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Personal Names Research

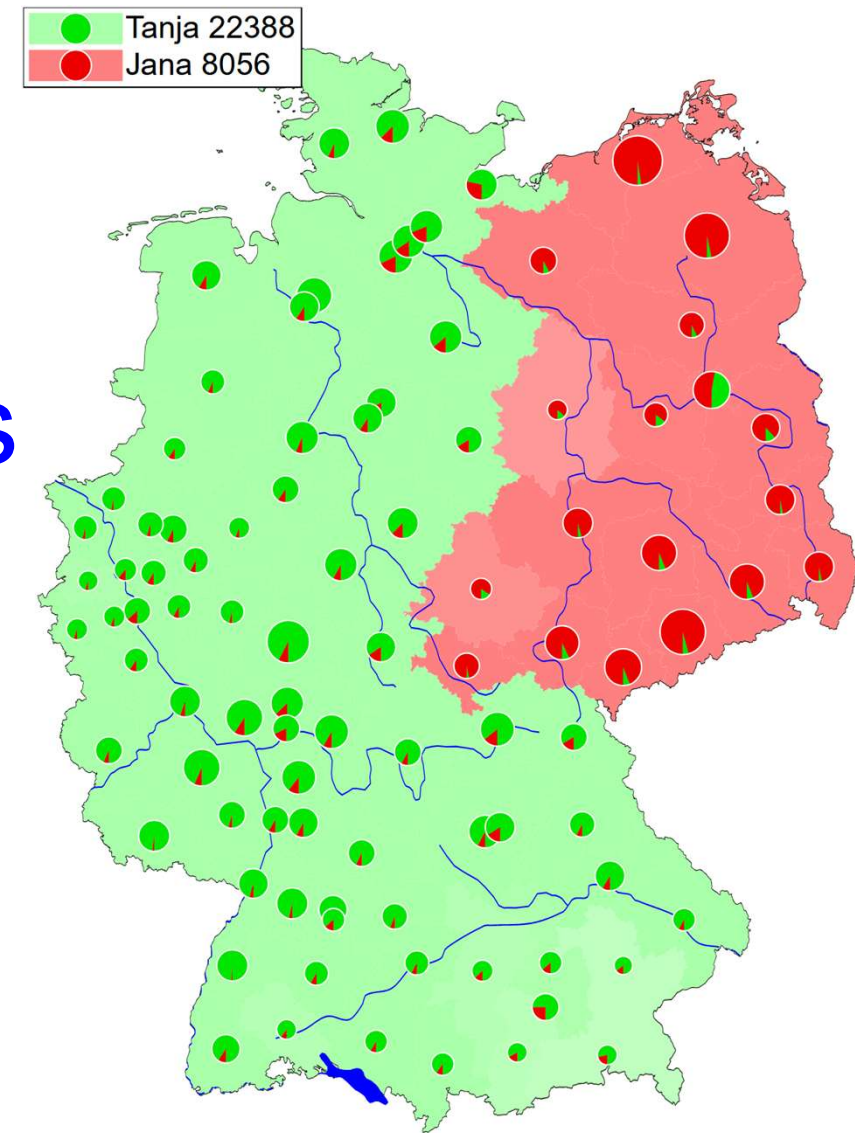
“Given names in different countries:
similarities, differences, historical and contemporary developments

Deutscher Vornamenatlas

Atlas of first names in Germany

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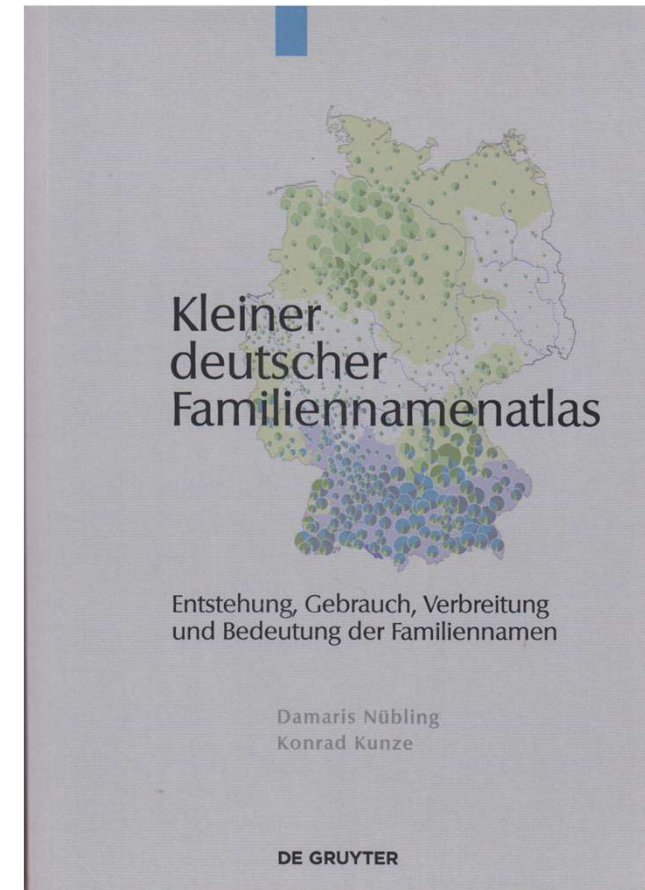
Project *Atlas of first names*

- Previous project (2005–2017): Deutscher Familiennamenatlas (Atlas of German family names); Database: telephone connections 2005
- ***Atlas of first names:***
Database: telephone connections 1998;
67% male names, 33% female names

Main topic:

Distribution of first names in 20th century Germany after 1945

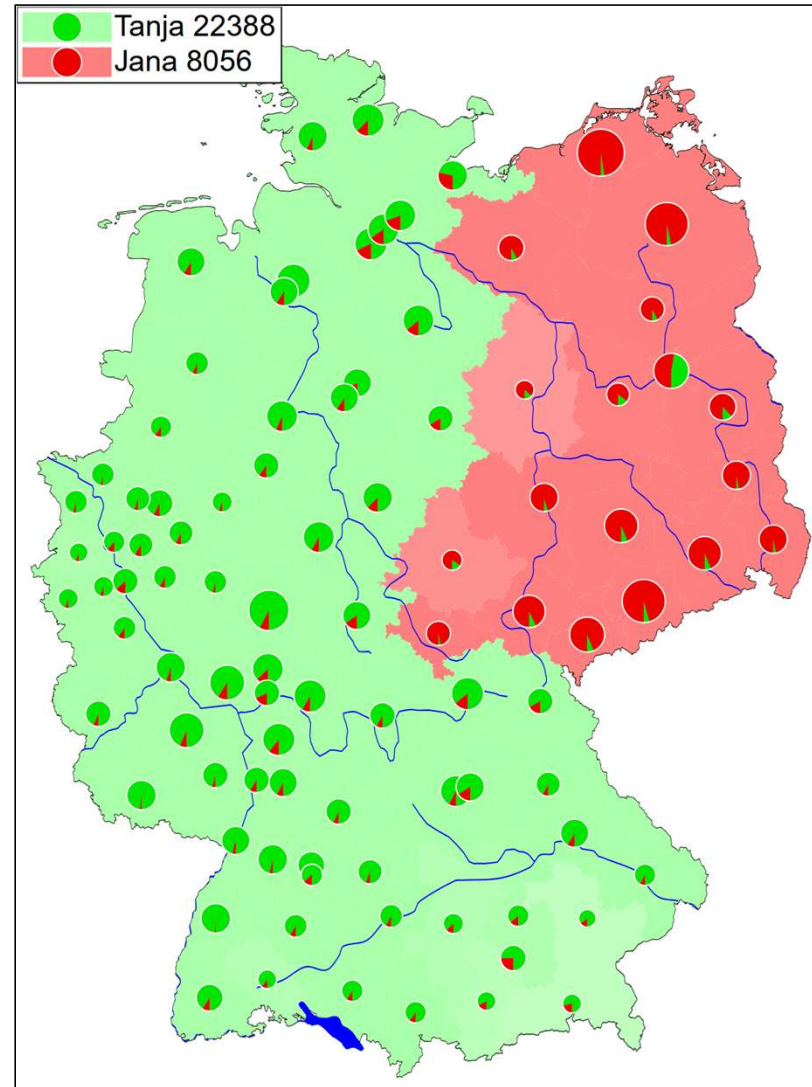
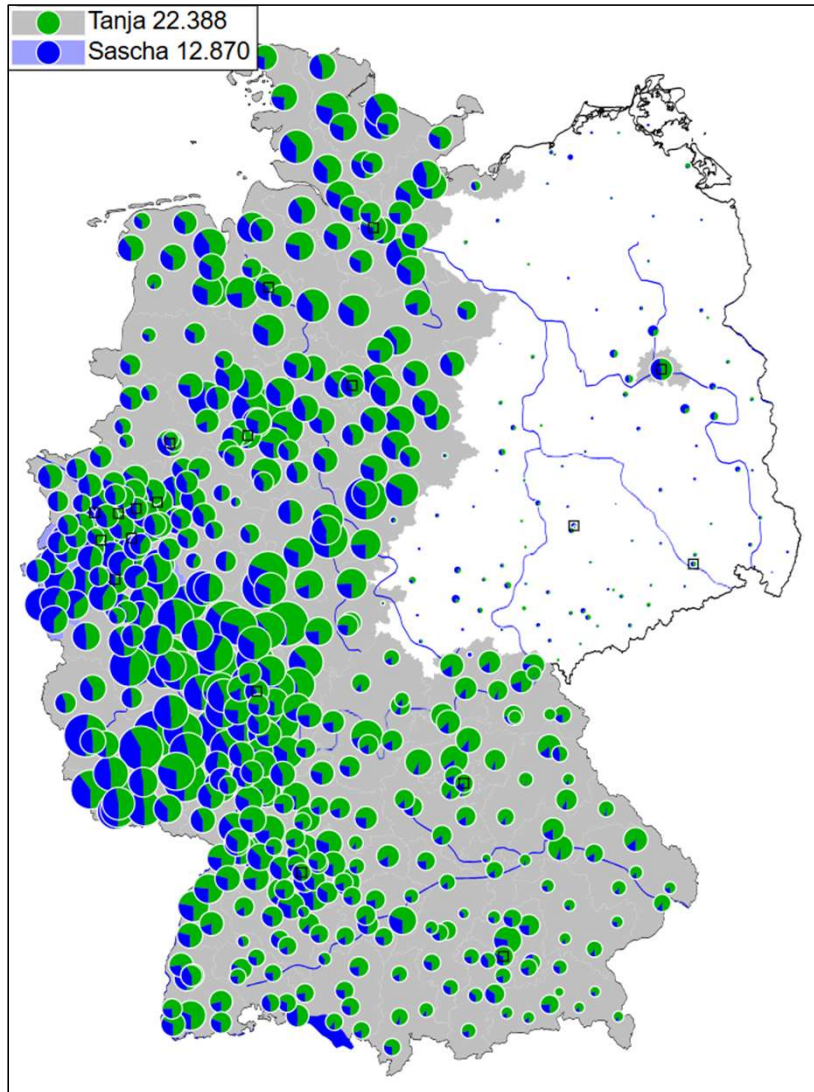
- migration from Poland, Russia, Czech Republic (mainly German names)
- division in two states and political systems
- migration e.g. from Southern Europe, Vietnam and Korea to East Germany
- Migration from Turkey, Spain, Italy, Greece to West Germany



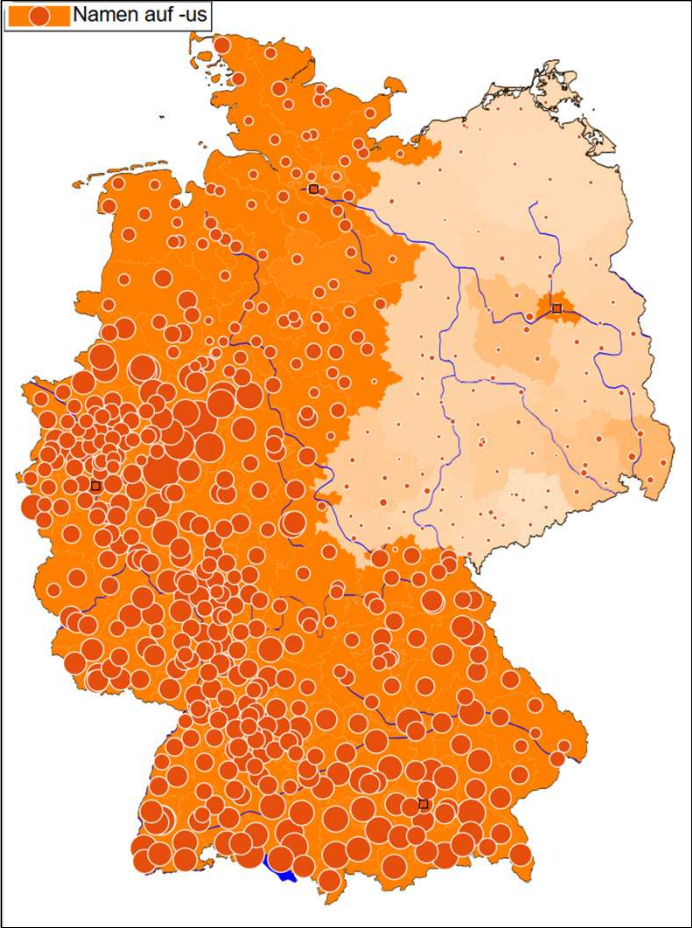
Chapters on ...

- history of first names in Germany
- first names and their history, their recent developments and their frequency distribution in neighbouring countries (France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, The Netherlands, Scandinavia, Turkey, Great Britain/USA, etc.);
- most important first name landscapes in Germany
- distribution of first names variants (*Elisabeth* → *El(l)i*, *El(l)a*, *Elisa*, *Lilli/lilly*, *Betti/Betty*, *Elsbeth* etc.)
- first names and society, politics, religion (degendering of first names, East/West differences, religious naming ...)
- comparison of today's and medieval distribution of first names (patronyms as family names)

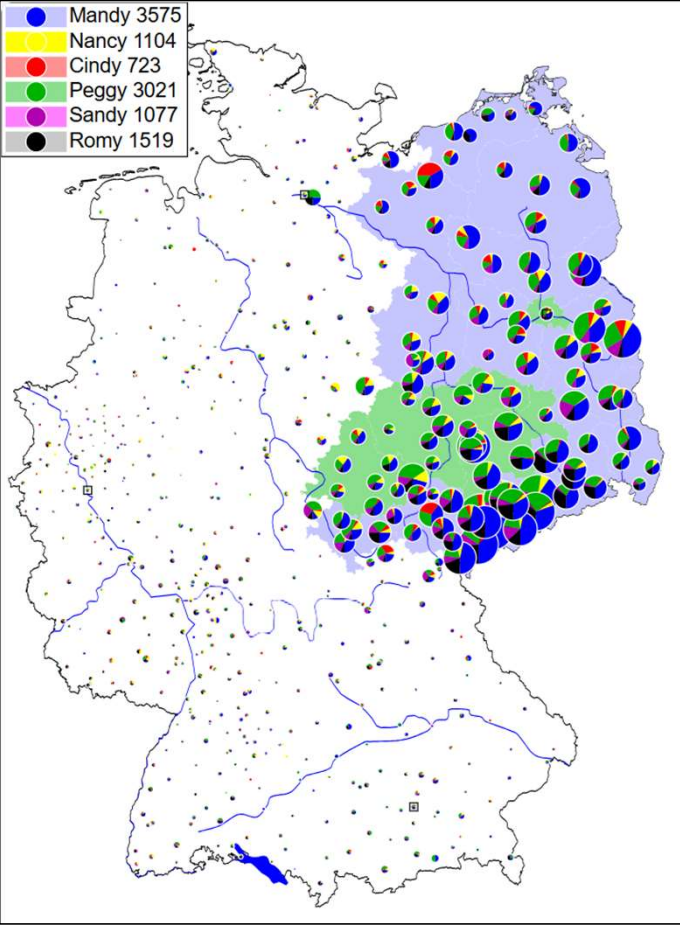
Most pronounced onomastic landscapes (1998): West vs. East Germany



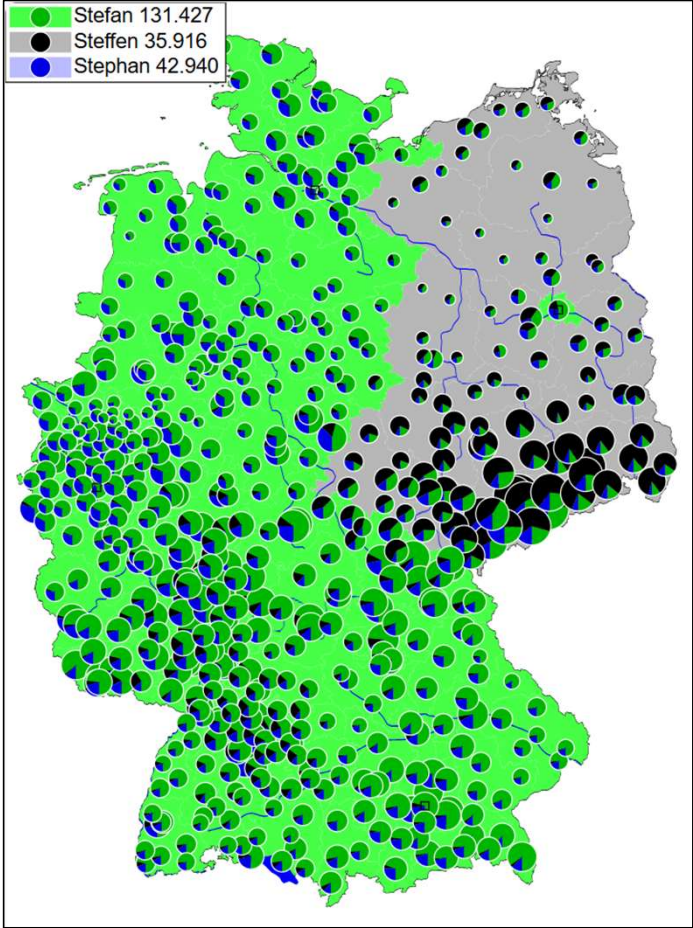
Catholic male names with final *-us*
(Cornelius, Antonius, Matthäus ..)



US-American female names with final *-y*
(Mandy, Nancy, Cindy, etc.)

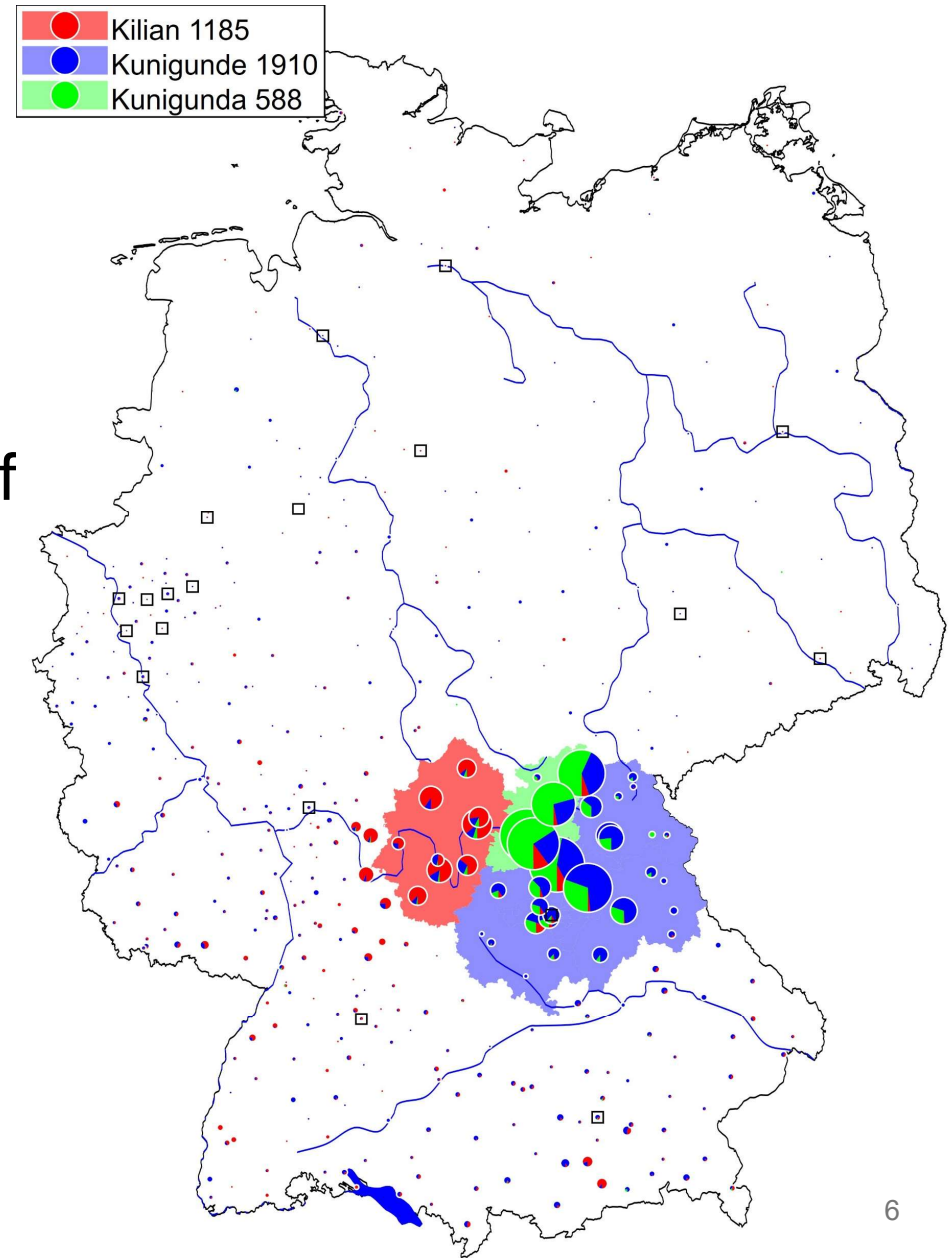


Spelling differences
 <ph> in West Germany,
 <ff> in East Germany



First name areas

- Influence of veneration of saints
- Saint Kilian (Würzburg, Apostle of Franconia)
- Saint Cunigunde (Bamberg, Franconia)



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