

# Charlotte Sophia BEZ she/her

Fulbright Scholar at the New School New York, USA.  
Postdoctoral Researcher at Potsdam Institute, Germany.  
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Political Economy of the Environment & Just Transitions.

## PERSONAL DATA

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## CURRENT POSITIONS & AF FILIATIONS

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- SINCE SEPT 2024 Visiting scholar at Tishman Center at **the New School University**, USA  
- Fulbright Schuman Scholar, 9-months scholarship  
- Host professors: Dr. Yukyan Lam and Dr. Ana Bapista  
- Research focus on environmental justice through data science
- SPRING 2024 Visiting scholar at the **Universidad de los Andes**, Colombia  
- As part of EfD grant; to conduct a nation-wide survey experiment on support for fossil fuel subsidy removal and the importance of revenue recycling schemes
- SINCE 2022 Postdoctoral researcher in Political Economy for Inclusive Wealth Governance and Sustainability (FutureLab CERES) at **Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)**, Germany  
- Group leader: Dr. Jan Steckel  
- Research focus on political economy barriers to just transitions
- SINCE 2022 Guest researcher with the Climate and Development team at **Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)**, Berlin, Germany
- Since 2023 Associated member of the working group on “Crisis and Socio-Ecological Transformation”, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Germany
- Since 2023 Associated researcher at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy
- Since 2019 Fellow at Bocconi Lab in European Studies (BLES), Italy
- Since 2018 Associated researcher at Bureau of Theoretical and Applied Economics, France

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 - 2023 International Ph.D. Programme in ECONOMICS, *4.5-year scholarship*  
**Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies**, Pisa, Italy  
*Joint program with the UCA-University of Côte d'Azur in Nice, France*  
- Under the supervision of Prof. Maria-Enrica VIRGILLITO and Prof. Andrea Roventini  
- Ph.D. awarded on April 18, 2023; Graduated with honors. TITLE OF THESIS: "Essays on the Political Economy of the Environment. A Just Transition for the Left-Behind?"
- SUMMER 2022 Visiting Researcher at Political Economy Research Institute (PERI)  
**University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, USA  
- Under the supervision of Prof. Michael ASH and Prof. James S. Boyce  
- Research area: Environmental inequality in left-behind places
- FALL 2019 Studying period at the **UCA-University of Côte d'Azur in Nice**, France
- 2016 - 2018 Master of Science in INNOVATION ECONOMICS (120 credits)  
**University of Strasbourg**, France. Valedictorian; Graduated with Honors
- 2013 - 2016 Bachelor of Science in INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES  
**Eberhard-Karls-University of Tübingen**, Germany  
- Minors in French, English and Psychology
- FALL 2015 Exchange Semester at **University Jean-Moulin Lyon 3**, France

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- SEPT 2021 - NOV 2022 Economic expert for Ambiente Ltd., external contractor of the WORLD BANK GROUP, consultancy contract  
Part of multidisciplinary team studying pollution diagnostic in the Black Sea, a World Bank Group project ("BBSEA"). Role of examining the socio-economic consequences of business-as-usual scenarios of environmental pollution in the Black Sea.
- MAY 2017-JUL 2018 Innovation scout at IFECTIS INNOVATIONSFOERDERUNG (part time)  
Lahr im Schwarzwald, Germany  
Writing applications for green tech startups and SME that seek public funding. Coordinating Horizon 2020 projects within innovation networks in the chemical and materials industry. Identifying relevant high-tech startups for research consortia.
- JAN-APR 2016 Internship at MTU AERO ENGINES AG  
Munich, Germany  
Mapping and guide-lining the innovation process of low-emission engine development. Carrying out competition analyses. Supporting project managers.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Bez, C., Baptista, A., Yulsman, A., Killough, M. & Lam, Y. (2025). A Resource Database of Cumulative Impacts Laws and Tools: Emerging Policy Opportunities to Protect Environmental Justice Communities from Additional Burden (forthcoming in Environmental Justice).

Bez, C. (2025) Conceptualising the environmental dimension of left-behind places. *Ecological Economics*, 228, 108448.

Bez, C. (2025). Industrial policy and sectors of transformation - Looking at left-behind regions. Book chapter for the German 'Jahrbuch Ökonomie und Gesellschaft'.

Bez, C. (2025). Policy and Politics in left-behind places where heavy industries are present. Book chapter in "Political Participations in Sacrifice Areas", published by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milan.

Bez, C., Ash, M., & Boyce, J. K. (2024). Environmental inequality in industrial brownfields: Evidence from French municipalities. *Ecological Economics*, 217, 108018.

Bez, C., & Virgillito, M. E. (2024). Toxic pollution and labour markets: Uncovering Europe's left-behind places. *Review of Regional Research*, 1-45.

Bez, C., Castellani, A., La Rocca, E., & Sala, G. (2024) Unions and industrial policies in transition: The case of industria italiana autobus. *Economia e Società Regionale*, 41-59.

Bez, C., Bosetti, V., Colantone, I., & Zanardi, M. (2023). Exposure to international trade lowers green voting and worsens environmental attitudes. *Nature Climate Change*, 1-5.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Bez, C., Naumann, L., & Steckel, J. Political Backlash to Shifts in Coal Jobs? Lessons from Colombia.

Bez, C., Klug, T., Raederscheid, G., & Steckel, J. Converging vision, contested narratives: Media discourse analyses of South Africa's Just Transition.

Bez, C., Mohammadzadeh Valencia, F., Steckel, J. et al. Survey experiment: Public support for fossil fuel subsidy reform in Colombia.

Bez, C., & Arens, A. Talking about coal: Ten years of Indian discourse.

Bez, C., & Raederscheid, G. The impact of South Africa's JETP on coal discourses. Applying text-as-data methods to newsmedia.

Bez, C., & Bernal, A. The role of Modern Monetary Theory in the US climate politics discourse.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND AWARDS

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Since Sept 2024	Grant holder for Fulbright Schuman Post-Doctoral Research
Since Sept 2024	Grant holder for Transatlantic Research Exchange, Joachim Herz foundation
Since Aug 2024	Grant holder with the Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
	Co-PI of project "Peddling false solutions: corporate carbon management and climate delay strategies"
All of 2024	Grant holder, Environment-for-Development Initiative, jointly with UniAndes Bogotá
	Project on survey experiments in Colombia on acceptability of fossil fuel subsidy removal
Since 2023	Supervision of various Master theses in Data Science, Public Policy, and Economics
Since 2023	Teaching Assistant for Bachelor and Master courses in Environmental Economics
	TU Berlin and BTU Cottbus: involved in teaching, grading, curriculum development
Since 2023	Reviewer for various leading journals; IOP Trusted Reviewer status
	e.g., Energy Research and Social Science, Political Analysis
NOVEMBER 2023	Member of Commission of PhD Dissertation at Brandenburg Technical University
JUNE 2023	Organising Committee of Pre-conference event of 28th Annual EAERE
	Cyprus University of Technology
MARCH 2023	Peer Review Excellence workshop from IOP publishing
JULY 2021	Research contract with Bocconi University
	Project on green policies – attitudes and politics
SUMMER 2020	Research contract with University of Pisa, Responsible Management Research Center
	Project on human-rights violations caused by environmental accidents in the fossil fuel sector
2018 - 2023	4.5-year scholarship, international PhD Program in Economics

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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FEBRUARY 2025	Elections and Climate Change Workshop, University of Bristol, UK
JUNE 2024	What Works Climate Solutions Summit, Berlin, Germany
	Special session on "Political Economy of Climate Policy"
JUNE 2024	15th Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, Pontevedra, Spain
	Just Transitions panel
MAI 2024	German Development Economics Conference, Hannover, Germany
	Poster session on political backlashes of job losses in mining
APRIL 2024	CPN-CSS Conference on "Studying Policy Obstruction around the globe", virtual
	Panel on local level studies of opposition
FEBRUARY 2024	Kick-Off PRIN PNRR Project "Tackling a just Twin Transition", Rome, Italy
OCTOBER 2023	Conference on socioecological transformation and crisis, Rosalux, Berlin, Germany
OCTOBER 2023	FossilExit Conference at Technical University Berlin, Germany
OCTOBER 2023	Environment for Development Annual Meeting, Accra, Ghana
	Panel on natural resources
JUNE 2023	EAERE Annual Conference, Limassol, Cyprus
JUNE 2023	Invited Speaker at Conference on "Contested Socio-Ecological Transformations"
	Hosted by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
MARCH 2023	Invited Speaker at GERPISA's Young Researchers Conference, Paris, France
	Panel on environment and automotive
DECEMBER 2022	Invited Speaker at Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Austria
OCTOBER 2022	Invited Speaker at CSI Seminar at BETA, Strasbourg, France
SEPTEMBER 2022	34th Annual EAEPE Conference, Naples, Italy
	Panel on economy-environment interactions
JUNE 2022	30th Gerpisa International Colloquium, Detroit, USA
	Panel on just transition and labor restructuring
JUNE 2022	CJRES - Re-Imagining Evolutionary Economic Geography Workshop, virtual
	Presentation on toxic pollution and its unequal impacts across space
MAY 2022	PERI Seminar on the Political Economy of the Environment, Amherst, USA
	Presentation on the geography of left-behind places exposed to environmental pollution
DECEMBER 2021	Annual CERCIS Workshop, Ferrara, Italy
	Presentation on the trade-off between the environment and jobs
SEPTEMBER 2021	Annual Conference of the European Trade Study Group, Ghent, Belgium
SEPTEMBER 2021	"How to be a Researcher in the XXI Century" Conference, Milan, Italy
MAY 2021	Conference on Gender and Sexuality in the Neoliberal University, Leicester, UK
OCTOBER 2020	Young Economists Conference "Inequalities in space and time", Vienna, Austria
SEPTEMBER 2020	32nd Annual EAEPE Conference, virtual
	Paper on "International Trade, Green Attitudes, and Voting: Evidence from the US and Western Europe"
JUNE 2019	Annual JDMx meeting on judgment and decision making, Trento, Italy

## WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

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JUNE 2023	Participant at EFC School on Economic Fitness and Complexity, Rome, Italy
JULY 2022	QGIS Workshop for spatial mapping, UMass Amherst Massachusetts, USA
NOVEMBER 2021	Feltrinelli Camp Next Generation Labour, Milan, Italy
SEPTEMBER 2019	Summer School at German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin, Germany Economic Foundations for Energy and Climate Policies
APRIL 2018	Sustainability Summer School, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium
AUGUST 2016	Third Annual Cradle to Cradle Congress on circular economy, Lüneburg, Germany

## LANGUAGES

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ENGLISH:	Full professional proficiency (C1+)	GERMAN:	Native proficiency (C2)
ITALIAN:	Full professional proficiency (C1+)	FRENCH:	Full professional proficiency (C1)
SPANISH:	Limited working proficiency (B2)		

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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APPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS:	R Studio, STATA, QGIS,
APPLICATIONS FOR COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE:	Python, MAXQDA
APPLICATIONS FOR TEXT PRODUCTION:	LaTeX, JupyterLab, Office 365

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Since 2023	Technical committee for climate-jobs campaign in Italy Collaboration between universities and NGOs
Since 2018	Member of Ecologia Politica Italy Grassroot association to promote and educate on environmental justice issues
2019 - 2022	President and founder of PhD Society at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
2019 - 2022	President and founder of feminist taskforce at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
2010 - 2013	Youth officer of the sports association Turngemeinde Münster e.V. Certified level-C instructor in competitive fencing (foil)

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Competitive triathlon, non-academic writing, languages,