

Academic Career

Since January 2025 **Junior Research Team** on Private Debt and Property Accumulation within the Context of Historical Upheavals in Germany and the USA / Collaborative Research Centre TRR 294 "Structural Change of Property", Jena / Erfurt.

2023, November 8 **Habilitation**, venia legendi in History, Faculty of Philosophy, Erfurt University. Title of the manuscript: „Leben auf Kredit. Menschen, Macht und Schulden in den USA vom Ende der Sklaverei bis in die Gegenwart“.

Since January 2021 **Principle Investigator** in the Collaborative Research Centre TRR 294 "Structural Change of Property", Jena / Erfurt.

Since August 2017 **Assistant Professor** at the Department of History, Erfurt University.

2015 - 2017 **Research Associate** in the research project The Eating Self: A Political History of the United States from the 19th to the 21st Century, Erfurt University.

2013 - 2015 **Postdoctoral Research Associate** at the DFG research training group 1599 "Dynamics of Space and Gender" in Kassel and Göttingen.

2008 - 2011 **Doctoral Student and Research Associate** at the Cluster of Excellence 212 "Religion and Politics", University of Münster.

2007 **Lecturer** at Hamburg University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

2007, February 20 **M.A. – Magister Artium** in History, Gender and Queer Studies, Political Science from the University of Hamburg, thesis: Playboy tells his story: Hegemonic Masculinity in Crisis in the 1970s.

Research Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

April 27 to May 7, 2025 **Lectures and Archival Research Trip** – German Historical Institute, Washington D.C. and at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

April 14, 2025 **Willi Paul Adams Award (OHA)**—Honorable Mention for “Leben auf Kredit”.

September 2018 **Archival Research** in Washington, D.C.

September 2016 **Archival Research** in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation.

September 2015 **Archival Research Grant** of the Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen. Doctoral Scholarship.

Oct. 2011 to March 2012 **Doctoral Scholarship** of the University of Münster.

May-June 2011 **Archival Research** in Berkeley, Bancroft Library and Washington, D.C.

May 2011 **Fellowship** of the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

March 2011 **Archival Research** in Lynchburg, VA, at Liberty University.

Sept./Oct. 2010 **Fellowship** of the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

Aug.-Oct. 2009 **Archival Research** in Washington, D.C.

Conferences and Organization

2023 - June 2 **Workshop** „Whiteness as Property, Histories and Practices of Racial Capitalism“ (with Grit Grigoleit-Richter), Annual Conference, German Association for American Studies, America and Ownership: Territory, Slavery, Jubilee, Universität Rostock, Juni 1-3, 2023.

2021 - July 8-9	Opening Event of the Collaborative Research Centre TRR 294 "Structural Change of Property" (with Silke van Dyk, Kathrin Leuze, Amelie Stuart and Hartmut Rosa)
2017 - 2019	Workshops of the Research Unit „Voluntary Social and Political Practices“.
2013 - 2015	Lecture Series "Dynamics of Space and Gender", Kassel and Göttingen.
2011 - September 29-30	International Conference "Religions and Masculinities en las Américas" (with Heiko Kiser, Antje Schnoor and Olaf Stieglitz), Cluster of Excellence 212 Religion and Politics, University of Münster.
2009 - June 18-19	International Conference "The Spirit and the Flesh: Transregional Perspectives on Religion, Race, and Gender in History" (with Bruce Dorsey and Jürgen Martschukat).
2003 – 2006	Lecture Series „Jenseits der Geschlechtergrenzen“, University of Hamburg.

Courses

Summer 2026	Capitalism and Democracy in the History of the United States (Lecture Class), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2025	Racial Capitalism in North American History (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2024/25	Media economies and politics in the 20th and 21st century US – from the press and radio via TV to the WWW, (MA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2024	Indentured servitude and slavery in North America , (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2023/24	God Bless America: Religion in US History (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2023	Debt: The last 500 Years (MA), History Department, Erfurt University. US-Capitalism – History and Present (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2022/23	Work (Introduction, BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2022	Body History (MA), History Department, Erfurt University. 1619 – Racial Capitalism in North American History (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2021/22	Property and Ownership in North American History (MA), History Department, Erfurt University. Human Rights (BA), Interdisciplinary Class, Erfurt University, – with Amnesty International Erfurt and philosopher Tatjana Tarkian.
Summer 2021	Colloquium North American History, History Department, Erfurt University. Credit History : Debt and Liabilities in North American History (MA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2020/21	History of Risk: Perils, Body Politic, and Epidemic Plagues from the 17th Century to the Present (MA), History Department, Erfurt University. History of Capitalism in the United States (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2020	Liberty. A Transcultural History from the 17th Century to the Present (MA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2019/20	Religion and Politics in the US (BA), History Department, Erfurt University. Debt: Small loans, big worries from the end of the 17th century to the present (MA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2019	Governmentality and History (MA), History Department, Erfurt University.

Winter 2018/19	Conflict History / Colonial History (Introduction, BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2018	Beyond Foucault? Power, Performativity, and Agency in Historical Sciences (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Winter 2017/18	Freedom and Voluntariness in Modern Societies (BA), History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2016	History of Capitalism in the United States (BA), History Department, Erfurt University. Measuring between Laboratories and Population. On the History of Knowledge of the 19th and 20th Century (MA), History Department, Erfurt University (with Nina Mackert).
Winter 2015/16	Key texts and concepts in North American History: Class (BA) History Department, Erfurt University (with Nina Mackert).
Summer 2015	Cultural History and Economy in the United States – Approaches and Perspectives , History Department, Erfurt University.
Summer 2014	New York. Gender, Body and Transsectionality around 1900 , History Department, Göttingen University (Hetairos-Seminar with Björn Klein).
Winter 2013/14	Debtor Nation? History of Credit in the US in the 20th and 21st Century , Faculty for Social Sciences, Kassel University.
Winter 2010/11	Space and Gender , Doctoral Tutorial at the DFG-Research Training Group „Dynamics of Space and Gender“, Kassel / Göttingen.
Winter 2007/08	From Ancient Coins to the World Wide Web: Media Societies in History and Present , University of Münster, Institute of Communication / History Department (interdisciplinary course with Tim Karis and Kathrin Nieder). Fields in Gender Research and Queer Studies. Among political Intervention and theoretical Reflection , University of Hamburg, Faculty for Economy and Social Sciences / Gender and Queer Studies (with Nina Mackert).

Membership and Committees

Since 2026	Equal Opportunity Officer , Collaborative Research Centre TRR 294 "Structural Change of Property", Jena / Erfurt.
2024 - 2025	Member of the Committee – History of Materialities , Appointment procedure for the W2 / W3 Professorship, Faculty of Philosophy, Erfurt University.
2021 - 2024	Executive Board Member of the Collaborative Research Centre TRR 294 "Structural Change of Property", Jena / Erfurt.
Since 2018	Editor of the Journal „H-Soz-Kult. Communication and information services for historical research“.
2018 - 2020	Member of the Research Group „Voluntary Social and Political Practices“, Erfurt University.
2017 - 2020	Member of the DFG-Network „The Promise of Markets. New Perspectives on Economic Cultural History in Early Modern History“, Bochum University.
Since 2017	Member of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS).
2013 - 2015	Member of the Executive Board and the Consortium des DFG-Research Training Group 1599 „Dynamics of Space and Gender“ (Göttingen/Kassel).
2009 – 2011	Founding and Organization of the Study Group at the Cluster of Excellence „Religion and Politics“, University of Münster (with Tim Karis, Kathrin Nieder and Theo Riches).
2003 – 2006	Member of the Group Queer Studies (University of Hamburg).

PhD Supervision

Lena Mai	Private debt and real estate in periods of historic upheaval – a comparison of the 1930s and 2007–2009 in the USA (first assessment, Erfurt, ongoing)
Noëmi Burgenmeister	Shared memories – shared property? A sociological and historical study of property arrangements within couples in the 20th and 21st centuries using couple memory (second assessment, Jena, ongoing)
Gregor Hank	„ The March on the Pentagon in 1967 in Washington, D.C. , its Multi-Perspectivity, and the American Protest Movement in the United States of America of the 1960s (second assessment, completed in Erfurt 2025)

MA-Theses Supervision

Malte Gruber	Illegal drugs in the GDR as reflected in selected media. A historical discourse analysis (2026, second assessment)
Petrus Beck	“ The swords ... are the birthright of an American. ” Militias, Military and Volunteer Companies in the USA from the 1830s to 1900 (2025, first assessment)
Melanie Lal	„ Colonial Education “. The Depiction of Colonialism in History Textbooks and in the Curriculum of Thuringia’s Upper Secondary School (2025, second assessment)
Maximilian Steinbeck	Black Holes: Life Narratives and Masculinity during the National Socialist Era in Erfurt (2024, first assessment)
Héloïse Laurent	Indentured relations in the Lebanese Kafala (Sponsorship) System: Colonial Implications in the 20th Century and Transformations in the Course of the Lebanese Civil War (2024, second assessment)
Gloria Neidlein	Leben in Beziehung: Sarah Madden, Sally Hemings und her Children as a Story of Lack of Freedom and Motherhood in the 18th and 19th Centuries (2023, first assessment)
Catharina Gottschalk	The Transformation of German Security Policy From „Bedrohungsabwehr“ to „Risikovorsorge“ 1987-2005 (2023, first assessment)
Sebastian Brackmann	The Texas War of Independence of 1835/36 from the Perspective of the USA (2023, second assessment)
Katja Utzig	Antiziganism , Visual Politics and the Changing Perspective through the Civil Rights Movement of German Romani and Sinti People, 1930 to 1980s (2023, first assessment)
Paul Skäbe	Travelling Men: Producing Masculinities on the Nineteenth-Century Frontier (2022, second assessment)
Alexander Bolton	Voluntariness in the Culture of Remembrance – Debates and Guiding Principles around Nazi Remembrance since the 1960s (2021, first assessment)
Jonas Liebermann	The American War of Independence from a Transatlantic Perspective. Military-Historical Links between the USA und Europe (2020, second assessment)
Loki Müller	Johanna Haarer and the Dissemination of National Socialist Ideology through Educational Literature in the Third Reich. (2020, second assessment)
Desiree Haak	„ Stand up to the ,boy’s club “: A Gender History of US Talk Shows and Late Night Formats in the 1980s and 1990s (2016, second assessment)
Marcel Hilpert	„ Pornography Is A Feminist Issue “: Argumentation and Protest Techniques between the Anti-Pornography Movement and Feminist Porn in the USA of the 1970s and 1980s (2016, second assessment)

Reviews / Periodicals

Body Politics – Zeitschrift für Körpergeschichte; European Journal of American Studies; Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften.