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## FIELDS OF RESEARCH

Japanese medieval culture and literature; medieval history of Shintō; early modern and modern history of Shintō; Hachiman worship (8th –17th c.); Japanese mythology; history of Japanese Studies; history of Shintō Studies; State Shintō; history of Buddhism.

## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 1979–1980 Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna: study of Painting.
- 1980–1984 University of Vienna (UV): study of Cultural and Social Anthropology.
- 1984–1993 UV: study of Japanese Language and Culture.
- 1994–1996 Waseda University, Tokyo: study of Eastern Philosophy (Monbusho Scholarship).
- 1996–1999 UV, Institute for Japanese Studies: PhD study on Shinto (“Yoshida Shinto: Eine esoterische Lehre des japanischen Spätmittelalters”, advisor: Sepp Linhart, co-advisor: Andre Gingrich).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1990–1994 Austrian Academy of Sciences (AAS), Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA): research on the history of old age in Japan, sponsored by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), direction: Sepp Linhart.
- 1997–2001 AAS, IKGA: FWF project on Yoshida Shinto (direction: Sepp Linhart).
- 2001– AAS, IKGA: permanent research position.
- 2001– UV, Department of East Asian Studies (DEAS): external lecturer on Japanese religion.
- 2007–2008 AAS, IKGA: vice-director (director: Ernst Steinkellner).
- 2011–2019 UV, DEAS: MA supervision (Stefan Fiala, Jürgen Ritzmann, Brigitte Pickl-Kolaczia, Dominika Bucikova, Patrick Elmer).
- 2012 University of Göttingen, Dept. of Religious Studies: visiting professor.

- 2016–2023 AAS, IKGA: FWF project on Early Modern Shinto, project direction (research: Stefan Köck, PhD Bochum, and Brigitte Pickl-Kolaczia, MA Vienna).
- 2017– UV, DEAS: PhD supervision (Brigitte Pickl-Kolaczia).

#### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2009 University of California, Santa Barbara: short-listed for the International Shinto Foundation Endowed Chair in Shinto Studies.
- 2015– Bloomsbury Shinto Studies (series editor Fabio Rambelli): editorial board.
- 2019– Brill’s Encyclopedia of Buddhism, vol. 3, Doctrines: co-editor on East Asian Buddhism.

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 1990–1996 “Old Age and Aging in the Japanese Medieval Period”
- 1996– “History of Shinto”; Subtopics: “Yoshida Shinto” (since 1996); “Shinto and Nationalism” (since 2007); “Hachiman” (since 2008); “Early Modern Shinto” (since 2016)

#### DIGITAL PROJECTS

- 2001– “Religion-in-Japan: Ein Webhandbuch,” [www.univie.ac.at/rel\\_jap/an](http://www.univie.ac.at/rel_jap/an)
- 2010– “Kamigraphie: Ein Wiki-Projekt zur Ikonographie und Ikonologie japanischer Gottheiten,” [www.univie.ac.at/rel\\_jap/kami](http://www.univie.ac.at/rel_jap/kami)
- 2016–2019 “Deutschsprachige Japan-Bibliographie 1980–2000,” [www.oeaw.ac.at/jb80](http://www.oeaw.ac.at/jb80)

#### MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

- 1996 Bernhard Scheid, *Im Innersten meines Herzens empfinde ich tiefe Scham: Das Alter im Schrifttum des japanischen Mittelalters*. Vienna: AAS.
- 2001 Bernhard Scheid, *Der Eine und Einzige Weg der Götter: Yoshida Kanetomo und die Erfindung des Shinto*. Vienna: AAS.
- 2002 Mark Teeuwen, Bernhard Scheid (eds.), *Tracing Shinto in the History of Kami Worship*. (Special Issue of *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* 29:3–4.) Nagoya: Nanzan Institute for Religion & Culture.
- 2006 Bernhard Scheid, Mark Teeuwen (eds.), *The Culture of Secrecy in Japanese Religion*. London, New York: Routledge.
- 2013 Bernhard Scheid (ed.), with Kate Wildman Nakai, *Kami Ways in Nationalist Territory: Shinto Studies in Prewar Japan and the West*. Vienna: AAS.

- 2015 Max Deeg, Bernhard Scheid (eds.), *Religion in China: Majority Concepts and Minority Positions*. Vienna: AAS.

#### ORGANIZATION OF MAJOR ACADEMIC EVENTS

- 2003 European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), 10th International Conference, Warsaw, section “Religion and History of Ideas”: convener.
- 2004 AAS, international symposium “The Culture of Secrecy in Japanese Religion”: main organizer.
- 2005 EAJS, 11th International Conference, Vienna: organizing board.
- 2007 AAS, international symposium “Shinto Studies and Nationalism”: main organizer.
- 2018 AAS, international symposium “Control, repression, and tolerance in early modern Japanese religion”: main organizer.
- 2019 AAS, interdisciplinary workshop series “Global Eurasia”: section head.

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS

- mother tongue: German
- fluent: English, Japanese
- reading ability: French, Italian, Dutch
- almost forgotten: Latin, Ancient Greek

#### ADDITIONAL INTERESTS/ HOBBIES

- Computer languages: HTML, CSS, Javascript, MediaWiki, XML
- The game of Go: 1990, 1992, 1998, 1999, 2003, and 2004 Winner of the Austrian National Go-Championship. Austrian representative at World Amateur Go Championships in Japan, China, and Korea.