

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITIONS

- 01/2017-11/2021 Postdoctoral Researcher within the project *Cross-cultural Theory of the Urban Passive House* (Prof. Dr. Sascha Roesler), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, **Institute for the History and Theory of Art and Architecture, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana USI, Mendrisio, Switzerland**
- Since 10/2014 Affiliated researcher at the **Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland**

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 11/2010-10/2014 **Ph.D. in Social Anthropology** at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern.
Title: *Constructing, Creating, and Contesting Cityscapes. A Socio-Anthropological Approach to Urban Transformations in Southern Xinjiang, People's Republic of China.*
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Heinzpeter Znoj (University of Bern, Switzerland); Prof. Dr. Ellen Hertz (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland)
- 08/2007-03/2010 **M.A. in Anthropology of Transnationalism and the State**, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern. Minor: Political Science.
- 09/2003-07/2007 **B.A. in Social Anthropology**, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern. Minor: Political Science.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES (Selection)

- 09/2015-01/2017 Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer at the **Ethnographic Museum, Institute of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zürich, Switzerland**
- 07-08/2015 2-month fieldwork in **Western China** (Xinjiang, Tibet, Gansu, Chongqing).
- 10/2014-04/2015 Academic Research Assistant/Internship in the **Task Force Dealing With the Past and Prevention of Atrocities**, Human Security Division, Directorate of Political Affairs, **Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs**. Assistance in bi- und multilateral projects.
- 11/2010-04/2014 PhD Candidate within the project *Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and Chinese Territoriality. The Development of Infrastructure and Han Migration into the Region* (Prof. Dr. H. Znoj) funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. **Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.**
Participant of the **Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology.**

- 12/2013-02/2014 Guest Researcher at the **Max-Planck-Institute of Social Anthropology** in Halle (Germany). Collaboration with the research project *The Global Political Economy of Cultural Heritage* of Prof. Dr. Christoph Brumann.
- 2011/2012 10-month-fieldwork in **Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (P.R. China)**. Data collection in Southern Xinjiang for the PhD thesis and guest researcher at Xinjiang University in Ürümqi (China).
- 04/2010-10/2010 Internship at the Swiss NGO **Erklärung von Bern EvB**. Research and assistance for ongoing campaigns.
- 02-03/2010 Participation in the workshop and excursion on *Sustainable Water Resource Management under Climate Change in Tarim River Basin* with Chinese and German scholars. **Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, P.R. China**. 22.2.-4.3.2010.
- 02/2007-01/2010 Different positions as Junior Research Assistant at the **Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern** and at the **Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich**.
- 08/2008-07/2009 Language student at **Chinese Language Department, Renmin University of China, Beijing**; education in Chinese (Mandarin); field research for the MA thesis.

TEACHING

- FS19 *Architectural Ethnography*, MA-seminar, co-teaching with Sascha Roesler, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana.
- FS18 *Mobile Objects: Re-Using Building Materials from a Cross-Cultural Perspective*, MA-seminar, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana.
- SS18 *To Modernize or to Ecologize? Patterns of Rapid Urbanization in China*, MA-seminar, co-teaching with Sascha Roesler, Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana.
- FS16 *Architekturethnologie*. [Architectural Anthropology.] BA-seminar. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich.
- SS16 *Abfall – Räumlicher und infrastruktureller Umgang mit unerwünschten Dingen*. [Waste – Spatial and Infrastructural Dealing with Undesired Objects.] BA-seminar. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich.
- SS16 *Geschichte der Ethnologie, Übungsgruppe*. [History of Anthropology.] BA-seminar. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich.
- FS15 *Einführung in die Urbanethnologie am Beispiel China*. [Introduction to Urban Anthropology in China.] BA-seminar. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich.
- SS15 *Einführung in die Ethnologie, Übungsgruppe Monographie* (“Political Leadership among Swat Pathans”, Fredrik Barth). [Introduction to Anthropology, Monograph. “Political Leadership among Swat Pathans” of Fredrik Barth.] BA-seminar. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zürich.
- 2007-2010 Introductory courses for BA-students (tutorage, coordination of reading groups), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the **German Anthropological Association GAA** (DGV - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde)

Deputy Spokesperson **Regional Group China** of the German Anthropological Association

Member of the **Swiss Ethnological Society** (SEG - Schweizerische Ethnologische Gesellschaft)

Member of the **Schweizerische Asiengesellschaft**