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* Curriculum Vitae *

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Current position

Full professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

University Education

2012	Habilitation , Venia Legendi for Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Philosophical Faculty of Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg
2004	PhD Social and Cultural Anthropology , Marburg University
1999	MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology , Marburg University
1991-1999	University studies: Social and Cultural Anthropology (major), Educational Sciences, Religious Studies and Philosophy (minors) at the Universities of Muenster/Westf. and Marburg

Main areas of research

Thematic areas: migration (diaspora, transnationalism, return migration and migration bureaucracies), humanitarianism, pro-migrant activism, new kinship studies, care and care work, religion & moralities, children & youth, qualitative research methods, history of Anthropology

Ethnographic areas: the Atlantic Rim: Creole Societies on the Upper Guinea Coast (esp. Cape Verde) and in Afro-Latin America, (Haiti, Trinidad, Brazil) as well as the resp. transnational social fields (in the USA, Canada and Portugal)

Academic Positions

Since 3/2020	Full Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology (W3), Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
10/2021	Appointment to Professorship of Social and Cultural Anthropology (W3) at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, declined
7/2016 – 2/2020	Heisenberg Professor, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
3/2015 – 5/2016	Heisenberg Fellow, awarded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), affiliated at Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
6/2015	Appointment to Professorship of Global Inequalities (W2) at Freie Universität Berlin, declined
10 /2014 – 2/2015	Visiting Professor ('Vertretungsprofessur'), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (J. Schlehe)
04/2013 – 9/2013	Visiting Professor ('Vertretungsprofessur'), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (J. Schlehe)
10/2012 – 03/2013	Visiting Professor ('Vertretungsprofessur') of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Konstanz University (T. Kirsch)

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2004 – 2011 Lecturer/Assistant Professor ('Wissenschaftliche Assistenz', C1), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Research travels and fieldwork

2-4/2024	(3 months)	Brumadinho & Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
7/2018	(1 month)	São Paulo, Brazil
2 – 3/2016	(2 months)	São Paulo, Brazil
7 – 9/2015	(3 months)	São Paulo, Brazil
3 – 4/2014	(1,5 months)	São Paulo, Brazil
8 – 9/2012	(1,5 months)	Preparatory trip to Brazil
3 – 4/2008	(6 weeks)	Boston, USA (with and among Cape Verdean migrants)
2006 – 2008	(11 months)	Fogo and Brava, Cape Verde
2002 – 2003	(7 months)	Montreal, Canada (with and among Haitian migrants)

Externally funded research projects

2022 – 2025	(with A. Mißbach, Bielfeld University). Migration and Im/mobility in the Global South during a Pandemic (scientific network funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG).
2022 – 2025	The Management of Loss. Politics of Life and Death in Minas Gerais , Brazil (German Research Foundation, DFG), with T. Mentrup.
2021 – 2025	"Sorting with Care. Human differentiation in contact zones of support in Brazil and Portugal". Subproject of the collaborative Research Centre (CRC) 1482 „Studies in Human Differentiation“ (German Research Foundation, DFG), with E. Reichl and E. Hernández.
2018 – 2022	African trajectories across Central America: Dynamics of displacements, transitory emplacements, and ambivalent migration nodes (German Research Foundation, DFG), with N. Winters, Y. Guevara, E. Reichl and P. Delgado
2015 – 2020	Eligibility, care and new forms of sociality under conditions of displacement in Brazil (German Research Foundation, DFG, Heisenberg-Programme)
2006 – 2011	Negotiating family commitment. The moral dimension of care in transnational Cape Verdean fields (German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD)
2001 – 2004	Spirits in the Diaspora. Haitian discourses on Gender, Youth, and Power in Montreal, Canada (PhD, Scholarship Marburg University)

Awards and fellowships

3/2024	Visiting professor at the Instituto de Ciências Sociais (ICS) da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil
8 – 10/2016	Visiting scholar at the New School for Social Research, New York City
2/2014	Fellow at Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies
10/2013 – 1/2014	Fellow at the graduate school (DFG-Graduiertenkolleg 1288) "Friends, Patrons, Clients. Practice and semantics of friendship and patronage in historical, anthropological and cross-cultural perspectives", Freiburg University
3 – 4/2014	Visiting researcher at the Centro de Estudos de Migrações Internacionais –CEMI – UNICAMP, Campinas, Brazil
11/2013	Awarded the "Albert-Bürklin Prize" at Freiburg University
9/2012	Visiting researcher at the Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP)

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2011 – 2012	Fellow at the Käthe-Hamburger Kolleg “Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History” (re:work), Humboldt University Berlin
2011	(together with I. Kummels, FU Berlin): conference funding, Thyssen foundation. „Afro-Indigenous Cultural Heritage. Current debates on Origins, Multiculturalism and Consumerism in Latin-America”
2006 – 2007	Post-doctoral scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), for conducting fieldwork in Cape Verde
2002 – 2003	Doctoral fellow at the Centre d’Etudes Ethniques (CEETUM) at University of Montreal
2001 – 2004	Doctoral scholarship, Marburg University
7 – 10/2000	Grant for postgraduate summer school, international women’s university (IFU), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Employment

2001	Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), Berlin
2000	German Youth Institute (DJI), Munich
1999 – 2000	German Association for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn (department: Promotion of Children (3 months) and Youth and Press Office (3 months))

Consultancies

2001 – 2004	External Consultant for the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), for the German Association for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Society for Organization, Planning and Education (GOPA)
2000	Uganda, consultant for the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), evaluation of projects for the promotion of youth (6 weeks visit of projects)
2000	Haiti, consultant for the German Association for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), youth-oriented target-group analysis (4 months)
1999	Ruanda, consultant for the German Association for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), design of educational programs for traumatized youth (3 months)
1997	Togo & Benin, evaluation of projects targeting women and youth (4 weeks)

Academic management positions

2023 –	Member of the selection committee of the Georg Forster Programme at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2022 –	Internationalization Officer of the faculty council (Faculty 07, ‘Geschichte und Kulturwissenschaften’) at JGU Mainz
2019 – 2020	Vice-Dean of the faculty council (Faculty 07, ‘Geschichte und Kulturwissenschaften’) at JGU Mainz
2018 – 2019	Head of the Department of Anthropology and African Studies at JGU Mainz
2017 - 2023	Member of the faculty council (Faculty 07 ‘Geschichte und Kulturwissenschaften’) at JGU Mainz
Since 2022	Senior member of the Gutenberg Academy Mainz

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- Since 7/2021 Member of the editing board of the book series “Women on the Move. Past and Present Perspectives” (Manchester University Press)
- Since 7/2020 Member of the editing board of “Nordic Journal of Migration Research” (NJMR), Helsinki
- Since 4/2017 Member of the editing board of the book series “Mainzer Beiträge zur Afrikaforschung”
- Since 1/2016 Member of the editing board of the “Zeitschrift für Ethnologie / Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology” (ZFE / JSCA), Berlin
- Since 2014 Member of the board of “Freiburger Geschlechter Studien”, Freiburg
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- 2021 – Co-speaker of the network “Politik- und Rechtsanthropologie - Political and Legal Anthropology” at the German Association of Social Anthropologists (DGSKA) (with O. Zenker)
- 2008 – 2014 Co-speaker of the network ‘Anthropology of law and rights’ at the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) (with S. Brandstädter)
- 2004 – 2015 Co-speaker of the working group ‘Afro-Latin-America’ at the German Association of Social Anthropologists (DGSKA, formerly DGV) (with L. Rossbach de Olmos & I. Kummels)

Languages

German: mother tongue, English: fluent, French: fluent, Portuguese: good, Spanish: basic, Cape Verdean Kriolu: good, Haitian Kreyol: almost forgotten

Reviews for

Funding agencies: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, Volkswagen Foundation, Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR), American Academy Berlin

Academic journals and book publishers: Anthropological Theory, American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, Ethnos, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Anthropology Today, Global Networks, Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR), Citizenship Studies, Identities, African Diaspora, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Ethnography, Curare, Anthropology & Medicine, Paideuma, Movements, Mobilities, International Migration, International Journal of Law in Context, Sociologus, Africa Spectrum, Cadernos Africanos, Imprensa de Ciências Sociais, Palgrave Macmillan, Nordic Africa Institute, Geoforum, Transcript, Zed Books, Zeitschrift für Ethnologie / Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology