

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Details

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### Academic Positions

Since 2014 Co-Director, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies,  
University of Zurich  
Since 2013 Co-Director, Centre for Anthropological Studies on Central Asia  
(CASCA), Halle-Zurich  
2009 – 2013 Chair, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of  
Zurich  
Since 2006 Full Professor for Social Anthropology, University of Zurich  
2005 – 2006 Head of Research Group ‘Integration and Conflict in Central Asia, Max  
Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany  
2004 – 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor at the Middle East Technical University,  
Ankara, Turkey  
2002 – 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire,  
Department of Anthropology  
2001 – 2002 Lecturer at the University of Leipzig, Department of Social Anthropology,  
and the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Department of  
Oriental Studies  
2000 – 2005 Research staff at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology,  
Halle/Saale, Germany  
1997 – 1999 Lecturer at the Friedrich Wilhelm University of Bonn, Department of  
Central Asian Studies  
1995 – 2000 Assistant and Lecturer at the University of Cologne, Department of Social  
Anthropology

## **Education**

Habilitation, Social Anthropology, University of Leipzig, April 2006

Title of thesis: „Variations on Uzbek Identity: Concepts, Constraints and Local Configurations“

Ph.D., Social Anthropology, University of Cologne, Germany (grade: “summa cum laude”), May 1999

Title of thesis: “Transformation einer pastoralen Gesellschaft. Ökonomischer und sozialer Wandel bei den Kasachen in der Westmongolei nach dem Ende des Sozialismus”, Supervisor: Prof. Michael J. Casimir

M.A., Social Anthropology (major subject), Turcology and Mongolian Studies (Minor subjects), Free University Berlin and Humboldt-University Berlin, January 1994

Title of thesis: "Pastoral Nomadismus bei Kasachen im Westen der Mongolischen Volksrepublik", Supervisor: Prof. Lawrence Krader

## **Areas of specialization**

Substantive areas: economic anthropology, rural development, political economy and social change; post-socialist societies; ethnicity, nationalism and migration studies, norms and ideology, social theory

Geographic areas: Central Asia, Middle East

## **Field research**

Since 1991      Field experience in Central Asia (Mongolia, Kazakstan, Uzbekistan) for a total of 40 months

## **Languages**

German	native speaker
English	excellent
Kazak	very good
Turkish	very good
Uzbek	good
Mongolian	good
Russian	advanced
Romansh	beginner

### **Professional Affiliations**

Swiss Association of Social Anthropology (SEG-SSE), President (2012-2017)  
German Association of Social Anthropologists (DGV) (Board Member 2005-2007)  
Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) (President in 2009-2010)  
European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) (Board Member 2007-2009)

### **Editorial Work and Reviews**

Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, Co-Editor  
Central Asian Survey, Member of the International Advisory Board  
Berghahn book series 'Integration and Conflict', Member of the Editorial Board

Regular journal reviews for: Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, Current Anthropology, American Anthropologist, Anthropology Today

National Science Foundation (NSF), Member of the Senior Scholar Panel, Section Cultural Anthropology

Regular reviews for: Swiss National Science Funds (SNFS), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)