

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Ph.D. in History and Civilization, European University Institute (EUI). Research fellow at Forschungszentrum Gotha (FZG) and Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien (MWK), University of Erfurt.



Personal Information

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Current Academic Projects

- DFG Project:** Project director of the DFG Project: “Institutionalising the law of nature and nations: The universities of Kiel, Greifswald and Rostock 1648–1806”: A comparative study of the history of academic natural law at the Baltic north German universities.
- Editor:** Project director and editor of *Natural Law 1625-1850: Database*. The developing and implementing of a prosopographical database of early modern natural law scholars in collaboration with MWK, FZG, Research Library Gotha (FBG), Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies (IZEA), and Thuringia University and State Library (ThULB): URL: <http://naturallawdatabase.thulb.uni-jena.de>
- Book Project:** *Patriotism and the Nordic universities: Reforming academia for king and country during the long eighteenth century*, Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment [Forthcoming 2023].
- VIA:** Project director and co-developer of the visualisation and exploration tool: VIA – Virtual Itineraries of Academic: URL: <http://www.knowledgecartography.org/via2/#travels>

Academic Positions

- 2022/07-2026/06** **Wiss. Mitarbeiter/Postdoc** at Forschungszentrum Gotha, University of Erfurt as project director of the DFG Project “Institutionalising the law of nature and nations: The universities of Kiel, Greifswald and Rostock 1648–1806”, and **Associate Postdoc Fellow** at Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien
- 2022/01-2022/06** **Associate Postdoc Fellow** at Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien and Forschungszentrum Gotha, University of Erfurt
- 2021/09-2021/12** **Wiss. Mitarbeiter/Postdoc** at Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien and Forschungszentrum Gotha, University of Erfurt in the DFG Sonderforschungsbereich: Strukturwandel des Eigentums, Subproject: Besitz und Gewohnheit
- 2021/01-2021/09** **Associate Postdoc Fellow** at Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien and Forschungszentrum Gotha, University of Erfurt
- 2018/01-2020/12** **Wiss. Mitarbeiter/Postdoc** at Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien and Forschungszentrum Gotha, University of Erfurt

- 2018/01-:** **Research Coordinator** of the Research Centre for Early Modern Natural Law and the international research network [Natural Law 1625-1850. An International Research Project](#)
- 2017/11-2017/12:** **Research Assistant** at the European University Institute for Professor Jorge Flores
- 2015/06-2017/01:** **Research Assistant** at the European University Institute in the use of visualisation software (i.a. ArcGIS)
- 2013/09-2017/08:** **Employed Ph.D. Researcher** (employer Danish Ministry for Higher Education and Science) at the European University Institute, Florence

Education

- 2018/03:** **European University Institute:** Earned the doctoral title in History and Civilization
- 2015/06:** **Teaching Training Certificate:** Completed a 20 hours teaching training course at the EUI in i.a. designing university teaching, assessment and feedback, teaching evaluation, lecture planning, and classroom management
- 2013/09-2017/08:** **European University Institute:** Fully funded Ph.D. program with the project: “From Learned Cosmopolitanism to Scientific Inter-Nationalism: The Patriotic Transformation of Nordic Academia and Academic Culture during the Long Eighteenth Century”

Supervisor: Prof. Stéphane van Damme
Second Supervisor: Prof. Ann Thomson
- 2012/04-05:** **Certified *Prince2* project manager:** Earned the *Prince2* project manager certificate
- 2010/04-2010/09:** **Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany:** Erasmus exchange (MA-level) in History under Prof. Matthias Asche (Grade 1.0; A) and Professor Klaus Gestwa (Grade 1.0; A).
- 2005/09-2012/01:** **University of Copenhagen:** Studied History (major), European History of Culture (minor), and Philosophy (minor). Master Dissertation under Prof. Gunner Lind (Note 12 = 1.0; A)

Teaching Experience

- 2019/SS:** **Docent** at the University of Erfurt, Germany
Seminar: “Eine Einführung in die europäische Universitätsgeschichte der frühen Neuzeit: Die politischen und kulturellen Dimensionen der akademischen Welt”
- 2016/09:** **Guest Lecturer** at the European University Institute, Italy, invited by Prof. Alexander Etkind and Dr. Serge Noiret: “Digital Humanities – Working, analytical and explorative uses of databases. Mapping in ArcGIS”
- 2016/03:** **Docent** at the University of Florence, Italy
Seminar “History of the Age of Enlightenment/Storia dell’età dell’illuminismo”
- 2015/06-2017/01:** **Tutor** at the European University Institute, Italy
Tutorial: “Introduction to ArcGIS – Beginner’s course in map making”

2014/10: **Guest Lecturer** at University of Tübingen, Germany, invited by Prof. Matthias Asche: “Professorenmobilität, akademische Repräsentation, Wissenschaftsverständnis – Gelehrtenkultur und Patriotismus in der nordischen Region im 18. Jahrhundert“

Research Grants

- 2022/01 **DFG Project, Individual Proposal (€ 350.000)** for the Project “Institutionalising the law of nature and nations: The universities of Kiel, Greifswald and Rostock 1648–1806”.
- 2020/02 **Awarded the Proforschung20 Anschubförderung (5 000 €)** for the implementation of a Web-Based Contributor System in the *Natural Law 1625-1850: Database*. The extended database application was implemented in 2020 in collaboration with FZG, FBG, ThULB and the IT firm JUSTORANGE.
- 2017/01 **Awarded the Cost Action 2017 Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM)** with the title ‘Prosopographies of Academics’. I cooperated with Professor Howard Hotson (University of Oxford) and Digital Designer Glauco Mantegari (Politecnico di Milano) in developing digital workflows and digitalisations and visualisations of student matriculations and professor prosopographies.
- 2016/01 **Awarded the Cost Action 2015/2016 Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM)** with the title ‘Prosopographical Study Using Data Modelling’. I cooperated with Professor Howard Hotson (University of Oxford) to develop the prosopographical part of the ‘Reassembling the Republic of Letters’ project.
- 2013/04 **Awarded 4 years Ph.D. funding:** Research grant by the European University Institute and the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science
- 2013/05 **Nominated for 4 years Ph.D. funding:** Research grant by the University of Lund (declined in favour of the EUI)
- 2013/05 **Nominated for 3 years Ph.D. funding:** Research grant by the University of Copenhagen, (declined in favour of the EUI)

Other Academic Activities

- 2020/09-: **Consultant (Digital Humanities and database development)** for the DFG Sonderforschungsbereich (SFB), Strukturwandel des Eigentums: Bibliothek des Eigentums.
- 2019/12-: **International Scientific Committee Member** of the book series *History of British and Irish Philosophy 1500-1800. Texts and Studies*, published by Universitas Studiorum, Mantova, Italy
- 2016/05-2018/06: **Managing Committee Member** (Denmark) of the COST Action IS1310 ‘Reassembling the Republic of Letter’ under direction of Professor Howard Hotson, (University of Oxford)
- 2015/04-2016/05: **Affiliated Member** of the COST Action IS1310 ‘Reassembling the Republic of Letter’ under direction of Professor Howard Hotson (University of Oxford)
- 2015/01-2016/01: **Ph.D.-researcher representative** (honorary office) for the Department of History and Civilisation, EUI
Representative and Member of:
- *Academic Council* of the European University Institute
- *Departmental Council* for Department of History and Civilisation

- *Reallocation Committee* for the European University Institute
- *Career Development Committee*
- Smaller ad hoc committees

Workshops/Conferences

Co-Organiser:

- 2020/11 **Workshop: Digital Prosopography: The Case of Natural Lawyers** at Forschungszentrum Gotha and Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt.
- 2019/11 **Conference: Early-Modern Natural Law in Eastern Europe** at Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt.
- 2019/11 **Workshop: Marginalia at the centre: Contrasting readings of Grotius, *De iure Belli ac Pacis*** at Forschungszentrum Gotha and Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt.
- 2015/03 **Workshop: Visualising Networks – Geography, Mapping and Spatial Analysis in History** at the European University Institute.

Speaker:

- 2022/04 **Workshop: Naturrecht und Eigentum. Politische Anthropologie im Kontext des Kolonialismus** at Forschungszentrum Gotha in collaboration with the SFB Project Strukturwandel des Eigentum and the international Natural Law Network, University of Erfurt.
- 2021/09 - Presentation: “Jens Kraft’s political Anthropology”.
- 2021/09 **Conference: Aufklärungsuniversitäten im Alten Reich? Institutionelle und epistemologische Neuanstöße im 18. Jahrhundert in der deutschen Hochschullandschaft** at University of Halle-Wittenberg.
- 2021/09 - Presentation: “Aufklärungsuniversität im Norden? Die Universität Kiel und der Fall des modernen Naturrechts”.
- 2021/09 **Conference: Early Modern Natural Law around the Baltic Sea: Teaching and Use** at University of Tartu.
- 2020/11 - Presentation: “The political use of natural law in the late seventeenth century: legal controversies in the joint Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein”.
- 2020/11 **Workshop: Digital Prosopography: The Case of Natural Lawyers** at Forschungszentrum Gotha and Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt.
- 2019/11 - Presentations: “Samuel Rachel”, the “Natural Law 1625-1850: Database” and “The Contributor System of the Database”.
- 2019/11 **Conference: Early-Modern Natural Law in Eastern Europe** at Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt.
- 2019/11 - Presentation: “Launch of the Natural Law Database”.
- 2019/07 **Workshop: “As time goes by” – Langfrist-Editionsprojekte in der Praxis** at IZEA, Halle.
- 2019/07 - Presentation: “Natural Law 1625-1850: Database”.
- 2019/07 **Conference: ISECS Congress** at University of Edinburgh.
- 2019/07 - Presentation: “From a Learned Estate to a Learned State: The Patriotic Transformation of Academic Identity in the Eighteenth-Century Nordic Region”.
- 2019/07 - Participation in the roundtable “Digitizing Enlightenment IV” with the contribution “Update on Natural Law Academics 1625-1850: Database”.
- 2019/05 **Conference: The Intellectual Geographies of the Northern Enlightenment: In, Above, and Beneath Regional Context** at University of Copenhagen.
- 2019/05 - Presentation: “Travelling Europe: The Intellectual Geography of Nordic Academics, 1670-1790”.
- 2018/09 **Conference: After Pufendorf: Natural Law and the Passions in Germany and Scotland** at University of St. Andrews.

- Presentation: "Natural Law 1625-1850: Database".
- 2018/08** **Workshop: Fachtag Digital Humanities in Thüringen** at Forschungszentrum Gotha
- Presentation: "Neue digitale Möglichkeiten zur europäischen Gelehrten-geschichte - Das Beispiel eines prosopographischen Datenmodells der frühneuzeitlichen Naturrechtsakademiker".
- 2018/07** **Workshop: Digitizing Enlightenment III: A Workshop on Early Modern Prosopography and Social Networks** at the University of Oxford.
- Presentation: "Natural Law Academics 1625-1850: A Database".
- Presentation: "Prosopography and Networks - Roundtable Statement".
- 2018/06** **Workshop: Inventories des correspondances des Lumières: analyse matérielle et traitements numériques** at PSL-ENS, Paris.
- Presentation: "The people behind the letters - Combining prosopographical data and travel data to visualise the geo-academic space of eighteenth-century Nordic academia".
- 2018/04** **Workshop: Wissenschaft als Beruf** at Forschungszentrum Gotha.
- Presentation: "Wissenschaft als Beruf an den nordeuropäischen Universitäten".
- 2018/01** **Conference: COST Action Reassembling the Republic of Letters** at University of Malta.
- Presentation: "The Advantages of New Digital Tools for History - VIA and the Study of 18th-century Nordic Academic Travels".
- 2017/11** **Workshop: Gelehrtenkarrieren vom Mittelalter bis ins 20. Jahrhundert: Datenanalysen und Forschungsperspektiven** at the Herzog-August-Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel.
- Presentation: "Methoden, Möglichkeiten und Herausforderungen einer prosopographischen Datenbank zu nordischen Universitätsprofessoren im 18. Jahrhundert".
- 2017/04** **Conference: Scientiae** at University of Padua.
- Presentation: "Patriotic Disruptions of Civitas Academica – The Case of Nordic Doctoral Degrees during the long eighteenth century"
- 2017/04** **Conference: The British Society for the History of Science (BSHS)** at the European University Institute in collaboration with Centre Alexandre-Koyré Paris.
- Presentation: "From Peasantry to Academic Citizenship – An Exploration of Eighteenth-Century Social Ascent of Nordic Academics".
- 2016/07** **Conference: Scientiae** at University of Oxford.
- Presentation: "Peregrinatio Academica in an Age of Patriotism – Nordic learned travels during the eighteenth century".
- 2016/06** **Conference: COST Action Reassembling the Republic of Letters** at University of Warsaw.
- Presentation: "Prosopographies (I) Universities".
- Presentation: "EMLO – The Prosopographical Data Model".
- 2016/04** **Workshop: Visualisation Meeting** at DensityDesign/Politecnico Milano in collaboration with the Cost Action Reassembling the Republic of Letters.
- Project director of the project: "VIA: Virtual Itineraries of Academics – Exploring Early Modern Travel Culture".
- 2016/03** **Workshop: The Geopolitics of European Intellectual Space 1750-1945** at the European University Institute in collaboration of the Academy of Finland and École Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- Presentation: "Nordic travel culture in an age of patriotism – The transformation of learned travels during the eighteenth century".
- 2015/05** **Workshop: Giornata Illuministica** at the European University Institute.
- Presentation: "The Enlightenment and Academia – An unsuccessful marriage?".
- 2015/04:** **Workshop: On Correspondences** at the European University Institute.
- Presentation: "Sending' foreign places home – Depictions of scientific places in Erik Alstrins travel letters 1706-1713".
- 2015/03** **Workshop: Visualising Networks – Geography, Mapping and Spatial Analysis in History** at the European University Institute.

- Presentation: “Learned Travels and Scholarly Trajectories – Visual Possibilities in 18th-century University History”.

2014/08: **Workshop: Mapping Flows and Visualising Data in the Era of Digital Humanities** at the University of St. Andrews.

- Presentation: “University Professors in the Nordic Region during the Eighteenth Century – A prosopographical approach”.

2014/05: **Workshop: Making knowledge public in early modern Europe: a discussion on actors, theory, methods** at the European University Institute in collaboration with Carleton University and Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung.

- Presentation: “Scholarly Communities – University Professors in the Nordic Region during the Eighteenth Century”.

Language skills

- Danish	Native language	(C2)	Swedish	Fluent	(C1-2)
- English	Fluent	(C1-2)	Norwegian	Fluent	(C1-2)
- German	Fluent	(C1-2)	Italian	Basics	(A2)

Publications Lists

- 2022** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe, *Patriotism and the Nordic universities: Reforming academia for king and country during the long eighteenth century*, Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment (Forthcoming 2023).
- 2021** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe, “Teaching Natural Law at the University of Kiel: The History of an Academic Discipline 1665–1773”, *History of Universities* 35, vol. 2, Oxford University Press, (Forthcoming: 2022).
- 2021** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe [REVIEW], Fundats og Ordinans for Københavns Universitet 1539/The Foundation and Regulations of the University of Copenhagen 1539, (ed.) Morten Fink-Jensen, in: *Historisk Tidsskrift* 121, vol. 1 (2021), pp. 263-264.
- 2020** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe, “Contesting the universality of European academic degrees. The case of Nordic doctoral degrees during the long eighteenth century” in: Feola, Vittoria/Silvano, Giovanni (eds.), *Early Modern Universities and the Sciences*, (Padua: Franco Angeli, 2020).
- 2019** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe (ed.), *Natural Law 1625-1850: Database* [Online Database], (Erfurt, Gotha, Jena: ThULB, 2019-), URL: <http://naturallawdatabase.thulb.uni-jena.de>
Selection of published entries: [Jean Barbeyrac](#); [Johann Christian Gottlieb Heineccius](#); [Gottfried Achenwall](#); [Francis Hutcheson](#); [Hugo Grotius](#); [Christoph Heinrich Amthor](#); [Erhard Weigel](#); [Giovanni Maria Lampredi](#); [Ernst König](#); [Venanzio De Mays](#).
- 2019** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe/Hotson, Howard/ Martinez, Gabriella/Mrozik, Dagmar/ Wallnig, Thomas, “IV.5 Prosopographies of the Republic of Letters” in: Hotson, Howard/Wallnig, Thomas (eds.), *Reassembling the Republic of Letters in the Digital Age - Standards, Systems, Scholarship*, (Göttingen: Göttingen University Press, 2019) pp. 371-399. [Open access](#). Einzelbeiträge:
- Hotson & Jensen: “Universities as Point of Departure”, pp. 373-377.

- Jensen: "Charting the Travels of Nordic Academics via VIA (Virtual Itineraries of Academics), pp. 378-383.

- 2019** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe/Quaggiotto, Marco/Weis, Joëlle, "VIA – Virtual Itineraries of Academics. A Digital Exploration Tool for Early Modern Academic Travels", *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts* 34 (2019), pp. 13-30.
- 2018** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe, *From Learned Cosmopolitanism to Scientific Inter-Nationalism - The Patriotic Transformation of Nordic Academia and Academic Culture during the Long Eighteenth Century*, vols. I-II, Dissertation European University Institute 2018, 378 + 146 pages.
- 2016** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe/Quaggiotto, Marco/Weis, Joëlle, *VIA – Virtual Itineraries of Academic* [Online exploration tool], (2016): URL: <http://www.knowledgecartography.org/via2/#travels>
- 2013:** Jensen, Mikkel Munthe, "De lærdes identitet og fællesskab i den danske helstat – fædrelandspatriotiske og transnationale lærde selvforståelser i 1700-tallets anden halvdel" *Historisk Tidsskrift* 113, vol. 1 (2013), pp. 80-121.