

Analysis of municipal conflicts within the framework of the Conflict Academy (ConflictA)

Methodological challenges, initial results and future plans

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What is the ConflictA?

The Conflict Academy (ConflictA) is based at the IKG at Bielefeld University. ConflictA is designed as a place for discussion and research on social conflicts relevant to democracy with the aim of producing practice-oriented knowledge about conflicts, conflict management, and conflict solutions. ConflictA is thus located at the intersection between science and practice.

Research on conflicts relevant to democracy on the municipal level

- Development of a tool for conflict monitoring in local contexts
- Identification of indicators of local conflicts
- Conducting a survey on the perception and understanding of social conflicts by the local population

Combining different types of data

- Using *public available sociostructural data* (e.g. DeStatis, INKAR, police crime statistics) on the level of 402 municipalities (Kreise and kreisfreie Städte) for the monitoring and identification of social conflicts (e.g. sociodemographic characteristics, elections, crime rates, waste, ecology and energy)
- Survey data:*
 - Local Population: Online Access Panel, Representative Survey
 - Administration in municipalities: conflict management

What could be **informative indicators** of local social conflicts in the available data ?

Example

Pearson Correlation		
	Voter Turnout	Total offences (per 100.000 inhabitants)
Voter Turnout	1	-,462**
SGBII rate	-,709**	,661**
Population density	-,186**	,532**
Proportion of foreign population	-,103*	,294**
GDP (per capita)	-0,007	,284**
Death rate	-,528**	,121*

* p < .05 ** . p < .01

Behaviour
(voter turnout,
offences)

Societal Conditions
(sociodemographic
characteristics,
economy, social
inequality,
migration, health)

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