

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

- Rassistische Prestigepolitik mit Kanonenbooten: Die Militäraktion gegen Haiti 1897 und die deutsche Öffentlichkeit, in: Portal Militärgeschichte, 10. Juni 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.
- “Oxidant 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

- “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

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.) "Grenzbeziehungen", 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.