

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: German
Date of birth: 23 August 1979
Married, two children, born 2013 and 2016

Current research interests

The anthropology of the modern state: taxation, (supra)national redistribution, policy making, competition and cooperation
Legal anthropology: transnational norm production, administration of justice, intellectual property, legal professionals and expert networks
Organisational studies: numerical representations, quantitative accountability, valuation, discretion and decision-making processes
Regions: G7 / G20 / OECD countries (in particular Paris, Washington, Berlin, London, Bern, India and Brazil), world society, Silicon Valley, Southern Africa

Current position

2012 – present
Lecturer and Researcher, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland
*maternity leave: four months 2013, ten months 2016
*reduced work hours since 2014 (75%), since 2016 (80%)

Education

2008 – 2015
Dr. Phil (Anthropology). Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany.

2000 – 2006
Magistra Artium (Social Anthropology, German Literature). Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany.

2003 – 2004
Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) Degree (postgraduate) in Social Anthropology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Additional training

2008 – 2015
Ph.D. Candidate of the 'International Max Planck Research School on Retaliation, Mediation and Punishment' (IMPRS-REMEP) at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle/Saale, Germany in cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg i. Br., Germany and Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany and Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (certificate awarded July 2015).

Theses / Dissertation

Dr. Phil 2015 (Martin Luther University Halle/Wittenberg, Germany, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

Title: *By their own account. (Quantitative) Accountability and the National Prosecuting Authority in South Africa.*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Richard Rottenburg and Prof. Dr. Keebet von Benda-Beckmann

MA 2006 (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany)

Title: Life behind the walls. Crime prevention and a sense of security in Hout Bay, South Africa.

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kurt Beck

BA Hons 2004 (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Title: *To Live and Move in Safety. Social consequences of spatial security strategies against fear of crime and crime in Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa.*

Supervisor: Dr. Lesley Fordred-Green; Examined by Prof. Dr. Steven Robins (University of Stellenbosch) and Dr. Susan Levine (University of Cape Town)

Fieldwork

2015 – present

Fieldwork at Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development “OECD” in Paris (Conference Center, Center for Tax Policy and Administration “CTPA”, working party meetings); United Nations Tax Committee, Autumn Sessions, Geneva; German Finance Ministry Berlin, French Finance Ministry Paris, Internal Revenue Service, Washington; international tax conferences (Washington, Berlin, Vienna, Hamburg, Mumbai, Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town/Stellenbosch).

2002 – 2013

Fieldwork in South Africa (Phillipi, Khayelitsha, Nyanga, Gugulethu, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Hout Bay, Eastern Cape); in total over 27 months.

Publications

Monograph

Measuring Justice. Quantitative Accountability and the National Prosecuting Authority in South Africa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Sharing Beyond the Nation State: A Fiscal Ethnography of Contemporary World Society. (in preparation)

Edited volume

A World of Indicators. The Making of Governmental Knowledge through Quantification, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, edited together with R. Rottenburg, S. Engle Merry, and S. Park, 2015.

Peer-reviewed articles

‘Regulatory Capture? Fiscal Anthropological Insights into the Heart of Contemporary Statehood’, *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, 2019, DOI: [10.1080/07329113.2018.1557434](https://doi.org/10.1080/07329113.2018.1557434) [QA]

‘Taxing Intellectual Property Income: Obstacles in the Global Governance of Intellectual Property’ *Economy and Society* (under review)

‘Exploring the state beyond the benevolent and violent: Suggestions for a reconciliatory approach within the contemporary anthropology of modern statehood’, paper for Special Issue: Localising the Study of the State and Bureaucracy, (*Critique of Anthropology*, edited by Thomas Bierschenk and Barak Kalir), (under review)

Chapters in edited volumes / handbooks

Analyse von Handlungskontexten: Kontextanalyse aus (rechts-)ethnologischer Perspektive, with Julia Eckert and Friederike Stahlmann. In M. Kötter, J. Deppe, J. Trappe, T. Schneider, T. Röder *Handbuch zur deutschen Rechtsstaatsförderung*. (in preparation)

‘Keine Angst vor Zahlen. Staatsanwälte bei der Arbeit mit Performance Measurement Systems in der National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in Südafrika’, In: J. Bens and O. Zenker, *Gerechtigkeitsgefühle: zur affektiven und emotionalen Legitimität von Normen*. Transcript Verlag, 2017.

‘By Their Own Account. (Quantitative) Accountability and the National Prosecuting Authority in South Africa’, In: Rottenburg, Merry, Park, and Mugler, *A World of Indicators. The Making of Governmental Knowledge through Quantification*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

‘To Live and Move in Safety: Fear of Crime, Crime and the Social Consequences of Spatial Security Strategies’. Honours thesis paper published in: *Postamble* 1 (2) 2005; <http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/postamble/vol2/Observatory.pdf>

Other media & outreach

‘From Access to Justice to Measuring Justice to the Price of Justice’, IMPRS-REMEEP Report 2019, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale.

‘Visionen bedeuten Hoffnung in einer Zukunft ohne Arbeit’, *Uniaktuell*, das Online Magazin der Universität Bern, May 2019
https://www.uniaktuell.unibe.ch/2019/visionen_bedeuten_hoffnung_in_einer_zukunft_ohne_arbeit/index_ger.html

‘The empty chairs. On the Tedious Constraints of trans-local research’, *Anthroblog* of the Institute for Social Anthropology at the University of Bern, February 2018.
https://www.anthro.unibe.ch/ueber_uns/anthroblog/index_ger.html

Auch Gewalt liegt im Auge des Betrachters’, *DIE WELT*, 14.6.2010;
<https://www.welt.de/die-welt/kultur/article8034133/Auch-Gewalt-liegt-im-Auge-des-Betrachters.html>

Courses Taught

2011 Ethnographic Research Methods, IMPRS-REMEEP, Max-Planck-Institute, Halle/Saale
2012 Anthropology of Quantification, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern
2013 Taxation as a Socio-Political and Institutional Phenomenon, Anthro/Bern
2013 Anthropology of Elites, Anthro/Bern
2014 (FS, HS), Introduction into Social Anthropology, Anthro/Bern
2015 Introduction into Social Anthropology, Anthro/Bern
2015 Global Markets and their Regulation, Anthro/Bern

Invited classes

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Lecture ‘Studying-up and through transnational policy networks in international tax’, Invited by Prof. Julia Eckert, Lecture: Anthropology of Transnationalism and the State, Master, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern

Grants

2018 University Bern, Faculty Fund, (for Social Science Tax Matters Workshop), 3'000 CHF
2018 Swiss National Research Foundation, Flexibility Grant, 17'644 CHF
2017 Swiss National Research Foundation, Flexibility Grant, 39'693 CHF
2016 Swiss National Research Foundation (forty-two months research position and fieldwork grant), 436'513 CHF
2015 UniBern Forschungsstiftung (fieldwork grant for postdoctoral research), 2'500 CHF
2015 Swiss European Mobility Programme (teaching exchange at the City University London), 1'200 CHF

2008 Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale (four year Ph.D. position, fieldwork grant)
2006 Graduate School Asia and Africa in World Reference Systems (GSAA), Martin-Luther-University
Halle-Wittenberg; (four month start-up grant).

Service to the profession

Ad Hoc Referee

Law & Social Inquiry
Journal for Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law
Journal of Tax Administration
Sociologus
Cambridge University Press
Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung

Professional Membership

American Anthropological Association
German Anthropological Association
Swiss Anthropological Association

Selected Conferences, Invited Lectures and Workshop Papers

2019

Roundtable Discussion Contributor for Workshop: *Nuremberg Benchmarks: Performance of International Criminal Justice*, organised and invited by The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law, The International Nuremberg Principles Academy and the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, The Hague, 17 September 2019.

Presentation of Paper, *Internationale Steuerrechtstechnokraten nicht mehr unter sich. Anthropologische Perspektiven auf die Macht und Ohnmacht des nicht-politischen Verhandlungsvakuums*. Tagung der deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie «Das Ende der Aushandlungen», Universität Konstanz, 1 Oktober 2019. (Scheduled)

Presentation of Paper, *Tax me if you can: the dematerialisation of property and corporate income tax*. Workshop: an Anthropology of Tax, organised and invited by Lotta Bjorklund Larsen (Tax Administration Research Center, University of Exeter) und Nicolette Makovicky (Oxford University), Stockholm, 27–30 October 2019. (Scheduled)

Roundtable Discussion Contributor: *Measuring Justice*, organised by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in South Africa, Head Office, Pretoria, 19 November 2019. Organised by Martin Schönteich, Open Society Foundation, Washington. (Scheduled):

Presented paper, *What's wrong with paying taxes voluntarily?*, at the Center for Tax Law, University of Amsterdam. Workshop: Springtime in Amsterdam; Peter Sloterdijk and others on voluntary taxation in a globalised world, 21 March 2019. Organised and invited by Prof. Sjoerd Douma, Amsterdam Law School.

Presented paper, *How to share beyond the nation state? Situating anthropologists of the state and tax policy negotiators between national and global interests*, at the Department for Social Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, 17–18 January 2019. Workshop: Localising the Study of the State and Bureaucracy, organised and invited by Barak Kalir, Thomas Bierschenk, Heike Drothbom and Heath Cabot.

2018

Presented paper, *Sharing Global Corporate Profits, Negotiating Tax Rules for the Digital Economy at the OECD in Paris*, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern, 27 November 2018.

Presented paper, *Internationales Steuerrecht und seine Verhandlung. Ethnographische Spurenaufzeichnungen der OECD G20 "Task Force on the Digital Economy"*, at the University of Konstanz, Department for History and Sociology, Berufungskommission, 25 October 2018.

Presented paper, *The international tax debate: a social anthropology perspective*, at interdisciplinary seminar *Miscommunication and Distrust in the International Tax Debate*, University of Amsterdam, 14 June 2018, organised and invited by Prof. Sjoerd Douma, Amsterdam Law School.

2017

Presented paper, *Changing perceptions of global tax fairness? Studying tax policy negotiations at the OECD in Paris*, at the National Taxpayer Advocate Conversation Series, Washington D.C., Internal Revenue Service, 1 December 2017. Panel: An International Ethnographic Perspective on Tax Administration and Tax Compliance, organised and invited by Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, USA.

Presented paper, *Changing perceptions of global tax fairness? Studying tax policy negotiations at the OECD in Paris*, at the Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, 29 November –3 December 2017. Panel: Measuring and mattering (Fair and Sustainable Taxation) organised by Benedicte Brøgger, BI Norwegian Business School, Norway; Lotta Bjørklund-Larsen, Linköping University, Sweden. Discussant: Douglas Holmes, Binghamton University and Nina Olsen, Internal Revenue Service, USA.

Presented introductory paper, *The Premises and Promises of Alternative Norms in the Global Economy*, at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropology Society, at the University of Neuchatel, 9–11 November 2017.

Presented paper, *Who is afraid of tax law?*, at the biennial conference of the German Anthropological Association, 4–7 October 2017. Panel: Who is afraid of „official law“? Studying law and belonging by bridging approaches from legal anthropology, legal sociology and the anthropology of the state organised by Larissa Vetter (Humboldt Universität Berlin) und Jonas Bens (Freie Universität Berlin). Discussant: Thomas Bierschenk, University Mainz.

2016

Presented paper, *Negotiating International Tax Law at the OECD in Paris: An Ethnography of the Emergence of Global Tax Norms*, at interdisciplinary Summer School: The political anthropology of world society: practices of knowledge and regulation, organised by University of Bern and University of Bremen, Indemini, 23–30 August 2016.

2015

Presented paper, *An ethnography of the (re-) making of international tax law*, at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropology Society, at the University of Bern, 12–14 November 2015. Panel: „New Values and Regulation in Capitalisms“ organised by Tobias Haller, Johanna Mugler, Heinzpeter Znoj.

Presented paper, *„What the hell is a fairer corporate tax law?“ Eine Ethnographie der Aushandlung von Steuerfairness innerhalb der G20 OECD BEPS Initiative*, at the Kongress der deutschsprachigen Rechtssoziologie-Vereinigungen, at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 9–11 September 2015. Panel: „Entwicklung durch faireres Steuerrecht“ organised by Johanna Mugler.

Presented paper, *The emergence of global tax payers: the (re-)making of international business tax law*, at the IASH Winter school “TransForming Capital”, Schloss Münchenwiler, Switzerland, 5–11 February 2015. (Invited by organisers). Discussant: Arjun Appadurai, New York University.

2014

Presented paper, *No fear of numbers. No chasing or cheating. No number games. Prosecutors at work with performance measurement systems in the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in South Africa*, at the workshop „African Courts: Actors, Institutional Developments and Governance“, LASDEL, Niamey, Niger, 4–9 December 2014. (Invited by organisers, funded by the DFG, German Research Foundation)

2013

Presented paper, *Travelling models of audit societies. Differing attitudes towards performance measurement. The National Prosecution Authority at work in South Africa*, at the conference “How to put models into practice? African perspectives on technologies of ordering in legal, organisational and medical contexts”, Halle/Saale, Germany, 8–9 February 2013. (Invited by organisers, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation). Discussant: Theodore Porter, University of Los Angeles.

2011

Presented paper, *On Talking Numbers and Telling a Story: Organising Accountability, Quantification and Criminal Justice in South Africa*, at the Colloquium of the Institute for Social Anthropology at the University of Bern, Switzerland, 26 October 2011. (Invited by University of Bern, funded by University of Bern).

Presented paper, *Bringing the numbers down. Performance indicators, accountability and the National Prosecuting Authority in South Africa*, at the LOST workshop “A World of Indicators: Knowledge Technologies of Regulation, Domination. Experimentation and Critique in an Interconnected World”, Halle/Saale, Germany, 12–15 October 2011.

Presented paper, *On Talking Numbers and Telling a Story: Organising Accountability, Quantification and Criminal Justice in South Africa*, at the 15th Jubilee Conference of the Commission for Legal Pluralism at the Centre for Legal and Applied Research (CLEAR) at the University of Cape Town Country: Cape Town, South Africa, 8–10 September 2011. Panel: Legal Pluralism, Science and Technology. Organised by Bertram Turner, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Presented paper (together with Sung Joon Park), *Finding a Price for Public Service? Intangible assets, immaterial resources and moral dilemmas in justice and health. Criminal Justice Employees at Work*, 21 June 2011, Werkstatt, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Presented paper, *Organising Accountability, Quantification and Criminal Justice in South Africa*, at the Second Berlin Forum Innovation in Governance Forum. Knowing governance. The making of governance knowledge and the transformation of politics. Panel: Accounting and accountability. Organised by Innovation in Governance Research Group, Technische Universität Berlin, at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities Berlin, Germany, 19–20 May 2011.

2010

Presented paper, ‘*Accountability, Quantification and Criminal Justice in South Africa*’, 53rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, 18–21 November 2010, San Francisco, USA. Panel: States at Work. Empirical Perspectives on Public Bureaucracies in Africa. Organised by Thomas Bierschenk, University of Mainz and Jean–Pierre Olivier De Sardan, Lasdel.

Presented paper, ‘*The Social Life of Indicators. Measuring Criminal Justice in South Africa*’, 6th Annual Conference of the Centre for Research on Socio Cultural Changes, 31 August – 3 September 2010, St. Hugh’s College Oxford. Panel: Indicators and Audits. Chair: Evelyn Ruppert- CRESC, The Open University.

Selected Organisation of Panels and Conferences

Organiser of international workshop, *Sharing beyond borders: Explorations into the organisation of institutionalized obligations of redistribution, solidarity and assistance in a world society*, together with Prof. Julia Eckert, University of Bern. October 2020. (In preparation)

2019

Convenor of roundtable, *A Fair Share of Tax* with Dr. Lotta Björklund Larsen, University of Linköping, Sweden, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern, 7 October 2019. (Scheduled)

Organising committee, Anthropology Talks, three day lecture and workshop series with Prof. Dr. Susana Narotzky, (University of Barcelona), Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern, 22–24 May 2019.

2017

Convener of panel (jointly with Luisa Piart; University of Bern), *The Premises and Promises of Alternative Norms in the Global Economy*, at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropology Society, at the University of Neuchatel, 9–11 August 2017.

2015

Convener of panel (jointly with Prof. Tobias Haller and Prof. Heinzpeter Znoj), *New Values and Regulation in Capitalisms*, at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropology Society, at the University of Bern, 12–14 November 2015.

Convenor of panel, *Entwicklung durch faireres Steuerrecht*, at the Kongress der deutschsprachigen Rechtssoziologie-Vereinigungen, at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 9–11 September 2015.

2014

Convener of panel (jointly with Dr. Jan Budniok and Dr. Mirko Göpfert), *Collaboration in criminal justice: actors, processes and translations*, at the biennial conference of EASA, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Tallinn, 30 July – 3 August 2014.

2011

Organised international workshop, “*A World of Indicators: Knowledge Technologies of Regulation, Domination. Experimentation and Critique in an Interconnected World*” jointly with Sung Joon Park at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, 12–15 October 2011.

Organised workshop, “*The Ethnography of Law Enforcement / Law in Action – Methods and Methodology*” jointly with Csaba Gyoery, Kyomi von Frankenberg, Julia Kasselt, Jing Lin and Carolin Terwindt at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, 23 February 2011.

Languages

German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Xhosa (beginner); French (beginner); Latin; Ancient Greek.

References

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