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## Main Research Interests

cultural history. identity politics. conservatism. carceral state. medical humanities.

## Education

- Since Feb 2021 **Universität Erfurt**, *PhD Candidate*, Contested Democracy: On the Right Side of Identity Politics, Supervisor: Dr. Jürgen Martschukat
- 2019 – 2021 **University of South Florida**, *Master of Arts*, Thesis: Between Soledad and Attica Brothers: The Raiford Protests and Prison Activism in Florida, Supervisor: Dr. David K. Johnson
- 2016 – 2019 **University of Vienna**, *Master of Arts*, Thesis: 'Vienna to the rescue': A Social History of Vienna's First Responders, Supervisor: Dr. Christa Ehrmann-Hämmerle
- 2010 – 2015 **University of Vienna**, *Bachelor of Arts*, Thesis: Welfare Policy during the First Republic, Supervisor: DDr. Oliver Rathkolb

## Employment & Archival Research

- Spring 2023 **Archival Research**, *University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, University of Chicago, Library of Congress, National Archives*
- Spring 2022 **Archival Research**, *UC Berkeley, Brown University, Library of Congress*
- Fall 2020 **Administrative Assistant**, *Verein Zeitgeschichte*  
accounting, funding applications, public relations, back office.
- Fall 2019 **Research Assistant**, *University of Vienna*, Department of Contemporary History, Dr. Kerstin von Lingen  
aiding undergraduate students in archival research and scientific writing
- Spring 2019 **Office Manager**, *Momentum-Institute*, Vienna  
setting up the think tank, fundraising, back office administration, website and social media, event planning
- Spring 2018 **Research Assistant**, *University of Vienna*, Department of History  
assisting in administering and grading exams for Dr. Kerstin von Lingen, Dr. Bertrand Perz, and Dr. Peter Huemer
- 2016 – 2018 **Office Manager**, *Momentum Congress Series*, organizing the annual congress, responsible for funding, Call for Papers, arranging accommodation for 250 participants, crafting the overall program, website and social media
- 2013 – 2015 **Public Relations Officer**, *Austrian Student Union*

## Peer-reviewed Publications & theses

- Journal Article Obermueller, A. (2023). To the Rescue: First Responders and Medical(ized) Bodies in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna. *Seminar. A Journal for Germanic Studies* 59.1, pp. 94-115
- MA thesis Obermueller, A. (2021). Between Soledad and Attica Brothers: The Raiford Protests and Prison Activism in Florida. *University of South Florida*
- MA thesis Obermueller, A. (2019). Vienna to the Rescue. A Social History of the Viennese Society of Voluntary First Responders 1881-1917. *University of Vienna*

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## Grants, Scholarships & Awards

- Spring 2023 **DAAD**, Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania  
May 2022 **German Historical Institute**, Research Fellowship, Washington D.C.  
2021 – 2024 **PhD grant**, Gerda Henkel Foundation, University of Erfurt  
2020 **Best Grad Student Paper**, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference  
2019 **Fulbright grantee**, University of South Florida

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## Conferences & Presentations

- Mar 2023 **28th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate Student History Conference**, *Beverly LaHaye and the Religious Right's Sexual Politics, 1976-2000*, Philadelphia.  
Jul 2022 **Workshop: "Auf den Kopf gestellt. Interdisziplinäre Betrachtungen der Trickster-Figur"**, *Malingerer Metropolis: Performing Illness in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*, Munich.  
Feb 2022 **Workshop: "Identitätspolitik zwischen Bashing und Befreiung. Historische und sozialwissenschaftliche Perspektiven"**, *Contested Democracy: Über das komplexe Verhältnis von Diskriminierungserfahrungen und Identitätspolitiken seit den 1970er Jahren*, with Jürgen Martschukat and Lisa Patt, online.  
July 2021 **Graduate School of North America Studies Conference**, *Raiford Brothers 'Riot:' Prison Activism and Reform Debates in Florida*, FU Berlin, online.  
April 2021 **Young Scholars Forum**, *Hegemonic Identity Politics: Contesting Democracy since the 1970s*, German Association of American Studies, online.  
April 2020 **Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference Florida**, *Riot at Raiford? Florida Prison Organizing in the 1970s*, Rollins University, canceled due to Covid-19.  
April 2020 **Graduate History Conference**, *Between Soledad and Attica Brothers. Prison Organizing in Florida*, Florida International University, canceled due to Covid-19.  
March 2020 **Graduate Student Conference**, *Between Soledad and Attica Brothers. Prison Organizing in Florida*, University of South Florida, canceled due to Covid-19.

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## Teaching Experience

- ST 2023 **Transatlantic Prison Activism**, *University of Erfurt*  
WT 2022/23 **Race and Religion in US-history**, *University of Erfurt*, with Moana J. Packo  
WT 2021/22 **Concerning Conservatism: Seminar on the Politics, Culture, and History of the US-Right since 1945**, *University of Erfurt*, with Pia Beumer

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## Other Publications, Projects & Internships

- Review **Nicole Hemmer: Partisans**, *Feb 2023*, hsozkult.de  
Review **Jörg Auberg: New Yorker Intellektuelle**, *Sept 2022*, hsozkult.de  
Review **Kathryn Gin Lum: Heathen: Religion and Race in American History**, *Sept 2022*, hsozkult.de  
Blog Post **Three Viennese Museums' Responses to Covid-19**, *March 2020*, remnantology.com  
Conference Report **Displacement and Resettlement During and After the Second World War in a Global Perspective – a Digital Humanities/Social GIS Approach**, *October 2019*, hsozkult.de  
Conference Report **Advertising – Consumption – Audiovision: A Cultural Historical Perspective on Cinema, TV and Radio**, *February 2018*, hsozkult.de  
Website **12februar1934.at**, *2017/18*, researching and crafting the map of events during the Austrian Civil War

Internship **Memorial Site Hartheim**, *2017*, translating survivor testimony, developing learning material  
Internship **Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance**, *2016*, working on the poster collection -  
archiving and digitizing