

## MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

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20th Century US History, Conservatism, History of Violence, Urban History, Spatial Theory

## EDUCATION

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**Erfurt University**, Germany Since 2018  
Ph.D. Candidate, History  
Dissertation: "Siege Mentality: Bernhard Goetz and the Legitimization of White Male Violence as Self-Defense in 1980s New York City"  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Martschukat

The project is supported by the *German Research Foundation* and is conducted as part of the larger cooperative project "Armed Self-Defense in Recent America: Intersectional Perspectives", with Prof. Barbara Lüthi (University of Cologne) and Prof. Simon Wendt (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

**University of Cologne**, Germany 2016 – 2018  
M.A. North American Studies (1,1)

**Ludwig-Maximilians-University**, Munich, Germany 2012 – 2015  
B.A. Major: North American Studies; Minor: French

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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**Visiting PhD Scholar**, Temple University, Philadelphia 2021 - present

**Archival Research**, *New York City Municipal Archives, New York Transit Museum Archives* Spring 2022

**Teaching**, Erfurt University, Germany 2021 – 2022  
Course: "Concerning Conservatism. Politics, Culture, and History of the US-Right since 1945", with Alexander Obermüller, online (WT 2021/22)

**Research Associate**, Erfurt University, Department of North American History 2018 – 2021

**Archival Research**, *New York State Library, New York County Supreme Court* Spring 2019

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

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**Washington Post** June 15, 2022  
"Bernhard Goetz and the roots of Kyle Rittenhouse's celebrity on the right"  
Washington Post: Made By History, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/06/15/bernhard-goetz-roots-kyle-rittenhouses-celebrity-right/>

**H-Soz-u-Kult (Berlin)** January 28, 2022  
Book Review: Christopher Hayes, *Harlem Uprising. Segregation and Inequality in Postwar New York City* <https://www.hsozkult.de/searching/id/reb-95754>

**Die Wochenzeitung (Zurich)** January 14, 2021  
"USA – Die Propaganda: Diese Liebe zur Gewalt", with Barbara Lüthi and Rebecca Rössling, <https://www.woz.ch/-b2d4>

## Geschichte der Gegenwart (Zurich)

“Vigilante Spirit’: Vom Amerikanischen Recht auf Land, Waffen und Selbstverteidigung“  
Geschichte der Gegenwart <https://geschichtedergewenwart.ch/vigilante-spirit-vom-amerikanischen-recht-auf-land-waffen-und-selbstverteidigung/>

December 13, 2020

## Radio F.R.E.I. (Erfurt)

Interview on George Floyd and police violence in the US [https://www.radio-frei.de/index.php?iid=1&ksubmit\\_show=sendung&kunixtime=1592327700](https://www.radio-frei.de/index.php?iid=1&ksubmit_show=sendung&kunixtime=1592327700)

June 16, 2020

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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German Academic Exchange Service, Doctoral Research Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA	2022
Fulbright Germany, Doctoral Research Grant, Philadelphia, PA	2021 - 2022
German Historical Institute, Doctoral Research Fellowship, Washington, D.C.	2021

## PRESENTATIONS

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German Historical Institute Research Seminar, <i>Spaces of Fear</i> , online	April 2022
International and Interdisciplinary Conference “Geschlecht und Gewalt in Geschichte und Gegenwart“, <i>Vom Recht auf bewaffnete Selbstverteidigung: Bernhard Goetz und die Legitimierung von weißer männlicher Gewalt im urbanen Amerika der 1980er Jahre</i> , with Jürgen Martschukat, online	February 2022
Social Science History Association 2021 Annual Meeting Conference, „Crisis, Conjunctures, Turning Points: Theory and Method in Turbulent Times“, <i>Expanding the Frontier: Bernhard Goetz and Male Performances</i> , Philadelphia	November 2021
The Tenth Biennial Conference of the Urban History Association, “Contested Cities”, <i>Contested Space: Bernhard Goetz and the Subway in 1980s New York City, Detroit</i>	October 2021 * postponed Covid-19
Young Scholars Forum, German Association of American Studies, <i>Dissertation Outline</i> , online	April 2021

## WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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“Violence, Race, and Self-Defense in Urban America“ - with Simon Wendt, Goethe University Frankfurt and Rod K. Brunson, University of Maryland, online	November 2021
“Gun Violence and Citizenship“ - with Caroline Light, Harvard University and Barbara Lüthi, University of Cologne, online	April 2021
“New Perspectives on Intersectionality“ – with Barbara Lüthi, University of Cologne and Kim Nielsen, University of Toledo, Cologne, Germany	Mai 2019
“New Directions in the Study of Self-Defense in North America“ – with Jürgen Martschukat, Erfurt University and Caroline Light, Harvard University, Erfurt, Germany	November 2018

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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German Association for American Studies	2020 - present
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