

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Education

04/2013 – 06/2013 and

04/2013 – 11/2013

Postdoctoral field research in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan (5 months, total).

- 09/2012 – 02/2015** Postdoctoral training at the University of Tampere – Tampere Peace Research Institute TAPRI (Finland), supervised by Prof. Dr. Helena Rytövuori-Apunen.
- 04/2012 – 07/2012** Preparatory field research for new research project (on the past and present rebordering of territorial-administrative units and non-Russian narratives of belonging on the Caucasus frontier) in the Russian Caucasus, Georgia, and Armenia.
- 02/2009 – 05/2009** Student of Russian at the Polytechnic University of St Petersburg (Russian Federation).
- 10/2008** Defense of my PhD thesis in political Social Anthropology (*summa cum laude*); PhD thesis bearing the title *‘What Lies Between. Controlling State Boundaries and Negotiating Trans-frontier Nations in the Borderlands of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and China’*, supervised by Professor Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland, and co-reviewed by Professor Dr. Huricihan Islamoglu at Bogazici University Istanbul/Central European University Budapest/University of California at Berkeley. Date of receiving PhD title: November 2009.
- 01/2006 – 04/2006** Junior Fellowship at the Collegium Budapest – Institute for Advanced Study (Hungary).
- 09/2005 – 09/2006** PhD field research in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and China (Xinjiang province). [with a 3-month stay in Budapest.]
- 06/2004 – 08/2004** Preparatory field research for PhD Thesis in Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Ferghana Valley).
- 01/2004 – 03/2004** Preparatory field research for PhD Thesis in Mongolia (Ulaan Baatar), the Russian Far East (Vladivostok, Ulan Ude, Khabarovsk), and China (Inner Mongolia, Manchuria, Xishuangbanna).
- 03/2004 – 06/2008** PhD student under the supervision of Professor Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker at the

Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.

11/2003

MA in Social Anthropology (*insigni cum laude*); Master Thesis bearing the title: 'Narrating the Border: The Discourse of Control over China's Northwest Frontier', supervised by Professor Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker at the Institute of Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.

03/2003 – 05/2003

Field research for Master Thesis in Eastern Kazakhstan (including Almaty), China (Xinjiang), and Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek).

2000 – 2001

Student of Chinese at the Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin (People's Republic of China).

1997 – 2003

Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology, English Linguistics, and Medieval and Old English Literature at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

Work Experience

09-11/2016

Visiting Lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.

02-04/2016

Visiting Lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.

10/2012

Visiting Researcher at the Centre for Asian Studies (Department of Social History), Bogaziçi University Istanbul, Turkey.

09/2012 – 02/2015

Postdoctoral Researcher, Academy of Finland project ('*Proactive Conflict Management at post-Soviet Deep Borders*'), at Tampere Peace Research Institute, University of Tampere, Finland. Includes designing, supervising and grading MA-students' courses at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere, Finland.

- 02-04/2012** Visiting Lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- 12/2011** Guest Lecturer at the Centre for Asian Studies (Department of Social History), Bogaziçi University Istanbul, Turkey.
- 08/2010 – 12/2010** Commissioned Researcher on Central Asia and Afghanistan at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs FIIA-UI in Helsinki, Finland, in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 11/2008 – 02/2009** Organisation and implementation of the English Language Coaching programme at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Bern designed to assist PhD students in the writing of doctoral dissertations.
- 03/2007 – 07/2008** Assistantship with Professor Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland (including teaching undergraduate courses on social anthropology, BA/MA courses on Central Asia, and overseeing and grading students' course work).
- 11/2006 – 12/2006** Scientific and language editing of an issue of the Institute of Social Anthropology's Working Paper Series (*Arbeitsblätter*).
- 09/2004 – 09/2005** Assistantship with Professor Dr. Hans-Rudolf Wicker at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland (including teaching undergraduate courses on social anthropology, courses on Central Asia, and overseeing students' course work).
- 11/2003 and 11/2002 – 12/2002** Language Assistantship with Prof. Dr. Blickle, Institute of History, University of Bern: Translation of articles from German into English for international publications (Cambridge University Press) and conference speeches.

sporadically until the present	Translation and language editing of articles, theses and dissertations (Islamic Studies, Anthropology, Physics, Biochemistry, History, Media and Communications).
03/2002 – 05/2002	English teacher at Wall Street Institute, Bern (Switzerland).
08/2000 – 02/2001	English teacher at several Chinese schools in Harbin and Beijing (People's Republic of China).

Languages

English	Native Speaker (British English)
German	Fluent/near-native
Russian	Conversational level
Chinese (Mandarin)	Conversational level
French	Conversational level
Finnish	Beginner's level
Kyrgyz	Beginner's level
Latin	Written comprehension

Conferences

2014	<i>Local Understandings of Border Control and Sovereignty in Southern Kyrgyzstan</i> , paper presented at the Association for Borderland Studies first world conference, held in June 2013 in Joensuu (Finland) and St. Petersburg (Russia).
2014	<i>After Outside Presence Wanes: Negotiating Borderlands and Locating Security in Central Asia</i> , panel convened at the Association for Borderland Studies first world conference, held in June 2013 in Joensuu (Finland) and St. Petersburg (Russia). Includes contributors from Pakistan, Finland, and Kazakhstan.

- 2013** *Kyrgyz Nationalism and the Borders of a post-Soviet Revolution*, paper presented at the 23rd Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism conference, held in April 2013 at the London School of Economics LSE.
- 2008** *On Conducting an Anthropology of Frontiers in a Chinese-Central Asian Borderland*, paper presented at the postgraduate conference on 'Changing Places, Borders, Memories', held in November 2008 at the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Science and Arts, University of Nova Gorica/Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 2008** *The Local Renegotiation of Borderland Loyalties at the Chinese – Central Asian Frontier*, paper presented at the Graduate Conference on 'Framing Struggles: Critical Approaches to Anthropology and Sociology', held in June 2008 at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University Budapest, Hungary.
- 2006** *China's Central Asian Borderland: Official Discourses and Local Realities*, paper presented at the Association for Borderland Studies conference on 'Structures and Narratives of Border Change', held in June 2006 at the Centre for International Border Research CIBR, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Seminars and Courses Held

- 09-11/2016** *The Eternal City? Anthropology and the Cityscape*, seminar for MA-students at the University of Bern.
- 02-04/2016** *Cartographies of Control: An Anthropology of Map-Making*, seminar (in 3 blocks) for MA-students at the University of Bern.
- 03/2015** *EU in Central Asia: Revisioning the Strategy*, policy seminar given by invitation of the Latvia EU Presidency and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, held at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs UPI-FIIA, Helsinki.

- 04/2014** *The Politics of a Political Anthropology*, PhD-level seminar at the School for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere.
- 01-02/2014** *Theoretical Approaches in Social Anthropology*, reading and essay-writing course for MA-students at the University of Tampere.
- 12/2012 – 03/2013** *Anthropology in Theory*, reading and essay-writing course for MA-students at the University of Tampere.
- 02-04/2012** *Those In-Between: Locating an Anthropology of Borders, Borderlanders, and Frontier Zones*, seminar (in 3 blocks) for MA-students at the University of Bern.
- 12/2011** *Border Control and Borderlander Loyalties in post-Soviet Central Asia*, guest lecture held at Bogaziçi University, Istanbul.
- 02/2011** *Controlling Borderlands?*, guest lecture held at the Tampere Peace Research Institute TAPRI, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 12/2010** *Controlling Borderlands?*, launch of the report and conference co-organised and held at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs UPI-FIIA (with the support of the Foreign Ministry of Finland), Helsinki
[\[http://www.fia.fi/en/event/326/controlling_borderlands/\]](http://www.fia.fi/en/event/326/controlling_borderlands/).
- 09/2007 – 12/2007** *Introduction to Social Anthropology*, BA-students' course designed and held at the University of Bern.
- 03/2007 – 06/2007** *National Transformations in the post-Soviet Periphery*, MA-students' course designed and held at the University of Bern.
- 04/2006** MA-students' seminar on *Post-Socialist Societies*, designed and held at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) (with Professors Édouard Conte and Christian Giordano).
- 02/2006** *Bordering States – Bordered Nations? Frontier Anthropology in a Central Asian Borderland*, Fellow Seminar held at the Collegium Budapest – Institute for Advanced Studies (Hungary).

03/2005 – 07/2005

Xinjiang – A Province Between China and Central Asia, BA-students' course designed and held at the University of Bern.

10/2004 – 02/2005

Introduction to Social Anthropology, BA-students' course held at the University of Bern.

Courses Visited

07/2009 – present

Finnish language courses at the Summer University, Helsinki (Finland).

02/2009 – 05/2009

Russian language school at St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (Russian Federation).

10/2004 – 07/2005

Russian language courses at the University of Bern.

07/2000 – 03/2001

Mandarin language school at Harbin Institute of Technology (People's Republic of China).

10/1999 – 07/2000

Mandarin language courses at the University of Bern.