

**Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz**

Citizenship: Germany

**Current position:**

full professor (since 1999) and chair, Institute for the History of Religions and Central Asian Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Bern University, Switzerland

**Previously held positions:**

2007-2010 Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Bern University  
1999- Full professor, History of Religions and Central Asian Studies, Bern University  
1998-1999 Research Fellow, Department for Central Asian Studies, Bonn University (Germany)  
1998 Guest Lecturer, Department for Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Lomonossov State University, Moscow (Russia)  
1991-1999 Lecturer, Department for Central Asian Studies, Bonn University  
1991 Lecturer for Tibetan Language, Institute for Indology, Marburg University  
1986-1990 Research Assistant, Department for Central Asian Studies, Bonn University  
1986-1991 Assistant Editor, *Ural-Altäische Jahrbücher, Neue Folge* (International Journal for Uralic and Altaic Studies, New Series)

**Education:**

1984 MA Tibetan Studies, Bonn University  
1984-85 Post graduate studies JNU, New Delhi  
1991 Ph.D. Tibetan Studies, Bonn University  
1999 Habilitation Central Asian Studies, Bonn University

**Scholarships and Awards**

1993-1997 Lise-Meitner-Habilitation grant  
1991-1993 postdoctoral grant, German Research Foundation (DFG)  
1986-1989 doctoral grant, ministry of Nordrhein-Westfalen (rejected)  
1984-1986 postgraduate grant for fieldwork in Northern India  
1979-1984 grant for excellent students, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

**Research interests**

Cultural and religious history of Tibet and Mongolia; Canon research (Mongolian Ganjur); Mongolian knowledge cultures; Method and Theory of Religion; Religion and Politics in Inner Asia; History of Buddhism

**Language proficiency****Asian languages**

Classical and Modern Standard Tibetan, Classical Mongolian, Modern Mongolian (basic), Sanskrit, Pāli, Old Uyigur, Hindi (basic)

**European languages**

English, French, German, Latin, Russian, Spanish

**Funded Research projects (last 5 years)**

2014-2017 “Mongolian perceptions of the world in times of emerging global networks: The Ordos-region in the last decades of the Qing empire” (Swiss National Science Foundation)  
2012-2015 “Mongolian knowledge cultures in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: the construction of a “doctrine of the shamans” (Swiss National Science Foundation)  
2011-2013 “The Mongols in the long 17<sup>th</sup> century: Political and cultural transformation processes in the mirror of the Ganjur colophons” (Gerda Henkel Foundation, Germany)  
2010-2013 “Canonization processes in a trans-cultural perspective: The case of the Mongolian Ganjur” (Swiss National Science Foundation)  
2009-2012 „Halbmond und Schweizerkreuz – Eine Untersuchung über zum Islam konvertierte Schweizerinnen und Schweizer“ (Swiss National Science Foundation)

2009 „Religion and Ethnicity in Mongolian Societies – Historical and Contemporary Perspectives“  
(Swiss National Science Foundation and Russian Foundation for Basic Research)

**Editorial Board and scientific committees**

Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft (DMG)

Schweizerische Asiengesellschaft (Asiatische Studien/ Etudes asiatiques)

International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS)

International Association for Mongolian Studies (IAMS)

Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)

Historical and Philological Studies of China's Western Regions (Beijing)

Tartaria Magna (Ulaan Ude, RU)

Studies in Oriental Religions

Societas Uralo-Altaica

Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft

Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft

Institut für Historische Anthropologie

Swiss Committee on Polar and High Altitude Research

Société Européenne Pour L'Etude Des Civilisations De L'Himalaya et de L'Asie Centrale (Seechac)

**External expert evaluation for (selection):** Swiss National Science Foundation, German Research Foundation, Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Oslo/Norway, University of Texas at Austin, Russian Academy of Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava

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