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* Curriculum Vitae *

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Current position

Full professor, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, 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
2000 Summer School at the International Women's University (IFU), Hanover
1999 **MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology**, Marburg University
1991-1999 University studies: Social and Cultural Anthropology (major), Pedagogy, 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), 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 Europe)

Academic Positions

Since 3/2020 Full Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology (W3), Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz
7/2016 – 2/2020 Heisenberg Professor, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz
3/2015 – 5/2016 Heisenberg Fellow, awarded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), affiliated at Freiburg Institute of Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg
6/2015 Appointment to professorship of Global Inequalities (W2) at Free University Berlin, declined
10 /2014 – 2/2015 Visiting Professor ('Vertretungsprofessur'), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Freiburg (J. Schlehe)
04/2013 – 9/2013 Visiting Professor ('Vertretungsprofessur'), Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of 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) at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Freiburg

Research travels and fieldwork

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 Prof. Dr. Antje Missbach, Bielfeld University). Migration and Im/mobility in the Global South during a Pandemic (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 Theresa Mentrup, M.A.
2021 – 2025	Providers and recipients of aid. Human categorization between solidarity and distinction in Brazil and Portugal. Subproject of the collaborative Research Centre (CRC) 1482 „ Studies in Human Categorization “ (German Research Foundation, DFG), with Elena Reichl, M.A. and Elena Hernandez, M.A.
2018 – 2022	African trajectories across Central America: Dynamics of displacements, transitory emplacements, and ambivalent migration nodes (German Research Foundation, DFG), with Dr. Nanneke Winters, Yaatsil Guevara, M.A. Elena Reichl, M.A. and Pablo Delgado, B.A.
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)

Grants

2018	(together with H. Brown, Durham University): conference funding, Thyssen foundation: “Care in Crisis. Ethnographic Perspectives on Humanitarianism”
5 -6 /2018	Invitation of guest professor Heath Cabot, University of Pittsburgh, to Mainz University
2013	(together with M. Pelican, University of Cologne): conference funding by the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) and University of Cologne: “Mobility within and to the Global South”

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- 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
- 2001 – 2004 Doctoral scholarship, Marburg University
- 7 – 10/2000 Postgraduate grant, international women’s university (IFU), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Awards and fellowships

- 8 – 10/2016 Visiting scholar at the New School for Social Research, New York City
- 2/2014 Fellowship at Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies
- 10/2013– 1/2014 Fellowship at the research group (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), Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- 2011 – 2012 Fellowship at the Käthe-Hamburger Kolleg “Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History” (re:work), Humboldt University to Berlin
- 2002 – 2003 Fellow at the Centre d’Etudes Ethniques (CEETUM) at University of Montreal

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)

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Academic management positions

- 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
- Since 4/2017 Member of the faculty council (Faculty 07 'Geschichte und Kulturwissenschaften') at JGU Mainz
- 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
- 2008 – 2014 Speaker of the network 'Anthropology of law and rights' at the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- 2004 – 2015 Speaker of the working group 'Afro-Latin-America' at the German Association of Social Anthropologists (DGSKA, formerly DGV)

Language Skills

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, Paideuma, Movements, 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