

doing democracy

connecting academia and civil society across borders



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Short (Research) Profile & Mission

- Social scientist at the intersection of political sociology, education, and criminology
- Research focus: civil society, far-right normalization, and right-wing violence
- Bridging empirical research with practice-oriented strategies
- 20+ years of experience in civil society and civic education

Current (Research) Project

Civil Society Strategies against the Far Right – Bridging Research and Practice

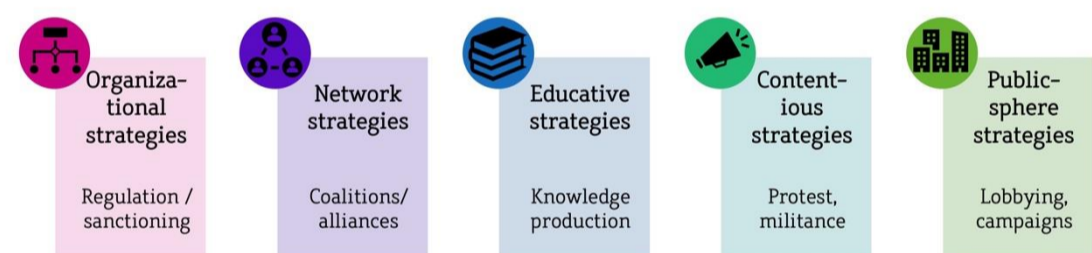
Transfer project „Effective against the far right“ links scientific evidence with practitioner experience on how civil society organizations counter the far right through organizational measures, network building, political education, confrontational strategies, and public outreach. It reveals a strong, diverse action repertoire of civil society, but little research on effectiveness.

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Civil Society Strategies against the Far Right

Findings

20 + 65 single strategies in civil society documents and studies



Jänicke, Gunzelmann, Völker & Hutter: Civil Society Strategies Against the Far Right, p. 13

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Questions to Academia

- Who is conducting (comparative) research on civil society responses to far-right contention?
- Are there opportunities for collaborative research on East-West dynamics in countering far-right mobilization?
- What theoretical frameworks have proven useful for analyzing normalization processes?
- How can we better bridge academic research and civil society practice in this field?

Questions to Civil Society

- Which strategies have proven effective in your work against far-right normalization (or racist, anti-queer, anti-feminist mobilization)?
- Have you come across attempts to collaborate from the far right and what challenges did you face?
- What support (research, tools, networks) would strengthen your capacity to counter far-right contention?

Questions to (Political) Decision-Makers

- How can policy better support civil society organizations facing far-right pressure?
- What resources are needed to strengthen democratic resilience at the local and regional level?
- How can sustainable structures for democracy promotion be created beyond short-term project funding?

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