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Research Interests

- Ecological Anthropology
- Ontological Turn
- Political Ecology
- Indigenous Peoples
- Engaged Anthropology
- Borneo

Curriculum Vitae

Current Positions

- Since 2011 Campaigner at the **Bruno Manser Fund**, a Swiss NGO working for indigenous rights and rainforest conservation in Sarawak, Malaysia
- Since 2021 **Associated researcher**, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

Education

- 2021 **Graduation with Summa cum Laude for the Doctoral Thesis** “The Power of Ontologies: The Duty to Take Care of the Land and the Ancestors among the Kenyah”, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern and International Graduate School North-South
- 2014 **CAS “The Art of Conflict Transformation”**, Institute for Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, Bern
- 2011 **Master in Development Studies** with specialization in “conflict and development”, Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID)
Master thesis “Decentralization Hybridized – A Western Concept of State on its Way through the Local Context of South Sudan”
- 2008 **Bachelor of Science in Geography**, University of Zurich
Minor Subjects: Social Anthropology, Agricultural economics
Bachelor thesis in Political Geography: “New Sudan – Bürgerkriegsende und Staatsaufbau im Südsudan”

Work and Governing Experience

Since 2021	Associated researcher , Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern
Since 2021	Board member of the Responsible Business Association (Verein Konzernverantwortung, ehem. Konzernverantwortungsinitiative)
2014 – 2016	Board member of a local section of the Social Democrats Basel
Since 2011	Campaigner at the Bruno Manser Fund , a Swiss NGO working for indigenous rights and rainforest conservation in Sarawak, Malaysia
Since 2011	Board member of SAVE Rivers , a Malaysian NGO fighting mega-dams and advocating indigenous rights in Sarawak, Malaysia
2008 – 2011	Board member of the regional group Zurich of the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) associated with the Institute of Anthropology of Zurich
2003 – 2006	Board member of the Young Socialists Zurich

Publications and Presentations

Monographs

Aeberli, Annina. (upcoming). *The Power of Ontologies: The Duty to Take Care of the Land and the Ancestors among the Kenyah*. PhD thesis, University of Bern.

Aeberli, Annina. 2012. [“Decentralization Hybridized – A Western Concept of State on its Way through the Local Context of South Sudan.”](#) *eCahiers de l’Institut* 14. Geneva: Graduate Institute Publications.

Grey Literature - Selection

Aeberli, Annina et al. 2020. [“Intakter Regenwald schützt unsere Gesundheit.”](#) *Tong Tana* Juni 2020. Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Aeberli, Annina et al. 2018. [“Klima und Tropenwald.”](#) *Tong Tana* Dezember 2018. Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Aeberli, Annina et al. 2017. [“Die Penan erobern die Landkarte.”](#) *Tong Tana* Dezember 2017. Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Aeberli, Annina. 2016. [“Our Rivers Our Lifeline: Der Aufstieg einer indigenen Bewegung.”](#) *Südostasien* 32(4).

Aeberli, Annina. 2014. [“Geschichten aus dem Regenwald.”](#) *Tong Tana* Dezember 2014. Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Bruno Manser Fund. 2013. [“Complicit in Corruption. Taib Mahmud's Norwegian Power Man.”](#) Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Bruno Manser Fund. 2012. [“Sold Down the River: How Sarawak Dam Plans Compromise the Future of Malaysia's Indigenous Peoples.”](#) Basel.

Aeberli, Annina. 2012. [“Mega-Staudämme bedrohen den Regenwald.”](#) *Tong Tana* März 2012. Basel: Bruno Manser Fonds.

Conference Contributions

Panel Convenor

Duile, Timo, Annina Aeberli and Christoph Antweiler. 2019. Panel on “Grounding Alternative Ontologies: towards a political ecology of animism.” European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), September 2019, Berlin, Germany.

Aeberli, Annina and Lysann Schneider. 2016. Panel on “Influence of European & international forest policies, investments & discourses on local contexts & counter-responses.” The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Regional Conference, May 2016, Switzerland.

Presentations

Aeberli, Annina. 2019. *Dynamic Ontologies in Dynamic Bornean Landscapes*. European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS), September 2019, Berlin, Germany.

Aeberli, Annina. 2016. *Forest discourses and policies in Sarawak, Malaysia: European roots and local hybridizations*. The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Regional Conference, May 2016, Bern, Switzerland.

Aeberli, Annina. 2015. *The emerging role of indigenous civil society in natural resource management in Sarawak, Malaysia*. Oxford Southeast Asia Symposium, March 2015, Malaysia.