

Dr. Eva-Maria Knoll: *Curriculum Vitae*

Current Coordinates

Born 1968 in Vienna, Austria

Affiliation: Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA), Austrian Academy of Sciences (since 2001)

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Academic Education and Professional Career

since 2007	Tenure (“Entfristung”) at the Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA), Austrian Academy of Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">- since 2022 Coordinator of ISA’s library- 2016–2019 Coordinator of ISA’s regional group “Southeast Asia and Islands of the Indian Ocean”- 2001–2019 Finance, Human Resources & Third Party Funding Coordinator- since 2010 Member of ISA’s Ethics Review Board- 2009–2013 Co-leader of ISA’s “TI – Theoretical Impulses” discussion series- 2008–2010 Staff representative deputy- 2001–2015 Coordinator of ISA’s advanced training
2011	Dr. phil. in Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna. Doctoral Thesis: “ <i>Navigating Socio-technical and Moral Landscapes: Reproductive Tourism in Europe</i> ” (advisor Prof. Ulrike Felt, Department of Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna)
2002–2005	Research Assistant at the Center for Advanced Gender Studies, University of Vienna
since 2001	Researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences
2001	Mag. phil. in Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna; Diploma Thesis: „ <i>Reproduktionsmedizinische Imaginationen – Überlegungen zum österreichischen IVF-Diskurs aus ethnologisch-feministischer Perspektive</i> “
1985–1994	Professional career as a financial administrator with tax consultants, an environmental NGO, and a tourism company

Academic Projects & Conference Organization

05/2023	Workshop “Cholera in the Indian Ocean World since the Nineteenth Century” (together with Vivek Neelakantan, ISA Guest Researcher), 24 May 2023, Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences
05/2023	Brocher Foundation workshop “Rare Diseases, Global Health, and Social Sciences: Counterbalancing Biomedical Reductionism” (together with Malgorzata Rajtar, Polish Academy of Sciences), Brocher Foundation 9-11 May, 2023, Hermance, Switzerland https://www.brocher.ch/en/events/463/rare-diseases-and-global-health
01/2022	Panel “‘Awkward Collaborations’ in Studying People with Chronic and Rare Diseases” (together with Malgorzata Rajtar, Polish Academy of Sciences), RAI Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology Conference, London (online)
11/2021	Panel “Anthropology and Knowledge Production in Rare Diseases” (together with Malgorzata Rajtar, Polish Academy of Sciences), AAA – American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting 17–21 Nov., 2021, Baltimore, USA (online)
07/2021	Panel “Between the Mainland and the Deep Blue Sea: Transformation and Continuity in South Asian Islands and Littorals” (together with Frank Heidemann, LMU Munich), ECSAS 2020 – 6th European Conference on South Asian (online)
09/2020	Panel “‘Smallness’ as an Analytic Category in Medical Anthropology” (together with Malgorzata Rajtar, Polish Academy of Sciences), Vienna Anthropology Days (VANDA) (online)
10/2019	Organizing Committee: Workshop Capacity, Competence & Confidence: Building the Three Cs for Patient Organisations, 12–13 Oct., Hamburg, by TIF – Thalassaemia International Federation
03/2019	Organizing Committee: 2 nd Delegation Visit of TIF –Thalassaemia International Federation to Austria
since 2019	Founding Coordinator: “THALSIFO – Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Forum” Austria
since 2018	Project: SSHRC Partnership “Appraising Risk, Past and Present: Interrogating Historical Data to Enhance Understanding of Environmental Crises in the Indian Ocean World”, under the directorship of Professor Gwyn Campbell, Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC), McGill University, CA Steering Committee (2020–2022) Subproject: Health and Environmental Challenges in Indian Ocean Islands and Shoreline Countries https://www.oeaw.ac.at/isa/forschung/seaindo/healthandenvironmentalchallenges/

since 2018	Project: “Genetic Responsibility & Remoteness” https://www.oeaw.ac.at/isa/forschung/suedostasien-und-inselwelt-im-indischen-ozean/genetische-verantwortung-remoteness
09/2018	Conference Committee European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS) 2020/21
09/2018	Organizing Committee: Delegation Visit of TIF –Thalassaemia International Federation to Austria
2017	Conference Committee: „Transfigurations: Medicine Shaping Society Shaping Medicine“, Medical Anthropology Tri-National Conference Basel, Switzerland
2015	Local Organizing Committee: “EUROSEAS – European Association for Southeast Asian Studies”, University of Vienna, Austria http://www.univie.ac.at/euroseas2015/
2013-2021	Associate Scholar: , Max Planck Fellow Group „Connectivity in Motion: Port Cities of the Indian Ocean” (01 Oct., 2013–31 Dec., 2020) of MPI-Fellow Burkhard Schnepel, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany http://www.eth.mpg.de/2952665/mpfg02
2013–2016	Project: Danube Beach and Coral Reef: Impulses, innovations, interactions and interdependence Vienna / Male’ (City of Vienna - MA7)
2012–2017	Project: Health-related Mobility and Tourism in the Republic of Maldives, Indian Ocean (ISA)
2011–2019	“VISCOM – Visions of Community” FSP (FWZ0049) of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), financial coordinator for project part P03 – “South Arabia between Antiquity and Modernity” https://viscom.ac.at/project-team/south-arabia/
2010–2013	“Camels in Asia and North-Africa”, interdisciplinary workshop and publication project on Old World Camels’ significance in past and present
2005–2011	Translational Research Project: (FWF L64-G04) “Handbuch Globalisierung Face to Face – Ethnologische Erkenntnisse für die Praxis” (Handbook Globalization Face to Face – Ethnological insights for practical use) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Results are published in 2011 “ <i>Lexikon der Globalisierung</i> ”, transcript (ranked as no. 7 on the German List of Non-fiction Best Sellers May 2012 / listed as one of 10 most important books for understanding „tomorrow’s world“ by Book Culture (Austria), ECO-special issue July 2012)
2000–2007	Researcher and Finance Administrator and of the FWF Wittgenstein 2000 research project: “Local Identities and Wider Influences”, directed by Andre Gingrich at the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Ethnographic Field Work, Visiting Scholarships, Archival Studies

10-12/2022	Fieldwork on Genetic Responsibility & Remoteness and epidemic health history, Male’ and Faavu, Thaa, Laamu Atolls, Republic of Maldives
07/2019	Visiting Scholar: Thalassaemia International Federation, Nicosia, Cyprus
10–12/2018	Fieldwork on Genetic Responsibility & Remoteness, Male’ and Haa Atoll, Republic of Maldives
12/2017-01/2018	Exploratory fieldtrip to Baa Atoll, Republic of Maldives, on remoteness and health equity
11/2017	WHO Archive Geneva, Switzerland
04/2017	Exploratory fieldtrip to Haa Atoll, Republic of Maldives, on remoteness and thalassaemia management
09–10/2016	Visiting Scholar: Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University Montreal, Canada
03/2016	ITB – International Tourism Convention Berlin. Official Partner Country 2016: Republic of Maldives (participant observer)
2015/2016	Museum, archival and ethnographic field sojourn: Colombo and Kandy, Sri Lanka
03–05/2015	Fieldwork on Thalassaemia governance in the Republic of Maldives in cooperation with Maldivian Blood Services
03–04/2014	Fieldwork for the project Danube Beach and Coral Reef and Dhivehi language study in the Republic of Maldives; exploratory visit to the Maldivian expat community in Kerala, India
03/2013	Dhivehi language study in the Republic of Maldives
11/2012	Fieldwork on bone marrow transplantation for Maldivian Thalassaemia patients in Pescara, Italy
06–07/2012	Dhivehi language study in the Republic of Maldives
11/2011–01/2012	Fieldwork on health-related mobility in the Republic of Maldives in cooperation with Male’ Health Corporation
12/2010–01/2011	Exploratory fieldtrip to the Republic of Maldives
2004–2006	Short time explorations on reproductive tourism in selected fertility clinics in Budapest, Lisbon, Ljubljana, London, Riga, Vienna, and observations in internet exchange forums
2000	Participant observation in a self-help group for involuntary childless couples in Austria

National & International Lectures, Academic Conferences & Teaching

Baltimore 2021 (online); Basle 2017; Berlin 2008; Budmerice 2010; Denver 2015; Göttingen 2002; Graz 2012; Halle (Saale) 2014, 2009; Landskrona 2012; Linz (regional hospital) 2013; Ljubljana 2004; London 2022 (online), 2018, 2016; Munich

2022, 2021 (online); Mytilini (Lesvos) 2016; Montreal 2016; Piran 2002; Singapore 2015; St John, Newfoundland, CA 2021; Thessaloniki 2017; Terschelling 2018; Ulaanbaatar 2011; Warsaw 2022, Yale 2009; Zadar 2022, Zagreb 2014

(Selection):

Paper *“When Rareness Meets Smallness: Therapeutic remoteness in the Maldives”*, 18th ISISA - 'Islands of the World' Conference, University of Zadar, 13-17 June 2022, Zadar and surrounding islands

Paper *“Registering Remoteness: Haemoglobinopathies in Austria”*, Workshop: Assemblages of Rare Diseases. Rare Disease Social Research Center (RDSRC), Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw 10–11 March, 2022

Paper *“Collaborating in Globalizing Haemoglobinopathies”*, RAI Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology Conference 18–21 January, 2022

Paper *“Therapeutic Remoteness: Unmet Needs in Rare Inherited Blood Disorders”*, AAA – American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting 17–21 Nov., 2021. Baltimore, USA

Paper *“Biomedical Remoteness and Service Decentralization in the Maldivian Islands”* ECSAS 2020 – 6th European Conference on South Asian Studies, Vienna 26–29 July, 2021

Paper *“Tracing a Cross-Maritime Trajectory: Lessons of Work Migration and Therapeutic Remoteness”*, 17th ISISA - 'Islands of the World' Conference, Memorial University, St John's, Newfoundland, CA, 14–18 June, 2021

“Haemoglobinopathies – A Global Health Challenge”. Invited talk. Capacity Building Project „Train the trainers“, Modul Global Health SFU Vienna & FU Berlin, 25 May 2021

“Thinking Epidemics through Islandness – Producing Epidemic Islandness”. Invited talk. Workshop “Thinking through Islandness” Organized by Philipp Schorch and Frank Heidemann. LMU Munich, 23–24 April, 2021 (online)

“Identifying Unmet Needs: An Austrian Perspective”. Session 12: Achieving Healthcare Reforms through Patient Advocacy. TIF European Thalassaemia & Sickle Cell Disease online Symposium, 11–13 Dec., 2020

“Haemoglobinopathies and Remoteness: Treatment and Prevention in the Maldives and Austria”. Invited Lecture Online Seminar Society and Technologies on Health and Illness. Rare Disease Social Research Center (RDSRC), Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS), 24. Oct., 2020

„Thalassämie und Sichelzellerkrankheit. Zur Geschichte einer globalen medizinischen Herausforderung“, Invited lecture 06.03.2020, LV „Leben mit chronischer Krankheit“, Pflegeakademie der Barmherzigen Brüder Wien

„Mobilität, Konnektivität und therapeutische Remoteness im maledivischen Archipel“, Invited lecture: Institutskolloquium „Anthropologie der Insel“ 09.01.2020, Institute for European Ethnology, Vienna University

Advanced training for physicians (invited, DFP accredited): *“Thalassämie – Klinik, Diagnose und Patientenaktivität”*, Oct. 2019 Labors.at; *“Thalassämie & Sichelzellerkrankung Summit”*, Nov. 2019, Novartis

„Mobilität und Gesundheit“ und *„Leben und Tod“* (2019), Modul B22 *„Interkulturalität in der Medizin“* BA Medizin, Sigmund Freud PrivatUniversität, March 2019, March 2020

Reviewing, Supervising, Academic Consulting, and other Academic Activities

Anonymous peer reviewer for *American Anthropologist* (2011, 2012), *Asian Ethnology* (2021), ECSAS – European Association for South Asian Studies (2019), *CARGO – Journal for Cultural and Social Anthropology* (2012), *Ethnobiology* (2014), *Ethnologia Europaea* (2014, 2012), *Health* (2020), *IJERPH - International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (2020), ISISA – International Small Island Studies Association (2015), and *Reproductive BioMedicine Online* (2011).

Since 07/2020 PhD Advisory Committee, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, for Valentina Grillo: *“Social Exclusion and Belonging among Refugees from Myanmar in Teknaf (Bangla Desh)”*

2019-2022 Advisor for the Diploma Thesis required for obtaining the “Doctoral degree in Medicine”, MedUni Vienna (together with Ruth Kutalek, MedUni Vienna) for Serena Madushani Kudaliyanage: *„Soziale Situation und Lebenswelt von PatientInnen mit β -Thalassaemia major und deren Angehörigen“*

since 03/2019 Academic Advisor to the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), Nicosia, Cyprus and Founding Coordinator THALSIFO – Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Forum Austria

07/2019 Delegation Visit to Ulm and Düsseldorf, Germany for TIF – Thalassaemia International Federation

2013-2021 Jury “Best Science Books” (Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy in cooperation with Buchkultur) www.wissenschaftsbuch.at

07/2012-09/2013 Mentor, alma Mentoring Program, University of Vienna

04/2013 Academic consulting on the “Maldivian Blood Service Reform Strategic Plan 2013 – 2015” for Maldivian Blood Services (MBS)

02/2012 Initiative to establish the „Viennese Dialogues in Medical Anthropology“

03/2001-04/2008 Treasurer of the alumni association, Department for Cultural- and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna

Language Skills German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (basics), Dhivehi (intermediate)

Academic Awards and Stipends

- 2012 The co-edited "Lexikon der Globalisierung" was ranked as no. 7 on the German List of Non-fiction Best Sellers May 2012
- 2006 Academic award for the investigation of cross-border assisted conception by the Theodor-Körner-Fonds for the Advancement of Science and Art
- 2001 Award of Recognition for Innovative Teaching, "Highly Innovative Potentials" category for the seminar on transdisciplinary research methods in gender studies (together with Alice Pechriggl)
- 1994-2001 State Stipend for Self-supporting Study

Membership in Professional Associations

- since 2004 AAA – American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology
- since 2009 EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists
- since 2018 EASAS – European Association for South Asian Studies
- since 2016 ISISA – International Small Islands Studies Association
- since 2013 TIF – Thalassaemia International Federation, Cyprus; since 2019 TIF Academic Advisor