

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LANGUAGES

Dutch (native)
English (near native)
German (excellent command)
French (good passive working knowledge)
Classical Literary Tibetan (very good command)
Central Tibetan (good command)
A-mdo Tibetan (good working knowledge)
Mandarin (basic) & Classical Chinese (basic)
Sanskrit (good command; out of practice)

MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH

Tibetan genealogy, kinship and ethnicity

EMPLOYMENT

Aug. 2020 –	IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences Associate researcher
Dec. 2019	FWF (Austrian Science Fund) Work contract (article on Tibetan ancestor cults)
Mar. 2015 – Sept. 2019	IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences Researcher in the FWF project SFB-F42, “Visions of Community: Comparative Approaches to Ethnicity, Region and Empire in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism (400-1600 CE)”
Oct. 2018 – Feb. 2019	ISTB, University of Vienna

Teaching position, BA course “Klöster und Klane: Visionen von Gemeinschaft in tibetisch-historischer Literatur”
2012 – 2013 **IAAW, Humboldt University of Berlin**
Teaching position, advanced Classical Tibetan reading course (substitute teacher for Prof. Toni Huber)
Research assistant to Humboldt Fellow dr. Alok Kanungo

EDUCATION

Sept. 2015 – PhD Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin. Dissertation: *Bones and Thrones: Genealogy, Kinship and Community in the post-imperial Tibetan Highlands.*
2011 – 2014 Master Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin. Thesis: *Clans of Reb-gong? The Tsho-ba of a Tibetan Agricultural Village* (grade: 1.0)
2006 – 2011 Bachelor Religious Studies, Leiden University.
Thesis: *Citing Sūtra Second-Hand: Sūtra, Śāstra & Other Sources in Tsongkhapa's Lamrim Chenmo* (grade: 9/10, awarded faculty prize)
Jun. – Nov. 2010 Summer school colloquial Tibetan (advanced, grade: A), Rangjung Yeshe Institute & private study colloquial and Classical Tibetan, Kathmandu
Jun. – Aug. 2009 Summer school colloquial Central Tibetan (beginner), Rangjung Yeshe Inst.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Aug. – Sep. 2018 Nomadic communities in Khams (Nangqen, Yushu, Qinghai, PRC)
Dharamshala & sMan-ri Monastery (Himachal Pradesh, India)
Feb. – Apr. 2017 Chengdu (Sichuan, PRC) & Tibetan exile communities in northern India
2013 Agricultural community in A-mdo (Tongren, Huangnan, Qinghai, PRC)

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming. “Buried Bones and Buddhas Beyond: Ancestor Cults, Buddhism and the Transcendentalization of Religion.” In: G. Hazod, M. Fermer & C. Jahoda, eds. *The Social and the Religious in the Making of Tibetan Societies*. Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press.
Forthcoming. “The “Clan Castles” of Khams: Critical Edition and Study of an Annotated Funerary Ritual Manual from 17th c. Nang chen and sDe dge.”

Accepted for publication. "The Singular Volume of the Rlangs (*Rlangs-kyi-po-ti-bse-ru*): The Ancestral Records of a Central Tibetan Ruling House (c. 1400)." In: D. Ó Riain, D. Mahoney & G. Vocino, eds. *Medieval Biographical Collections: Perspectives from Buddhist, Christian and Islamic Worlds*. Leiden: Brill.

w/ Giorgia Vocino & Veronika Wieser, *accepted for publication.* "Writing Strategies." In: D. Ó Riain, D. Mahoney & G. Vocino. *Medieval Biographical Collections: Perspectives from Buddhist, Christian and Islamic Worlds*. Leiden: Brill.

2019. "Historical Social Organisation on the Eastern Tibetan Plateau: The Territorial Origins and Etymology of *tsho-ba*." In: *Inner Asia*, vol. 21(1): 7–37.

2018. "Chasing the Colours of the Rainbow: Tibetan Ethnogenealogies in Flux." In: *The Medieval History Journal*, vol. 21(2): 328–64.

2017. "Descent and Houses in Reb gong: Group Formation and Rules of Recruitment Among Eastern Tibetan *tsho ba*." In: *Archiv Orientální*, supplementa x. *Mapping Amdo: Dynamics of Change*, J. Ptáčková & A. Zenz, eds. Prague: Oriental Institute: 155–83.

ORGANIZATION & CATALOGUING

Interdisciplinary panel "Strategies of Othering in Medieval Eurasia"

International Medieval Conference, University of Leeds, 3–6 July 2017.

International workshop "Historicizing Tibetan Genealogies"

IKGA, Vienna, 19–22 March 2018.

Preparation of a catalog of Prof. Michael Oppitz's private collection of Sherpa manuscripts
Berlin, 2019.

LECTURES (SELECTION)

"Where the Dead Dwell: Cult, Cosmology and Clan."

International Symposium "Exploring Himalayan Textual Heritage. Symposium in Memoriam René Nebesky-Wojkowitz (1923-1959) and his Text Collections at the Weltmuseum Wien,"
Weltmuseum, Vienna, 14–15 Nov. 2019.

"Boons from Bones: Dead Ancestors & Buried Treasure."

"Asian Treasure Traditions Seminar," Wolfson College, University of Oxford, 21 May 2019.

"Early Medieval Europe in a Global Context: Ethnicity and Religion."

(Together with Prof. Walter Pohl). International Conference "Adventures in Comparison. The Global Middle Ages," Theatersaal, ÖAW, Vienna, 21–22 Feb. 2019.