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Curriculum vitae

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Education and Degrees

- 03/2017 Completion of doctoral studies with distinction. Title of the dissertation: „Regenzeiten, Feuchtgebiete, Körpersäfte. Das Wasser in der klassischen indischen Medizin.“
- 03/2008 Begin of doctoral studies in Indology, University of Vienna.
- 12/2007 Completion of master studies of Indology, University of Vienna. Title of the diploma thesis: „Über die Auslöschung von Land und Leuten. Die Ursachen von Massensterben und Schutzmaßnahmen gegen diese gemäß Carakasamhitā, Vi. 3.“
- 02/2002 Transition into new study plan –Indology combined with elective courses from Philosophy, History and Geography.
- 10/1999 Begin of the combined master studies of Indology and Philosophy, University of Vienna.
- 06/1999 School leaving examination (Matura) at the Stiftsgymnasium Wilhering (classical-humanistic) in Upper Austria.

Employment

- 03/2022–02/2026 Principal Investigator at the research project “Epidemics and Crisis Management in Pre-modern South Asia”, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), hosted at the University of Vienna (2022–2025) and the Austrian Academy of Sciences (2025–2026). <https://epidemics.univie.ac.at/>
- 12/2020–02/2021 Scholarship for the preparation of a third-party funded scientific project, Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna.
- 11/2019 – 08/2020 Typesetting and Layout for the Volume *Mārga. Paths to Liberation in South Asian Buddhist Traditions*. Ed. by. Cristina Pecchia and Vincent Eltschinger.
- 06/2019 – 07/2019 Contract at the Austrian Academy of Sciences: Book layout for Sanskrit Manuscripts in China III. Ed. By Birgit Kellner, Jowita Kramer, and Xuezhu Li.
- 04/2018 – 11/2018 Contracts for the FWF project P 27863-G24 “Fragments of Indian Philosophy II“
- 10/2016 – 12/2016 Contract at the Austrian Academy of Sciences: Conversion of *Pramāṇasamuccayaṭīkā*, chapter 2 from CTE into TEI/XML format.
- 03/2015 – Regular teaching activity at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna.
- 03/2013 – 02/2016 Participation in the FWF project P 23330-G15 „Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India III“.
- 03/2008 – 02/2012 Assistant-in-training at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna.
- Participation in the FWF projects P19866-G15 „Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India II“ and P 23330-G15 „Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India III“. (collation of Sanskrit manuscripts and editions, website development and management, etc.).
 - Content supervision of the department server, IT support for other department staff members.
 - Teaching.
 - Private studies (courses and dissertation).
 - Public lectures.
- 08/2003 – 01/2008 Participation in various scientific projects on medical history and philosophical subjects, mostly collation of Sanskrit manuscripts.
- 11/2001 – 12/2001 Research in library databases: Preparations for a systematic classification of the inventories of the Indological library at the University of Vienna.
- 10/2001 – 06/2006 Holding of tutorials for Sanskrit beginners.
- 11/2000 – 01/2001 Temporary assistant at the office of the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna.

Publications

- in preparation Vitus Angermeier and Patrick Zeitlhuber (eds.). *Calamities and Countermeasures in Pre-modern South Asia*. Heidelberg: HASP.
- accepted ‘Whatever helps. Modes of reaction towards calamities in the Arthaśāstra’. In: *Calamities and Countermeasures in Pre-modern South Asia*, edited by Vitus Angermeier and Patrick Zeitlhuber. Heidelberg: HASP.

- accepted 'Warfare, Droughts, Brahminicides: Crisis and Kingship in South Asian Antiquity'. In: *The Concept of Crisis in Antiquity. Interdisciplinary and Cross-cultural Perspectives*, edited by Melina Tamiolaki and Markus Zimmermann. Trends in Classics. Berlin: de Gruyter.
- accepted 'Causes of Suffering: From the Buddha to Ayurveda'. In *Puṣpikā: Tracing Ancient India Through Texts and Traditions: Contributions to Current Research in Indology*, edited by Valters Negribs and Yiming Shen, Vol. 7. Heidelberg: HASP.
- 2024 Vitus Angermeier and Anja Vukadin. 'Causes of Suffering: Unravelling Suśruta and Sāṅkhya.' *Studia Orientalia Electronica* 12 (2024): 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.23993/store.131660>.
- 2023 'Dharma and the Physicians: Karmic Concepts in Classical Ayurvedic Literature'. In: *Visages du dharma*, edited by Silvia D'Intino and Christelle Barois. Purushartha 39. Éditions de l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris 2023: 71–94.
- 2023 Angermeier, Vitus, Christian Ferstl, Dominik A. Haas, and Channa Li (eds.). *Puṣpikā: Proceedings of the 12th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium (Vienna, 2021)*. Puṣpikā. Tracing Ancient India through Texts and Traditions: Contributions to Current Research in Indology 6. Heidelberg: Heidelberg Asian Studies Publishing, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.11588/hasp.1133>.
- 2022 'The Seasons in Ancient Indian Medicine: Long Winters or Extensive Rains?' *History of Science in South Asia* 10 (2022): 247–71. <https://doi.org/10.18732/hssa89>.
- 2021 'Agni and Soma Revisited: A Primordial Ayurvedic Concept?' In *Body and Cosmos. Studies in Early Indian Medical and Astral Sciences in Honor of Kenneth G. Zysk*, edited by Toke Lindegaard Knudsen, Jacob Schmidt-Madsen, and Sara Speyer. Sir Henry Wellcome Asian Series 20. Leiden: Brill, 2021: 15–32. doi.org/10.1163/9789004438224_004.
- 2020 *Regenzeiten, Feuchtgebiete, Körpersäfte. Das Wasser in der klassischen indischen Medizin*. Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 103. Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2020. doi.org/10.1553/0x003be698.
- 2020 'Krankheitsprävention im Ayurveda: Pragmatisches Recycling und historische Brüche'. *Polylog* 42: Gesundheit und Heilung (2020): 7–20. polylog.net/?id=284
- 2017 'Untangling Multiple Topographical Systems: Conceptions of Landscapes in Ancient Indian Medicine'. *EJournal of Indian Medicine* 9, no. 2 (2017): 39–62. rjh.ub.rug.nl/eJIM/article/view/30233.

Qualification Works

- 2016 „Regenzeiten, Feuchtgebiete, Körpersäfte. Das Wasser in der klassischen indischen Medizin“. Dissertation, Universität Wien, 2016. <http://othes.univie.ac.at/45525/>.
- 2010 *Über die Auslöschung von Land und Leuten. Die Ursachen von Massensterben und Schutzmaßnahmen gegen diese gemäß Carakasamhitā, Vi. 3*. Slightly revised and corrected version of the diploma thesis from 2007. Digitally disclosed at <https://phaidra.univie.ac.at/o:1083357>.

Invited academic Presentations

- 11/2024 “Whatever helps. Modes of reaction towards calamities in the Arthaśāstra.” Workshop on *Calamities and Countermeasures in Pre-modern South Asia*, University of Vienna.
- 06/2024 “Goitres, Worms, and Haemorrhoids: Geographical Localisation of Endemic Diseases in Classical Āyurveda.” Workshop on *Moving Medicine: New Perspectives in South Asian Histories of Medicine*, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge.
- 06/2024 “Doctors Between Civilisation and Wilderness: Medical Geography in Pre-modern South Asia.” Workshop on *Narratives of Exclusion: The Othering of Indian Forest-Dwellers in Pre-Modern Textual Sources*, Ghent University.
- 11/2023 “A Contagion Theory in the *Hārītasamhitā*? The Chapter on *upasarga*.” Online meeting of the discussion group *History of Science in Early South Asia* (Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine), online.
- 10/2023 “Crisis in Ancient South Asia: Concepts, Causes and Countermeasures.” Conference on *Conceptualizing Crisis in Antiquity. Interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives*, IMS/FORTH, Rethymno.
- 08/2023 “Crisis in the Mahābhārata Concepts on its causes, strategies against it”, 10th *Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Purāṇas (DICSEP 10)*, IUC, Dubrovnik.
- 07/2023 “Epidemic Prevention: Precursors of Public Health in Early Āyurveda?” 27th *European Conference of South Asian Studies*, University of Turin.
- 06/2023 “The Threats of Adharma and Environmental Disturbances: Understanding Epidemics in Pre-modern South Asia.” Workshop on *Pandemics, Epidemics, Academics. Projects on the medical traditions in South Asia and Tibet*, University of Vienna.
- 12/2022 “Epidemiology in the *Bhelasamhitā*. The Chapter on Distinctions According to Land and People.” Online meeting of the discussion group *History of Science in Early South Asia* (Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine), online.
- 09/2022 “Epidemien im vormodernen Südasien? Kollektives Leid durch Umwelteinflüsse und Adharma.” 34. *Deutscher Orientalistentag*, Freie Universität Berlin.
- 07/2022 “Causes of collective suffering. The case of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*.” *CATS meeting / Suśruta Workshop*, University of Vienna.
- 05/2022 “Medication or Magic? Mantras in Early Āyurveda.” Workshop on *Mantras: Sound, Materiality, and the Body*, University of Vienna.
- 07/2021 “Waterscapes in Āyurveda: Mapping health and disease through hydrology.” 26th *European Conference of South Asian Studies*, University of Vienna.
- 11/2019 “Dharma and the Reasons for Suffering in Ayurveda.” 11th *International Indology Graduate Research Symposium*, Wolfson College, Oxford University, Oxford.
- 05/2019 “Agni and Soma revisited: A Primordial Ayurvedic Concept?” Invited lecture at the Department of Indian Studies, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.
- 03/2017 “Regenzeiten, Feuchtgebiete, Körpersäfte: Das Wasser in der klassischen indischen Medizin.” (Rainy Seasons, Wetlands, Bodily Fluids: Water in Classical Indian Medicine.) Lecture within the framework of the defensio for the award of the doctoral degree, University of Vienna.

- 10/2016 “The Seasons in Classical Ayurveda: Long Winters or Extensive Rains?”, *8th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium*, Munich
- 06/2015 “Categorization of Water in the Carakasamhitā.” *16th World Sanskrit Conference*, Bangkok.
- 12/2012 “Seasons and Categorization of Water in Classical Ayurveda.” Workshop of the Ayurveda Reading Group, Vienna.
- 02/2012 “Water in Ayurveda: Climatology and Hydrology According to Classical Indian Medicine”, Workshop *HUBxWater*, Vienna.
- 09/2011 “The Seasons in Classical Ayurveda: Competing Systems?” *2nd International Conference on Holistic Medicine*, Kottayam/Indien.

Organized Workshops and Panels

- 11/2024 “Calamities and Countermeasures in Pre-modern South Asia.” Project Workshop at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna (together with Patrick Zeitlhuber).
- 07/2023 “Health, disease and epidemics: multidisciplinary perspectives on the socio-ecology of medicine in pre-modern South Asia.” Panel at the 27th European Conference of South Asian Studies, University of Turin (together with Julia Shaw).
- 06/2023 “Pandemics, Epidemics, Academics. Projects on the medical traditions in South Asia and Tibet.” Workshop at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna (together with Barbara Gerke and Cristina Pecchia).
- 07/2021 12th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium, University of Vienna (together with Dominik A. Haas, Christian Ferstl, and Channa Li).

Research Stays and Conference Participation

- 11/2024 Calamities and Countermeasures in Pre-modern South Asia (Workshop), University of Vienna.
- 07/2024 Academic Writing in Sowa Rigpa (Workshop), University of Vienna.
- 06/2024 Moving Medicine: New Perspectives in South Asian Histories of Medicine (Workshop), Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge.
- 06/2024 Narratives of Exclusion: The Othering of Indian Forest-Dwellers in Pre-Modern Textual Sources (Workshop), Ghent University.
- 10/2023 Conceptualizing Crisis in Antiquity. Interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives. IMS/FORTH, Rethymno.
- 08/2023 10th Dubrovnik International Conference on the Sanskrit Epics and Purāṇas (DICSEP 10). IUC, Dubrovnik.
- 07/2023 27th European Conference of South Asian Studies, University of Turin.
- 09/2022 34. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Freie Universität Berlin.
- 07/2021 26th European Conference of South Asian Studies, University of Vienna.
- 07/2021 12th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium, University of Vienna.
- 11/2019 11th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium, Wolfson College, Oxford University, Oxford.

- 05/2019 ERASMUS stay for teaching at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.
- 10/2016 8th International Indology Graduate Research Symposium, München.
- 06/2015 – 07/2015 16th World Sanskrit Conference, Bangkok.
- 09/2011 2nd International Conference on Holistic Medicine, Kottayam/India;
Manuscript research in Kerala for the FWF project P19866-G15 „Philosophy
and Medicine in Early Classical India II“.
- 07/2008 – 08/2008 Study excursion to Nepal (On ritual and temple cult in the Kathmandu
valley).
- 07/2006 – 09/2006 Private study visit in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 02/2004 – 03/2004 Private study visit in Varanasi, India (private Hindi instructions).

Teaching

- 03/2025–06–2025 “Galle, Wind und Schleim: Mensch und Umwelt im frühen Ayurveda” (Bile,
Wind, and Phlegm: People and Their Environment in Early Ayurveda),
proseminar, University of Vienna.
- 10/2023 – 01/2024 “Krise im alten Indien: Konzeptionen, Zuständigkeiten, Gegenmaßnahmen”
(Crisis in Ancient India: Conceptions, Responsibilities, Countermeasures),
proseminar, University of Vienna.
- 10/2021 – 01/2022 – “Medizin als Balanceakt: Ein Überblick über die Geschichte des Ayurveda”
(Medicine as a balancing act: an overview on the history of Ayurveda),
lecture, University of Vienna.
– “Savannah, jungle, mountains, desert: Conceptions of landscape in ancient
South Asia,” Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.
- 03/2021 – 06/2021 “Dharma und die Gründe für Leid im Ayurveda” (Dharma and the causes of
suffering in Ayurveda), Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.
- 03/2020 – 06/2020 – “Doṣas, Dhātus, Mahābhūtas – Ordnungssysteme im klassischen Ayurveda”
(Doṣas, Dhātus, Mahābhūtas: systems of classification in classical Ayurveda),
proseminar, University of Vienna.
– “Medizin für Gesunde? Rasāyana in der Carakasamhita” (Medicine for the
healthy? Rasāyana in the Carakasamhitā), Sanskrit reading course, University
of Vienna.
- 05/2019 „Savannah, Jungle, Mountains, Desert: Conceptions of Landscape in Ancient
South Asia.“ Sanskrit reading course during an ERASMUS stay, Eötvös Loránd
University, Budapest.
- 03/2019 – 06/2019 “Geschützte Arbeitsplätze, Scheidungsrecht, Arbeitnehmerschutz – Lektüre
ausgewählter Texte zu sozialen Ansätzen im Arthaśāstra” (Protected jobs,
divorce law, protection of employees – selected texts on approaches to social
issues in the Arthaśāstra), Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.
- 10/2018 – 01/2019 “Epische Wildnis: Die Bedeutung der unkultivierten Natur im indischen Epos”
(Epic wilderness: The significance of uncultivated nature in the Indian epics.),
proseminar, University of Vienna.
- 03/2018 – 06/2018 “Die Jahreszeiten im klassischen Ayurveda” (The seasons of the year in
classical Ayurveda), Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.
- 10/2017 – 01/2018 “Wie man ein Königreich führt – Streifzüge durchs Arthaśāstra” (How to lead
a kingdom: A journey through the Arthaśāstra), proseminar, University of
Vienna.
- 05/2017 – 06/2017 “Was ist eigentlich ein Dschungel? Umwelt und Landschaft in der
Vorstellungswelt des alten Indien” (What in fact is a jungle? Environment and

- landscape in the imagination of ancient India), proseminar, University of Vienna.
- 10/2016 – 01/2017 “Begleitende Übung zur Einführung in das klassische Sanskrit I” (Introduction to classical Sanskrit I – additional practice), Sanskrit beginners training, University of Vienna.
- 03/2016 – 06/2016 “Mahābhārata, kurz gefasst: Lektüre ausgewählter Stellen der Rahmen-erzählung” (The Mahābhārata in short: Selected passages from the narrative framework), Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.
- 03/2015 – 06/2015 “Doṣas, Dhātus, Mahābhūtas – Ordnungssysteme im klassischen Ayurveda” (Doṣas, Dhātus, Mahābhūtas: systems of classification in classical Ayurveda), proseminar, Vienna.
- 10/2011 – 01/2012 “Das Wasser in der klassischen Sanskrit-Literatur” (Water in classical Sanskrit literature), proseminar, University of Vienna.
- 03/2011 – 6/2011 “Die Jahreszeiten im klassischen Ayurveda” (The seasons in classical Ayurveda), Sanskrit reading course, University of Vienna.

Voluntary Work and academic service

- 01/2020 – present Initiator and organizer of the initiative for Fair Open Access Publishing in South Asian Studies (<https://foasas.org>).
- 07/2001 – 06/2005 Member and chairman of the students representation of Indology, Vienna (including memberships in study commissions, participation in the development of new curricula, website development and management, various consulting services for students, etc.).

Language Skills

- Modern languages: German (native speaker), English (fluent) French, Hungarian, Nepali, Hindi (basic knowledge).
- Ancient languages: Sanskrit, Latin (advanced), Pali, Ancient Greek, Classical Tibetan (basic knowledge).

IT Skills

- High expertise: MS Office and Open/Libre Office, Adobe Indesign, Photoshop and Illustrator, Classical Text Editor, LaTeX, html.
- Basic knowledge: Server administration, setup and administration of diverse CMSs (Mediawiki, Textpattern, Wordpress, Drupal, Archon), TEI XML.
- Systems: Experience with Windows, OS X and various Linux distributions.