

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Current position

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## Scholarly education

- 1998-2001      Studies at Vienna University in Social and Cultural Anthropology,  
University of Vienna Doctoral thesis: The Hamitic myth: a contribution to  
the historical image of the African continent (in German)
- 1991-1997      Studies at Vienna University in Social and Cultural Anthropology,  
University of Vienna Diploma thesis: Hendrik Witbooi: The Namibian  
national hero in the context of the so-called colonial guilt lie and  
contemporary nationalism (in German)

## Academic work experience

- 2002-2014      Exhibition and Museum education at castle Schallaburg, Lower Austria
- 2000-2002      Assistant at the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Public Relations and  
Marketing Department

## Academic employment

- 2018-          Researcher at ISA / OeAW, Vienna
- 2014-2018      Postdoctoral Assistant Professor at the University of Vienna
- 2013          Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of  
Science Berlin

## Academic memberships and Academic representatives

- 2020- Correspondent of the History of Anthropology Network (HOAN) at the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
<https://easaonline.org/networks/history-of-anthropology/hoan-team/>
- 2019-2023 Deputy speaker of the working group “History of Anthropology” at the German Anthropological Association (GAA)

## Academic teaching

- 2025 Guest lecture “Sociocultural Anthropology during the Nazi period in Vienna” (19.11.2025, chair: Peter Schweitzer, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna)
- 2024 Guest lecture “Sociocultural Anthropology during the Nazi period in Vienna” (26.11.2024, chair: Peter Schweitzer, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna)
- 2023 Guest lecture “‘White Africa’ and the Institute of Egyptology and African Studies in Vienna“ (11.01.2023, chair: Arno Sonderegger, African Studies at the University of Vienna)  
<https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=143016&semester=2022W>
- 2022 2 Guest lectures “History of German-speaking Anthropology” (16.11. and 23.11.2023) at Peking University (PKU), Beijing (BA and MA)
- 2021, 2023 “Wiener ‘Völkerkunde’ in the first half of the 20th century: Selected texts on the institute’s history” (with Andre Gingrich, 2 MA seminars at the University of Vienna)  
<https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=240521&semester=2021S>  
<https://ufind.univie.ac.at/en/course.html?lv=240524&semester=2023S>
- 2015 Guest lecture “Scientific Racism – Historical Overview: Origin and Discourses” (8.6.2015, chair Ulrike Davis-Sulikowski, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna)
- 2014-2018 Reading anthropological texts (6 BA seminars at the University of Vienna)
- 2014-2018 Introduction to academic work (7 BA seminars at the University of Vienna)

## Awards

- 2025 St. Lee Visiting Fellowship Grant (Guest lecture at the University of Sydney)

## Research areas | Expertise

History of Anthropology

History of African, Oriental studies, Japanese studies

History of Catholic Church and Nazism

## Research funding

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| 2026-2030 | Austrian socio-cultural anthropology 1945-1965, funded by FWF stand alone project: Grant DOI 10.55776/PAT3135524<br><a href="https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-radar/10.55776/PAT3135524">https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-radar/10.55776/PAT3135524</a>             |
| 2020-2026 | Socio-cultural Anthropology during Austria's interwar period 1918-1939, funded by FWF stand alone project: Grant DOI 10.55776/P33427<br><a href="https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-radar/10.55776/P33427">https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-radar/10.55776/P33427</a> |
| 2020-2022 | Socio-cultural Anthropology during Austria's interwar period, funded by OeAW, Innovation Fund Research, Science and Society (approved by the OeAW, but not assumed by me)                                                                                             |
| 2019      | History of anthropology of Caucasus and "Turkestan" research in Vienna during the Nazi period, funded by OeAW / DDr. Franz-Josef Mayer<br>Gunthof Wissenschafts- und Forschungsstiftung                                                                               |
| 2014      | Preparation of a file edition on Pius XI and Austria 1922-1939, funded by the Austrian Historical Institute Rome (OeHI-Rome) and the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)                                                                                              |
| 2013      | Wilhelm Schmidt SVD (1868-1954) and the draft for an encyclical against racism (1938), funded by the Austrian Historical Institute Rome (OeHI-Rome) and the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)                                                                       |
| 2013      | The Change in the Concepts of Human Diversity in Africa in the 20th Century, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science Berlin                                                                                                     |
| 2012      | Father Wilhelm Schmidt SVD (1868-1954) and the Vatican: Catholic mission, anti-communism and the contemporary racial debate, funded by the Austrian Historical Institute Rome (OeHI-Rome) and the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW)                                 |
| 2010-2011 | Catholic missionary experts and the contemporary racial debate: Archival research in Vatican Archives for the research project "Pius XI and Austria", funded by the Department for Church History at the University of Vienna                                         |

## Reviewer of journals | books

- Archaeologia Austriaca/OeAW
- cultura & psyché – Journal of Cultural Psychology
- Histoire Epistémologie Language
- Language & History
- Paideuma. Mitteilungen zur Kulturkunde
- Sociologus – Journal for Social Anthropology
- The History and Impact of German Archaeology in the Near and Middle East (edited volume)