

# Curriculum Vitae

**Dr. Alena Bleicher**

Date of Birth: August 6, 1977

## Work experience

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since 2020

### **Harz University of Applied Sciences**

Professor for Communication Studies and Social Sciences

2007 - 2020

3/2015 – 9/2020

### **Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Leipzig**

Head of the young research group GORmin - Governance Options for acceptable primary and secondary Scarce-Ressource mining in Germany (funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research - BMBF)

<http://www.ufz.de/gormin>

Research areas:

- Controversies on and potentials of innovative mining technologies
- Governance options for participation in technological innovations

9/2016 – 8/2019

Projekt Integrating Social Sciences and Humanities into Teaching about Energy - TEACHENER

<https://www.teachener.eu/>

- Development of innovative teaching concepts.
- Integration of social scientific issues into teaching in engineering and natural scientific teaching at institutions of higher education.

1/2013 – 2/2015

Scientist at the Department of Urban and Environmental Sociology

- Analysis of the interplay of technology development, innovation and society in the context of bioenergy and geothermal energy technologies; questions of user led innovation, technology conflicts.
- Analysis of the perception of innovative technologies by local publics.
- Organisation of a working group on moderation to facilitate exchange on moderation techniques and the respective experience of researchers at UFZ.

- 4/2007 – 12/2012 Junior scientist and PhD student in the projects SAFIRA II und Timbre  
z.B. <http://www.timbre-project.eu/>
- Dissertation on the dealing with ignorance in decision making in the context of revitalization of contaminated areas.
  - Analyse of communication processes and decision structures in revitalization projects and development of a computer based sustainability assessment module.
- 07/2005 – 12/2006 **Büro CivixX – Werkstatt für Zivilgesellschaft, Leipzig (Agency for cooperative Planning, Consulting and Moderation)**  
Staff Member  
Contribution in diverse projects such as steering of the Local Agenda 21 process for local sustainable development; development of strategies for temporary use of inner city brownfields in cooperation with the office of urban renewal in the city of Leipzig. Conceptualization and conduct of quantitative household surveys and activating citizen surveys.  
<http://civixx.de>, <http://volkmarsdorf.de>
- 06/2002 – 08/2003 **Weeber+Partner – Institute for Urban Planning and Social Research, Berlin**  
Student assistant  
Contribution to diverse projects of urban development. (Analyse of standardized quantitative Surveys, Edition of Reports, Inquiries of data and literature)  
<http://www.weeberpartner.de>
- 08/2001 – 10/2001 **Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig**  
Internship: Analysis of the social development of a community in the suburbia of Leipzig  
<http://www.ifl-leipzig.com>
- 07/2001 – 08/2001 **European Parliament, Directorate General (DG) IV, Luxemburg**  
Internship: Analysis of the economic situation and the cross border relationships of the federal state of Brandenburg and Western Poland (Preparation for the visit of the commission of the European Parliament, September 2001.)

## Education

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- 2011 **Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg**  
Dissertation in Sociology; Dr.phil.
- 09/2001 – 07/2004 **Humboldt – University, Berlin**  
Diplom (~ M.A.), Geography major, Sociology and History minor
- 10/2000 – 07/2001 **Université Toulouse le Mirail, France**  
Graduate Student, Department of Geography: Licence géographie
- 10/1997 – 09/2000 **Technical University of Dresden**  
Vordiplom (~ B.A.), Geography major, Sociology and History minor