

# Dr. Stefan Köck, Curriculum Vitae

Born in 1967, Castrop-Rauxel, Germany. Lives in Vienna employed as postdoctoral research fellow at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. German citizen.

## *Areas of Research*

- Dynamics of Religion and Society in Medieval Japan History of Esoteric Buddhism in Japan
- Development of the Tachikawa-branch of Shingon Buddhism
- Interactions of Buddhism and Autochthonous Religions in Japan
- History of German-Japanese Scientific Relations, esp. Research on the former Japan-Institut Berlin
- Religion and Society in Premodern Japan, esp. Religious Control via Shintō Shrines

## *Present Position*

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (Institut für Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens).

## *Academic Education*

- 2007 Ph.D. at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Dissertation Title: *Das Juhō-yōjin-shū [Sammlung von der Wachsamkeit beim Empfangen buddhistischer Lehren] des Mönches Shinjō als Apologie der Shingon-Schule gegenüber konkurrierenden Lehren in der Provinz Echizen um 1270* (The Juhō-yōjin-shū [Collection on Vigilance when Receiving Buddhist Teachings] of the Monk Shinjō Understood as Apology against Competing Teachings in the Province of Echizen around 1270).
- 1999–2001 Monbushō Scholarship to study Esoteric Buddhism in the Japanese Middle Ages at University of Tōkyō. Academic Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sueki Fumihiko.
- 1999 University Price for Students awarded by the Ruhr-University for the M.A. Thesis *Grundzüge des Tachikawa-ryū. Dargestellt unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Situation in der mittleren Kamakura-Zeit* (Fundamentals of the Tachikawa-ryū. Presented with Special Emphasis on the Situation in Mid Kamakura Times).
- 1998 M.A. at Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Faculty of East-Asian Studies.
- 1991–1992 Studies on Japanese Language and Culture at Waseda University, Tōkyō.
- 1988 Matriculation in Bochum to study Japanology, Ancient History and Indology.

## *Professional Experience*

- 2006–2016 Lecturer, Department of Japanese History, Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

- 2015–2016 Project Supervisor, Reconstruction of the Holdings of the Former Japan Institute Berlin (1926 – 1945), funded by Toshiba International Foundation.
- 2010 Co-organiser, Workshop of the Käthe Hamburger Kolleg Dynamics in the History of Religions: Discourses of Purity in Transcultural Perspective (300–1600), Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Supported by Grants from the Thyssen-Foundation.
- 2010–2015 Editorial work on the Conference Proceedings *Discourses of Purity in Transcultural Perspective* together with Matthias Bley and Nikolas Jaspert. Published as Vol. 7 of *Dynamics in the History of Religions*, Leiden: Brill 2015.
- 2009–2013 Member of the Advisory Board of the Landesspracheninstitut Nordrhein-Westfalen (LSI).
- 2009–2011 Negotiation of a Partnership Agreement between Okayama University and Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Agreement signed in August 2011.
- 2008–2013 Editor of the series *Veröffentlichungen des Ostasieninstituts der Ruhr-Universität Bochum* (VOAI) (Volumes 55/2, 55/3, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64).
- 2008–2009 Negotiation of a Partnership Agreement between Fukushima University and Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Agreement signed in October 2009.
- 2006–2017 Co-editor of the *Bochumer Jahrbuch zur Ostasienforschung / Bochum Yearbook of East Asian Studies* (BJOAF).
- 2006–2016 Curator of the Ruhr-Universität Bochum's Sieboldiana-Collection.
- 2006–2013 Supervisor of the Academic Exchange Programs with Nihon University, Fukushima University (since 2008), Okayama University (since 2011), and Niigata University (since 2012).
- 1998–2013 Collaboration in the Project of Translating the Dictionary *Sōgō-bukkyō-daijiten* [Large General Dictionary of Buddhism], Ekō House, Düsseldorf.