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## **EDUCATION**

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*School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London* 2016  
*Department of Development Studies*  
PhD, Development Studies

*Free University of Berlin* 2009  
*Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science*  
Diplom (MSc equivalent), Political Science

*University of Sussex* 2007  
*Department of International Relations*  
MA, Global Political Economy

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor** 01/2017 - Present  
Employment Relations  
*London School of Economics and Political Science*  
*Department of Management*

**Postdoctoral Fellow** 01-12/2017  
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Global Challenges Research Fund  
*School of Oriental and African Studies*  
*Department of Development Studies*

**LSE Fellow** 01-06/2017  
*London School of Economics and Political Science*  
*Department of International Development*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow** 10/2013 - 2016  
*School of Oriental and African Studies*  
*Department of Development Studies,*  
*Department of Political Science & International Studies*

**Student assistant** 10/2007 - 06/2009  
*Free University of Berlin*  
*Institute of East Asian Studies*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Comparative and international political economy
- Global automotive manufacturing
- Labour relations and movements in emerging markets
- Industrial policy
- Critical theory

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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Wenten, F. (2017): “Does it matter what workers do? The role of workers’ relational agency in the hybridisation of TNC subsidiaries in China and Mexico”, in: *International Journal of Automotive Technology and Management*, No. 2.

Wenten, F. (2017): “Gewerkschaftsreformen in China – Segen oder Fluch? Kontroverses zu Tarifverhandlungen und ‘zellulärem’ Aktivismus”, in: *Sozial.Geschichte. Zeitschrift für historische Analyse des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts*, No. 20. Preview: <https://sozialgeschichteonline.wordpress.com/2016/11/23/gewerkschaftsreformen-in-china-segen-oder-fluch/>

## CHAPTERS AUTHORED

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Teschke, B., Wenten, F. (2017): Marxismus in den Internationalen Beziehungen (Marxism in International Relations), in: Sauer, F., Masala, C. (ed.): *Handbuch Internationale Beziehungen*, Berlin, Wiesbaden: Springer.

Teschke, B., Wenten, F. (2016): Capitalism, in: Berenskötter, Felix (ed.), *Concepts in World Politics*, London: Sage.

Wenten, F. (2011): Restructured Class Relations since 1978, in: Scherrer, C. (ed.): *China's Labor Question*, Mering: Rainer Hampp.

Schmalz, S., Schulten, J., Wenten F. (2009): Arbeiterbewegungen in der globalisierten Welt: Eine kritische Würdigung des Ansatzes von Beverly Silver (Labour movements in a globalised world: A critical evaluation of Beverly Silver's approach), in: Thien, H.G. (ed.): *Klassen im Postfordismus, (Classes in Post-Fordism)*, 2nd ed, Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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Wenten, F.: Failure to Agree – Worker agency, collective bargaining and the question of ‘representative’ organisations in China, in: *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. (first round)

## EDITED VOLUMES

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Pun N., Lee, C.K. et al. (2010): *Aufbruch der zweiten Generation – Wanderarbeit, Geschlechterverhältnisse und Klassenzusammensetzung in China, (Departure of the second generation – Labour migration, gender and class composition in China)*, translated and edited with D. Fuchs and R. Ruckus, Berlin: Assoziation A.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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Wenten, F., Pardi, T., Lühje, B., Heim, S, Viveros, J. (first draft): Beyond corporatism. The future of social dialogue in the global automotive industry. Commissioned by the ILO for publication in *International Labour Review*.

Wenten, F. (under editorial review): La industria automovil en China – pasado y presente (The automotive industry in China – past and present), in: Red ITIAM (ed.): *Cambio e innovación en la industria automóvil mundial: trayectorias nacionales (Change and innovation in the global automotive industry: national trajectories)*, Mexico City: CONACYT.

## REVIEWS

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Wenten, F. (2008): Pun N., Li W. (2008): *dagongmei – Arbeiterinnen aus Chinas Weltmarktfabriken erzählen*, Berlin: Assoziation A, in: *Das Argument*, Vol. 50, No. 281.

Wenten, F. (2006): Hart-Landsberg, M., Burkett, P. (2005): *China and Socialism. Market Reforms and Class Struggle*, New York: Monthly Review Press; *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 3 and 4 2005, in: *Das Argument*, Vol. 48, No. 268, Issue 5 and 6.

Wenten, F. (2004): Baratta, G. (2003): *Das dialogische Denken Antonio Gramscis (The dialogical thought of Antonio Gramsci)*, Frankfurt a.M.: Peter Lang, in: *Internationale Wissenschaftliche Korrespondenz zur Geschichte der Deutschen Arbeiterbewegung (IWK)*, Vol. 40, No. 4.

## OTHER

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Wenten, F. (2013): “I work beside my shit. I eat beside my shit.” Impressions from the dockworkers strike in Hong Kong; gongchao.org. <https://gongchao.site36.net/archives/633>

Wenten, F. (2008): “Niederlassungsfreiheit vs. Vereinigungsfreiheit, Die Urteile des Europäischen Gerichtshofs in den Fällen Rüffert, Viking und Laval”, (Freedom of establishment against freedom of association, The European Court of Justice's rulings in the Rüffert, Viking and Laval cases), in: *ILO-Nachrichten*, No. 2.

## GUEST LECTURES; CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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2017

*Hybridisation of a German automotive OEM in China and Mexico – What role for worker agency?*, 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop academic year 2017, The Japanese Society for Industrial Studies, Automotive Industry Research Workshop, Chubu Region Division, Kyoto University (**Japan**), April 22.

*Legacies of the 2010 Honda strike – Relational agency and labour market reform in South China*, 1<sup>st</sup> seminar academic year 2017, Graduate School of Letters, Department of Sociology, Kyoto University (**Japan**), April 19.

2016

*Does it matter what workers do? Industrial development and labour in the global car industry in Mexico and China*, “Labour Seminar Series”, SOAS, London (**UK**), Dec 7.

*Failure to Agree – Worker agency, collective bargaining and the question of “representative” organisations in China*, LSE/SOAS Workshop, “The end of pragmatic authoritarianism? New Developments in State-Labour-Capital Relations in China”, London (**UK**), Sept 1-3.

*Employment relations at global automotive subsidiaries in China and Mexico – converging or diverging?*, GERPISA, 25<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium, “The ‘New Frontiers’ of the World Automotive Industry. Technologies, Applications, Innovations, Markets”, Puebla (**Mexico**), May 31-June 3.

*La industria automóvil y sus relaciones laborales en China (The automotive industry and its labour relations in China)*, Workshop for automotive workers, Librería Profética, Puebla (**Mexico**), May 28-29 and June 4-5.

2015

Panel co-organiser, with Teschke, B.: *Theory and Critique of Capitalism*, European International Studies Association, 9<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference On International Relations, “Worlds of Violence”, Giardini Naxos, Sicily (**Italy**) Sept. 23-26.

*Industrial development and labour movements in China and Mexico*, Guest lecture, “China and Latin America in global context” lecture series, Department of Latin American Studies/Department of Political Science, Free University Berlin (**Germany**), June 25.

2014

Member of the Roundtable *Challenges of Building Labour's Collective Strength in Asia*, International Sociological Association, XVIII World Congress of Sociology, "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology", Yokohama (**Japan**), July 13-19.

*Rank and file activism and international union cooperation in the global automotive industry in China*, Hans Böckler Foundation Graduate Conference 2014, "International Solidarity Reloaded: Trade unions and other social movements: between the challenges and opportunities of globalisation", Göttingen (**Germany**), April 1-4.

Member of the Working Group *Concept Analysis in International Relations*, International Studies Association, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, "Spaces and Places. Geopolitics in an Era of Globalization", Toronto (**Canada**), March 24-29.

2013

*Making sense of class struggle in global capitalism – The internationalisation of a global automotive firm to Mexico and China, 1970s to today*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Historical Materialism Conference, SOAS, London (**UK**), Nov. 7-11.

*The Strike at Honda China 2010. Composition and Struggles of the Chinese working class*, Workshop for workers and labour activists, Ulsan Migrant Centre, Ulsan (**South Korea**), June 14.

*Class relations and transformations of the production process in a global enterprise – The case of Volkswagen de México, 1970s to present*, International Labour Process Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (**USA**), March 18-20.

2011

*Changing class relations in China: Prospects of Workers' Autonomous Agency*, (with D. Fuchs), Conference "Workers' Struggles from East to West: New Perspectives on Labour Disputes in Globalised China", University of Vienna (**Austria**), Sept. 22-24.

*30 years of economic reform in China – Constitutive effects of changing class composition and workers' agency*, International Spring School 2011 on Self Management, Delavsko-Punkerska Univerza, Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), April 27- May 2.

2010

*Changing class relations and labour struggles in post-1978 China*, "How Class Works" Conference 2010, Stony Brook University, New York (**USA**), June 2-5.

2009

*Workers in post-1978 China – Changing class relations and the ambivalent role of Chinese trade unions*, Conference "China's 30 years of 'Opening up and reform': Continuities and Change", University of Nottingham/Ningbo (**China**), Sept. 16-19.

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

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ESRC Fellowship, Global Challenges Research Fund	2017	£125,000
SOAS Director's Teaching Prize (sole winner, GTA/TF)	2016	£1000
SOAS Research Scholarship	2011-2014	£15,000 p.a.
Elisabeth Croll Scholarship 2012-13 for fieldwork in China, SOAS	03-09/2013	£1,000
Stipend of the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (since 10/2011 immaterial)	04/2011-03/2013	€13,800 p.a.
DAAD research grant, "New Passages to India" program	10/2010-01/2011	€3,700
DAAD Language Course Grant, Intensive Summer Program China	09-11/2008	€2,400

## **REVIEWING**

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*The China Quarterly*

*Global Labour Journal*

*Human Relations*

*Journal für Entwicklungspolitik*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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*GERPISA, The International Network of the Automobile*

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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German	native	Chinese (Mandarin)	intermediate
English	fluent	French	intermediate
Spanish	fluent	Latin	Intermediate Certificate

London, January 2018