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## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

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- Since 08/2014 **University of Konstanz**  
**Adjunct Professor (Privatdozent) in Modern History (Neuere und Neueste Geschichte)**
- Since 03/2017 **University of Konstanz**  
**Principal Investigator**  
Research project on: *Beyond Orientalism: Christianity and the Refashioning of Theravada Buddhism in Siam*, funded by the German Research Foundation
- 08/2008 – 07/2014 **University of Zurich**  
**Assistant Professor in Asian History (non-tenure), History Department/University Research Priority Program *Asia and Europe* [URPP]**
- 08/2008-07/2014 **University of Zurich**  
**Team Leader, research group Entangled Histories, URPP**
- 11.07.2012 **University of Konstanz**  
**Habilitation in Neuere und Neueste Geschichte (Early Modern and Modern History)** (thesis: „*Asiatische Revolutionen. Europa und der Aufstieg und Fall asiatischer Imperien, 1644–1818*“ [*Asian Revolutions: Europe and the Rise and Fall of the Empires of the East, 1644-1818*])
- 01/2008 – 07/2008 **University of Konstanz**  
**Researcher (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), History Department**  
(Chair: Prof. Jürgen Osterhammel)
- 10/2004 – 09/2007 **National University of Ireland, Galway, The Moore Institute**  
**Postdoctoral Fellow**
- Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow (2005–2007)
  - IRCHSS Government of Ireland Post-Doctoral Fellow (2004/2005)
- 10/2003 – 07/2004 **University of Potsdam**  
**Lecturer, History Department**
- 10/2002 – 03/2003 **Forschungszentrum Europäische Aufklärung e. V., Potsdam**  
**Visiting scholar**
- 09/2001 – 02/2002 **Forschungszentrum Europäische Aufklärung e. V., Potsdam**  
**Postdoctoral researcher**

## EDUCATION

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- 10/1997 – 12/2000      **Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen**  
Dr. phil. (final grade: „summa cum laude“)  
Thesis: *Konstruktionen kultureller Differenz. Siam in europäischen Berichten (1500–1670)* [The Making of Cultural Difference: The Kingdom of Siam in European Writings, 1500-1670]
- 10/1988 – 12/1996      **Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen**  
**MA in Medieval and Modern History (Mittlere und Neuere Geschichte)**
- First minor: Philosophy
  - Second minor: Sociology
  - Final grade: „sehr gut“

## LANGUAGE FLUENCY

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**German:** native language  
**English:** fluent  
**French:** basic  
**Latin:** reading skills  
**Dutch:** reading skills  
**Portuguese:** basic  
**Thai:** good knowledge

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- Since 2014                      Board member MA Program Applied History, University of Zurich  
2011-2014                      Director PhD program History, History Dept, University of Zurich  
2008-2014                      Curriculum development, URPP Asia and Europe, University of Zurich  
Since 2008                      Board member Schweizerische Asiengesellschaft/Société Suisse-Asie

## REVIEWING ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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Reviewer

Humboldt Gesellschaft  
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft [German Research Foundation]  
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research  
Wissenschaftsrat [German Council of Science and Humanities]  
Schweizerischer Nationalfond [Swiss National Science Foundation]

Memberships

Siam Society, Bangkok  
Schweizerische Asiengesellschaft/Société Suisse-Asie  
Deutscher Hochschulverband

## AWARDS

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- 2017-2020                      Individual research grant as principal investigator (German Research Foundation)
- 2005-2007                      Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (European Research Council)
- 2004-2005                      IRCHSS Government of Ireland Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2003                              Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Forschungszentrum europäische Aufklärung, Potsdam
- 1997-2000                      Three years doctoral fellowship at the PhD prgramm Didaktik des Fremdverstehens (German Research Foundation)

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

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2004 - 2017 c. 1.000,000 EUR

### Trusts & Programs

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft  
Deutsch-Thailändische Gesellschaft  
EU's Sixth Framework Programme  
Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences  
Schweizerischer Nationalfond

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (2003–2015)

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- Winter 2003 Workshop: Kulturtransfer und Kulturvergleich [Theories of Cultural Exchange and Cultural Comparison], Graduate School Transnational Media Events, University of Giessen
- Winter 2003/2004 Europäische Expansion und die Transformation der überseeischen Welt [The European Expansion and the Transformation of the Overseas World], History Department, Universität Potsdam (BA Seminar)
- Asien und Amerika in europäischen Reiseberichten der Frühen Neuzeit [Representations of Asia and America in Early Modern European Travel Literature], History Department, Universität Potsdam (BA Seminar)
- Spring 2004 Die Kenntnis beider Indien. Aufklärung in Weltgeschichte im 18. Jahrhundert [Knowing the *East and West Indies*: Enlightenment and Global History in the Eighteenth Century]. History Department, Universität Potsdam (BA Seminar)
- Winter 2004/2005 Grundkurs Promotion [Core Course for PhD researchers], International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, University of Giessen
- Spring 2005 Aufbaukurs Promotion [Intermediate Course for PhD researchers], International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, University of Giessen
- Winter 2005/2006 Sklaverei in der Neuzeit. Eine vergleichende Perspektive, 16.-19. Jahrhundert [Slavery in Modern History, A Comparative Perspective, 16-18 c.], History Department, Konstanz University (BA Seminar)
- The European Colonial Expansion in Early Modern History, Department of History, National University Ireland, Galway (lecture course)
- Winter 2006/2007 European Empires in Asia. A Comparative Perspective, c. 1500-1800, Department of History, National University Ireland, Galway (Lecture course)
- Winter 2008/2009 Die europäische Expansion in Asien I: Der Aufbau der europäischen Kolonialreiche [The European Colonial Expansion in Asia I: Building Empires], University of Zurich, History Department (Lecture course)
- Spring 2009 Geschichtswissenschaft und postkoloniale Theorie [The Study of History and Postcolonial Theory], University of Zurich, History Department (MA Seminar)
- Winter 2009/2010 Globalgeschichte [Global History], University of Zurich, History Department (BA Seminar)
- Interdisciplinary PhD Colloquium „Entangled Histories“, University Research Priority Program *Asia and Europe* (URPP), University of Zurich
- Spring 2010 Aufklärung und koloniale Welteroberung [Enlightenment and Colonialism], University of Zurich, Historisches Seminar (Seminar)
- Winter 2010/2011 Die europäische Expansion in Asien II: Vom Aufstieg des Britischen Empires bis zur Dekolonisation [The European Colonial Expansion in Asia II: From the

	Rise of the British Empire to Decolonization], University of Zurich, History Department, (Lecture course)
	Theoretische Grundlagen interkulturellen Verstehens [Theoretical Foundations of Intercultural Understanding], University of Zurich (PhD seminar)
Spring 2011	Südostasien in der Frühen Neuzeit [Early Modern Southeast Asia], University of Zurich, Historisches Seminar (BA Seminar)
	Die Französische Revolution [The French Revolution], University of Zurich, History Department (BA Seminar)
Winter 2011	Asiatische Revolutionen [Asian Revolutions], History Department/URPP, University of Zurich (PhD Seminar)
	Asien in Schweizer Archiven [Asian Traces in the Swiss Archives], History Department, University of Zurich (MA Seminar)
Spring 2012	Geschichte Chinas in der Neuzeit I: Von der Ming–Dynastie bis zum 18. Jahrhundert [The History of Modern China I: From Ming to Qing], History Department, University of Zurich (Lecture Course)
	Spiegelungen: China in europäischen Berichten, 1500-1800 [Mirrored Histories: China in Western Travel Accounts, 1500-1800], History Department, University of Zurich (BA/MA Seminar)
Winter 2012	Geschichte Chinas in der Neuzeit II: Vom 18. Jahrhundert bis zur jüngsten Zeit [The History of Modern China, Part II: From Late Imperial China to Recent Times], History Department, University of Zurich (Lecture Course)
	Städte und Stadtvisionen im colonial encounter, 18.-20. Jh. [Cities and Urban Visions and the Colonial Encounter, History Department, University of Zurich (MA Seminar, co-taught with Prof. Philipp Sarasin)
Spring 2013	Christliche Mission und koloniale Herrschaft in Asien [Colonialism and the Christian Mission in Asia], History Department, University of Zurich (MA Seminar)
	Theoretische Grundlagen interkultureller Wahrnehmungen [Theoretical Foundations of Intercultural Perceptions], URPP, University of Zurich (PhD seminar)
Winter 2014	Reisen in den Fernen Westen. Asiatische Reisende berichten von Europa, 17.-20. Jahrhundert [Sojourning in the Far West: Asian Travelers in Europe, 17-20 c.], History Department, Konstanz University (MA Seminar)
Spring 2015	Christliche Mission und koloniale Herrschaft in Asien [Colonialism and the Christian Mission in Asia], History Department, Konstanz University (MA/BA Seminar)
Winter 2015	Enlightenment and Colonialism, History Department, Konstanz University (MA/BA Seminar)
Spring 2016	Europäischer Kolonialismus in Südostasien [European Colonialism in Southeast Asia], History Department, Konstanz University (MA/BA seminar)
Winter 2016	Religion and ethnic conflicts in Thailand, Asien-Afrika-Institut, Hamburg University (MA Seminar)
Spring 2017	Popular Movements in Thailand and Southeast Asia. Asien-Afrika-Institut, Hamburg University (MA Seminar)
Spring 2019	European Travel in Siam: Cross-Cultural Encounters from the 16th to the 19th century. Asien-Afrika-Institut, Hamburg University (BA Seminar)
Since HS 2008	Lecturer, MA Program <i>Applied History</i> , University of Zurich

## Conference Organisation (Selection)

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May 2000	Fremdverstehen in literarischen Texten [Cultural Understanding and Literature], Conference of the Graduate Program „Didaktik des Fremdverstehens“ [Didactic of Intercultural Understanding], University of Giessen
June 2003	Eighteenth-Century Colonialisms and Post-Colonial Theories, Conference at the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library/ UCLA Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth Century Studies
October 2004	Europe, Asia & Early Modern Travel, Centre for the Study of Human Settlement and Historical Change, National University of Ireland, Galway.
Spring 2009	Spiegelungen/Mirrored Histories, University of Zurich
September 2009	Varieties of Modernity? Possibilities and Limitations of a Research Perspective on Asia and Europe, URPP <i>Asia and Europe</i> , University of Zurich
February 2010	Transcultural Bodies – Transboundary Biographies. Border crossings in Asia and Europa, Indira Gandhi Centre of the Arts, New Delhi (in Kooperation mit dem Exzellenzcluster Asia and Europe, Universität Heidelberg und dem Indira Gandhi Centre of the Arts, New Delhi)
June 2012	Tertium Datur – Das Dritte in der Geschichte, 1450 – 1850 [Tertium Datur: The Third in History, 1450-1850], History Department, University of Zurich
September 2012	Biography Afield in Asia and Europe, URPP <i>Asia and Europe</i> , University of Zurich

## Selected Conference Presentations

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September 2005	<b>Bewegliche Güter. Theorie und Praxis der Kulturtransferforschung</b> [Movable Goods. Cultural Transfers in Theory and Practice] Conference on: <i>Musik-Sammlungen – Speicher interkultureller Prozesse</i> , Bonn University (Keynote speech)
January 2006	<b>The Ming-Q'ing Transition in China (1644). European Responses to a Great Revolution</b> Centre for the Study of Human Settlement and Historical Change, National University of Ireland, Galway
November 2006	<b>Traveling Guns and Cultural Exchanges. The Dissemination of Military Knowledge in 16th-century Thailand</b> Conference: <i>Breaking the bonds: Disenchanted the Myths of Southeast Asian Historiography</i> , Asia-Africa-Institute, Hamburg University
May 2007	<b>Movable Goods. The Study of Cultural Transfers in History</b> Conference on: <i>Crossing Cultures. A Conference of Early Modern Exchanges</i> , Moore Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway
May 2008	<b>Three tales of the New World: Nation, religion, and colonialism in Hakluyt, Hulsius, and de Bry</b> Conference on <i>Richard Hakluyt: life, times, legacy</i> , National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London
February 2009	<b>Klio unterwegs. Pfade der Geschichtsschreibung zwischen Asien und Europa</b> [Clio Travels: Historical Paths Between Asia and Europe] Faculty of Arts, University of Zurich (Inaugural Lecture)
September 2009	<b>Opening Address</b> Conference on <i>Varieties of Modernity? Possibilities and Limitations of a Research Perspective on Asia and Europe</i> , URPP <i>Asia and Europe</i> , University of Zurich

- July 2009 **Ethnography, history, and the theory of travel: the universal study of man in eighteenth-century Göttingen**  
Free University Berlin, *Fifth International and Interdisciplinary Alexander von Humboldt Conference*
- October 2009 **Comparing conceptions of absolute rule. The figure of the 'monarch' in Siam and Europe (16-18c)**  
Conference on: *Early modern state (building) in Asia and Europe*, Heidelberg University
- November 2009 **Asien und Europa in der Neuzeit. Neuere Ansätze zu einer Geschichte Eurasiens** [Asia and Europe in Modern History: New Approaches to a History of Eurasia]  
Association for Japanese History, East Asia Seminar, University of Zurich
- February 2010 **Negotiating Knowledge and Religion in 17th century Siam and France: the transgressions of Constantine Phaulkon and Kosa Pan**  
Conference on *Transcultural Bodies – Transboundary Biographies. Border crossings in Asia and Europa*, Indira Gandhi Centre of the Arts, New Delhi
- Arbeit an der Grenze. Matteo Ricci und die jesuitische Chinamission** [Working at the Border: Matteo Ricci and Jesuit Mission in China]  
2. Schweizerische Geschichtstage, Basel
- June 2010 **Commentator and Chair**  
Conference on: *Intellectual Histories of Teleology*, Finnish Institute, Berlin
- October 2010 **Commentator and Chair**  
Conference on: *Intellectual Histories of Teleology II: 19th century perspectives*, Rome
- April 2011 **Responding address**  
Conference on: *Negotiating the Enlightenment: Kant, Gramsci, Education and Women*. Columbia University, Italian Academy.
- June 2011 **Commentator and Chair**  
Conference on: *Intellectual Histories of Teleology III*, Athens
- August 2011 **Asian Revolutions: Europe and the Rise and Fall of Asian Empires. 1644-1818**  
Conference on: *História dos Conceitos entre História, Política e Literatura*, Faculdade de Letras, UFRJ/Departamento de História, PUC-RJ, Ciência Política, IESP/UERJ, Rio de Janeiro.
- September 2012 **Theories of Travel and the Universal Study of Man in Eighteenth-Century Göttingen: A. L. Schlözer's Lectures on Travel in Context**  
Conference on: *Instructions, Questions and Directions: Learning to Observe in Scientific Travel, 1550-1870*, Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- November 2012 **Die englische Gouvernante am Hofe des Königs von Siam. Anna Leonowens und König Mongkut** [The English Governess at the Siamese Court: Anna Leonowens and King Mongkut]  
Universität Konstanz (Inaugural Lecture), 26. November 2012.
- March 2013 **Religious Pluralism at the Siamese Court (16th -18th Centuries)**  
Conference on: *Mixed Courts: Dynasty, Politics and Religion in the Early Modern World*, University of Erfurt, Gotha Research Centre
- June 2013 **Reisen in die Höhle des Löwen: Asiatische Besucher berichten von Europa, 17. – 19. Jh.** [Travels to the Lion's Dent: Asian Visitors in Europe, 17-19c.]  
Graduate School *Kulturkontakt und Wissenschaftsdiskurs*, Rostock University
- September 2013 **"The Scientific Traveller: Simon de La Loubère's Du Royaume de Siam (1691)**

Conference on: *Early Modern Travel: Theory and Practice*, The Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Studies, NUI Galway, Ireland

November 2014

**Jeremias van Vliet in Siam. The Cultural Transgressions of a seventeenth-century Dutch Merchant Scholar**

Conference on: *Kochi 1514 - Cross-Cultural Networks between Central Europe, South Asia and Beyond in the Early Modern Period*. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute for Asian and African Studies

September 2015

**Outside in the Colonial Machine: Thailand as an Imperialist Colony**

Conference on *Struggles for Sovereignty. Non-European Powers in the Age of Empire*, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge

April 2016

**Christianity and the Refashioning of Theravada Buddhism in Siam**

Numata Lecture Series, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Hamburg University

June 2017

**Trouble in the Contact Zone: The Dutch in Seventeenth-Century Ayutthaya and the Limits of Cross-Cultural Exchange**

Conference on: *Commercial cosmopolitanism? Policing contact zones and governing 'multinationals' in the early modern world*. The Scottish Centre for Global History, University of Dundee

December 2018

**Asiatische Revolutionen im europäischen Diskurs. Europa und der Aufstieg und Fall asiatischer Imperien in der Frühen Neuzeit.**

Europavortrag des Historischen Instituts, Saarland University.

Berlin, 8. Juli 2019