

# BENEDICT S. METTE-STARKE

## Education and Employment

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| Seit 08.2018      | <p><b>Social and Political Anthropology, University of Constance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PhD candidate and doctoral researcher (contract: 08.2018 – 10.2022; parental leave: 09.2021-10.2021 and 04.2022-09.2022) in the co-operative research project ‘Activist Becomings in South Africa and Myanmar’ (German Research Foundation / DFG funded).</li> <li>• Working title: <i>New Nets of Politics: Digital Rights Activism in Myanmar and its Ethics</i>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Advisors: Prof. Dr. Judith Beyer (primary), Prof. Dr. Richard Fox (secondary)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 11.2020 – 03.2021 | <p><b>Social and Political Anthropology, University of Constance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stand-in for the full-time position as lecturer at Prof. Beyer’s working group</li> </ul>   |
| 09.2014 - 11.2017 | <p><b>Anthropology, Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Arts</li> <li>• focuses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ technology/science/environment, medical anthropology, ethics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Master thesis: <i>Fairphones and their use</i></li> </ul>  |
| 09.2014 - 06.2015 | <p><b>ERASMUS+ at University College London (ucl)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in context of M.A. degree at the University of Heidelberg</li> <li>• focuses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ techniques, science and society, ethics, medical anthropology, temporality, anthropological and social science methods</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| 10.2008-08.2014   | <p><b>Anthropology (75%), Economics (25%),<br/>Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Arts</li> <li>• focuses             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ anthropology of religion, political anthropology, development economics, Southeast Asia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bachelor thesis: <i>A preliminary examination of pāramī</i></li> </ul>   |
| 09.1999 – 07.2008 | <p><b>Edith-Stein-Schule, Darmstadt (Gymnasium)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abitur (equivalent to GCSE A-levels)</li> </ul>  |

## Publications

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- 12.2022 with Jenny García Ruales, Joaquín Molina and Naomi Rattunde. Sharing Messages, Not Meals: Engaging with Non-Humans in Fieldwork during the Pandemic. *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie | Journal for Social and Cultural Anthropology* 147(1/2): 75-98.
- 03.2021 [Avoiding Pitfalls in Engaging with Digital Myanmar: A Post-coup Analysis of Risk Mitigation \(Part 1\)](#). *Tea Circle Oxford. A Forum for New Perspectives on Burma/Myanmar*. (peer reviewed blog post)
- 03.2021 [Avoiding Pitfalls in Engaging with Digital Myanmar: Post-coup Signposts for Engagement \(Part 2\)](#). *Tea Circle Oxford. A Forum for New Perspectives on Burma/Myanmar*. (peer reviewed blog post)
- 11.2020 [Connected by Extension. How Paying Connects Old Regimes and New Isolations](#). *Allegra Lab - #corona*. (peer reviewed blog post)
- 10.2020 [When is Myanmar data? The making of data through detachment and attachment](#). *Boas Blogs – Fieldwork meets crisis*. (peer reviewed blog post)
- 05.2011 with Eleonor Marcussen. [The Transculturality of Historical Disasters](#). New Delhi (conference report), *H-Soz-u-Kult*.

## Conferences

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- 09.2021 Co-organisation of the **workshop *Activist Atmospheres - Bodies and Emotions in the Tremors of Protest*** (with Jeannine-Madeleine Fischer; workshop – panel 32) and **presentation titled *Of 'Free Speech' and 'Hate Speech' in Myanmar Digital Rights Activism***. GAA/DGSKA conference 2021: Worlds. Zones. Atmospheres. Seismographies of the Anthropocene. Bremen (online).
- 07.2020 **Presentation: *Activist knowledge production through digital rights activism in Myanmar***. Panel015: Engaged media anthropology in the digital age. [Media Anthropology Network]. EASA conference 2020: New anthropological horizons in and beyond Europe. Lisbon (online).
- 05.2019 **Presentation: *Dynamics of Free Expression – the Everyday of Digital Rights Activism***. Interdisciplinary Myanmar Conference 2019: Dynamics of Everyday Life in Today's Myanmar, University of Passau.
- 10.2018 **Presentation: *Digital Rights Movements in Myanmar. Sudden Surges, New Openings***. Interdisciplinary Myanmar Conference 2018: Migratory Models in Myanmar, University of Constance.

05.2015 Co-organisation of **conference *Subjectivity of the body in Mental Health*** and **presentation on *En-minding anxieties or embodying winds - what new to make of old problems***. University College London.

## Outreach

06.2021 with Carolin Hirsch. [Myanmar](#). Episode of *Podcast 9B* on the situation in Myanmar following Myanmar's 2021 coup d'état. KIM University of Constance.

03.2021 ["Proteste und Militärgewalt. Die Lage in Myanmar"](#). (Protests and military violence. The situation in Myanmar). Radio interview with radioeins rbb.

03.2021 ["Der Kampf um Macht und Freiheit"](#). (The struggle for power and freedom). Radio interview with BR2.

## Practical experiences and sidelines

07.2017 – 10.2017 **Internship, GIM mbH Heidelberg**

- qualitative market research on health, beauty, media, automotive and others

06.2009 – 08.2014 **Student assistant, Heidelberg**

- proof-reading scientific texts, event organisation in Heidelberg and abroad.

02.2012 – 08.2012 **Tutor, Institut für Ethnologie, Heidelberg**

- tutoring the lecture *Foundations of Anthropological Thought*

05.2011 – 08.2011 **Heinrich-Böll-Foundation Southeast Asia, regional office (Bangkok, Thailand)**

- internship, working with the media & democracy and Myanmar programmes as well as finance

## Social commitments

Since 05.2021 Vice-chairman of **Myanmar Instituts e.V.**

- Co-organisation of a conference, constitution reform, lunch talks

09.2008 – 03.2012 **Student union and anthropology society**

- active committee memberships, evaluation of teaching, negotiations with university administration.

## Memberships

German Anthropological Association (GAA/DGSKA); European Association for Social Anthropology (EASA); Myanmar Institut e.V. (vice-chairman); Association of Internet Researchers (aoir); Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

## Further qualifications

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### Languages

German	native speaker
English	native speaker proficiency (C2)
Myanmar	intermediate (B1)
French	basic knowledge (A2)
Khmer	basic knowledge
Thai	basic knowledge

### IT skills

Office software (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, LibreOffice), statistical software (R), qualitative data processing (ATLAS.ti, MaxQDA), image manipulation (GIMP, Photoshop), InDesign, database administration (e.g. Endnote, Zotero), programming (Qbasic, Java)