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## Research Interests

- Buddhist and non-Buddhist theories of perception and their historical development in premodern South Asia
- Intellectual exchange between South Asian Buddhist Abhidharma, Yogācāra, and epistemological literature
- Yogic cognition/perception, its varieties and cultivation, and the soteriological functions ascribed to such events

## Education

### University of Vienna

Vienna, Austria

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE IN TIBETAN AND BUDDHIST STUDIES

October 2020 – Present

- Dissertation: Conflicting Accounts of Perception in the South Asian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition: The Case of Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika* – supervised by Prof. Dr. Birgit Kellner

### Naropa University

Boulder, Colorado

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES WITH LANGUAGE

August 2017 – May 2020

- Concentration in South Asian and Tibetan Buddhism; GPA: 3.98/4
- Honor's Thesis: Toward a New Reading of Dignāga's *Pramāṇasamuccaya*(*vṛtti*) 1.8cd–10 – supervised by Dr. Ben Williams

### Wesleyan University

Middletown, Connecticut

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

August 2011 – May 2015

## Employment

### Institute for the Intellectual and Cultural History of Asia

Vienna, Austria

PHD STUDENT POSITION

August 2022 – Present

- Working on dissertation and assisting the IKGA's *Epistemology and Argumentation in South Asia and Tibet* project

## Languages

- Sanskrit** Four and a half years of classical Sanskrit || Primary research language
- Tibetan** Five years of classical Tibetan || Primary research language
- German** Reading of scholarship || Secondary research language
- Russian** Conversational speaking; Reading
- English** Native language; Two years experience teaching English as a foreign language

## Extracurricular

### Vienna Summer School on Epistemology in Premodern South Asia

Vienna, Austria

HOSTED BY THE ISTB & THE IKGA

July 2022

- Readings from Rāmānuja, Vātsyāyana, Bhartṛhari, Dharmakīrti, Pūjyapāda Devanandin, Kṛṣṇadāsa Sārvabhauma, and Jayatīrtha

### Intermediate Sanskrit Summer Intensive

Kathmandu, Nepal

RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

June 2019 – August 2019

- Final Project: Translation of Vātsyāyana's *Nyāyabhāṣya ad Nyāyasūtra* 1.1.3