavenstädt, Datchoua-Tirvaudey et al. 2022: Circles of Global Climate Governance - Power, Performance and Contestation at the UN Climate Conference COP26 in Glasgow. *CSS Working Paper Series No.4*, Hamburg, <https://doi.org/10.25592/css-wp-004>
- *Aykut, D'Amico, Klenke and Schenuit 2020: The accountant, the animator, and the admonisher: Global climate governance in transition. Report from the COP25 climate summit in Madrid. *CSS Working Paper Series No 1*, Hamburg, <https://doi.org/10.25592/css-wp-001>.

Outreach

Television appearances in Arte Journal, ARD Tagesschau, Pro7 Nachrichten.

Radio: France Culture, RCF, RFI, Radio Sud

Press: Die Zeit, Le Monde, NZZ, Libération, Spiegel Online, Abendblatt, Huffington Post, Mediapart, Sud-Ouest, tagesanzeiger