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Qualifications

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Social Sciences, Master of Arts, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
1 Oct 2006 → 19 Nov 2008
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Social Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
1 Oct 2003 → 27 Nov 2006
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Research outputs

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Schaeffer, Merlin, 2015, *Handbuch Diversity Kompetenz: Perspektiven und Anwendungsfelder*. Genkova, P. & Ringeisen, T. (eds.). Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden, p. 1-11

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Activities

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (External organisation)

Schaeffer, Merlin (Member)

2018 → 2023

Prizes

ASA Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population Award

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient) & Legewie, J. (Recipient), 1 Sep 2017

ASA Outstanding Article Publication in Mathematical Sociology Award

Schaeffer, Merlin (Recipient) & Legewie, J. (Recipient), 1 Jun 2018

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