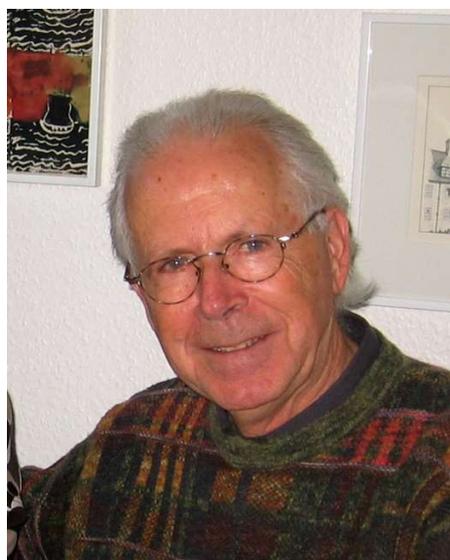


Prof. Dr. Karl-Dieter Opp  
University of Leipzig, Institute of Sociology (Emeritus)  
University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Seattle (Affiliate Professor)  
Private address: Sulkyweg 22, 22159 Hamburg, Germany  
Phone ..49/40 6436737, fax ..49/40 6435740  
Email [opp@sozio.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:opp@sozio.uni-leipzig.de) / [oppkd@uw.edu](mailto:oppkd@uw.edu)

English websites: <http://soc.washington.edu/people/karl-dieter-opp>  
<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7154-6735>  
<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Karl-Dieter-Opp-2>

German website:

<https://sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/institut-fuer-soziologie/institut/personen/webseite/prof-dr-karl-dieter-opp>



**Updated February 2024**

## **Curriculum Vitae and Publications in English Updated January 2022**

### **Contents**

Education

Professional career

Teaching

Research

Areas of interest

Publications in English

Publications in German (general overview)

## **Education**

Born May 26, 1937 in Cologne (Germany). Primary School 1943 to 1948 (in Uckerath). Gymnasium (comparable to High School) with Greek and Latin, 1948 to 1957 in Cologne, high-school diploma (Abitur), final examination after 9 years of High School, in 1957.

Apprenticeship as an industrial management assistant at the Ford Motor Company in Cologne, April 1957 to October 1959; final examination 1959 with grade 1 (best grade). Title: industrial merchant.

Study of sociology, economics, law, and pedagogy at the University of Cologne from 1959 to 1963. Final examination (comparable to MA) with grade 2 (1 is best, 6 worst grade), sociology grade 1, MA thesis grade 1.

## **Professional Career**

Assistant professor ("Wissenschaftlicher Assistent") from October 1964 to August 1967 at the research institute of sociology at the University of Cologne (Director: Prof. Dr. René König).

Dr. rer. pol. 1967 (Ph.D. in the economics faculty, with examinations in economics, sociology and social psychology) at the University of Cologne, under the direction of René König and Erwin K. Scheuch, with "magna cum laude." The subject of the thesis was an ecological study of delinquency in Cologne. Assistant professor of sociology at the institute of sociology of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, from 1967 to 1971.

Habilitation at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg in 1970 for "sociology." Subject of the thesis: Social action, roles, and social systems (published as a book in German in 1970). Subject of the public lecture which is a part of the habilitation: On the applicability of cybernetics in sociology.

From April 1971 to December 1993 full professor of sociology at the University of Hamburg. Since December 1993 full professor of sociology at the University of Leipzig. Emeritus since October 2002.

Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar, August 1976 to August 1977.

Visiting professor at Indiana University, department of sociology and Germanic Department, August to October 1983; visiting professor at the Federal University in Recife (Brazil), March 1991.

Theodor Heuss Professor at the New School for Social Research (New York) from September 8, 1991, to May 15, 1992.

Associate editor of the journal "Rationality and Society" (the Journal was initiated by James Coleman, University of Chicago) from 1988 to 1995, then in the editorial board. Member of the advisory board of the German criminological journal „Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform“ (Monthly Journal of Criminology and Penal Reform), „Mobilization,“ „The Independent Review,“ „Mind & Society,“ „Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie“ (Yearbook for Action Theory and Decision Theory).

Member of the National Honor Committee (NHC) of the 33rd World Congress of Sociology (Cologne), July 7. to 11, 1997.

Former Member of the committee responsible for the German General Social Survey (ALLBUS).  
Chair of the research committee on rational choice of the International Sociological Association, from 1994 to 1998, then member of the board for four years.

Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation 1996/97

Instructor at the "Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection", 2002, 2003 and 2004. Course: Techniques of Testing Rational Choice Models.

Visiting Professor at the University of Washington (Seattle), fall 2003, spring 2005, spring 2006. Since 2003 I teach regularly each year at the University of Washington, almost always during the spring quarter. In 2019 I taught in the 18<sup>th</sup> year in Seattle. In 2020 I taught online due to the Corona virus. This was not possible due to the administration 2021. I did not visit 2021 and 2022.

Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington (Seattle), Department of Sociology, since September 2007.

Visiting Professor at the International University Bremen (West Germany), January to June 2004.  
Visiting Professor at the University of Breslau (Poland), October 18 to October 21, 2004. AND October 13 to 17, 2008.

Research Fellow of the CREMA (Center for Research in Economics, Management and the Arts) since October 2009. See <http://www.crema-research.ch/fellows.htm> // <http://www.crema-research.ch/fellowseiten/opp.htm>

Visiting Professor at the ETH (Swiss Technical University) Zurich, char Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing, September 15 to December 15, 2009.

Visiting Professor at the University of Cologne, Department of Sociology, winter semester 2009/2010 (seminar "Norms and Institutions"), and winter semester 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 (seminar "Rational Choice Theory").

Visiting Professor at the „HAN International Summer Semester” at the Jiaotong University in Xi'an, China, from June 22. to July 22, 2012. Lecture about rational choice theory.

Visiting Professor at the Cologne International Summer University (CISU), Seminar „Norms and Institutions. Origin, Change, and Effects." University of Cologne, August 19 to 29, 2013, August 17 to 28, 2015.

Visiting Professor at the University of Konstanz (Constance), Graduate School of Decision Sciences, October 26 to November 8, 2014, Seminar „Norms and Institutions. Origin, Change, and Effects.”

**Member of the European Academy of Sociology (EAS) since 2000, Treasurer 2000 to the end of 2015.** <http://www.european-academy-sociology.eu/>

**Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (since 2016).** <http://www.euro-acad.eu/>

**Member of the Akademie für Soziologie (Academy of Sociology), Germany (since 2017)**  
<https://akademie-soziologie.de/>

### **Recent invitations to lectures:**

“Keynote speaker” at the International Conference ‘Belarus 2020 and beyond: path dependency or break with the past’”, on Oktober 7, 2021 in Vilnius, Lithuania (online). Theme: Repression and Protests in Authoritarian Regimes. Explaining the Interactions of Governments, Dissidents, and Third Parties

Invitation to a lecture at the Institute for Analytical Sociology (IAS, Linköping University, Sweden), 18. November 2021: Structural balance, social networks, and the diffusion of innovations. Can balance theory explain the protestant reformation?

Keynote speaker at a conference on philosophy of science in Mainz about Methodological foundations of analytical-empirical sociology – state of the art, development, problems – and the influence of the “Cologne School” of sociology (Sept. 2023)

### **Teaching**

I have held seminars and lectures on the following topics:

Sociological theory (Rational Choice theory in particular)

Methods of empirical research

Philosophy of the social sciences

Sociology of deviant behavior

Social movements and political protest: An Introduction to and critical analysis of the theoretical perspectives

Norms and institutions: Emergence, stability, and effects

Rational Choice Theory: Versions, Critique, Alternatives, Applications

Crime and “Rationality”: Can Crime and Deviant Behavior Be Explained by Rational Choice Theory? (Held at UW Sociology Spring 2019)

Norms and Institutions (with Andreas Diekmann), summer semester 2022 (April to July) at the University of Leipzig

### **Research**

**Past research:** Several empirical research projects focusing in particular on crime and political protest, funded by the German National Science Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and the Volkswagen Foundation.

A major past project (1987/1989) was a comparative panel survey explaining political protest (funded by the Volkswagen Foundation) with panel surveys (two waves) in Germany, Israel and Peru (a national representative sample in each of the three countries and two samples of protest prone communities in Germany and Israel, three samples in Peru). Major co-researchers were Steven Finkel and Edward N. Muller.

**Present research:** (1) I am still analyzing data of a four wave representative survey of the population of Leipzig (funded by the German National Science Foundation - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft). The first wave was carried out in 1990, focusing on the events in 1989

when the East German communist regime collapsed. The data of the other waves were collected in 1993, 1996 and 1998. The research is concerned with the question of how political participation is shaped by participating in a successful revolution in 1989 and by the changing living conditions after the revolution.

(2) Since 1998 I have been working on a research project, also funded by the German National Science Foundation, with Prof. Kurt Mühler about the causes and effects of regional identification, in particular the identification with national states and Europe.

(3) A major past project (1987/1989) was a comparative research project explaining political protest (funded by the Volkswagen Foundation) with panel surveys (two waves) in Germany, Israel and Peru (a national representative sample in each of the three countries and two samples of protest prone communities in Germany and Israel, three samples in Peru). I am still analyzing the data and work on publications.

(4) I have been working on a research project on sensitive questions, funded by the German National Science Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), from April 1, 2008 to July 31, 2012. Other investigators are Andreas Diekmann, Peter Preisendörfer, and Thomas Voss. This project is part of a "Priority Program in Survey Methodology" of the DFG.

## **Fields of interests**

Rational actor theory and sociological theory; revolutions, social movements and political protest; the emergence, change and effects of norms and institutions; crime and deviant behavior; philosophy of the social sciences.

## **Publications in English**

### **1. Books in English**

(In collaboration with Peter and Petra Hartmann) *The Rationality of Political Protest. A Comparative Analysis of Rational Choice Theory*, Boulder, Colorado 1989, Westview Press. Reprint 2019 by Routledge.

(Editor with Michael Hechter and Reinhard Wippler) *Social Institutions. Their Emergence, Maintenance and Effects*. New York 1990, Aldine de Gruyter.

(With Peter Voss and Christiane Gern) *Origins of a Spontaneous Revolution. East Germany, 1989*. Ann Arbor 1995, Michigan University Press.

(Editor with Jack Goldstone) Special issue of "Rationality and Society" on *Revolution*: vol. 6, 1994, no. 1.

(Editor with Michael Hechter) *Social Norms*. New York 2001, Russell Sage Foundation.

*Political Protest and Social Movements. A Multidisciplinary Introduction, Critique and Synthesis*. London and New York: Routledge 2009.

*Analytical Criminology. Integrating Explanations of Crime and Deviant Behavior*. London and New York 2020: Routledge.

Advanced Introduction to Social Movements and Political Protests. Cheltenham 2022: Edward Elgar Publishing.

## **2. Articles in English**

### **1968 to 2010**

(With Hans J. Hummell) Sociology without Sociology. The Reduction of Sociology to Psychology: A Program, A Test and the Theoretical Relevance, in: *Inquiry* 1968, vol. 11, pp. 205-226

(with Hans J. Hummell) On the Relation between Theory and Research in Sociology. A Critique of Empirical Studies in Sociology, Demonstrated with "Union Democracy", in: *Quality and Quantity* 1969, vol. 3, pp. 23-61

Theories of the Middle Range as a Strategy for the Construction of a General Sociological Theory. A Critique of a Sociological Dogma, in: *Quality and Quantity* 1970, vol. 4, pp. 243-53

Problems of Classification in Criminology, in: Council of Europe, Strasbourg 1973

Social Evolution: Learning Theory Applied to Group Action, in: *Theory and Decision* 1979, vol. 10, pp. 229-43

Group Size, Emergence, and Composition Laws: Are there Macroscopic Theories sui generis? in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 1979, vol. 9, pp. 445-55

The Emergence and Effects of Social Norms. A Confrontation of Some Hypotheses of Sociology and Economics, in: *Kyklos* 1979, vol. 79, pp. 775-801

An Interactionist Theory of Social Norms and Its Critique from the Perspective of the "Economic Approach", in: *Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie* 1980, vol. 66, pp. 239-56

(With Käte Burow-Auffarth, Uwe Heinrichs) Conditions for Conventional and Unconventional Political Participation: An Empirical Test of Economic and Sociological Hypotheses, in: *European Journal of Political Research* 1981, vol. 9, pp. 147-68

The Explanation of Values. Problems and Approaches, in: G. Dlugos, K. Weiermeier, eds., *Management Under Differing Value Systems*, Berlin and New York 1981 (de Gruyter), pp. 13-35

The Economic Theory of Social Norms ("Property Rights") and the Role of Social Structures and Institutions, in: *Archiv für Rechts- und Sozialphilosophie* 1981, vol. 67, pp. 344-60

Economics, Sociology, and Political Protest, in: Werner Raub, ed., *Theoretical Models and Empirical Analyses. Contributions to the Explanation of Individual Actions and Collective Phenomena*, Utrecht (E. S. Publications) 1982, pp. 166-82

The Evolutionary Emergence of Norms, in: *British Journal of Social Psychology* 1982, vol. 21, pp. 139-49

Problems of Defining and Explaining Capitalism, in: Svetozar Pejovich, ed., *Philosophical and Economic Foundations of Capitalism*, Lexington, Mass. (D. C. Heath) 1983, pp. 25-33

Rational Choice and Sociological Man, in: *Jahrbuch für Neue Politische Ökonomie*, ed. by E. Boettcher, Ph. Herder-Dorneich, K.-E. Schenk, Tübingen (Mohr Siebeck) 1984, pp. 1-16

Balance Theory: Progress and Stagnation of a Social Psychological Theory, in: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 1984, vol. 14, pp. 27-49

Sociology and Economic Man, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 1985, vol. 141, pp. 213-243

Soft Incentives and Collective Action: Participation in the Anti-Nuclear Movement, in: *British Journal of Political Science* 1986, vol. 16, pp. 87-112

(With Edward N. Muller) Rational Choice and Rebellious Collective Action, in: *American Political Science Review* 1986, vol. 80, pp. 471-87

The Evolution of a Prisoner's Dilemma in the Market. A Case Study and Some Theoretical Considerations, in: A. Diekmann and P. Mitter, eds., *Paradoxical Effects of Social Behavior. Essays in Honor of Anatol Rapoport*, Heidelberg and Wien (Physica Verlag) 1986, pp. 149-168.

(with Edward N. Muller) Rebellious Collective Action Revisited, in: *American Political Science Review* 1987, vol. 81, pp. 561-564.

Contractual Relations and Weak Solidarity: The Behavioral Basis of Restraints on Gain-maximization. Comment, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 1988, vol. 144, pp. 67-72.

Spontaneous Order and TIT FOR TAT: Some Hypotheses and an Empirical Test, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 1988, vol. 144, pp. 374-385.

What Can We Learn from the Utilitarian Tradition? Featured Essay, in: *Contemporary Sociology* 1988, vol. 17, pp. 445-447.

Grievances and Participation in Social Movements, in: *American Sociological Review* 1988, vol. 53, pp. 853-864

Community Integration and Incentives for Political Protest, in: *International Social Movement Research* 1988, vol. I, pp. 83-101

The Individualistic Research Program in Sociology, in: Gerard Radnitzky, ed., *Centripetal Forces in the Sciences*, vol. II, pp. 208-224, New York (Paragon House) 1988

(with Steve Finkel and Edward N. Muller) Personal Influence, Collective Rationality, and Mass Political Action, in: *American Political Science Review* 1989, vol. 83, pp. 855-903

The Economics of Crime and the Sociology of Deviant Behaviour. A Theoretical Confrontation of Basic Propositions, in: *Kyklos* 1989, vol. 42, pp. 405-430

Integration into Voluntary Associations and Incentives for Political Protest, in: *International Social Movement Research* 1989, vol. 2, pp. 345-362

Postmaterialism, Collective Action, and Political Protest, in: *American Journal of Political Science* 1990, vol. 34, pp. 212-235

The Attenuation of Norms, in: M. Hechter, K.-D. Opp, R. Wippler, eds., *Social Institutions. Their Emergence, Maintenance and Effects*, New York 1990, Aldine de Gruyter, pp. 119-139

(with M. Hechter and R. Wippler) Introduction, in: M. Hechter, K.-D. Opp, R. Wippler, eds., *Social Institutions. Their Emergence, Maintenance and Effects*, New York 1990, Aldine de Gruyter, pp. 1-9

Testing Rational Choice Theory in Natural Settings, in: J. J. Hox, J. De Jong-Gierveld, eds., *Operationalization and Research Strategy*, Amsterdam/Lisse 1990, Swets & Zeitlinger, pp. 87-101

(With Wolfgang Roehl) Repression, Micromobilization, and Political Protest, in: *Social Forces* 1990, vol. 69, pp. 521-548

(With Steven E. Finkel) Party Identification and Participation in Collective Political Action, in: *Journal of Politics* 1991, vol. 53, pp. 339-371

Processes of Collective Political Action. A Dynamic Model and the Results of a Computer Simulation, in: *Rationality and Society* 1991, vol. 3, pp. 215-251

Micro-Macro Transitions in Rational Choice Explanations, in: *Analyse und Kritik* 1992, vol. 14, pp. 143-151.

Social Modernization and the Increase in the Divorce Rate. Comment, in: *Journal of Institutional Economics* 1993, vol. 149, 278-282.

Spontaneous Revolutions. The Case of East Germany in 1989. pp. 11-30 in: Heinz Kurz, ed., *United Germany and the New Europe*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 1993

(With Christiane Gern as second author) Dissident Groups, Personal Networks, and Spontaneous Cooperation: The East German Revolution of 1989, in: *American Sociological Review* 1993, vol. 58, pp. 659-680

Rational Choice vs. Adaptive Rule-Following: On the Behavioral Foundations of the Social Sciences. Comment, in: *Yearbook of New Political Economy (Jahrbuch für Neue Politische Ökonomie)*, vol. 12, Tübingen 1993, Mohr, pp. 111-115

Repression and Revolutionary Action: East Germany in 1989, in: *Rationality & Society* 1994, vol. 6, pp. 101-138

(With Gadi Wolfsfeld, Henry Dietz and Jerrold D. Green) Dimensions of Political Action. A Cross Cultural Analysis, in: *Social Science Quarterly* 1994, vol. 75, pp. 98-114.

The Evolution of Norms: An Anthropological View. Comment, in: *Journal of Theoretical and Institutional Economics* 1994, vol. 150, pp. 93-96.

The Role of Voice in a Future Europe, in: *Kyklos* 1994, vol. 47, pp. 385-402.

Social Networks can Resolve Actor Paradoxes in Economics and in Psychology. Comment, in: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 1995, Bd. 151, pp. 75-79.

(As first author, with Steven E. Finkel, Edward N. Muller, Gadi Wolfsfeld, Henry A. Dietz, Jerrold D. Green), *Left-Right Ideology and Collective Political Action. A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Israel, and Peru*, pp. 63-95 in: J. Craig Jenkins, Bert Klandermans, eds., *The Politics of Social Protest. Comparative Perspectives on States and Social Movements*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Would You Like to Know More About: Rational Choice and Political Action? In: *Agora* 1996 (Newsletter of the Rational Choice Section of the American Sociological Association and the Research Committee on Rational Choice of the International Sociological Association), vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 1-4.

The Role of Voice in a Future Europe, in: *Research on Democracy and Society*, vol. 3, 1996, pp. 135-151 (extended version of the article mentioned above)

Can Identity Theory Better Explain the Rescue of Jews in Nazi Europe than Rational Actor Theory? In: *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change* 1997, vol. 20, pp. 223-253.

Norms, Rationalizations and Collective Political Action. A Rational Choice Perspective, in: *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics* 1997, vol. 133, pp. 241-274.

"Limited Rationality" and Crime, in: Graeme Newman, Ronald V. Clarke, S. Giora Shoham, eds., *Situational Crime Prevention*, Dartmouth: Ashgate 1997, pp. 47-65.

(With Guillermina Jasso). Probing the Character of Norms: A Factorial Survey Analysis of the Norms of Political Action, in: *American Sociological Review* 1997, Bd. 62, pp. 947-964.

Can and Should Rational Choice Theory Be Tested By Survey Research? The Example of Explaining Collective Political Action, in: *Rational Choice Theory and Large-Scale Data Analysis*. Edited by H.-P. Blossfeld and G. Prein. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press 1998, pp. 204-230.

Does Antiregime Action under Communist Rule Affect Political Action after the Fall? Results of a Panel Study in East Germany, in: *The Sociological Quarterly* 1998, Bd. 39, pp. 189-213.

Explaining Revolutions from Below. East Germany in 1989, in: *The Independent Review* 1998, Heft 1, Bd. III, pp. 91-102.

Unemployment, Political Protest and Radicalism: The Example of East Germany, in: Nikolai Genov, Eds., *Central and Eastern Europe. Continuing Transformation*. Paris and Sofia: Unesco 1998, pp. 183-232

Contending Conceptions of the Theory of Rational Action, in: *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1999, Heft 2, Bd. 11, pp. 171-202.

Adverse Living Conditions, Grievances, and Political Protest after Communism. The Example of East Germany." *Social Forces* 2000, 79:29-65.

(With M. Hechter) Introduction in: M. Hechter, K.-D. Opp, eds., *Social Norms*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation 2001, pp. XI-XX.

Social Networks and the Emergence of Protest Norms, in: M. Hechter, K.-D. Opp, eds., *Social Norms*, New York: Russell Sage Foundation 2001, pp. 234-273.

(With M. Hechter) What Have We Learned about the Emergence of Social Norms?, in: M. Hechter, K.-D. Opp, eds., *Social Norms*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation 2001, pp. 394-415.

How Do Norms Emerge? An Outline of a Theory. In: Raymond Boudon, Pierre Demeulenaere, and Riccardo Viale, eds., *L'explication des normes sociales*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France 2001, pp. 11-44.

Why Do People Vote? The Cognitive Illusion Proposition and Its Test, in: *Kyklos* 2001, Bd. 54, Heft 2/3, pp. 355-378

Collective Political Action. A Research Program and some of Its Results, in: *Analyse & Kritik* 2001, vol. 23, Heft 1, pp. 1-20.

How Do Norms Emerge? An Outline of a Theory. In: Raymond Boudon, Pierre Demeulenaere, and Riccardo Viale, eds., *L'explication des normes sociales*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France 2001, pp. 11-44. A modified version will also appear in: *Mind & Society*.

Article "Norms" in: *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes, pp. 10714-10720, 2001, Elsevier, Oxford.

(With Steven E. Finkel and Stan Humphries), Socialist Values and the Development of Democratic Support in the Former East Germany, in: *International Political Science Review* 2001, 22: 339-362.

When Do Norms Emerge by Human Design and When by the Unintended Consequences of Human Action? The Example of the No-Smoking Norm. *Rationality & Society* 2002, 14:131-158.

(With Jürgen Friedrichs) Rational Behavior in Everyday Situations, in: *European Sociological Review* 2002, 18: 401-415.

Reprint of: Contending Conceptions of the Theory of Rational Action (first in: *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1999, vol. 11:171-202), in: Raymond Boudon, Mohammed Cherkaoui, Pierre Demeulenaere (eds.) 2003, *The European Tradition in Qualitative Research*, vol. IV, London and Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, pp. 79-108.

'What is always becoming what ought to be.' How Political Action Generates a Participation Norm, in: *European Sociological Review* 2004, vol. 20, pp. 13-29.

How Does Postcommunist Transformation Affect Political Protest? The Example of East Germany, in: *Mobilization* 2004, vol. 9, pp. 127-149.

Review Essay. Hartmut Esser: *Textbook of Sociology*, in: *European Sociological Review* 2004, vol. 20, pp. 253-264.

Decline of the Nation State? How the European Union Creates National and Sub-National Identifications, in: *Social Forces* 2005, vol. 84, pp. 653-680.

Review Essay about: Peter Hedström: *Dissecting the Social. On the Principles of Analytical Sociology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005, in: *European Sociological Review* 2007, vol. 23, No. 1, S. 115-122.

Social Psychology is not Enough: The Interdisciplinary Social Science Working Group, in: Miles Hewstone, Henk A. W. Schut, John B. F. de Wit, Kees van den Bos, Margaret S. Stroebe, Hrsg., *The Scope of Social Psychology. Theory and Applications. Essays in Honor of Wolfgang Stroebe*. Hove and New York 2007: Psychology Press, S. 295-308.

(With Heike Diefenbach): When and Why Do People Think There Should Be a Divorce?: An Application of the Factorial Survey, in: *Rationality & Society* 2007, vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 485-517.

Explaining Contentious Politics: A Case Study of a Failed Theory Development and a Proposal for a Rational Choice Alternative. S. 303-317 in *Raymond Boudon: A Life in Sociology, volume 2*, edited by Mohamed Cherkaoui and Peter Hamilton. Oxford: The Bardwell Press. 2009.

Opp, Karl-Dieter and Hermann Brandstätter. 2010. "Political Protest and Personality Traits: A Neglected Link." *Mobilization* 15(3):323-346.

Opp, Karl-Dieter, and Bernhard Kittel. 2010. "The Dynamics of Political Protest: Feedback Effects and Interdependence in the Explanation of Protest Participation." *European Sociological Review* 26:97-110.

## 2011 and 2012

Modeling Micro-Macro Relationships: Problems and Solutions. 2011. *Journal of Mathematical Sociology* 35(1):209-234.

George Orwell: From Democratic Revolution to Authoritarian Rule. 2011. Pp. 65-74 in *Sociological Insights of Great Thinkers. Sociology Through Literature, Philosophy, and Science*, edited by C. Edling and J. Rydgren. Santa Barbara: Praeger..

Efficacy and Collective Action. 2011. In *Contribution to the Wiki "Social Interaction and Communication"*, [http://www2.hu-berlin.de/interactcommunicate/index.php5/Main\\_Page](http://www2.hu-berlin.de/interactcommunicate/index.php5/Main_Page).

The Production of Historical "Facts." How the Wrong Number of Participants in the Leipzig Monday Demonstration on October 9, 1989 Became a Convention. 2011. *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik / Journal of Economics and Statistics (Special Issue, edited by Andreas Diekmann: Methodological Artefacts, Data Manipulation and Fraud in Economics and Social Science)*. Vol. 231(issues 5 and 6): pp. 598-607.

The Beneficial and Unintended Consequences of False Beliefs about Norm Violation. When Is there a 'Preventive Effect of Ignorance'?" 2011. Pp. 257-283 in *Sociology and the Unintended. Robert Merton Revisited*, edited by Adriana Mica, Arkadiusz Peisert, and Jan Winczorek. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.

Modeling Micro-Macro Relationships: Problems and Solutions (see above). 2012. Reprinted in: *Micro-Macro Links and Microfoundations in Sociology*, edited by Vincent Buskens, Werner Raub, and Marcel A.L.M. van Assen. New York: Routledge. Pp. 209-234.

Collective Identity, Rationality and Collective Action. 2012. *Rationality & Society* 24(1):73-105.

Can there Be Causal Effects on the Macro Level? 2012. *Sociologica* „doi 10.2383/36897,(No 1), 2012. Symposium on Analytical Sociology in the online journal Sociologica (7 pages).

Norms and Rationality. Is Moral Behavior a Form of Rational Action? 2012. *Theory & Decision*, forthcoming (available online since June 2012), forthcoming.

The Research Program of the Rational Choice Approach: A Reconstruction. 2012. Pp. 19-26, in: S. Salzborn, E. Davidov & J. Reineke (Eds.), *Methods, Theories, and Empirical Applications in the Social Sciences. Festschrift for Peter Schmidt*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Rational Choice Theory and Social Movements. 2012. In D. A. Snow, D. Della Porta & B. Klandermans (Eds.), *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. London: Blackwell. Forthcoming.

What is Analytical Sociology? Strengths and Weaknesses of a New Sociological Research Program. 2012. *Social Science Information*, 52(3). This is a special issue about Analytical Sociology. My article will be discussed by P. Hedström, P. Ylikoski and G. Manzo, and there will be a response by me.

Brandstätter, H., & Opp, K.-D. (2012). Personality Traits (“Big Five”) and the Propensity to Political Protest. Alternative Models. *Political Psychology* (has been accepted).

## 2013 and 2014

Norms and Rationality. Is Moral Behavior a Form of Rational Action? 2013. *Theory & Decision* 74(3):383-409.

What is Analytical Sociology? Strengths and Weaknesses of a New Sociological Research Program. 2013. *Social Science Information* 52: 329-360.

Rational Choice Theory, the Logic of Explanation, Middle-Range Theories and Analytical Sociology: A Reply to Gianluca Manzo and Petri Ylikoski. 2013. *Social Science Information* 52: 394-408.

Rational Choice Theory and Social Movements. 2013. In D. A. Snow, D. Della Porta & B. Klandermans (Eds.), *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. London: Blackwell, 1051-1058.

Brandstätter, H., & Opp, K.-D. 2014. Personality Traits (“Big Five”) and the Propensity to Political Protest. Alternative Models. *Political Psychology* 35(4): 515-537.

Helbing, Dirk, Wenjian Yu, Karl-Dieter Opp, and Heiko Rauhut. 2014. "Conditions for the Emergence of Shared Norms in Populations with Incompatible Preferences." *PLOS One* 9(8): e104207. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0104207.

Opp, Karl-Dieter. 2014. "The Explanation of Everything. A Critical Assessment of Raymond Boudon's Theory Explaining Descriptive and Normative Beliefs, Attitudes, Preferences and Behavior." *Papers. Revista de Sociologia* 99(4):481-514.

## 2015 and 2016

"Norms." 2015. Pp. 5-10 in *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, volume 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., edited by James D. Wright. Oxford: Elsevier.

Instrumental, Axiological Rationality and the Explanation of Norms. Cherkaoui's (and Boudon's) Critique of Rational Choice Theory and Its Ability to Explain Norm Emergence. 2015. Pp. 183-206 in *Theories and Social Mechanisms. Essays in honor of Mohamed Cherkaoui*, ed. by Gianluca Manzo. Oxford: Bardwell Press.

Review of: Leonardo Parri, *Explanation in the Social Sciences. A Theoretical and Empirical Introduction*. 2015. *L'Année sociologique* ([www.cairn.info/revue-l-annee-sociologique-2015-2-page-e63.htm](http://www.cairn.info/revue-l-annee-sociologique-2015-2-page-e63.htm)). Vol. 65(2):E63-E68.#

Opp, Karl-Dieter. 2016. "Exit, Voice, and the Impact of Regional, National and European Identification. An Integration and Empirical Test of Albert Hirschman's Theory and the Theory of Collective Action." Pp. 115-141 in *Dynamics of National Identity, Media and Societal Factors of What We Are*, edited by Jürgen Grimm, Josef Seethaler, and Peter Schmidt. London and New York: Routledge.

Mäs, Michael and Karl-Dieter Opp. 2016. "When Is Ignorance Bliss? Disclosing True Information and Cascades of Norm Violation in Networks." *Social Networks* 47(1):116-129.

Opp, Karl-Dieter, and Thomas Voss. 2016. "Methods of Theory Construction in Empirical Research." Pp. 16-20 in *Methods Training and Formation in Sociology. Thematic Bulletin of the Swiss Sociological Association*, edited by Mathilde Bourrier, Rainer Diaz-Bone, and Ben Jann. Zürich: Seismo Verlag.

## **2017 and 2018**

2017. "Dump the Concept of Rationality into the Deep Ocean." Pp. 95-96 in *Economic Ideas You Should Forget*, edited by Bruno S. Frey and David Iselin. New York: Harper: 95-96.

2017. "How to Avoid a Failed Referendum? The Case of the Hamburg Bid for the Olympic Games in 2024." Pp. 66-89 in *Sport und Stadtentwicklung. 16. Internationaler Hmburger Kongress für Sport, Ökonomie und Medien 2016*, edited by Jörg Förster, Andreas Hebbel-Seeger, Thomas Horky, and Hans-Jürgen Schulke. Aachen: Meyer & Meyer Verlag.

2017. "When Do People Follow Norms and When Do They Pursue Their Interests? Implications of Dual-Process Models and Rational Choice Theory, Tested for Protest Participation." Pp. 119-141 in *Social Dilemmas, Institutions and the Evolution of Cooperation*, edited by Ben Jann and Wojtek Przepiorka: de Gruyter/Oldenbourg.

2018. "Externalities, Social Networks and the Emergence of Norms. A Critical Analysis and Extension of James Coleman's Theory of Norm Emergence." *Social Research* 85(1):167-196.

2018. "The Interdependence of Spontaneous Order and Institutional Design. Table Manners, Language, Daylight Saving Time and the Erosion of Institutional Design under Communist Rule." Pp. 197-228 in *Sociology and the Invisible Hand*, edited by Adriana Mica, Katarzyna M. Wyrzykowska, Rafał Wiśniewski, and Iwona Zielińska. Frankfurt: Lang.

2018. "Do the Social Sciences Need the Concept of "Rationality"? Notes on the Obsession with a Concept." Pp. 191-217 in *The Mystery of Rationality. Mind, Beliefs and the Social Sciences*, edited by Francesco Di Iorio and Gérald Bronner. Wiesbaden: VS Springer.

## **2019 and 2020**

2019. "Can Attitude Theory Improve Rational Choice Theory or Vice Versa? A Comparison and Integration of the Theory of Planned Behavior and Value-Expectancy Theory." Pp. 65-95 in *Einstellungen und Verhalten in der empirischen Sozialforschung. Analytische Konzepte, Anwendungen und Analyseverfahren. Festschrift für Dieter Urban zum 65. Geburtstag*, edited by Mayerl. Jochen, Thomas Krause, Andreas Wahl, and Marious Wuketich. New York: Springer VS.

2019. "Why Do People Believe in Socialism? Testing Propositions for West and East Germany with the German General Social Survey (ALLBUS)." Pp. 155-190 in *Einstellungen und*

*Verhalten der deutschen Bevölkerung. Analysen mit dem Allbus*, edited by Pascal Siegers, Sonja Schulz, and Oshrat Hochmann. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

2019. Kittel, Bernhard, and Karl-Dieter Opp. 2019. "Dissecting the Conditions of Political Protest. An Exploration of Interaction Effects in the Explanation of Political Protest." *Sociological Inquiry* 89(1):67-93.

2019. "Political Mobilization Approaches." Pp. 141-150 in *Political, Social, and Economic Transformation*, edited by Wolfgang Merkel, Raj Kollmorgen, and Hans-Jürgen Wagener. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2019. "How Economics Is Becoming a General Social Science. Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein's "Nudge." Pp. 95-96 in *21st Century Economics. Economic Ideas You Should Read and Remember*, edited by Bruno S. Frey and Christoph Schaltegger. New York: Springer.

2019. "Karl-Dieter Opp Recommends "Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness" by Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein " Pp. 95-96 in *21st - Century Economics. Economic Ideas you Should Read and Remember*, edited by Bruno S. Frey and Christoph Schaltegger. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature.

2020. "Rational Choice Theory, the Model of Frame Selection and Other Dual-Process Theories. A Critical Comparison " Pp. 41-74 in *Advances in the Sociology of Trust and Cooperation. Theory, Experiments, and Field Studies*, edited by Vincent Buskens, Rense Corten, and Chris Snijders. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.

2020 "Are Individuals Utility Maximizers? Empirical Evidence and Possible Alternative Decision Algorithms." Pp. 421-40 in *Grundlagen - Methoden - Anwendungen in den Sozialwissenschaften. Festschrift für Steffen M. Kühnel*, edited by Anja Mays, André Dingelstedt, Verena Hambauer, Stephan Schlosser, Florian Berens, Jürgen Leibold, and Jan-Karem Höhne. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

2020. "Rational Choice Theory and Methodological Individualism." Pp. 1-23 in *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Theory*, edited by Peter Kivisto. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2020. "What a Theory of Social Norms and Institutions Should Look Like. Experimental Economics, Rational Choice Sociology, and the Explanation of Normative Phenomena." *Analyse & Kritik* 42(2): 413-443.

## **2021 – 2022**

2021. Teaching Online at the University of Washington (Seattle) when George Floyd Was Killed. A Personal Note, in: Newsletter ASA, section IPM - Inequality Poverty Mobilization 2021 FEB. 21 VOL 7 NO 1, p.12.

2021. "When Do People Follow the Behavior of Others? The Effects of Descriptive and Injunctive Norms, and the Werther Effect." Pp. 89-116 in *Rationality in Social Science*.

*Foundations, Norms, and Prosociality*, edited by Ivar Krumpal, Werner Raub, and Andreas Tutić. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

## 2023-2024

2023. "Methodological Individualism and Micro–Macro Modeling." Pp. 377-405 in *The Palgrave Handbook of Methodological Individualism: Volume I*, edited by Nathalie Bulle and Francesco Di Iorio. Cham: palgrave macmillan (Springer Nature Switzerland).

2023. "The Micro-Macro Link." Pp. 289-291 in *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Sociology*. , edited by Maria T. Grasso and Marco Giugni. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2023. "Rational Choice Theory and Social Movements." Pp. 1-8 in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social & Political Movements*, edited by David Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam. New York: Wiley.

2024 or 2025 – ACCEPTED BY Social Science Information: The Recent Turn in Analytical Sociology: The Dismissal of Genesral Theories, of Mental States, of Analytic Philosophy – and the Old Issue of Mechanism Explanation

## Work in progress

Opp, Yannick Diehl, Peter Schmidt) Why Do People Protest? A New Test of a Theoretical Model with the German General Social Survey (Allbus) 2018 Finished manuscript, to be submitted.

(With Ramona Roller) Structural Balance, the Diffusion of the Protestant Reformation and Bounded Rationality

The Heuristic Value of Concepts for the Discovery of Theories in the Social Sciences. A Critical Analysis and Some Notes on the Context of Discovery (to be published in a special issue of the journal "Soziale Welt")

Should Critical Realism Be the New Methodology for the Social Sciences? The Major Problem: Darwin's Theory of Evolution Must Be Abandoned (submitted)

For a conference I am preparing a Manuscript with the title: How to Integrate Explanations of Norm Emergence. The Example of James Coleman's and Robert Ellickson's Theories. I will continue to work on the integration of theories of social norms.

## Publications in German

I have published more than 25 books (in part with co-authors) and more than 180 articles, most in professional and peer-reviewed journals.

The **books** (in German language) include (the following list is not complete), the titles are translated into English: *Sociology in Law* (1973); *Deviant Behavior and Social Structure* (1974); *Sociology of White Collar Crime* (1975); *Methodology of the Social Sciences* (1970, 1976, 1995,

1999, 2002, 2005); *The Individualistic Approach to the Social Sciences* (1979). *The Emergence of Social Norms* (1983); (with co-authors) *Social Problems and Protest Behavior* (1984); (with W. Roehl) *The Chernobyl Effect* (1990); (with coauthors) *The People's Revolution* (1993); *The Disappointed Revolutionaries* (1996); (with K. Mühler) *Region and Nation. On the Causes and Effects of Regional and Supra-Regional Identification* (2004); (with K. Mühler) *Region - Nation - Europe. The Dynamics of Regional and Supraregional Identification* (2006). My textbook "Methodology of the Social Sciences. Introduction to Problems of Theory Construction and Practical Application" (mentioned before) has been published in its seventh edition in 2014.

**Edited books** in German: *The Transformation Process* (with R. Metze and K. Mühler) - 1998; *Norms and Institutions. Their Emergence and Effects* (with R. Metze and K. Mühler) - 2000.