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LANGUAGES

Dutch (native)	Classical Literary Tibetan (highly proficient)
English (near-native)	Colloquial Central Tibetan (proficient)
German (near-native)	Colloquial A-mdo Tibetan (conversational)
French (passive reading skills)	Sanskrit (advanced)
Classical Chinese (basic)	Mandarin (basic)

EMPLOYMENT

03/2021 - present	Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA), Austrian
	Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
	Postdoctoral researcher in the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project P 34212,
	Buddhist Narratives and 'Tibetan' Ethnogenesis (on parental leave in Oct. 2021 &
	Aug–Oct. 2022)
03/2015 - 12/2020	IKGA, ÖAW
	Doctoral researcher in the interdisciplinary project SFB-F42, Visions of
	Community: Comparative Approaches to Ethnicity, Region and Empire in
	Christianity, Islam and Buddhism (400-1600 CE)
10/2018 - 02/2019	Institute for South-Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies (ISTB), University
	of Vienna
	Seminar 'Clans and Cloisters: Visions of Community in Tibetan Historical
	Literature'
2012 - 2013	Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin
	Seminar Advanced Reading of Classical Tibetan Literature

12/2015 - 02/2021

GRANTS

€ 334,413.24 Conception and writing of the application for the FWF Project *Buddhist Narratives* & *'Tibetan' Ethnogenesis* (project leader: Dr. Pascale Hugon). Approved in the board meeting of 23/11/2020.

EDUCATION

Dr. phil. Central Asian Studies

Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany), *summa cum laude* (supervisor: Prof. Dr. Toni Huber) Dissertation: 'Bones and Thrones: Genealogy, Community and Kinship in the Post-Imperial Tibetan Highlands' (submitted on 3/2/2021, defended on 14/3/2022)

MA Central Asian Studies 2011 – 2014

Humboldt University of Berlin, grade average: 1,1

Thesis: 'Clans of Reb-gong? The *Tsho-ba* of a Tibetan Agricultural Village' (grade: 1,0)

BA Religious Studies 2006 – 2011

Leiden University (the Netherlands), grade average: 8,2/10

Thesis: 'Citing Sūtra Second-Hand: Sūtra, Śāstra & Other Sources in Tsongkhapa's *Lamrim chenmo*' (grade: 9,0/10, awarded institute prize for best thesis)

06/2010 – 11/2010 Summer school colloquial Tibetan (advanced), Rangjung Yeshe Institute (RYI) (grade: A) and private study of Tibetan, Kathmandu, Nepal

06/2009 – 08/2009 Summer school colloquial Tibetan (beginner), RYI (grade: A)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

08/2018 - 09/2019	Nomadic regions in Khams (Nang-chen in Yushu, Qinghai, China)	
	Sman-ri Monastery & Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh, India)	
02/2017 - 04/2017	Chengdu (Sichuan, China) & Tibetan exile communities in India	
09/2013 - 11/2013	Agricultural village in A-mdo (Reb-gong in Huangnan, Qinghai)	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, historiography, ethnicity and identity, kinship, ritual

MISCELLANEOUS

2022	Co-organization Workshop Current Ventures in Tibetan Intellectual, Textual and Social
	History, IKGA & ISTB (Apr. 5 th)
2022	Co-organization IATS panel Nation & Ethnicity in the Tibetan Highlands (July 5 th)
2019	Cataloguing of the Sherpa manuscript collection of Prof. Michael Oppitz, Berlin
2018	Organization international workshop Historicizing Tibetan Genealogies, IKGA, Vienna
	(March 19 th -22 nd)
2016	Co-organization IATS panel Tibetan Kinship and Social Organisation (June 20th)

LECTURES (SELECTION)

- 'Sūtra in Early Buddhist Treasure Texts.' Oxford Treasure Seminar Series, Wolfson College, University of Oxford (08.05.2023).
- 'Avalokiteśvara in Dunhuang and Tibet. The Development of a Bodhisattva's Mythology.' Buddhist Road Guest Lecture, Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr University Bochum (Feb. 8th, 2023).
- 'On the Trail of a Thousand-year-Old Tale. The Buddhist Dissemination of an Ethnic Origin Myth.' 16th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Charles University, Prague (July 5th, 2022).
- 'Buddhism and the Rise of the Tibetans (*bod pa*). Religion, Myth and the Promotion of Ethnicity in the Pre-modern Period.' *Tibetan Graduate Studies Seminar*, University of Oxford (Nov. 5th, 2020).
- 'Where the Dead Dwell. Cult, Cosmology and Clan.' *Exploring Himalayan Textual Heritage*, Weltmuseum, Vienna (Nov. 15th, 2019).
- 'Boons from Bones. Dead Ancestors & Buried Treasure.' *Asian Treasure Traditions Seminar*, Wolfson College, University of Oxford (May 21st, 2019).
- 'Early Medieval Europe in a Global Context. Ethnicity and Religion' (with Prof. Walter Pohl). Adventures in Comparison. The Global Middle Ages, Theatersaal, ÖAW, Vienna (Feb. 21st, 2019).
- 'Tales of Foreign Descent in Tibetan Ruling House Genealogies.' International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds (May 7th, 2017).

PUBLICATIONS

In press. 'Replacing a Pillar of Tibetan Buddhist Historiography. On the Redactions of the So-called *Pillar Testament (bKa'-chems-ka-khol-ma)*.' In: *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*. (18,000 words).

In press. Review of Fjeld, Heidi. The Return of Polyandry: Kinship and Marriage in Central Tibet.

New York & Oxford: Berghahn. In: The Journal of Asian Studies.

- 2022. 'Buried Bones and Buddhas Beyond. Ancestor Cults in 17th-century Khams and the Transcendentalisation of Tibetan Religion.' In: G. Hazod, M. Fermer & C. Jahoda (Hrsg.), *The Social and the Religious in the Making of Tibetan Societies*. Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, pp. 283–308.
- 2022. 'Biography and Hierarchy. The Tibetan Ruling House of Phag-mo-gru and the Singular Volume of the Rlangs (Rlangs-kyi-po-ti-bse-ru).' In: Medieval Biographical Collections: Perspectives from Buddhist, Christian and Islamic Worlds. Special edition of Medieval Worlds. Comparative & Interdisciplinary Studies 15: 75–94.
- 2022 (with Giorgia Vocino & Veronika Wieser). 'Writing Strategies.' In: Medieval Biographical Collections: Perspectives from Buddhist, Christian and Islamic Worlds. Special edition of Medieval Worlds. Comparative & Interdisciplinary Studies 15: 23–35.
- 2021. 'The "Clan Castles" of Khams. Critical Editions and Provenance of Two 17thc. Funerary Manuals.' In: D. Lange, J. Ptáčková, M. Wettstein & M. Wulff (eds.), *Crossing Boundaries: Tibetan Studies Unlimited*. Prag: Academia, pp. 78–96.
- 2019. 'Historical Social Organisation on the Eastern Tibetan Plateau. The Territorial Origins and Etymology of *tsho-ba*.' In: *Inner Asia 21*(1): 7–37.
- 2018. 'Chasing the Colours of the Rainbow. Tibetan Ethnogenealogies in Flux.' In: *The Medieval History Journal 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, pp. 155–83.