

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

August 2013	Thesis defence
May – August 2013	Phd candidate, Erfurt University
October 2008 – April 2013	Phd candidate, Humboldt University of Berlin
September 2008	Magister Artium
2003 – 2004	University of Essex, fields of study: history (Socrates programme)
2000 – 2008	Humboldt University of Berlin, fields of study: modern history, political science and sociology

Employment and academic positions

October 2018 – present	Research project “Annexionen und Sezessionen im Zeitalter des globalen Kalten Kriegs” (“Annexations and Secessions during the Cold War”), funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung
5 March – 18 March 2018	Guest teacher at Mekelle University / Ethiopia
October – December 2014 and October – December 2013	Scientific coordinator at the Gotha Research Centre
October 2013 – present	Research associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) at Erfurt University, history department, chair of global history
July 2009 – December 2012	Associated member of the Collaborative Research Centre 640, sub-project A5: Representations of Europe
January 2009 – April 2010	Staff member, Web Portal European History (https://www.europa.clio-online.de/)
2005 – 2008	Student research assistant at the Humboldt University of Berlin, Collaborative Research Centre 640, sub-project A5: Representations of Europe

Scholarships and grants

October 2018 – present	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, funding of the research project “Annexionen und Sezessionen im Zeitalter des globalen Kalten Kriegs” (“Annexations and Secessions during the Cold War”)
8 November – 12 December 2010	German Academic Exchange Service, travel grant for a research stay in London / United Kingdom
May 2009 – April 2012	Elsa-Neumann-Scholarship (formally known as NaFöG), PhD scholarship
2003 – 2004	Scholarship of the Socrates programme, foreign study year at the University of Essex / United Kingdom

Publications

- Afro-Asian States, the Congo Crisis, and the United Nations: Solidly United in an Anti-imperial Agenda?, in: Transimperial History Blog, 19 August 2021, <https://www.transimperialhistory.com/afro-asian-states-the-congo-crisis-and-the-united-nations>.
- Telegramme, Läufer, Brieftauben: Kommunikation in Zeiten imperialer Kriege, in: René Smolarski (ed.), Verbindung halten. (Post)kommunikation unter schwierigen Verhältnissen (Post – Wert – Zeichen; 2), Göttingen 2021, pp. 41-62.
- With Florian Wagner, Colonialism: Transimperial Cooperation and the European Idea (1880-1914), in: International Encyclopaedia of Ideas of Europe, 24 August 2020, <http://www.ideasofeurope.org/encyclopaedia/interactions/colonialism>.
- Rassistische Prestigepolitik mit Kanonenbooten: Die Militäraktion gegen Haiti 1897 und die deutsche Öffentlichkeit, in: Portal Militärgeschichte, 10 June 2019, http://portal-militaergeschichte.de/methfessel_prestigepolitik.
- Wohlüberlegter Plan oder gefährliches Abenteuer? Zur Legitimation der deutschen Annexion Kiautschous 1897/98, in: Jan-Hendryk de Boer (ed.), Praxisformen. Zur kulturellen Logik von Zukunftshandeln (Kontingenzgeschichten; 6), Frankfurt a.M 2019, pp. 203-213.
- Kontroverse Gewalt. Die imperiale Expansion in der englischen und deutschen Presse vor dem Ersten Weltkrieg (Peripherien. Beiträge zur Europäischen Geschichte; 3), Vienna 2019.
- Bilder des Westens in der englischen Öffentlichkeit um 1900, in: Riccardo Bavaj/Martina Steber (eds.): Zivilisatorische Verortungen. Der “Westen” an der Jahrhundertwende (1880-1930) (Zeitgeschichte im Gespräch; 26), Berlin 2018, pp. 26-43.
- With Iris Schröder, Antikommunismus und Internationalismus, in: Norbert Frei/Dominik Rigoll (eds.), Der Antikommunismus in seiner Epoche. Weltanschauung und Politik in Deutschland, Europa und den USA, Göttingen 2017, pp. 139-155.
- Appeals for European Solidarity as Calls for Colonial Violence: British and German Public Debates around 1900, in: European Review of History / Revue Européenne d’Histoire 24/6 (2017), pp. 918-931.
- With Jürgen Dinkel and Florian Greiner: “Murder of a European”. Der “bedrohte Europäer” als Leitmotiv im Kolonialdiskurs vom Zeitalter des Hochimperialismus bis zur Epoche der Dekolonisation, in: Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft 62/3 (2014), pp. 219-238.
- Spreading the European Model by Military Means? The Legitimization of Colonial Wars and Imperialist Interventions in Great Britain and Germany around 1900, in: *Comparativ* 22/6 (2012), pp. 42-60.

Europa als Zivilisationsmacht. Kolonialkriege und imperialistische Interventionen in der deutschen und britischen Öffentlichkeit um 1900, in: Frank Bösch/Ariane Brill/Florian Greiner (eds.), *Europabilder im 20. Jahrhundert. Entstehung an der Peripherie*, Göttingen 2012, pp. 54-78.

“Oxident gegen Orient”. *Europabilder in der Berliner Morgenpost während des Boxerkriegs*, in: Themenportal Europäische Geschichte (2009), <https://www.europa.clio-online.de/essay/id/artikel-3563>.

Conference report “The Boxer War and its Media: Making a Transnational Historical Event, 1900 to the Present”, in: AHF-Information 196 (2009), https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/user-docs/globalgeschichte/Methfessel_Bericht_AHF_2009.pdf.

Conference organisation

With Aychegrew Hadera Hailu, Meressa Tsehaye Gebrewahd, and Seife Hailu Gebreslassie: Conference “Africa and the Global Cold War II”, Mekelle University (Ethiopia), 25-26 March 2019.

With Aychegrew Hadera Hailu, Franziska Rantzsch, and Iris Schröder: Workshop “Africa and the Global Cold War”, Erfurt University, 5-6 July 2018 (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung).

With Florian Wagner: Workshop “Trans-imperial Cooperation and Transfers in the Age of Colonial Globalization”, Gotha Research Centre and Erfurt University, 22-24 March 2018 (funded by the Forum for the Study of the Global Condition and the Ernst-Abbe-Stiftung).

With Haile Muluken Akalu: Workshop “Peace and Conflict in the Horn of Africa: National, Regional and Global Factors”, Erfurt University, 9 June 2017.

With Iris Schröder, Hubertus Büschel, Jonas Brendebach, and Julia Hauser: Workshop “Internationale Organisationen und Räume des Wissens”, Gotha Research Centre, 24-25 July 2014.

Conference presentations

Ethiopia, Eritrea, and the United Nations: “Strong” and “Weak” States Arguing over the International Order after World War II, 1948-1952, conference “Influence of Choice: Alternative Histories of Non-Hegemonic Foreign Policy in the Cold War”, LSE-Ideas (online), 3-4 December 2020.

Annexionen und Sezessionen im Zeitalter des globalen Kalten Kriegs, workshop “Cold War Studies”, Berlin, 9 September 2020.

“Peaceful and neighbourly relations among States”: Concepts of Neighborliness, Territorial Conflicts, and the Global Cold War, conference “Neighborliness in Global Perspective”, Erfurt, 12-14 February 2020.

“The Russians are in a sense in the right”: The United Kingdom and the Ogaden War, 1977-1978, conference “Africa and the Global Cold War II”, Mekelle University, 25-26 March 2019.

Ethiopia in the United Nations: Between Afro-Asian Solidarity and Cold War Rhetoric, workshop “Africa and the Global Cold War”, Erfurt University, 5-6 July 2018.

Koloniale Gewalt und die Massenmedien. Imperialkriege in der englischen und deutschen Öffentlichkeit um 1900, workshop “(Post)Kolonialismus und die deutsche Geschichtswissenschaft”, University of Hamburg, 11 February 2017.

European Solidarity for the Sake of Imperial Expansion, Colonialism for the Sake of European Solidarity: English and German Public Debates on Colonial Wars and Imperialist Interventions around 1900, conference “‘The Bonds That Unite?’ Historical Perspectives on European Solidarity”, University of Augsburg, 23-25 June 2016.

Der “Westen” in der britischen Öffentlichkeit der Jahrhundertwendezeit, workshop “Nation, Kultur und Zivilisation. Der internationale Diskurs über ‚den Westen‘ an der Jahrhundertwende (1880-1930)”, Institute of Contemporary History, Munich, 7-8 December 2015.

- Verbotene Landnahmen. Annexionen und die politische Bedeutung von Wissen in den Vereinten Nationen, workshop “Internationale Organisationen und Räume des Wissens”, Gotha Research Centre, 24-25 July 2014.
- Representations of Europe and the Press Coverage of British Colonial Wars against Muslim Enemies (1896-1904) and the Military Intervention in Persia (1909), workshop “Historical and Contemporary Representations of Europe: Turkey, Persia, the Arab World, and Russia, 1850s-1910s and the 1990s to Present”, Orient-Institut Istanbul, 7-9 June 2012.
- Communicating Cooperation between European Imperial Powers Before 1914, 8th Conference of the History of European Integration Research Society “Communicating European Integration”, Humboldt University of Berlin, 30-31 March 2012.
- Europavorstellungen und die Darstellung von Kolonialkriegen und imperialistischen Interventionen in der englischen und deutschen Presse von der Mitte der 1890er Jahre bis 1911, workshop “‘Translating Europe’: Gesellschaftliche Europavorstellungen im 20. Jahrhundert”, Giessen University, 30 June-2 July 2011.
- The Coverage of Colonial Wars and Imperialist Interventions in the English and German Press from the mid-1890s to 1911, workshop “New Perspectives on Modern European History”, Humboldt University of Berlin, 19-20 May 2011.
- Kolonialkriege in der englischen Presse. Die späten 1890er Jahre und die erste Dekade des 20. Jahrhunderts, 3. ADEF Junior Workshop, Berlin, 27-28 September 2010.
- Europarepräsentationen in Kolonialkriegen. Großbritannien und Deutschland im Vergleich, workshop “Moderne – Integration – Expansion? Repräsentationen Europas im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert”, German Historical Institute Moscow, 11 June 2010.

Teaching experience

- Seminar (Master) “The Cold War in South Asia”, Erfurt University, summer term 2021.
- With Mara Albrecht: Seminar (B.A.) “Mobilität”, Erfurt University, summer term 2018.
- With Gezae Haile Weldemichael: Seminar (Master) “Issues in World History since 1750”, Mekelle University, March 2018.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Der Ogadenkrieg 1977-1978”, Erfurt University, winter term 2017/18.
- With Mara Albrecht: Seminar (B.A.) “Herrschen und Regieren”, Erfurt University, summer term 2017.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Die Kongokrise, 1960-1965”, Erfurt University, winter term 2016/17.
- With Birgit Schäbler: Seminar (B.A.) “Grenzziehungen”, Erfurt University, summer term 2016.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Menschenrechte. Idee und Politik seit 1945”, Erfurt University, winter term 2015/16.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Das Ende der europäischen Kolonialherrschaft”, Erfurt University, summer term 2015.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Der globale Kalte Krieg”, Universität Erfurt, Erfurt University, winter term 2014/15.
- Seminar (B.A.) “Internationale Geschichte im 20. Jahrhundert”, Erfurt University, summer term 2014.
- With Veit Rosenberger: Seminar (B.A.) “Revolutionen”, Erfurt University, winter term 2013/14.
- With Andreas Weiß: Seminar (B.A.) “Empire at Home. Spuren der imperialen Expansion in Deutschland und England, 1880er bis 1914”, Humboldt University of Berlin, summer term 2011.