

CURRICULUM VITAE

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology of the Individual, Economic Anthropology, Peasants, Methods,
Linguistic Anthropology, Philosophy and Anthropology, Historical Anthropology

CURRENT POSITION

Senior researcher and lecturer, Dept. of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural
Studies, University of Zurich.

EDUCATION

Habilitation

Habilitation in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich, degree received in July 2016.

Title of thesis: *Musa – an essay (or experiment) in the anthropology of the individual.*

Funding: German Science Foundation (DFG), Swiss National Foundation (SNF),
International Research Centre “Work and Life-Cycle” (Humboldt University Berlin).

Doctoral Studies

Ph.D. in Social Anthropology, University of Bayreuth, degree received in May 2001.

Title of dissertation: *Zur Komplexität bäuerlicher Feldarbeit in Afrika – eine Fallstudie
in einem Manga-Dorf (Niger)* (“On the Complexity of Peasant Agricultural Work –
A Case Study in a Manga Village (Niger)”). Supervisors: Professor Spittler,
Professor Neubert. Grade: magna cum laude.

Funding: Scholarship by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Undergraduate Education

M.A. in Social Anthropology, Free University Berlin, degree received in 1996.

Title of master's thesis: *Zum Textverständnis von Hausa-Lesern – eine
literaturethnologische Feldstudie* (“On the Interpretation of Literature by Hausa
Readers - A Case Study in the Anthropology of Literature”). Supervisors: Professor
Elwert, Professor Jungraithmayr. Grade: 1.0.

Subjects studied: Social Anthropology, African Linguistics and Philosophy at University of Frankfurt (Main), Free University Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, University of Edinburgh.

Additional funding: Scholarship by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for participation in a Hausa language course at Bayero University Kano (Nigeria), July-September 1990. Erasmus scholarship for the study of Social Anthropology at Edinburgh University, October 1991-June 1992.

PRIOR POSITIONS AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Interim Full Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Tübingen, April 2017-July 2018.

Visiting Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), Kyoto University, 1 December 2016 to 17 March 2017. Funding: ASAFAS.

Teaching substitute for Prof. Peter Finke, Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, Autumn semester 2016.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Assistent/Oberassistent), Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, May 2008-September 2009, September 2010-December 2016.

Research stay at the “Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative (Lesc)”, University of Paris Ouest, project title: “The individuality of decision-making”, 4 -15 July 2016. Funding: Swiss National Foundation (SNF).

Research stay at the Faculty of Arts, Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nigeria, project title: “Musa – an essay (or experiment) in the anthropology of the individual”. December 2010 – February 2011. Funding: Swiss National Foundation (SNF).

Research fellow at the International Research Centre “Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History”, Humboldt University Berlin, October 2009-August 2010. Funding: Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Germany.

Postdoctoral researcher, project title: “Patterns of Communication in a Hausa Language Community”, project leader: myself, Mainz University, May 2006-April 2008. Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG).

Postdoctoral researcher, project title: “Languages and Cultures in the Lake Chad Region”, project leader: Professor Kastholz, Mainz University, January 2003-December 2005. Funding: Special Research Program (SFB) 295, German Research Foundation (DFG).

Temporary Lecturer (Assistent, Vertretung) at the Department of Social Anthropology,
Chair of Professor Elwert, Free University Berlin, October 2001-June 2002.

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-editor (with Albert Piette) of book series “Anthropology, Existence and
Individuals”, Duncker & Humblot Publishers, Berlin, since 2015.

Editor of “Sociologus – Journal for Social Anthropology”, Duncker and Humblot
Publishers, Berlin, since April 2004.

Research for the German Foundation for International Development (DSE; now known
as Inwent) on the production and distribution of publications in Hausa and Zarma in
Niger, June-August 1995. Funding: DSE.

FIELDWORK

Togo: Preparation of future field-research in Kalanga (Bassar Prefecture), research
project: “Individuals and Social Practice – An Empirical Study among the Ncam of
Togo”, July-September 2019.

Nigeria: Research in Namu (Plateau-State), research project: “Musa – An Essay (or
Experiment) in the Anthropology of the Individual”, University of Zurich, December
2010-February 2011. Funding: Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

Niger: Research in a Hausa village in Niger, east of Zinder, project title: “Patterns of
Communication in a Hausa Language Community”, Mainz University, and research
project: “Musa – an Essay (or Experiment) in the Anthropology of the Individual”,
University of Zurich, July-October 2006, July-September 2007 and July-September
2009. Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG) and self-financed.

Nigeria: Research on a multi-ethnic Kanuri-Mobber settlement on Yobe River, project
title: “Languages and Cultures in the Lake Chad Region”, Mainz University,
November 2004-January 2005. Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG).

Chad: Research on Yedina ethnography, project title: “Languages and Cultures in the
Lake Chad Region”, Mainz University, May-Aug. 2003 and May-July 2004.
Funding: German Research Foundation (DFG).

Niger: Research on peasant agricultural work in a Manga village, Department of Zinder,
research for Ph.D. thesis, March-November 1997, January-March 1998. Funding:
German Research Foundation (DFG).

Niger: Research on the production and distribution of publications in Hausa and Zarma
in Niger, German Foundation for International Development (DSE; now Inwent),
June-August 1995. Funding: DSE.

Nigeria: Research on the interpretation of literature by Hausa readers for the M.A. thesis and research on Hausa market literature, Special Research Programme (SFB) 268 at Frankfurt University, Kano, March-August 1993. Additional funding: German Research Foundation (DFG).

WORKSHOPS and PANELS

Human Existence, Individuals and Relations, University of Zurich, 18-19 October 2019.
Funding: Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and Alumni UZH.

(with Isabelle Jabirot) *The Individual in Anthropology: a Future Paradigm in Anthropology?*, IUAES Inter-Congress 2014, Chiba (Japan), 16 May 2014.

(with Michaela Pelican) *'Making a Future': Coping with Risk and Uncertainty, Negotiating Solidarity and Individuality in Contemporary Africa and Beyond*, Annual Conference of the Swiss Ethnological Society (SEG), University of Bern, 12 November 2010.

The Actor in Anthropology, International Research Centre "Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History", Humboldt University Berlin, 9-10 September 2010. Funding: IRC "Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History".

(with Christian Meyer) *Speech and Body in Interaction: Ethnographic Case Studies*, Free University Berlin, 12-13 October 2007. Funding: Volkswagen Foundation.

LANGUAGES

German: mother tongue.

English: fluent in spoken and written language.

French: nearly fluent in spoken and written language.

Hausa: good speaking, reading and writing ability.

Yedina: basic speaking ability.

Ncam: beginner.

Swahili: knowledge of language structure.

Kanuri: knowledge of language structure.

DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES

- Adviser for MA students, since 2018.
- Admission of students to the MA course, since 2018.
- Accreditation and transfer of study credits, course transfers for MA students, since 2018.
- Interpretation of study regulations, since 2018.
- Examination administrator, coordination and inspection, since 2018.
- Contact person for disabled students, since 2018.

- Academic support to the library, since 2018.
- Representative of ‘Privatdozenten’ in the Departmental Assembly (Institutsversammlung) of the Department of Social Anthropology, Zurich, since 2018.
- Representative of lecturers (Mittelbau) in the Departmental Assembly (Institutsversammlung) of the Department of Social Anthropology, Zurich, 2008-9, 2011-2014.
- Representative of lecturers in the Commission for Study Regulations, Department of Social Anthropology, Zurich, 2010-2011.
- Head of the Committee for the Restructuring of Administrative Positions at the Department of Social Anthropology, Zurich, 2008-2009.
- Preparation of Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, Zurich, and the Faculty of Arts, University of Keffi, Nigeria, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

Traces of the longue durée in Individuals. Conference “*Human Existence, Individuals and Relations*”. University of Zurich, 18 October 2019.

Decision-making as an Individual and a Social Practice. International Conference “*Existence Humaine et Singularité*“. Perspective croisées: sémiotique et anthropologie. University of Limoges, 26 November 2018.

The Anthropology of the Individual – Current Research and Future Perspectives. (“*Ethnologie des Individuums – Bestandsaufnahme und Perspektive*“). Inaugural lecture. University of Zurich, 26 May 2018.

Addressing the Individual Level of Social Processes. 7th HK (Humanities Korea) International Conference “*Africa at Work in the Age of Globalisation*“. Institute of African Studies. Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Yongin, South Korea, 13 October 2017.

Some Reflections on the Relationship between Magic/Religion and the Practice of Field-cultivation in South Central Niger. Workshop “*Agricultural Practice and Social Dynamics in Niger*“. Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 12 March 2017.

Does the Study of Individuals and Their Lives Make a Fruitful Contribution to Other Fields of Interest in African Studies? 63rd Kyoto University African Study Seminar, Kyoto, 7 February 2017.

Grüssen in der westafrikanischen Sprache des Hausa als Thema der Ethnologie (“*Greetings in the West African language “Hausa” as a theme in anthropology*“). Habilitation lecture. Professorial Assembly of the Philosophical Faculty, University of Zurich, 13 Mai 2016.

Das Individuum - ein zu explorierender "Gegenstand" der Ethnologie ("The Individual in Anthropology – A Subject to Be Explored"). Research Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Lucerne, 29 October 2014.

The Utility of the Study of Individuals for Understanding Social Mechanisms. Panel "The Individual in Anthropology: A Future Paradigm in Anthropology?", IUAES Inter-Congress 2014, Chiba (Japan), 16 May 2014.

Explaining a Hausa Peasant's Life Practice – The Influence of Islam on His Behavioural Dispositions and His Values. Crossroads in African Studies, University of Birmingham, 6 September 2013.

Studying Change and Continuity on the Level of Individuals: Why a Peasant from Niger Decided to Stay at Home. Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) "Africa in Transformation: Africa of Individuals, Africa of Generations", Université Laval, Québec, 2 May 2012.

The Present and the Past of Field Cultivation and Migrants' Labour. Conference "Les changements des modèles culturels du travail en Afrique", Université de Dakar, 6 December 2011.

Existential Anthropology: Umgestaltung von Kultur im individuellen Lebensvollzug ("Existential Anthropology: Changing Culture in an Individual's Everyday Life"). Panel "Existential Anthropology?", Biannual Conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), Vienna, 15 September 2011.

Understanding Kabiru. Workshop "The Actor in Anthropology", International Research Centre "Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History", Humboldt University Berlin, 9 September 2010.

Kabiru: The Life of a Hausa Peasant in Niger. 3rd International Conference on Hausa Studies: African and European Perspectives, Università degli studi di Napoli L'Orientale, Naples, 4 July 2010.

Life Stages Reconsidered. Final conference of the fellow year 2009-10, International Research Centre "Work and Human Lifecycle in Global History", Humboldt University Berlin, 1 July 2010.

Die Person (nicht: Personhood) als Thema der Ethnologie ("The Person (not: Personhood) as a Theme in Anthropology"), Department of Social Anthropology, Zurich, 6 October 2008.

Hausa Greetings. Workshop "Speech and Body in Interaction: Ethnographic Case Studies", Free University Berlin, 12-13 October 2007.

Über Feldforschung bei den Yedina ("On Field Research among the Yedina"). Department Seminar, Department of Social Anthropology, Free University Berlin, 22 May 2006.

Les relations entre les Yédina (ou Boudouma) et les étrangers. Colloque Méga-Tchad, Maroua, Cameroon, November 3, 2005.

Les relations entre les Yédina (ou Boudouma) et les étrangers. Final symposium of the project “Languages and Cultures in the Lake Chad Region”, University of Ndjamena, Chad, 7 November 2005.

Die Yedina und die Fremden (“Relations between Yedina and Strangers”). Assembly of the Special Research Programme 295, University of Mainz, 21 October 2004.

Die Yedina und die Fremden: Auf dem Weg zu einem Verständnis ihres Verhältnisses (“Towards An Understanding of the Relations Between Yedina and Strangers”). Symposium of the Special Research Programme 295, University of Mainz, 7 January 2004

Theoretische Grundlagen für die Erforschung repetitiver sprachlicher Muster im Hausa (“Theoretical Foundations for Research on Repetitive Linguistic Patterns in Hausa”). Colloquium Linguisticum, Department for African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin, 28 January 2003.

Literate Societies. Conference “The Making of Literate Societies Revisited”. UNESCO-Institute for Education and the German Foundation for International Development (DSE), Hamburg, 5 November 2001.

La dimension politique des travaux agricoles dans un village manga (Niger). Conference “Aspects du travail en Afrique à l'époque contemporaine“, Centre d'Etudes Africaines, University of Paris I, 28 May 1999.

Aperçu sur les publications en haoussa et zarma au Niger, leur production et leur distribution. DSE training course for African publishers, Zschortau, Saxonia, 14 September 1995.

Quelques remarques sur les publications en langue haoussa au Nigéria. DSE expert meeting “Schriftkultur in afrikanischen Sprachen” (“African Languages and Literate Culture”), Berlin, 23 May 1995.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Excursions

University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, Supervision of a *Student Excursion to Dakar, Senegal*. Theme: Markets in Dakar, June-July 2013.

Free University Berlin, Department of Social Anthropology, Supervision of a *Student Excursion to Nigeria (Kogi State)* (with Prof. Olayemi Akinwumi). Theme: Knowledge Systems, Household Economics, Family Structures and Social Action, December 2002-January 2003.

Courses, Lectures

University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies.

Spring 2019. Lecture series “*Political and Legal Anthropology*”, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2019. Lecture series “*History of Anthropology*” (with Peter Finke), 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2019. Lecture series “*Methods in Anthropology*” (with Peter Finke), 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2018. Lecture *Peasant Societies* in lecture series “*Introduction to Economic Anthropology*”, for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs.

University of Tübingen, Department of Social Anthropology

Summer 2018. Lecture series “*Economic Anthropology and Anthropology of Social Relations*”, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2018. *Political Anthropology of Africa*, class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2018. *Research Methods in Anthropology*, class for M.A. students, language of instruction: English, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2018. *Colloquium for B.A. Students*, 3 hrs/week.

Winter 2017. Lecture series “*Political and Religious Anthropology*”, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2017. *Markets and Traders in Africa*, class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2017. *Methods in Social Anthropology – Theoretical Perspectives*, class for 2nd year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2017. *Methods in Social Anthropology – Practical Exercises*, class for 2nd year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2017. *The Anthropology of Decision-Making* (part of the module “Core Anthropological Research Areas”, with Anthony Pattathu), class for 4th year, 1 hr/week.

Summer 2017. Lecture series “*Economic Anthropology and Anthropology of Social Relations*”, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2017. *Regional Analysis: West Africa I*, class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2017. *Regional Analysis: West Africa II*, class for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2017. *Colloquium for B.A. Students*, 3 hrs/week.

University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies.

Autumn 2016. Lectures “*The Social Person, Local Organisation, Person and Society*”, “*Exchange and Consumption, Production, Nature and Technology*” and “*Ethnicity, Nationalism and Minorities*” in lecture series “Introduction to Anthropology”, 1st year, 6 hrs.

Autumn 2016. Lectures “*Actors and Institutions*”, “*Power and Inequality*” and “*Cognition and Identity*” in lecture series “Key Concepts”, 1st year, 6 hrs.

Autumn 2016. Lecture series *Introduction to Economic Anthropology*, 2nd and 3rd year year, 2hrs/week.

Autumn 2016. *Routines and Decisions*, class for 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2016. *Colloquium for M.A. and PhD students* (with Annuska Derks, Mareile Flitsch, Heinz Käufeler, Johannes Quack), 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2016. *Methods in Anthropology*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2015. *Anthropological Approaches to Decision-Making*, class for 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2015. *Introduction to Working Techniques for Students of Anthropology*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2015. *Research Seminar for Students*, class for 2nd, 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2015. *Methods in Anthropology*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2015. Lecture *Field Research and Anthropological Knowledge* in lecture series “Key Concepts”, lecture *Grounded Theory and Data Analysis* in lecture series “Methods in Anthropology”, 4 hrs.

Autumn 2014. Sessions: *Fieldnotes* and *Extended Case Method*, Winter School “Disability and Technology” with students from Uganda, language of instruction: English, 4 hrs.

Autumn 2014. *The Anthropology of Emotions*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2014. *The Individual in Anthropology*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2014. *Research Seminar for Students*, class for 2nd, 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2013. *Anthropological Linguistics I: Language, Thought, Interaction*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2013. *Research Seminar for Students*, class for 2nd, 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2013. *Islam in West Africa*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2013. *Markets and Traders*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2012. *Peasant Societies*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2012. Three lectures *Work, Peasant Societies, World System Analysis and Globalization*, in lecture series “Introduction to Economic Anthropology”, for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 6 hrs.

Spring 2012. *Rationality*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2012. *Conflicts in Contemporary Nigeria*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2012. *Introduction to Methods in Social Anthropology*, Summer School *Culture and Society in Central Asia* with Kazakh students (with Peter Finke and Rita Sanders), language: English, 6 hrs.

Autumn 2011. *Regional Analysis: Niger*, class for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2011. *Introduction to Working Techniques for Students of Anthropology*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2011. Supervision of student reading group *Writing Culture*.

Spring 2011. *Reading a Monograph*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2011. *Methods in Anthropology II*, lecture series for B.A.-students (with Tatjana Thelen), 14 hrs.

Autumn 2010. *Introduction to Anthropology*, class for 1st year, 2 hrs/week.

Autumn 2010. *Methods in Anthropology I*, lecture series for B.A.-students (with Peter Finke and Tatjana Thelen), 8 hrs.

Spring 2009. *Regional Analysis: West Africa*, class for 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2009. *Methods in Anthropology II*, lecture series for 2nd and 3rd year (with Tatjana Thelen), 10 hrs.

Autumn 2008. *Methods in Anthropology*, class for 2nd and 3rd year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring and Autumn 2008. *Individual and Society: Life Courses Compared I and II*, classes for 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Spring 2008. *Methods in Anthropology*, four lectures for 2nd and 3rd year, 8 hrs.

University of Zurich, Department of Sociology.

Spring 2019, 2016, 2015, 2014. Lecture *Participant Observation* in lecture series “Empirical Social Research II”, for B.A. students, 2 hrs.

Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Département d’Anthropologie.

Réflexions sur les bénéfices d’une anthropologie de l’individu pour les autres “anthropologies”. Presentation for students, course title: “Observer et décrire”, class for 4th year, 2 hours, language: French, 16 February 2016.

University of Mainz, Department of Social Anthropology and African Studies.

Winter 2006. *The Anthropology of Communication: Greetings and Leave-Takings*, class for 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Free University Berlin, Department of Social Anthropology.

Summer 2005. *Selected Themes in Linguistic Anthropology*, class for 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2002. *Methods in Anthropology*, class for 1st and 2nd year students, 2 hrs/week.

Summer 2002. *Preparatory Course for a Student Excursion to Nigeria*, class for 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2001. *Introduction to Political Anthropology*, class for 1st and 2nd year, 2 hrs/week.

Winter 2001. *The Anthropology of Work*, class for 3rd and 4th year, 2 hrs/week.

Supervision of B.A. and M.A. theses

Anabel Efe-Egyiri (ongoing, in cooperation with Gabriele Alex, Tübingen): M.A. thesis: “How West African Students Learn to Live in Their New Social Environment at the University of Tübingen“. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Tübingen.

Laila Proft (2018): B.A. thesis: “Der Musikstil ‘Schaschmaqom’ als Mittel des ‚Nation-Building‘ in Tadschikistan“. (“ 'Shashmaqom' music and nation-building in Tajikistan.”) Department of Social Anthropology, University of Tübingen.

Phillip Steiner (2016): B.A. thesis: “Erörterung der Handlungs- und Entscheidungsstrategien von Akteuren auf dem Markt auf Grundlage ethnologischer Literatur“. (“Analysis of action and decision strategies on markets – a literature based study.”) Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich.

Salome Bossard (2016): B.A. thesis: “Eine empirische Studie zur Identitätszuschreibung an Asylsuchende in Menzingen“. (“Who are the “asylum-seekers“? An empirical study on the ascription of identity to asylum-seekers in Mensingen (CH).”) Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich.

Zoé Lehmann (2015): B.A. thesis: “Die Gemüsekooperative “Ortoloco“. Analyse einer nachhaltigen Gesellschaftsalternative“. („The vegetable growing cooperative “Ortoloco“. An analysis of a sustainable alternative model for sociality.”) Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich.

Nathalie Jovanovic (2014): B.A. thesis: “CIRIH NA SRPSKOM Zürich auf Serbisch - Eine qualitative Analyse zur Freizeit serbischer Migranten in Zürich“. (“Living in Zurich the Serbian way - - a qualitative analysis of spare time behaviour among Serbian migrants in Zurich.”) Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich.

PhD theses

Supervision of Medinat Abdulazeez, PhD-candidate at NDA Kaduna, Nigeria, guest researcher, North-South Cooperation, University of Zurich. Theme: “Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Nigeria - the case of the current Boko Haram crisis”. Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, September 2016-July 2017.

Examiner, PhD defense committee, Maximilian Priester-Lasch. Theme: “Eine Reise nach Indien - Übersetzung eines Modells”. (“A journey to India – the translation of a model”). University of Tübingen, 28 July 2017.

External examiner, PhD committee, Dhananjay Kumar. Theme: “Changing Agricultural Practices and Their Impact on Rural Social Institutions in Uttar Pradesh, India”. National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, India, June 2018.

Examiner, PhD committee, Jovana Dikovic. Theme: “Post-Socialist Rural Development and Peasantry in Serbia”. Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, 10 October 2018.

Second supervisor, Matthias Rickenbach (ongoing). Theme: “Strukturelle Konsequenzen des europäischen Grenzregimes im euro-afrikanischen Grenzraum”. (“Structural consequences of the European migration regime in the Euro-African border region.”) Department of Social Anthropology and Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Zurich.

Second supervisor, Martina Cavicchioli (ongoing), Theme: “Managing Insecurity in Rural Burkina Faso. Women’s Access and Use of Land as a Social and Economic Value”. University of Frankfurt (Main).

Second supervisor, Anne Breubeck (ongoing), Theme: “Devi, the Diva: The Ethics of a Thirunangai (Tamil Transgender)”. University of Zurich. (ongoing)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2015: *Musa – An Essay (or Experiment) in the Anthropology of the Individual*. Anthropology, Existence and Individuals, Vol. 2. Berlin: Duncker & Humblot.

(Reviews by Sounaye, A., 2017, *Africa*, 87(2), 429-430; Clough, P., 2017, *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 142(2): 289-92, Widlok, T., 2017, *Afrikanistik-Ägyptologie-Online*, www.afrikanistik-aegyptologieonline.de/archiv/2017/4552, Rappart, N., 2017, *JRAI*, 23: 423, Little, W. E., 2017, *American Ethnologist*, 44: 547–548, Violon, C., 2016, <http://www.megatchad.net/publications/CR-Heiss-2015-par-Violon-2016.pdf>)

2003: *Zur Komplexität bäuerlicher Feldarbeit in Afrika – eine Fallstudie in einem Manga-Dorf (Niger)* (“On the Complexity of Peasant Agricultural Work – a Case Study in a Manga Village (Niger)”). Beiträge zur Afrikaforschung, Vol. 17. Münster: LIT-Verlag.

Special Issues

2015: with Albert Piette. Towards an Anthropology of the Individual. *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 140 (1).

2014: with Michaela Pelican. ‘Making a Future’: Coping with Risk and Uncertainty, Negotiating Solidarity and Individuality in Contemporary Africa. *Journal des Africanistes* 84 (1).

2007: with Andrea Behrends. Crisis in Chad: Approaching the Anthropological Gap. *Sociologus* 57 (1).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2019: Reflections on the Influence of Religion on Field-Cultivation in Southern Central Niger. *African Studies Monographs*, Supplementary Issue 58: 21-54.

2019: Some Factors in the Historical Development of Field Cultivation Practices in Two Villages in South Central Niger. *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines* LIX (I), 233: 75-120.

2018: A Hausa Man Makes A Decision – A Contribution to the Anthropological Perspective on Decision-Making. *Anthropological Forum* 28(3): 236-254.

- 2015: Assessing Ernst Tugendhat's Philosophical Anthropology as a Theoretical Template for an Anthropology of the Individual. In: (with Albert Piette) Special Issue: Towards an Anthropology of the Individual, *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 140 (1): 35-54.
- 2015: with A. Piette. Introduction: Individuals in Anthropology. In: (with Albert Piette) Special Issue: Towards an Anthropology of the Individual, *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 140 (1): 5-17.
- 2014: with Michaela Pelican. Introduction. In: Special Issue: 'Making a Future': Coping with Risk and Uncertainty, Negotiating Solidarity and Individuality in Contemporary Africa, *Journal des Africanistes* 84 (1): 7-19.
- 2009: with Michaela Pelican. Kommentar zu C. Meier und N. Schareika: Neoklassische Feldforschung ("Commentary on C. Meier and N. Schareika: Neoclassical Field Research"), *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie*, 134 (1): 114-117.
- 2009: How to Explain Access to the Field. Lessons from Fieldwork among the Yedina (or Buduma) of Lake Chad, *Anthropos* 104 (1): 25-40.
- 2007: with Andrea Behrends. Introduction. In: A. Behrends, J. P. Heiss (eds.), Crisis in Chad: Approaching the Anthropological Gap, *Sociologus* 57 (1): 1-7.

Book Chapters

- 2015: Change and Continuity in Field-cultivation, Migrants' Labour, and Peasants' Being – the Case of Hausa Peasants from the Village of Kimoram in Niger. In: Fall, Babacar; Pfaff-Rheinberger, Ineke; Eckert, Andreas (eds.), *Travail et culture dans un monde globalisé – Work and Culture in a Globalized World*, Paris, Karthala: 99-114.
- 2003: Imbrication du modèle religieux et des connaissances empiriques dans les travaux agricoles des paysans mangas. In: H. d'Almeida-Topor, M. Lakroum, G. Spittler (eds.): *Le travail en Afrique noire*, Paris, Karthala: 81-92.
- 2001: Die Weise des Feldbaus bei Manga-Bauern ("The Way of Field Cultivation among Manga Peasants"). In: H. Egbert, F. Jäger, W. Kühme (eds.), *Afrika im Wandel*, Berlin, Verlag für Wissenschaft und Forschung: 101-108.
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