

# Franziska Fay

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## APPOINTMENTS

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### Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

04/2021 – Assistant Professor of Anthropology  
Institute of Anthropology and African Studies

### Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) Berlin

10-12/2020 Visiting Research Fellow

### Goethe University Frankfurt

2017 – 2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Normative Orders-Research Centre

## EDUCATION

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### School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London

2017 PhD, Anthropology and Sociology, *no corrections/summa cum laude*

2013 MARes/MPhil, Social Anthropology/Anthropological Research Methods, *distinction*

### Goethe University Frankfurt

2011 Magistra Artium, Education/African Linguistics (Swahili)/Cultural Anthropology, *distinction*

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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political processes, childhood and youth, international development and conflict, (Swahili) diaspora and belonging, protection and punishment, African feminisms, Islamic education, infrastructure and memory, linguistic anthropology, visual research methods

East Africa (Zanzibar, Tanzania, Kenya), Arabian Peninsula (Oman)

## FIELDWORK

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Zanzibar	July – August 2021	(3 weeks)
	March 2019	(1 month)
	March 2018	(1 month)
	November 2016	(1 month)
	January 2014 - July 2015	(18 months)
	July 2012	(1 month)
	July - September 2009	(2 months)
Tanzania	August 2021	(3 weeks)
Oman	March 2022	(2 weeks)
	April 2019	(1 month)
	April 2018	(1 month)
Kenya	September 2019	(2 weeks)

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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- 2021 Women's Political Authority in Contemporary Tanzania  
 2020 Young Omani Swahili-speakers in the 'Zanzibar Diaspora' (Postdoc; Oman Research Grant, ZMO, Berlin)  
 2019-2021 Generation Absent: Youth Identity and Belonging in the 'Zanzibar Diaspora' (Postdoc; Normative Orders – Research Centre)  
 2018-2019 Multireligious Utopias? Youth, Secularization and Islamic Education Across the Western Indian Ocean World (Postdoc; Normative Orders – Research Centre)  
 2017-2018 Zwischen Säkularisierung und Religiosität: Reformbewegungen im islamischen Bildungswesen in Sansibar und Oman (Postdoc; Cluster of Excellence Normative Orders)  
 2013-2017 Perilous Protection: Discipline, Chastisement and Child Protection in Schools in Zanzibar (PhD; DAAD, British Institute in Eastern Africa, SOAS, RAI)

**TEACHING**

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## JOHANNES GUTENBERG-UNIVERSITY MAINZ, Germany

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| <i>African Feminisms</i>                                 | (MA, summer 2022)               |
| <i>Introduction to Political Anthropology</i>            | (BA, summer 2022)               |
| <i>Ethnography of East Africa</i>                        | (BA, winter 2021_22, in-person) |
| <i>Introduction to Scientific Writing</i>                | (BA, winter 2021_22, in-person) |
| <i>Introduction to Anthropology</i>                      | (BA, winter 2021_22, online)    |
| <i>Anthropology of Development in (East)Africa</i>       | (BA/MA, summer 2021, online)    |
| <i>Introduction to Political Anthropology</i>            | (BA, summer 2021, online)       |
| <i>History and Theory of Anthropology I</i>              | (BA, summer 2021, online)       |
| <i>The Political Anthropology of Childhood and Youth</i> | (BA, summer 2020, online)       |

## SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS), London, UK

- Theory in Anthropology* (2<sup>nd</sup> year BA Tutorials, 2016)  
*CAPITAL L - Swahili Language and Study Skills Programme* (2013)

## ZANZIBAR UNIVERSITY (ZU), Zanzibar, Tanzania

- Child Rights-Based Approaches* (2014)

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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- 2020 Oman Research Grant 2020 – Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin  
 2016 Royal Anthropological Institute - RAI/Sutasoma Award for Potentially Outstanding PhD Merit  
 Wenner-Gren Foundation/ASA - ASA2016 Conference Grant  
 University of Kent - ASUK Conference Grant  
 Centre for the Study of Childhood&Youth, University of Sheffield - Southern Childhoods Workshop Grant  
 2015 SOAS, University of London - Arts & Humanities Conference Grant  
 2014 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - PhD Fieldwork Grant  
 SOAS, University of London - Arts & Humanities Conference Grant  
 2013 SOAS, University of London - Santander Mobility Award  
 British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA) - Minor Research Grant  
 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - Travel and Accommodation Grant

- 2012 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) – Master’s Scholarship  
2009 European Commission-Socrates/ERASMUS - Study Exchange Grant, SOAS, London  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - Intensive Swahili Language Course Grant, 2 months, State University of Zanzibar (SUZA)  
2008 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) – Research Stay and Swahili Workshop Grant, Institute for African and Asian Languages, Lomonossov University Moscow, Russia

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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### ***Working Groups***

Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies (FB07), JGU Mainz  
Editing Board of “Mainzer Beiträge zur Afrikaforschung”  
ZIS Working Group – Linguistic Anthropology/Anthropological Linguistics, JGU Mainz  
GAA Working Group – Political and Legal Anthropology  
GAA Working Group - Public Anthropology

### ***Associations***

The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Working Group  
Deutscher Hochschulverein (DHV)  
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
German Anthropological Association (GAA/DGSKA)  
African Studies Association Germany (VAD)  
Centre for Interdisciplinary African Studies (ZIAF)  
Oxford Children’s Rights Network  
Southern Childhoods Network

### ***Representation***

Staff Representative for postdoctoral researchers to the Directorate of the Cluster of Excellence ‘Normative Orders’ (2018-2021)

## **SERVICE**

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### ***Peer Reviews***

Africa Spectrum, American Anthropologist, Children’s Geographies, European Association for Social Anthropologists, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Journal of African Cultural Studies, Social Anthropology, Childhood

### ***Book Reviews***

*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Children’s Geographies*

### ***Grant Proposal Reviews***

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Vereinigung für Afrikawissenschaften Deutschland (VAD), Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF)

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Consultancies***

- 2017-2020 OF Bildungsbüro Offenbach, Translator  
2015 Save the Children, Zanzibar, Tanzania - Positive Discipline in Everyday Teaching

- 2015 Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, German Development Cooperation), Eschborn - German BACKUP Initiative: Education in Africa
- 2014 The Risk Advisory Group, London, UK - due diligence reporting in the financial sector  
Research Positions

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- 2014-2015 Save the Children International, Zanzibar, Tanzania - strengthening of the Zanzibar National Child Protection System
- 2012 GEMS Education Solutions, London, UK - R4D's 'Center for Education Innovations'
- 2012 GIZ, Lilongwe, Malawi – assessment of 'Promotion of Basic Education/Complementary Basic Education'
- 2012 Save the Children, Berlin - programmatic and technical support on child protection, education in emergencies, children's rights

**LANGUAGES**

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*German (native), English and Swahili (fluent), French (intermediate), Arabic and Russian (basic)*