

Curriculum Vitae Florian Wagner

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Academic Employment and Education

- September 2018-May 2019 Tandem-Fellow ‘Migration and Knowledge’ at GHI-West, University of California Berkeley
- Starting in January 2018 Member of the Interdisciplinary Research Group *Freiwilligkeit/Voluntariness in History* (Spokesman: Prof. Jürgen Martschukat)
- January 2017-2023 Assistant Professor (Akademischer Rat) University of Erfurt, Contemporary European and Global History (Prof. Christiane Kuller)
- Starting January 2017 Associated Researcher Center for the Study of Hamburg’s Colonial and Global History (Prof. Jürgen Zimmerer)
- March-December 2016 Post-Doc Researcher University of Hamburg, Center for the Study of Hamburg’s Colonial and Global History (Prof. Jürgen Zimmerer)
- 09.05. 2016 PhD European University Institute Florence, entitled “Colonial Internationalism: How Cooperation among Experts Reshaped Colonial Policies 1830s-1950s” (dissertation committee: Prof. A. Dirk Moses, Prof. Jörn Leonhard, Prof. Frederick Cooper, Prof. Ann Thomson)
- October-December 2013 PhD Exchange Student at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris
- June-September 2013 Research Fellowship at the German Historical Institute, Paris
- 2011-2015 PhD Candidate at the European University Institute Florence (Advisors Prof. A. Dirk Moses, Prof. Ann Thomson, Prof. Jörn Leonhard, University of Freiburg)
- 2011 Winner of the Marc-Bloch-Prize for the M.A. thesis entitled *Zwischen Konfrontation und Kooperation. Die Kolonialvereine und die ‚Marokko-Frage‘ in der deutschen, französischen und spanischen Gesellschaft (1900-1912)*

2011	Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), University of Rostock, Prof. Dr. Ulrike von Hirschhausen
2010-2011	Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), University of Freiburg, Prof. Dr. Jörn Leonhard
Winter 2009-2010	Research Assistant, Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), School of History; Research Project "Empires—Chancen und Krisen multiethnischer Großreiche im 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert"
Summer 2009	Tutorial Instructor, Seminar für Zeitgeschichte, University of Tübingen (Prof. Doering- Manteuffel)
2009	Maîtrise Sciences Historiques et Humanités (Université de Provence, advisor Dr. Catherine Atlan) M.A., University of Tübingen (advisor Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Langewiesche)
2006	Licence d'Histoire, University of Aix-en-Provence B.A. History, University of Tübingen Diplôme d'Université Arabe, University of Aix-en-Provence

Publications

- 1) Editor, with Cornel Zwierlein: Special Issue: "Close Distance. Social Segregation in Trading Empires and Colonies," *Journal of Modern European History* 18,2 (2020) <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/meha/18/2>
- 2) Florian Wagner and Cornel Zwierlein, "Close Distance: Social Segregation in Trading Empires and Colonies—An Introduction" *Journal of Modern European History* 18,2 (2020), 140-155 <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1611894420910688>.
- 3) Florian Wagner, "Inventing Colonial Agronomy: Buitenzorg and the Transition from the Western to the Eastern Model of Colonial Agriculture, 1880s–1930s," in: Ulrike Kirchberger and Brett Bennett, *Environments of Empire: Networks and Agents of Ecological Change* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press), 103-128. <https://flexpub.com/preview/environments-of-empire>
- 4) Florian Wagner, *Colonial Internationalism: Expert Cooperation and the Reshaping of Colonialism (1880s-1950s)* (Book proposal accepted by Cambridge University Press, Manuscript due October 2019)
- 5) Florian Wagner, "Naturism, the Permanent Mandates Commission and the Denial of the Violent Nature of Colonialism", in: Haakon A. Ikonomou and Karen Gram-Skjoldager (ed.), *The League of Nations. Perspectives from the Present* (Aarhus: Aarhus University Press, 2019), 78-89. <https://unipress.dk/media/16340/the-league-of-nations.pdf>
- 6) Florian Wagner, "The Pitfalls of Teaching a Common Colonial Past. Colonial Internationalism and the Invention of a Shared European History (1830s-1960s)", in: Susanne Popp, Katja Gorbahn, Susanne Grindel (ed.), *Colonialism and History Teaching* (Bern: Peter Lang, 2019), 75-114.

- 7) Florian Wagner, "From the Western to the Eastern Model of Cash Crop Production: Colonial Agronomy and the Global Influence of Dutch Java's Buitenzorg Laboratories, 1880s-1930s," in: Joe Regan and Cathal Smith (ed.): *Agrarian Reform and Resistance in an Age of Globalisation. The Euro-American World and Beyond, 1780-1914* (London: Routledge, 2019). <https://www.routledge.com/Agrarian-Reform-and-Resistance-in-an-Age-of-Globalisation-The-Euro-American/Regan-Smith/p/book/9781138483194>
- 8) Florian Wagner, "Der Westen *avant la lettre*: Alternativkonzepte zur westlichen Solidarität in deutschen Kolonialdiskursen", in: Martina Steber und Riccardo Bavaj (ed.): *Zivilisatorische Verortungen - Der "Westen" an der Jahrhundertwende (1880–1930)* (München: Institut für Zeitgeschichte, 2018), 69-85.
- 9) Florian Wagner, Forumsbeitrag "Das 'Wendejahr' 1917 in Afrika", in: *Journal of Modern European History*, 15, 2 (2017), 157-186.
- 10) Florian Wagner, "Non-European Perspectives on the Weimar Republic and the German Dream of Empire (1919–1930s)", in *Comparativ* 26, 6 (2016), 56-72, Special Issue *Citizenship in European Empires after the First World War*, ed. by Sara Lorenzini. <https://www.comparativ.net/v2/article/view/518/440> .
 - Translation and improved version: Florian Wagner, "Un impero anticoloniale? Prospettive non europee sulla Repubblica di Weimar e il "sogno imperiale" tedesco (1919-1939) ", in: Sara Lorenzini und Simone A. Bellezza (Hg.), *Sudditi o cittadini? L'evoluzione delle appartenenze imperiali nella Prima guerra mondiale* (Rom: Viella, 2018), 129-152.
- 11) Florian Wagner, "Private Colonialism and International Co-operation in Europe, 1870-1914," in: Roland Cvetkovski and Volker Barth (ed.) *Imperial Co-operation and Transfer, 1870-1930: Empires and Encounters* (London: Bloomsbury 2015), 79-106. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/imperial-co-operation-and-transfer-1870-1930-9781472592132/>
- 12) Florian Wagner, "Kolonialverbände in Deutschland, Frankreich, Spanien und Belgien. Von der kolonialpraktischen Kooperation zum "europäischen Ideal" (1880-1914)", in: Frank Bösch and Florian Greiner (ed.), *Europabilder im 20. Jahrhundert. Entstehung an der Peripherie* (Göttingen: Wallenstein, 2012), 27-53. <https://www.beck-shop.de/boesch-brill-greiner-europabilder-20-jahrhundert/product/10940836>
- 13) Florian Wagner, "Regards croisés sur le Togo. Les enjeux du débat franco-allemand dans l'entre-deux guerres (1919-1939)", in: *Recherche en Anthropologie et en Histoire de l'Afrique* 25 (2007-2008).
- 14) Florian Wagner, "Ermächtigungsfrieden oder Ernüchterungserlebnis? 1919 aus afrikanischer und panafrikanistischer Perspektive", in: J. Leonhard: *Große Erwartungen –1919 und die Neuordnung der Welt* (Munich 2020, under review)
- 15) Florian Wagner, "Hamburger Hafengeschichte als Kolonialgeschichte (18. bis 20. Jahrhundert) ", in: J. Zimmerer and K. Todzi (ed.), *Hamburg als Postkoloniale Hafenstadt* (Hamburg 2020, under review)
- 16) Florian Wagner, "Eine ferne Bekannte? Die Speicherstadt als Enklave der Überseewirtschaft und als Hort des Kolonialismus (1860-2017)", in: J. Zimmerer and K. Todzi (ed.), *Hamburg als Postkoloniale Hafenstadt* (Hamburg 2020, under review)
- 17) Florian Wagner "Imperien", in: Vittoria Borsò and Schamma Schahadat (ed.), *Weltliteraturen: Vol. 8 of Grundbegriffe der Literaturwissenschaft* edited by Klaus Stierstorfer (Berlin and Boston: Walter de Gruyter, forthcoming 2020).

Reviews, Conference Reports, and Blog Articles

Review: Florian Wagner, "Ein Walbuch ohne Wale? Felix Schürmanns Globalgeschichte afrikanischer Küstengesellschaften", in: *Neue Polit. Lit.* 75 (2019), 1-3.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42520-019-00075-7>

Conference Report: Florian Wagner, "Young Scholars' Conference Vereinigung Deutscher Afrikanisten (VAD) on Revisiting Capitalism and Africa/Afrika in einer kapitalistischen Welt, 20.7.2016 Berlin", in *H-Soz-Kult*, 26.11.2016:

www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-6839

Review: Florian Wagner, "Bradley Narancho, Geoff Eley, (ed.) *German Colonialism in a Global Age* (Durham 2015) ", in *European Review of History* 23, 1-2 (2016), 332-334:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13507486.2016.1150655>

Review: Florian Wagner, "Robert Aldrich, Kirsten McKenzie et al (ed.), *The Routledge History of Western Empires* (London 2014) ", in *European Review of History* 22, 5 (2015), 843-845: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13507486.2015.1064241>

Review: Florian Wagner, "Christian Koller, *Die Fremdenlegion. Kolonialismus, Söldnertum, Gewalt. 1831–1962* (Paderborn 2013)", in: *Revista Universitaria de Historia Militar* 4,8 (2015): <http://ruhm.es/index.php/RUHM/article/view/129> [in Spanish]

Blog Article: Florian Wagner: Naturism, the Permanent Mandates Commission, and the Denial of the Violent Nature of Colonialism, in: Karen Gram-Skjoldager and Haakon Ikononou (ed.): *Blog The Invention of International Bureaucracy. The League of Nations and the Creation of International Public Administration*

<https://projects.au.dk/inventingbureaucracy/blog/show/artikel/naturism-the-permanent-mandates-commission-and-the-denial-of-the-violent-nature-of-colonialism/>

Blog Comment: Florian Wagner, "Gigant des Nordens, eine gigantische Verklärung? – Nachbetrachtung zur filmischen Dokumentation über den Aufstieg des Hamburger Hafens" auf dem *Blog der Forschungsstelle Hamburgs (post-) koloniales Erbe* (June 2016)

Blog Comment: Florian Wagner, "Safariromantik trifft Kolonialnostalgie: Auf Arte verherrlicht „Heimat Tansania“ die deutsche Kolonisation in Ostafrika" auf dem *Blog der Forschungsstelle Hamburgs (post-) koloniales Erbe* (August 2016)

Radio Interview: Zum Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs in den Kolonien: Zwangsrekrutierung, vorsichtige Liberalisierung und nahtlose Fortsetzung des Krieges, Radio Dreyeckland Monday May 8th 2017 <https://rdl.de/beitrag/zwangsrekrutierung-vorsichtige-liberalisierung-und-nahtlose-fortsetzung-des-krieges>

Memberships and Cooperative Projects

Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative

Netzwerk Flüchtlingsforschung

Verband der Historiker und Historikerinnen Deutschlands

Netzwerk Digitale Geisteswissenschaften und Citizen Science

DFG-Forschergruppe Freiwilligkeit (Universities of Erfurt, Jena, Oldenburg)

Netzwerk Displaced Persons in Mitteldeutschland (Universities of Vienna and Erfurt)

Teaching Experience

2010, University of Freiburg

Seminar *A Comparative History of Colonialism in Germany, France and Spain (1880-1914)*, ("Übung" for

	graduate students in the international Master's program of the University of Freiburg)
2010-2011, University of Freiburg	Seminar <i>Controversies about Colonial History since 1945</i> ("Übung" for graduate students)
2011, University of Rostock	Seminar <i>European Colonialism in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Africa</i> ("Übung" for undergraduate students)
2012-2014, EUI Florence	Organizer of the Imperial History Working Group for graduate students
2015, EUI Florence	Teacher Training Certificate, EUI Florence (Components: designing university teaching, assessment and feedback, evaluating teaching, lecture planning and delivery, small group teaching, classroom management, simulation of a short lecture with feedback)
Summer 2017, University of Erfurt	Survey Course <i>Government and Domination</i> ("Integriertes Proseminar"), together with Asaph Ben-Tov
Winter 2017, University of Erfurt	<i>Undoing Migration? A Critical Approach to the Concept and Reality of 'Repatriation'</i> (MA-Seminar for graduate students in the binational Master Middle Eastern Studies Program Université Saint-Joseph Beirut and University of Erfurt)
	<i>From Decolonization to Development Policy (1950s-1990s)</i> (BA-Seminar for undergraduate students)
Summer 2018, University of Erfurt	<i>Between Decolonization, Europe and the Nation: France and Great Britain in a Comparative Perspective 1945-1990</i> (MA-Seminar for graduate students)
	Survey Course <i>Mobility</i> ("Integriertes Proseminar"), together with Robert Heindl
Summer 2019, University of Erfurt	Survey Course <i>Mobility</i> ("Integriertes Proseminar"), together with Susanne Friedrich
Winter 2019, University of Erfurt	<i>Migration Policies in Europe and in the Global South (1945-2000)</i> (BA-Seminar for undergraduate students)
	<i>Exile and Return of Political Refugees: Experiencing Dictatorship and War and its Aftermath in the Twentieth Century</i> (BA-Seminar for undergraduate students)
Summer 2020, University of Erfurt	<i>What is Postcolonial Theory and Why is it Important for Historians?</i> (MA-Seminar for graduate students in the

binational Master Middle Eastern Studies Program
Université Saint-Joseph Beirut and University of Erfurt)

Survey Course *City* ("Integriertes Proseminar"), together
with Lisa Woop

Participation in University Committees (Gremienarbeit)

Starting in 2019 Delegate of the Teaching Staff in History, University of Erfurt
Starting in 2018 Member of the Awarding Committee for Stipends
(Vergabekommission), University of Erfurt
Starting in 2018 Member of the Committee for the Reaccreditation of the BA-Program
History, University of Erfurt

Acquisition of External Funding (Drittmittelinwerbung)

2019 DFG-Forschergruppe "Freiwilligkeit" (Vorantrag accepted)
2018-2019 9 Months Visiting Fellowship German Historical Institute (West) at UC
Berkeley
2018 Conference "Transimperial History" funded by the Forum for the Study
of the Global Condition (5000 Euros) and Abbe-Stiftung (500 Euros)
2016 Project History of the Benin-Bronzes (University of Hamburg, Prof.
Jürgen Zimmerer) funded by Gerda Henkel Stiftung (274,000 Euros),
Participation in writing the proposal
2013 6 Months Research Fellowship German Historical Institute Paris
2011-2016 4 Years Dissertation Fellowship DAAD

Editing and Online Publishing Experience

Reviews for: *Diplomacy & Statecraft* <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/fdps20> *Cross-
Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review* [https://cross-
currents.berkeley.edu/e-journal/issue-30](https://cross-currents.berkeley.edu/e-journal/issue-30); *Trajectoires*
<https://trajectoires.revues.org/>;
2016-2017 University of Hamburg Preparatory design of a Webinar on the *History
of East Africa*, Partner: Hamburg Open Online University
Starting in 2015 Co-editor of "Dialogue in Research-Research in Dialogue" at
geschichte.transnational
2005 Internship at Deutsche Welle (Bonn), Section Online Journalism:
"Qantara.de-Dialogue with the Islamic World", a project by the
German Foreign Ministry, the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen and
the Goethe Institut

Organization of Workshops and Conferences

2018 *Close Distance. Social Segregation in Trading Empires and Colonies:
Legal Plurality and Customary Law in Colonial Africa* Panel at

- Historikertag Münster, September, 26, 2018 (Main Organizer together with Cornel Zwierlein)
- 2018 *Trans-imperial Cooperation and Transfers in the Age of Colonial Globalization* at the University of Erfurt and the Research Center Gotha, March, 24-26 2018 (Main Organizer, Keynotes Véronique Dimier and Maria Framke) Conference Report: www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-7679
- 2016 *Young Scholars ' Conference Vereinigung Deutscher Afrikanisten (VAD) on Revisiting Capitalism and Africa/Afrika in einer kapitalistischen Welt*, June, 20, 2016 at Humboldt University Berlin/Re:Work (Co-Organizer). Conference Report: www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-6839
- 2014 *Ideologies of Empire in the Modern World*, at the European University Institute in Florence; January, 8-10 2014, (Main Organizer, Keynotes: Frederick Cooper and Jane Burbank, Conference Report: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42031>)
- 2011 Workshop for Doctoral Students at the University of Freiburg, Chair for Western European History (Jörn Leonhard)

Selected Conferences and Presentations

This is a selection of papers given at conferences and on invitation

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| 2019 UC Berkeley | Humanitarianism from the Margins: Framing Return Migration and Repatriation in Jewish Europe and Africa (together with Nick Underwood) |
| 2019 Mekelle University | Questioning Humanitarian Return Migration: Cold War Repatriations in Ethiopia |
| 2019 Arizona State U | From Barbarian Settlers to Humanitarian Resettlement. The Colonial Origins of the International Refugee Regime |
| 2018 UC Berkeley | Comment Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at GHI West (Berkeley) "Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives" |
| 2018 Historikertag Münster | Close Distance: Legal Plurality and Customary Law in Colonial Africa |
| 2018 GHI Washington | Repatriation in History: the Case of Ethiopia |
| 2018 ETH Zürich | Cultivating the Symbol of Progress: The Global Career of Buitenzorg's Agronomic Laboratory (1880—1914) |
| 2018 FU Berlin | Undoing Migration: Überlegungen zu einer Geschichte der Repatriierung seit 1950 |
| 2018 HU Berlin | Rückführung von Migranten: Konzept und Praxis der Repatriierung nach 1945 |

2017, Europainstitut Basel	Keynote: Colonial Internationalism and the Legitimacy of Empire
2017, Historisches Kolleg Munich	Ermächtigungsfrieden oder Ernüchterungserlebnis? 1919 afrikanischer und panafrikanistischer Sicht
2016, Univ. Konstanz	Imperial Comparisons and Transfers: Buitenzorg and the Modernization of Colonial Agronomy
2016, Univ. Oxford	Inter-Imperial Comparisons (Conference “Imperial Comparisons” at All Souls College)
2015, UC Berkeley	German Colonialism between Pan-German Aggression and Humanitarian Internationalism
2015, EUI Florence	„Muslim Law Provides us with a Means“: The Use of Muslim Law for Colonial Purposes
2015, Univ. Freiburg	The International Colonial Institute - A Pioneer of Twentieth Century Colonial Reformism
2014, Univ. Cambridge	Global Expansion, Colonial, Conspiracies, and the Media Revolution of the 1870s (at the conference The Media In History And History in the Media at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge)
2014, EUI Florence	Commentary on S. Belmessous’ talk: Emancipation through Empire: Algeria, 1830-1962
2014, Univ. of Rostock	The International Colonial Institute (at the international conference on “Imperial Clouds”)
2014, LMU München	Europäische Kolonisationsprojekte und transnationale Kooperation: Von Südamerika nach Afrika (1830-1914)
2013, Univ. of Cologne	Conceptualizing Empires (at the international conference: Encounters of Empires)
2013, Imperial College	Transnational networks of colonialism and the conceptualization of Europe and the World (1870-1914)