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Academic Positions

- since 04/2021 Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Institute of Anthropology and African Studies
Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz
- 10-12/2020 Visiting Research Fellow (Oman Grant)
Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) Berlin
- 2017 – 2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Normative Orders – Research Centre
Goethe University Frankfurt

Education

- 2017 PhD in Social Anthropology
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK
- 2013 MRes/MPhil in Social Anthropology/Anthropological Research Methods
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK
- 2011 Magistra Artium in Education/African Linguistics (Swahili)/Cultural Anthropology
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Areas of Research

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

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

Fieldwork

Zanzibar	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)
Oman	April 2019	(1 month)
	April 2018	(1 month)
Kenya	September 2019	(2 weeks)

Research Projects

- 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

JOHANNES GUTENBERG-UNIVERSITY MAINZ, Germany

- Anthropology of Development in (East)Africa* (BA/MA, summer 2021, online)
Introduction to Political Anthropology (BA, summer 2021, online)
The Political Anthropology of Childhood and Youth (BA, summer 2020, online)

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

- Theory in Anthropology* (2nd 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

- 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 - ASAUK 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, Lomonosov University Moscow, Russia

Other Professional Experience

Consultancies

- 2017-2020 OF Bildungsbüro Offenbach
- 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

Memberships and Functions

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

Member of the editing board of "Mainzer Beiträge zur Afrikaforschung" (since 2021)
 Member of the GAA Working Group Public Anthropology (since 2020)
 Representative for Postdoctoral Researchers to the Directorate of the Research Centre Normative Orders (2017-2021)

Reviews

Africa Spectrum; American Anthropologist, Children's Geographies, European Association for Social Anthropologists; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF)

Languages

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