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CV

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

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

2022 Winner of the Tina Ulmer-Teaching Award, University of Konstanz.
2022 Winner of the Teaching Innovation Fund (TIF). 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)
2018-2019	Institute for Advanced Study, University of Konstanz. Fellowship (10 months).
2017-2020	German Research Foundation (DFG). 2 Doctoral Positions, travel and material facilities (3,5 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) for young scholars at risk (University of Konstanz and German Academic Exchange Service DAAD)
since 2014	Mentor within MINERVA-FemmeNet of the Max Planck Society (MPG)
since 2014	Member of the International Advisory Board for Central Asian Survey (CAS).
since 2014	Country of Origin Expert (COI). Expert reports for Asylum Cases in the UK.
since 2015	Associated Member of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS)

Organization of Workshops and Conferences (since 2016)

July 2022	(jointly with Lena Rose) Battles over Plausibility and Credibility in Asylum Procedures in Europe. European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA). Belfast 26-29 July.
Dec 2020 —	(jointly with Julie Billaud and Agathe Mora)
May 2021	Allegra Lab / EASA Law Net. Webinar Series in Honor 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. University of Konstanz, 24-25 October.
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 with Birgit Bräuchler, Monash University, Australia) Divergent Resource Claims in Plural Ecologies. Case Studies from Southeast Asia. Institute for Advanced Study, Konstanz University. 6-8 July.
- 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.

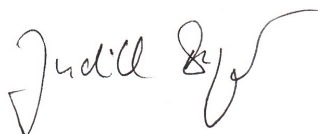
Books and Edited Volumes

1. *Rethinking community in Myanmar. Practices of we-formation among Muslims and Hindus in urban Yangon*
2024 Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press (paperback and open access)
2024 Singapore: NUS Press (hardcover and paperback)
2023 Copenhagen: NIAS Press (hardcover and paperback)
2023 Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books (paperback)
2. *Practices of Traditionalization in Central Asia* (with Peter Finke)
2019. Central Asian Survey 38 (3) (special issue)
2020. London: Routledge (edited volume)
3. *The force of custom. Law and the ordering of everyday life in Kyrgyzstan*
Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016
4. *Ethnographies of the state in Central Asia. Performing politics* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014 (with Madeleine Reeves and Johan Rasanayagam)
5. *Kyrgyzstan. A photoethnography of Talas*. München: Hirmer, 2007 (with Roman Knee)
6. *Baiyz apa zhashoo tarzhyaly* [The life history of Baiyz Apa]
Bishkek: Gulchynar, 2010 (with Zemfira Inogamova)

Recent Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Articles in Edited Volumes (selection)

7. submitted. L'anthropologie juridique et l'actualité du « droit vivant » d'Eugen Ehrlich. *Revue Droit et Société*.
8. 2024. Unsicheres Wissen. Die asymmetrische Ko-Konstruktion von Plausibilität in britischen Asylverfahren. In *Vorläufige Gewissheiten*, edited by Thomas G. Kirsch and Christina Wald, 129-149. Bielefeld: Transcript. [Open access](#).
9. 2023. Community as a category of empire. 'The work of community' among Burmese Indians in Myanmar. *History and Anthropology*, DOI: [10.1080/02757206.2023.2261958](https://doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2023.2261958).
10. 2023. Perversion and the state. Lacan, de Sade and why '120 Days of Sodom' is now French national heritage. *European Journal of Psychoanalysis* 10/1. [Open access](#).
11. 2023. Legal pluralism in Central Asia. The customization of state and religious law in Kyrgyzstan. *Central Asian Worlds. Handbook of Central Asian Anthropology*, edited by Jeanne Feaux de la Croix and Madeleine Reeves, 409-421. London: Routledge.

12. 2022. The common sense of expert activists. Practitioners, scholars, and the problem of statelessness in Europe. *Dialectical Anthropology* 46: 457-473. [Open access](#).
13. 2021. 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*. 41/1 (with Felix Girke). [Open access](#).
14. 2021. Law. In *Central Asia in context. A thematic introduction to the region*, edited by David Montgomery, 393-404. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.
15. 2019. Introduction. Practices of traditionalization in Central Asia. *Central Asian Survey* 38/3: 310-328. Special issue, edited by Judith Beyer and Peter Finke.
16. 2019. Women of protest, men of applause. Political activism, gender and tradition in Kyrgyzstan. *Central Asian Survey* 38/3: 329-345. Special issue, edited by Judith Beyer and Peter Finke (with Aijarkyn Kojobekova).
17. 2019. Das Recht der Anderen. Rechtsethnologie zwischen Pluralität und Alterität. In *Interdisziplinäre Rechtsforschung. Eine Einführung*, edited by Christian Boulanger, Julika Rosenstock and Tobias Singelstein, 91-108. Wiesbaden: Springer.
18. 2018. Saving Face, evoking law. On the usefulness of symbolization theory for legal anthropology. In *Anthropology as homage. Festschrift for Ivo Strecker*, edited by Felix Girke and Sophia Thubauville, 289-304. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe.
19. 2018. 'Transition' as a migratory model. *Journal of Burma Studies* 22/2: 215-241. Special issue 'Progress for whom?' edited by Jane Ferguson (with Felix Girke).
20. 2018. Den Staat (ver-)fassen. Verfassungspolitik und Verfassungsglaube in Asien und Europa. *Verfassung in Recht und Übersee / Law and Politics in Africa, Asia, Latin America*. 51/1: 36-53.
21. 2016. Houses of Islam. Muslims, property rights and the state in Myanmar. In *Islam and the State in Myanmar: Muslim-Buddhist Relations and the Politics of Belonging*, edited by Melissa Crouch, 127-155. Oxford and London: Oxford University Press.
22. 2015. Constitutional faith. Law and hope in revolutionary Kyrgyzstan. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*, 80/3: 320-345.
23. 2015. Finding the law in Myanmar. *Anthropology Today* 31/4: 3-7.
24. 2015. Customizations of law. Courts of elders (aksakal courts) in rural and urban Kyrgyzstan. *PoLAR* 38/1: 53-71. Special issue, edited by Melissa Demian.
25. 2015. Practicing harmony ideology. Ethnographic reflections on community and coercion. *Common Knowledge* 21,2: 196-23. Special issue, edited by Jeffrey Perl (with Felix Girke).



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