

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST

North American History, History of Knowledge and Technology, Migration History, Gender and Sexuality, History of the Family,

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Utopian Engineering: Solving the 19th century Slavery, Labor, and the Women's Questions with Science

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

8/2014: Ph.D. in Contemporary History, University of Münster
Dissertation Title: Mexican Immigrant Families, Social Experts, Social Work and Changing Family Values in the 20th Century United States
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Isabel Heinemann, Prof. Dr. Gabriele Metzler

2010-2014: Doctoral Studies, University of Münster, Department of History

2003-2009: Undergraduate Studies in Contemporary History, English and American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin

2003: Abitur, Einhard-Gymnasium, Aachen, Germany

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD TO DATE

Since 2024: Lecturer (Akademische Rätin auf Zeit), Department of History and Sociology, University of Konstanz

2023-2024: Research Fellow, University of Konstanz Working Group on the History of Knowledge

2018-2023: Research Fellow, German Historical Institute, Washington DC

2015-2017: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CDC 1150 “Cultures of Decision-Making,” University of Münster, Project A 05

2010-2014: Junior Researcher, Emmy Noether Research Group “Family Values and Social Change,” University of Münster

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

2024 German-American Fulbright Commission / German American Association for American Studies: Fulbright American Studies Award 2024 (€ 5000)

2024 Center for Communal Studies, University of Southern Indiana Research Travel Grant (\$ 2000)

Project: Utopian Engineering: Solving the 19th Century Slavery, Labor, and the Women’s Question with Science

2-7/2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Gerda Henkel Foundation for archive research at the Sophia Smith Library, Northampton, MA and the Schlesinger Library, Harvard University (€ 15.000)

Project: Between Public Decisions and Private Choice: Reproductive Debates in the 20th Century United States

4/2012 German Academic Exchange Service Travel Grant to Attend the European Social Science History Conference in Glasgow, Scotland

2-4/2011 Research Stay University of California, Berkeley

2006-2007 Erasmus/Socrates stipend to attend the University of Oviedo, Spain

MEMBERSHIPS

German Historical Association, German Association for American Studies, German Studies Association, American Association for the History of Medicine, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, History of Concepts Group, German Labour History Association

THIRD PARTY FUNDING

- 2023 Grant for a “Kooperationsstelle”, Max Weber Foundation at the University of Konstanz (€ 80.000)
Project: Engineers of Utopia. Knowledge, Labor and Intentional Communities in the Americas of the “Second Slavery”
- 9/2019 Conference Grant German Science Foundation for the Conference “Global Knowledge, Global Legitimacy? Transatlantic Biomedicine since 1970” (€ 6000)
- 2-7/2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Gerda Henkel Foundation for archive research at the Sophia Smith Library, Northampton, MA and the Schlesinger Library, Harvard University (€ 15.000)
Project: Between Public Decisions and Private Choice: Reproductive Debates in the 20th Century United States

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (10 most important ones)

1. “ Abolitionist, Feminist, Free Thinker – Placing Frances Wright within Intellectual History”, International Society for Intellectual History 2024/2025 Seminar Series: Women in Intellectual History, November 2024
2. “Traveling on the Routes of Empire: The Intersection between Utopian Socialism and Settler Colonialism among 19th Century Utopian Engineers”, 47th Annual Conference, German Studies Association, Montréal, October 2023
3. "Translating Our Bodies, Ourselves: The Circulation of Feminist Self-help Knowledge in the 1970s West Germany", Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Santa Clara University, June 2023
4. “Owen and the Engineers: Cross-fertilization between engineering and early socialism in the Owenite tradition”, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, October 2022
5. „Happiness, Temporality, and Concepts of Global Industrial Future in Robert Owen’s New Vision of Society (1812-1816)“, 23rd International Conference, The History of Concepts Group, Free University of Berlin, April 2022
6. „The Translations of Our Bodies, Ourselves: Comparing Feminist Self-Help Handbooks In The 1970s West Germany And The United States” Massachusetts Historical Society, Seminar on the History of Women, Gender and Sexuality, March 2022
7. “The Pill and Its Side Effects – A Transnational History of Hormonal Contraceptives in West Germany”, Annual Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Columbus, OH, April 2019
8. “Glauben oder Wissen? Die amerikanische Anti-Abtreibungsbewegung und die Kontroversen um den Beginn des Lebens,” 52nd Biennial Meeting of German Historians (Historikertag), Münster, September 2018
9. “Bevölkerungssteuerung und Familienberatung in den USA. Das Clergymen Advisory Council von Planned Parenthood und die Debatte

um Familienplanung in den 1950er und 1960er Jahren,” 51st Biennial Meeting of German Historians (Historikertag), Hamburg, September 2016

10. “Americanizing the Family Size. Population Growth, Social Welfare Counselling and Mexican Immigrant Families in California, 1920-1940,” European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow, April 2012

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND LECTURE SERIES

- 2024 Compact Colloquium: The 19th Century as the Age of Questions (with Anne Kwaschik)
- 2022 Co-Convener International Conference: Laboratories of the Social: Utopian Settlements and Reform Movements in the Long 19th Century (with Anne Kwaschik)
- 2020/21 Spring Lecture Series: „The Spirit that I called” Artificial Life from the Enlightenment to the Present am GHI Washington (with Anna-Carolin Augustin)
- 2020 Co-Convener international Conference: Recreating Separate Spheres Across Not-So-Separate Worlds: Gender and Reeducation in Japan, Germany, and the USA after World War II am GHI PRO Berkeley (with Heike Paul and Jana Aresin)
- 2019 Conference: Global Knowledge, Global Legitimacy? Transatlantic Biomedicine since 1970, GHI Washington (with Axel Jansen)
- 2015-2017 Co-Organizer Lecture Series „Family and Kinship,” University of Münster (with Isabel Heinemann, Michael Hecht, Elisabeth Timm, Michael Greunich)
- 2017 Workshop: Reproductive Decision Making in Comparative Context, Workshop of the CDC 1150 “Cultures of Decision-Making” (with Isabel Heinemann and Johanna Schoen)
- Conference: Resources of Decision-Making, Midterm-Conference CDC 1150 “Cultures of Decision-Making,” University of Münster (with Ulrich Pfister, Andre Krischer et al.)
- 2013 Conference: Refocusing the Modern American Family, Final Conference of the Emmy Noether Junior Research Group “Family Values and Social Change,” University of Münster (with Isabel Heinemann, Andre Dechert and Jana Hoffmann)
- 2010 Workshop: “Bro's, Homes, and Dudes.” Men and Masculinities in the 20th Century American Family, (with Isabel Heinemann, Andre Dechert and Anne Overbeck)
- Workshop: “At the Heart of it all.” Concepts of Motherhood in the 20th Century USA, (with Isabel Heinemann, Andre Dechert and Anne Overbeck)

TEACHING

- 2024/2025 “The Second Slavery - Slavery in the 19th Century”, BA History University of Konstanz
 “Introduction to Historical Sources: Migration History”, BA History, University of Konstanz
 “Mobilities and Exchanges from the Ancient to the Modern”, Erasmus+ Seminar in cooperation with Université Paris 8, Aegean University, New Bulgarian University, University of Konstanz
- 2024 “Global Germans: Travels and Migration in the 19th Century,” Seminar BA History, University of Konstanz
 “Geschichtswissenschaftliche Perspektiven auf die Gender Studies,“ BA History, BA Gender Studies, University of Konstanz
- 2023/2024 „Weimar und die USA: Transatlantische Perspektiven in der Zwischenkriegszeit“, BA History, BA Gender Studies, University of Konstanz (Seminar plus tutorial, 3 h a week)
- 2023 “Die Vermessung der Familie. Familienwerte und Geschlechternormen im 20. Jahrhundert im Wandel,“ BA Gender Studies, MA History, University of Konstanz
- 2022/2023 “Gender, Class, Race?! - Geschlechtergeschichte der USA in intersektionaler Perspektive,“ BA Gender Studies, MA History, University of Konstanz
- 2017 “Die Progressive Era in den USA, 1880-1920” (The Progressive Era in the United States, 1880-1920) BA History, University of Münster
- 2016 “Der Pate” und “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”:
 Einwandererfamilien in den USA im 20. Jahrhundert (The Godfather and My Big Fat Greek Wedding: Immigrant Families in the 20th Century USA), BA History, University of Münster
- 2012/2013 “Rechts und Links - Soziale und Extremistische Bewegungen in den USA des 20. Jahrhunderts“ (Left and Right - Social Movements and Extremism in the 20th Century United States), with Anja-Maria Bassimir, BA History, University of Münster

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Wunsch Kinder: Eine transnationale Geschichte der Familienplanung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2021.

Macho Men and Modern Women: Mexican Immigration, Social Experts and Changing Family Values in the 20th Century United States. De Gruyter Oldenbourg: Berlin, Boston, 2015.

Journal Articles:

“Talking about the Weather: Producing Climate Knowledge as Colonial Practice in Intentional Settlements in the Americas, 1820s to 1840s,” in: *History of Intellectual Culture* 3 (2024), 137-157, <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111291383-007> (peer reviewed).

Together with Anne Kwaschik: Introduction “Experimental Spaces: Knowledge Production and its Environments in the Long Nineteenth Century,” in: *History of Intellectual Culture* 3 (2024), 125-136, <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111291383-006> (peer reviewed).

"Owen and the Engineers: Cross-Fertilization between Engineering and Early Socialism in the Owenite Tradition", in: *Global Intellectual History* (2023), 1-16, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23801883.2023.2258455> (peer reviewed).

"A Contested Pill. Transnational Controversies over Medical Abortion in Germany, France, and the United States", in: *Journal of Contemporary History* 7 (Fall 2022) 4, S. 895-916 (peer reviewed).

„Nach Belgrad, London oder Den Haag: Abtreibungsreisen westdeutscher Frauen in den 1970er und 1980er Jahren“, in: *Ariadne: Forum für Frauen- und Geschlechtergeschichte* 77 (2021), 124-138.

Together with Axel Jansen: “Introduction: New Trends in Transatlantic History,” in: *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington* 67 (Fall 2020): 7-15, online accessible: <https://www.ghi-dc.org/publications/publication/publication/bulletin-67-fall-2020>

“Planning a Puerto Rican family in New York. Symbolic Violence and Reproductive Decision-Making in the Planned Parenthood Film *La Sortija de Compromiso* (1965),” in: *International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics* 15 no. 3 (2019): 213-229 (peer reviewed).

“Pro Familia and the Reform of Abortion Laws in West Germany, 1967-1983,” in: *Journal of Modern European History* 17 no. 3 (2019): 297-311, (peer reviewed), online accessible: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1611894419854659>.

“Love without Fear. Knowledge Networks and Family Planning Initiatives for Immigrant Families in West Germany and the United States,” in: *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 64 (Spring 2019): 93-113, online accessible: <https://www.ghi->

dc.org/fileadmin/user_upload/GHI_Washington/Publications/Bulletin64/93.pdf.

“You have to remember to do something to make the pill work.’ Hormonelle Verhütung als Körpertechnik zwischen Disziplinierung und Selbstermächtigung,” in: *Body Politics. Zeitschrift für Körpergeschichte* 6 n. 9 (2018): 71-94 (peer reviewed).

“The Social Distance Scale, Emory S. Bogardus and Californian Interwar Migration Research offside the Chicago School,” in: *Journal of Migration History* 1, n. 2 (2015): 184-198 (peer reviewed).

“Spain is fighting for us. Representations of the Spanish Civil War by the German Left in Exile,” in: *Diacronie. Studi di Studia Contemporanea* 7, no. 7 (2011) online accessible: http://www.studistorici.com/2011/07/29/roesch_numero_7/.

Book Chapters:

“A Human Right or a Danger to the Future? Debate about Family Planning between Parental Rights and Duties in 1960s West Germany,” in: Michael Homberg and Benjamin Möckel (ed.), *Human Rights and Technological Change. Conflicts and Convergences after 1945*, Göttingen: Wallstein 2022: 170-188.

“Silent No More! Narrative des Entscheidens in Kampagnen der Befürworter und Gegner legaler Abtreibungen in den USA der 1980er Jahre“, in: Philip Hoffmann-Rehnitz, Matthias Pohlig, Tim Rojek and Susanne Spreckelmeier (ed.), *Narrative und Semantiken des Entscheidens*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2021: 466-481.

“Of Turkish Women and other Foreigners. Family Planning and Guest Workers in 1980s West Germany”, in: Eva-Sabine Zehelein, Andrea Carosso und Aida Rosende-Pérez (ed.), *Family in Crisis? Crossing Borders, Crossing Narratives*, Bielefeld: Transkript 2020: 185-196.

“Experten in der Moderne am Beispiel des reproduktiven Entscheidens in den 1960er bis 1980er Jahren,” in: Ulrich Pfister (ed.), *Ressourcen des Entscheidens*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2018: 314-329.

“Children by Choice. Family Decisions and Value Change in the Campaigns of the American Planned Parenthood Federation (1942-1973),” in: Ann-Kathrin Gembries, Isabel Heinemann and Theresia Theuke (ed.), *Children by Choice? Changing Values, Reproduction, and Family Planning in the 20th Century*, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter 2018: 58-76.

“‘Some kind of home.’ Mexikanische Einwandererfamilien, soziale Beratung und der Wandel von Familienwerten im Kalifornien der 1920er Jahre,” in: Meike Sophia Baader, Wolfgang Gippert und Petra Götte (ed.), *Migration und Familie. Historische und aktuelle Analysen*, Wiesbaden Springer VS 2018: 225-240.

“‘The Poorest of the Poor in this Country.’ Die Culture of Poverty und Debatten um die Armut mexikanischer Einwanderfamilien in den USA der 1960er Jahre,” in: Eva-Maria Gajek and Christoph Lorke (ed.), *Soziale Ungleichheit im Visier*.

Wahrnehmung und Deutung von Armut und Reichtum seit 1945, Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2016: 131-162.

“Failure to Provide.’ Mexican Immigration, Americanization and Marginalized Masculinities in the Interwar United States”, in: Pablo Dominguez Andersen and Simon Wendt (ed.), *Masculinities and the Nation in the Modern World. Between Hegemony and Marginalization*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2015: 149-170 (peer reviewed).

“Umstrittene Familienkonzepte. Repräsentationen von Familienwerten US-Amerikanischer Experten und mexikanisch-amerikanischer Bürgerrechtsaktivisten im Wandel,” in: Meike Sophia Baader, Petra Götte and Carola Groppe (ed.), *Familientraktionen und Familienkulturen. Theoretische Konzeptionen, historische und aktuelle Analysen*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS 2013: 257-280.

“Macho Man? Repräsentationen mexikanischer Familienstrukturen durch Sozialexperten, Sozialarbeiter und Bürgerrechtsaktivisten in den USA, 1940-1980,” in: Gabriele Metzler (ed.) *Das Andere denken. Repräsentationen von Migration in Westeuropa und den USA im 20. Jahrhundert*, Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2013: 85-116.

“Americanization through Homemaking. Mexican American Mothers as Major Factors in Americanization Programs,” in: Isabel Heinemann (ed.): *Inventing the Modern American Family. Family Values and Social Change in 20th Century United States*, Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2012: 59-81.

“Spain as a Battlefield of Ideologies. The Changes of International Alliances due to the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939,” in: Zoltán Marusza (ed.): *Unknown Clauses. The Background Deals of Totalitarian Systems in the Face of World War II: The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact*, Budapest: Elte BTK 2010: 93-101.

Editorship:

Special Issue with Anne Kwaschik: “Experimental Spaces”, in: *History of Intellectual Culture* 3 (2024), peer reviewed.

Special Issue with Axel Jansen, „Biomedicine in Contemporary History“, *Journal of Contemporary History* (Fall 2022), peer reviewed.

Special Issue: with Axel Jansen, “New Research in Transatlantic History,” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington* 67 (Fall 2020), online Zugriff: <https://www.ghi-dc.org/publications/publication/publication/bulletin-67-fall-2020>.

Book Series: Transatlantische Historische Studien. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, mit Simone Lässig, Axel Jansen, Elisabeth Engel und Jan Jansen (since 2018).

Blog: historyofknowledge.net, with Mario Peters, Anna-Carolin Augustin and Casey Sutcliffe (since 2021).

Book Reviews / Blogposts / Conference Reports:

Review of Sarah Wedde, Kulturtransfer und Wissenszirkulation in den langen 1960er Jahren. Das deutsch-amerikanische Fulbright-Programm für Lehrer:innen, Bad Heilbrunn 2023, in: H-Soz-Kult, 30. April 2024: <https://www.hsozkult.de/review/id/reb-137520?title=s-wedde-das-deutsch-amerikanische-fulbright-programm-fuer-lehrer-innen&recno=1&q=WEDde&sort=newestPublished&fq=&total=12> .

Review of Renate Dürr (ed.), Threatened Knowledge. Practices of Knowing and Ignoring from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century London, New York: Routledge 2022, in: H-Soz-Kult, July 1, 2022: <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-113358?title=r-duerr-hrsg-threatened-knowledge&recno=28&page=2&q=&sort=&fq=&total=18804>.

Review of Roman Birke, Geburtenkontrolle als Menschenrecht. Die Diskussion um globale Überbevölkerung seit den 1940er Jahren (Göttingen: Wallstein 2020), in: *Historische Zeitschrift* 313 (2021) no. 1: 844-846.

Review of Dagmar Herzog: Lust und Verwundbarkeit. Zur Zeitgeschichte der Sexualität in Europa und den USA, Göttingen 2018, in: *Nordostarchiv* 29 (2020): 169-172.

Review of Johan Östling, David Larsson Heidenblad und Anna Nilsson Hammar (hg.), Forms of Knowledge. Developing the History of Knowledge, Falun: Nordic University Press 2020: in: *Scandia. Swedish Journal of History and Culture* 86 (2020) no. 2: 164-166.

Review of Alexander Emmerich, Little Germany. Deutsche Auswanderer in Nordamerika, Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2019, in: *Archiv für Kulturgeschichte* 102 (2020) no. 1: 240.

Review of Julie Guard, Radical Housewives. Price Wars and Food Politics in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada. Toronto, Buffalo, London: University of Toronto Press 2019, in: *Werkstatt Geschichte* 81 (2020) no. 1: 203-205.

Review of Tera W. Hunter, Bound in Wedlock. Slave and Free Black Marriage in the Nineteenth Century. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press 2017, in: H-Soz-Kult, Feb. 26, 2019, <www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-29825>.

Blog Post: "Freedom through Knowledge: Liberalism, Censorship, and Public Health in early Planned Parenthood Campaigns" historyofknowledge.net, (GHI Washington, March 24, 2021), <https://historyofknowledge.net/2021/03/24/freedom-through-knowledge/?fbclid=IwAR3JTdlQxgYbxK9B1AviKrCQkaaf81UwWa0eoq5FluivgTl92kxRgoLLnPY>

Blog Post: "Eating Right and Civil Rights. How debates of hunger in America shifted from disease and delinquency to civil partaking," Food, Fatness and Fitness, Critical Perspectives blog edited by Jürgen Martschukat and Nina Mackert, Uni Erfurt, August 11, 2015), <http://foodfatnessfitness.com/2015/08/11/eating-right-and-civil-rights-how-debates-of-hunger-in-america-shifted-from-disease-and-delinquency-to-civil-partaking/>.

Recreating Separate Spheres Across Not-so Separate Worlds. Gender And Reeducation in Japan, Germany, And The USA After World War II, February 20-21, Berkeley, in: Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington 67 (Fall 2020), 125-129, online access: <https://www.ghi-dc.org/publications/publication/publication/bulletin-67-fall-2020>.

What happened to the nuclear family in the 20th century? Empirical and epistemological findings in comparative perspective, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, 2013, Münster, in: H-Soz-Kult, 19.04.2013, online access: <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/tagungsberichte/id=4781>.

Public Outreach:

Interview: [Winner of the 2024 USI Communal Studies Rsearch Travel Grant](#) (19.09.2024)

Podcast: „Wissen entgrenzen“ Episode 13 „Individuelle Familienplanung und das Recht auf Abtreibung in Polen und Deutschland (March 08, 2023), online Zugriff: <https://www.maxweberstiftung.de/aktuelles/medien/podcast.html>

Interview: International Federation of Public History Explorer Program: “Amor sin Temor - Love without Fear: Planning and Counselling Latinx Families in the Postwar United States.” (Feb. 15, 2023): <https://vimeo.com/800617033>

Interview: L.I.S.A Wissenschaftsprotal Gerda Henkel Stiftung, „Ab wann wurde Familie eigentlich etwas Planbares?“ (November 30, 2021), online access: https://lisa.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/roesch?fbclid=IwAR1rVPBAKwlHyr8UmEBFQl4_U5z_YrscCFHHH8WzIQVjw30MqRB7jiX2R0k.

Interview: GiD-Lab: Schöne neue Welt (October 15, 2020), online access: <https://gid.hypotheses.org/2553>.

Interview: “I Want to Establish the History of Family Planning and Birth Control Clinics as a Transnational History” - 5in10 with Claudia Roesch, in: TRAFO - Blog for Transregional Research, November 19, 2018, online access: <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/15101>.

Article: “Familienplanung Transnational. Oder wie das Wissen über die Pille nach Deutschland kam“ Weltweit vor Ort. Das Magazin der Max Weber Stiftung 2 (2018): 21-24.

Newspaper article: “Telling Tales of Grandfather’s Great Escape,” The Guardian Weekly 179 (2008) no. 13: 27.

Expert Interviews with Washington Post, France 24, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagespiegel (Berlin), taz, Spiegel Online, Traverse (Switzerland).

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