

CURRICULUM VITAE || Dr. JULIA REHSMANN || 2022

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

04/2022—ongoing Research assistant the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern (CH)
01/2020 – ongoing Postdoc in the SNSF project 188869 “Sterbesettings/Things of Dying”, at the School of Health Professions, Bern University of Applied Sciences (CH)
09/2020—12/2022 Lecturer at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Lucerne (CH)
02/2020—06/2020 Maternity leave
08/2018 – 08/2020 Assistant I at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern (CH)
09/2017–07/2018 Visiting Research Student, SNSF Doc.Mobility fellow, Department of Public Health and Policy, University of Liverpool (UK)
02/2014–08/2017 Doctoral student in the SNSF project 149368 “Intimate Uncertainties: Precarious Life and Moral Economy across European Borders” (directed by Prof. Sabine Strasser), at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern (CH)
02/2015–01/2018 Guest Researcher, Leipzig University Hospital (D), Advisors: Prof.Dr.med. Michael Bartels, Dr.med. Cornelius Engelmann
08/2015–09/2015 Guest Researcher, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin (D), Advisor: Prof. Dr.med. Igor M. Sauer
10/2012–01/2013 Research Assistant, Institute of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna (AT)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

19/10/2018 PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Bern (CH), Supervisors: Prof. Sabine Strasser and Dr. Ciara Kierans. Thesis title: “Waiting for a Liver: Manipulation, Magic and Moralising in Transplant Medicine”
09/2017–07/2018 Visiting PhD student, Department of Public Health and Policy, University of Liverpool (UK)
02/2014–02/2018 Graduate School Social Anthropology, Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CH), Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology
06/2012 Mag.^a phil. in Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna (AT), Supervisor: Prof. Sabine Strasser. Thesis title: “Act of Violence – Act of Love: Transnationale Adoption in Österreich”

01/2010–06/2010 Undergraduate Studies in Anthropology and Sociology, Brunel University London (UK), Erasmus

FURTHER TRAINING

15/02/2022 Certified Course “Clinical Investigators I: Basic GCP and clinical research training”, CTU Bern (CH)

11/2018–01/2019 Certified Course “Passage” on Palliative and End-of-Life Care, Swiss Red Cross, Bern (CH)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

09/2019–01/2020 Working Group “AG Postdoc Reglement”, University of Bern

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

09/2017–07/2018 “The Liver's Time: Temporality and Precarity in Liver Transplant Medicine”, SNSF Doc.Mobility Grant (no. 175223), CHF 42'600

SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

MA Thesis (1st supervisor) Flavia Lehmann, Rahel Lagler, Deborah Messer
MA Thesis (2nd supervisor) Noël Hauri, Nadine Biedermann
BA Thesis (minor) Kim Molinari, Laila Elena Danz, Lisa Dasen, Meret Wallimann

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses:

HS 2022 BA/MA Seminar “Anthropological perspectives on Care and the End of Life”, University of Lucerne
HS 2020 BA/MA Seminar “Organs, Tissues and other body parts”, University of Lucerne
HS 2019 BA Exercise/Übung “Methoden der Sozialanthropologie”, University of Bern
FS 2019 BA/MA Exercise/Übung “Anthropology of Waiting”, University of Bern
HS 2018 BA/MA Exercise/Übung “Transplantationsmedizin anthropologisch betrachtet», University of Bern

Individual lectures: “Forschungsmethoden III”, “Das Freundschaftsparadigma in der Sozialanthropologie”, “Einführung in die Anthropologie der sozialen Beziehungen”, “Anthropology of Affect”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

08/2019–10/2019 Brocher Foundation, Visiting Researcher Fellowship
09/2017–07/2018 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Doc.Mobility Grant (no. 175223), (CHF 42'600)
08/2017 University of Bern, Harvest Money, Academic Fund of the Faculty of Humanities (CHF 3'275)
06/2016 University of Bern, Fund for the Promotion of Young Researchers (CHF 5'000)
06/2007 University of Vienna, Academic Excellence Scholarship

MEMBERSHIPS IN COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS

2022–ongoing Member of the Scientific Board at the Swiss Center for Design and Health
2021–ongoing Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Research Day in Palliative Care 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
Swiss Anthropological Association (SAA)
Medical Anthropology Switzerland (MAS)

FIELD RESEARCH

- 08/2020 — ongoing Switzerland: Ethnographic Fieldwork for SNSF research project
“Sterbesettings/Things of Dying” on palliative care
- 09/2014—09/2015 Germany: Ethnographic Fieldwork for doctoral thesis and SNSF research project
“Intimate Uncertainties” on liver transplant medicine
- 09/2011—05/2012 Austria: Fieldwork for Master thesis on transnational adoption between Ethiopia and
Austria

LANGUAGES

German: Native
English: Fluent in Speaking, Reading and Writing
Russian: Intermediate in Speaking, Advanced Beginners in Reading and Writing

PUBLICATION LIST

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

- Rehsmann, J.** (2022): Failing Livers, Anticipated Futures and Un/desired Transplants. In *Anthropology & Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2021.2017126>
- Rehsmann, J.** (2019): Food for (Students’) Thought: Graphic Novels in der medizinanthropologischen Lehre. In *Curare – Zeitschrift für Medizinethnologie* 42 (1+2), 70–72.
- Rehsmann, J.** (2018): Confined Live(r)s: Self-infliction and Arbitrary Survival in the German Transplant System. In *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* 27 (2), 45–64. <https://doi.org/10.3167/ajec.2018.270204>
- Rehsmann, J.** (2017): Fighting Hydra: The Uncertainties of Waiting for a Liver Transplant. In *Tsantsa* 22, 47–56. <https://doi.org/10.36950/tsantsa.2017.22.7346>

Peer-reviewed Book Chapter

- Soom Ammann E. and **J. Rehsmann** (2022). Tinkering am Lebensende. Wie die Pflege das Sterben in der Institution gestaltet. In: C. Caduff, M. Afzali, F. Müller and E. Soom Ammann (eds.): *Kontext Sterben*, Zürich: Scheidegger & Spiess, 112–122. <https://doi.org/10.53788/CAST0108>
- Rehsmann, J.** (2021): Lists in Flux, Lives on Hold? Technologies of Waiting in Liver Transplant Medicine. In *Immobility and Medicine: Exploring Stillness, Waiting and the In-Between*, eds. Cecilia Vindrola-Padros, Bruno Vindrola-Padros and Kyle Lee-Crossett. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 15–37. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-4976-2_2
- Rehsmann, J.** (2019): Dancing through the Perfect Storm: Encountering Illness and Death in the Field and Beyond. In *Affective Dimensions of Fieldwork*, eds. Thomas Stodulka, Samia Dinkelaker and Ferdiansyah Thajib. New York: Springer, 189–200. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-20831-8_17

Peer-reviewed Essay

- Rehsmann, J.** (2018): Exciting Waiting: Exploring Liver Transplantation in Germany. In *Medicine Anthropology Theory*, April 25, <http://www.medanthrotheory.org/article/view/5373>

Essay

Rehsmann, J. (2018): Broken Skin. In Anthroblog, December 2018,
http://www.anthro.unibe.ch/ueber_uns/anthroblog

Contribution to Book

Rehsmann, J. (2018): Organismus/Organism. In *Hope*, ed. Sarah Hildebrand, Basel: Christoph Merian Verlag. ISBN 978-3-85616-860-5

Journal Article

Rehsmann, J. and E. Soom Ammann (2021): Who's Going to Care? Die Zukunft von Palliative Care zwischen Fachkräftemangel und Pflegerobotern. In *swissfuture – Magazin für Zukunftsmonitoring* 02/21, 26–31.
<https://www.swissfuture.ch/de/2021/08/>

Rehsmann, J. (2012): (Ad)optionale Spurensuche. Transnationale Adoption in Österreich. In *Paradigmata*. Zeitschrift für Menschen und Diskurse (8), 18–21.

ORGANISATION OF WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

Rehsmann, J. and Veronika Siegl (2021): *Observation beyond presence – Hospital ethnography at the beginnings and ends of life*, Panel at the the Swiss Ethnological Society SEG-SSE-Annual Meeting “Re-viewing the field: Contemporary debates and approaches to fieldwork,” Ascona (CH), 22-24 April.

Rehsmann, J. (2019): *Temporalities*, Panel Chair at the MAS-Symposium “Making Medicine in Austere Times,” University of Bern (CH), 11-13 June.

Rehsmann, J. and Claire Vionnet (2018): *Tracing the Intimate*, Panel at Vienna Anthropology Days VANDA, University of Vienna (AT), 19-21 September.

Perl Gerhild, Piart Luisa, **Rehsmann J.**, Siegl Veronika and Sabine Strasser (2017): *Intimate Uncertainties: Existential Crises, Moral Consequences and Feminist Interventions Across Borders*, International Workshop and Preparation for a Joint Publication, Schloss Ueberstorf (CH), 26-28 January.

Perl Gerhild, Piart Luisa, **Rehsmann J.**, Siegl Veronika and Sabine Strasser (2016): *Entangled in Moralities: Studying Morals and Ethical Subjects Across Borders*, International Workshop, University of Bern (CH), 24-25 February.

Lems, Annika and **Rehsmann, J.** (2015): *Uncertainties as a Playground for Moralities*, Panel at the Swiss Ethnological Society SEG-SSE-Annual Meeting “Global Capitalism and the Challenge of Well-Being in the World,” University of Bern (CH), 13-14 November.

Perl Gerhild, **Rehsmann J.** and Veronika Siegl (2013): *Crossing Borders – The Anthropology of Life and Death in Transnational Times*, Panel at the 8th Days of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna (AT), 6-7 June.

Herrera Peña Denise, **Rehsmann J.**, Schiller Melanie and Sabine Strasser (2012): *Intimitäten erforschen: Berichte aus der Forschungswerkstatt*, Panel at the 7th Days of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna (AT), 24-25 May.

ORAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Invited Talks

Rehsmann, J. (2021): *Anticipating Death: From Transplant Medicine to Palliative Care in Pandemic Times*, Institutskolloquium, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Lucerne (CH), 11 May.

Rehsmann, J. (2019): *The German ‘Transplant Scandal’ and the Ambivalence of Manipulation*, Institutskolloquium, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern (CH), 28 May.

Rehsmann, J. (2018): *‘Fast’ Family? Transparenz und ‘Roots’-Touren in Transnational Adoption*, Lecture “Einführung in die Anthropologie sozialer Beziehungen”, University of Bern, 28 November.

Rehsmann, J. (2017): *Incisive Decisions: The Politics of Waiting Lists in Germany*, Research Symposium “Organs, Tissues, Contexts: Politics and Practices in the Era of Transplant Medicine,” University of Liverpool (UK), 22 September.

Rehsmann, J. (2016): *Waiting for a Liver: Time and Temporality in Transplant Medicine*, Seminar “Time and the Anthropologist”, University of Bern (CH), 10 December.

Rehsmann, J. (2015): *Warten auf das Spenderorgan: Existenzielle Unsicherheiten und emotionale Ambivalenzen*, 3rd Annual Day of Liver Transplantation Leipzig “Lebertransplantation heute,” Leipzig University Hospital (D), 21 November.

Conference Talks

Rehsmann, J. and Eva Soom Ammann (2022): *Practices of Sedation: Doing Palliative Care in a Hospital Ward*, International Conference “Futures Ahead - Translations and collaborations between medicine, social science and the humanities”, Linköping University (SWE), 15 June 2022.

Rehsmann, J. (2022): *Gender and Palliative Care: Following A Call to Arms*, International Conference “Institutions and Death”, University of Bath (UK), 10 June 2022.

Rehsmann, J. (2021): *Dealing with the Unbearable: Deep Sedation until Death in Specialized Palliative Care*, Swiss Summer Academy in Palliative Care Research, Murten (CH), 23 August 2021.

Rehsmann, J. (2021): *Limited Futures: Temporalities, Transplants and Care at the End of Life*, International Conference “Chronic Living: Quality, Vitality and Health in the 21st Century”, University of Copenhagen (DNK), 5 March 2021.

Rehsmann, J. and Eva Soom Ammann (2021): *Gegenwart und Zukunft des Sterbens jenseits Corona: Palliative Care in Zeiten der Pandemie*, Dreiländerkongress Medizinsoziologie “Gesundheitssystem der Zukunft - Zukunft der Gesundheit: alles neu nach Corona?”, Munich (D), 5 March 2021.

Rehsmann, J. (2020): *Anticipating Death: Perspectives on Palliative Care in Pandemic Times*, Workshop “Temporalities of the Living: Health, Disease and Technology Beyond the Lifecourse”, University of Lausanne (CH), 4 December 2020.

Rehsmann, J. (2019): *An Urgent Matter: Materiality and Temporality in Liver Transplants*, Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Association “On Time,” Helsinki (FIN), 28-30 August.

Rehsmann, J. (2017): *Lists in Flux, Lives on Hold? Understanding the Accessibility to, and Exclusion from, Transplant Medicine*, Conference of the German Anthropological Association (GAA/DGSKA) “Zugehörigkeiten: Affektive, moralische und politische Praxen in einer vernetzten Welt,” Freie Universität Berlin (D), 5-7 October.

Rehsmann, J. (2017): *Confined Live(r)s: Alcohol and the Ethics of Lists and Limits*, 4th Contemporary Drug Problems Conference “Making Alcohol and Other Drug Realities,” Helsinki (FIN), 23-25 August.

Rehsmann, J. (2017): *Chronic Live(r)s: Temporal and Existential Uncertainties in Liver Transplant Medicine*, European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) Medical Anthropology Network Meeting “Bodies in Transition — Power, Knowledge and Medical Anthropology,” Lisbon (P), 5-7 July.

Rehsmann, J. (2016): *The Manifold Sites of Information: Managing Uncertainties and Responsibilities in Transplant Medicine*, Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) “Anthropological Legacies and Human Futures,” University of Milano-Bicocca (IT), 20-23 July.

Rehsmann, J. (2014): *Act of Violence – Act of Love*, International Workshop “Family Narratives/ National(istic) Narratives,” University of Zurich (CH), 22-23 May.

Rehsmann, J. (2012): *Über Gewalt und Liebe: Transnationale Adoption in Österreich*, at the 7th Days of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna (AT), 24-25 May.

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

Rehsmann, J. (2022): *Nichts Tun*. Buchpräsentation “Kontext Sterben”, HKB Hochschule der Künste Bern, Bern (CH), 21 June.

Rehsmann, J. (2022): *Nichts Tun*. Buchpräsentation “Kontext Sterben”, Never Stop Reading, Zurich (CH), 27 April.

Hildebrand Sarah, Perl Gerhild, **Rehsmann J.** and Veronika Siegl (2018): *Hope*. Buchpräsentation, Depot – Kunst und Diskussion, Vienna (AT), 5 November.

Hildebrand Sarah, Perl Gerhild, **Rehsmann J.** and Veronika Siegl Rehsmann, J. (2018): *Hope. Texte und Fotografien über die Ambivalenzen der Hoffnung*, “Science Talk” Sattelkammer Bern (CH), 23 April.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Streitgespräch Organspende, reformiert.ch, 2022

<https://reformiert.info/de/recherche/debatte-zum-neuen-organspendegesetz-was-bringt-das-widerspruchsmoedell-20645.html>

Streitfrage Organspende, Sternstunde Religion, SRF 1, 2022

<https://www.srf.ch/play/tv/sternstunde-religion/video/streitfrage-organspende?urn=urn:srf:video:5a99393a-af45-4a07-bcdc-dcf6f7b92149>

Wie wir das Lebensende angenehmer gestalten können, SRF Regionaljournal Bern, 2021

<https://www.srf.ch/audio/regionaljournal-bern-freiburgwallis/wie-wir-das-lebensende-angenehmer-gestaltenkoennen?partId=11991131>