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Full Professor of Social and Political Anthropology

Academic Degrees

2020 Habilitationsäquivalenz (tenure to Full Professor after final evaluation 04/2020)
2017 successful interim evaluation (tenure track to Full Professor)
2004-2009 Dr. Phil. (Anthropology). Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology and
Martin- Luther-University Halle/Wittenberg.
1998-2004 M.A (Anthropology, Public and International Law, Slavonic Studies), Eberhard-
Karls-University Tübingen.

Academic Positions

2024 Professeure invitée. Université Paris-Nanterre (3 months)
since 10/2020 Full Professor of Social and Political Anthropology, University of Konstanz
2019 Professeure invitée. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
(EHESS). Paris (1 month)
2018 Fernand Braudel Associate Directorship. Fondation Maison des Sciences
de l'homme (FMSH), Paris (6 weeks)
10/2014 – 09/2020 Professor of Social and Political Anthropology, University of Konstanz
(tenure track)
04/2014 – 09/2014 Lecturer, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Martin-Luther-
University Halle-Wittenberg
01/2010 – 03/2014 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Department of Law and Anthropology
Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale
(on parental leave from June 2011 until June 2012)
02/2009 Visiting Research Fellow. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian
Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, India (1 month)
10/2004 – 12/2009 PhD Candidate. Project Group “Legal Pluralism”, Max-Planck-Institute for
Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale
01/2003 – 06/2003 Exchange Student (Law, Anthropology, Russian and Kyrgyz Languages).
American University in Central Asia. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (6 months)

Awards / Fellowships

2024 Professeure invitée. Université Paris-Nanterre (3 months)
2022 Winner of the Teaching Innovation Fund (TIF). University of Konstanz.
Workshop grant for seminar with MA-students of the MA-program “Anthropology
and Sociology” and international guests on the topic of statelessness.
2019 Professeure invitée. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS).
Paris (1 month)
2018 Fernand Braudel Associate Directorship. Fondation Maison des Sciences de
l'homme (FMSH), Paris (6 weeks)
2018-2019 Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz. Fellowship (10 months).
2017 German Research Foundation (DFG). 2 Doctoral Positions, travel and material
facilities (3 years)
2016 Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz. Fellowship (6 months).

2014	Incentive Program for Women in Higher Education (MWK) 2014 (grant).
2012-2014	International Scholar (Mentor) of the “Central Asia and Caucasus Research and Training Initiative” (CARTI). Open Society Foundations (2 years)
2009	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Workshop Grant (together with Madeleine Reeves und Johan Rasanayagam)
2009	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, India. Visiting fellowship (1 month)
2006-2009	Volkswagen Foundation und Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Research position and fieldwork grant (3 years, 10 months)
2007	Award “Best Graduate Student Paper on Eurasia”. At 'Nation, Community and the State', ASN World Convention, Columbia University, New York City, USA
2005	Graduate School 'Asian and African Studies', Martin-Luther-University Halle/Wittenberg. Stipend (1 year)

Professional Activities (Selection)

since 2023	Head of the Hilde Domin Training Programme (HDTP), University of Konstanz
since 2022	Mentor within the plan m-Mentoring in Science-Program at the University of Bremen
since 2021	external reviewer of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)
since 2020	external examiner in the Division of Social Science, American University in Central Asia, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
since 2019	Associated Member of the Office for Conflict Research. Switzerland.
since 2019	Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Expert Directory (HTMSE)
since 2014	Member of the International Advisory Board for Central Asian Survey (CAS).
since 2014	Country of Origin Expert (COI). Expert reports for British Asylum Cases.
since 2014	Mentor within the MINERVA-FemmeNet of the Max Planck Society (MPG)
since 2015	Associated Member of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS)

Organization of Workshops and Conferences (since 2016)

2023- 2026	(jointly with Wolfgang Seibel, Anke Hoeffler, Ulrich Wacker and Leila Dedial). A series of nine face-to-face workshops and webinars for the Fellows of the Hilde Domin Programme as part of the Hilde Domin Training Programme (HDTP), funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). University of Konstanz
July 2022	(jointly with Lena Rose) Hope and transformation in a context of uncommoning: Battles over plausibility and and credibility in asylum procedures in Europe . At: European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA). Belfast 26-29 July 2022.
Dec 2020— May 2021	(jointly with Julie Billaud and Agathe Mora) Allegra Lab / EASA Law Net Webinar Series in Honour of Sally Engle Merry .
October 2019	(jointly with Sven Reichardt, Thomas Kirsch, Boris Holzer and Christian Meyer). Movement, Protest, Activism. Interdisciplinary Approaches to an Elusive Phenomenon . Bodenseeforum, University of Konstanz, 24-25 Oct.

- March 2019 (jointly with Yazid Ben-Hounet, EHESS, Paris). Claiming Justice after Conflict: The Stateless, the Displaced and the Disappeared at the Margins of the State. FMSH Paris, 15 March.
- Nov 2017 Practices of traditionalization in Central Asia. Institute for Advanced Study Konstanz. 16-18 November.
- Sept 2017 (jointly with Madeleine Reeves, Manchester University / Institute for Advanced Study Konstanz) The future of Central Asian Studies (with collective book presentations). 11-13 September.
- July 2017 (jointly organized with Birgit Bräuchler, Monash University, Australia) [Divergent resource claims in plural ecologies. Case studies from Southeast Asia](#). Institute for Advanced Study, Konstanz University. July 6-8, 2017.
- April 2016 (jointly with Mya Khin and Felix Girke). Doing Fieldwork in Myanmar. University of Yangon. Myanmar-Korea Local Knowledge Centre. Yangon, Myanmar. 1 April.

Recent Publications (selection)

a) Books and Edited Volumes

1. *Rethinking community in Myanmar. Practices of we-formation among Muslims and Hindus in urban Yangon*. Honolulu: Hawai'i University Press, 2024 (also published with NUS Press, Singapore, 2024 and Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai, 2023).
2. (together with Peter Finke). Special issue for Central Asian Survey. *Practices of Traditionalization in Central Asia*, 2019 (also published with Routledge in 2020).
3. *The force of custom. Law and the ordering of everyday life in Kyrgyzstan*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016.
4. (together with Madeleine Reeves und Johan Rasanayagam) *Ethnographies of the state in Central Asia. Performing politics*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014.
5. (together with Roman Knee) *Kyrgyzstan. A photoethnography of Talas*. München: Hirmer, 2007.
6. (together with Zemfira Inogamova) *Baiyz apa zhashoo tarzhyaly* [The life history of Baiyz Apa]. Bishkek: Gulchynar, 2010.

b) Recent Journal Articles and Articles in Edited Volumes (selection)

7. Unsicheres Wissen. Die asymmetrische Ko-Konstruktion von Plausibilität in britischen Asylverfahren. In: [Vorläufige Gewissheiten. Plausibilität als soziokulturelle Praxis](#), Thomas G. Kirsch and Christina Wald (eds.). Edition Kulturwissenschaft. Bielefeld: Transcript. pp 129-149, 2024.
8. Legal pluralism in Central Asia. The customization of state and religious law in Kyrgyzstan. In: Jeanne Feaux de la Croix and Madeleine Reeves (eds). *Central Asian Worlds. Handbook of Central Asian Anthropology*. London: Routledge, pp. 409-421. 2024.
9. [Perversion and the state. Lacan, de Sade, and why '120 Days of Sodom' is now French national heritage](#). *Journal of European Psychoanalysis*. 10(1). 2023.

10. [The state of custom. Gerd Spittler's 'Dispute settlement in the shadow of Leviathan' \(1980\) today.](#) In: *Zeitschrift für Rechtssoziologie – German Journal of Law and Society*. Special Issue. 2021. (with Felix Girke)
11. Law. In: David Montgomery (ed). *Central Asia in context. A thematic introduction to the region*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press. 2021.
12. Introduction. Practices of traditionalization in Central Asia. Special issue of *Central Asian Survey*. "Practices of Traditionalization in Central Asia", edited by Judith Beyer and Peter Finke. 2019.
13. Women of protest, men of applause. Political activism, gender and tradition in Kyrgyzstan. *Central Asian Survey*. Special issue "Practices of Traditionalization in Central Asia", edited by Judith Beyer and Peter Finke 2019 (with Aijarkyn Kojobekova)
14. Das Recht der Anderen. Rechtsethnologie zwischen Pluralität und Alterität. In: Christian Boulanger, Julika Rosenstock und Tobias Singelstein (eds). *Interdisziplinäre Rechtsforschung. Eine Einführung*. Wiesbaden: Springer, pp. 91-108. 2019.
15. Saving Face, evoking law. On the usefulness of symbolization theory for legal anthropology. In: Girke, Felix, Sophia Thubauville and Wolbert Smidt (eds.): *Anthropology as homage. Festschrift for Ivo Strecker*. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, pp. 289-304. 2018.
16. 'Transition' as a migratory model. *Journal of Burma Studies*. Special issue 'Progress for whom?' Special issue "Progress", edited by Jane Ferguson, 22,2. pp. 215-241, 2018 (with Felix Girke).
17. Den Staat (ver-)fassen. Verfassungspolitik und Verfassungsglaube in Asien und Europa. In: *Verfassung in Recht und Übersee / Law and Politics in Africa, Asia, Latin America*. 51,1. pp. 36-53, 2018.
18. Houses of Islam. Muslims, property rights and the state in Myanmar. In: Crouch, Melissa (ed.): *Islam and the State in Myanmar: Muslim-Buddhist Relations and the Politics of Belonging*. Oxford University Press, p. 127-155, 2016.
19. Constitutional faith. Law and hope in revolutionary Kyrgyzstan. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*, 80,3. p. 320-345, 2015.
20. Finding the law in Myanmar. For *Anthropology Today*, 31,4. p.3-7, 2015.
21. Customizations of law. Courts of elders (aksakal courts) in rural and urban Kyrgyzstan. *PoLAR*. Special issue, edited by Melissa Demian. Volume 38,1. p. 53-71, 2015.
22. Practicing harmony ideology. Ethnographic reflections on community and coercion. *Common Knowledge*. Special issue: Peace by other means. Symposium on the role of ethnography and the humanities in the understanding, prevention, and resolution of enmity. Part 3, edited by Jeffrey Perl. Volume 21,2. p. 196-235, 2015. (with Felix Girke)