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Areas of Research

- Central European History from the 19th to the 21st century
- Nationalism and nationalist mobilisation
- Social action, welfare, humanitarianism
- Histories of migration
- Memory cultures



Languages

I speak, read, and write German, English, and French. I have a good command of Italian. Furthermore, I have a good working knowledge of Finnish and Czech.



Education

PhD Program of the Department of History | EUI, Florence, Italy

09/2018 – 10/2023¹

Dissertation title

Imagined Countrymen. German Migrants between Nationalist Claims and Daily Life Experiences in Austria, 1900-1960

Supervised by Pieter M. Judson

Master of Arts (MA) | University of Vienna

04/2013 – 06/2016²

MA thesis

Zwischen politischem Erinnern und ,Revisionismus. Geschichtserzählung im Werk des rechtsextremen sudetendeutschen Schriftstellers Ernst Frank

Supervised by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Philipp Ther, M.A.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) | University of Vienna

10/2008 – 03/2013

¹ Preceding enrolment at the EUI: Preliminary research in Prague as a CEEPUS fellow (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies) – Univerzita Karlova, 04/2018 – 05/2018

² Erasmus term at Université Paris Diderot / Paris 7 (today part of Université Paris Cité), 09/2014 – 01/2015



Academic research and project participation

Postdoctoral Research

2023

University of Vienna
GLORE. Global Resettlement Regimes. ERC Research Group
Project supervised by Kerstin von Lingen

Post-Research Organisation (Archival Sources)

2020

ERC Advanced Grant Projekt: Social Politics in European Borderlands. A Comparative and Transnational | Supervised by Laura Lee Downs | Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute

Organising team

25 – 29 May 2020

European University Institute, Florence
14th Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH):
“Adjusting the Focus: Scales, Spaces and Trajectories in European History”

Organising team

26 – 28 April 2018

University of Vienna
12th Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH): “People and Ideas on the Move: Interaction, Interconnection and Entanglement”

Literature Research

April 2017

for Univ.-Prof. Dr. Philipp Ther, M.A., a part of the preliminary work on his book: Philipp Ther, *Die Außenseiter: Flucht, Flüchtlinge und Integration im modernen Europa*, 2. Aufl. (Berlin: Suhrkamp Verlag, 2017)

Tutor

2015-2016

University of Vienna
Aiding teaching activities of em. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Klaus Ottomeyer and Dr. Habil. Jordanka Telbizova-Sack, Sir Peter Ustinov visiting professors at the Institute of Contemporary History



Upcoming publication

Article (Conference volume)

Vienna Wiesenthal Conference 2021

Looking for a Viennese Swabian village. Landsmannschaft migrant activism and its limits in interwar Vienna



Project participation in Public History

Das Wiener Modell der Radikalisierung. Österreich und die Shoah

15 Oct. 2021 – 03 Apr. 2022

Curators: Michaela Raggam-Blesch, Heidemarie Uhl, Isolde Vogel; free open air exhibition at Heldenplatz, Vienna; an English version of the exhibition will be touring abroad, https://www.hdgoe.at/wiener_modell_der_radikalisierung.

Nur die Geigen sind geblieben – Alma und Arnold Rosé

10 Nov. 2018 – 12 May 2019

Curators: Michaela Raggam-Blesch, Monika Sommer und Heidemarie Uhl; first temporary exhibition of the new House of Austrian History (HdGÖ)
https://www.hdgoe.at/alma_und_arnold_rose.

ZEITUHR 1938 - 11./12. MÄRZ 1938 - ONE DAY / ONE NIGHT / ONE COUNTRY,

11/2017 – 03/2018

Artistic supervision: Dr. Frederick Baker, Scientific supervision: PD Dr. Phil. Heidemarie Uhl, <http://zeituhr1938.hdgoe.at/>. – Project won the Europa Nostra Award 2019



Voluntary work in history education

Editorial work

10/2017 - 2021

for the journal „Gedenkdienst. Verein Für Historisch-Politische Bildungsarbeit Und Internationalen Dialog“

Two short articles were published during this time:

Pauli Aro, 'Volksdeutsche' Flüchtlinge in Österreich', *Gedenkdienst. Verein Für Historisch-Politische Bildungsarbeit Und Internationalen Dialog* 81, no. 2/2017 (2017): 4.

Pauli Aro, 'Rezension von: Forschungsgruppe Ideologien Und Politiken Der Ungleichheit (FIPU) (Ed.), Rechtsextremismus. Band 2: Prävention Und Politische Bildung (Wien 2016)', *Gedenkdienst. Verein Für Historisch-Politische Bildungsarbeit Und Internationalen Dialog* 76, no. 1/2016: 7.



Community service and social work

Care Worker

2008-2012

Lebenshilfe Niederösterreich, Teilbetreutes Wohnen Bruck an der Leitha

Austrian Community Servant

2006-2007

Lebenshilfe Niederösterreich, Wohnhaus Bruck an der Leitha



Conference presentations

'Building a Nazi Racial Community in the South-East: Mobility and Transnational Transfers between Nazi Germany and the South-Eastern European 'Volksdeutsche'

7 – 9 July 2022

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

For the suffering children of Vienna. Vienna's Banat Swabian Community between German solidarities

27th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History

14 – 17 June 2022

German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.

Looking for a Viennese Swabian village. Who was represented by German Landsmannschaften in interwar-Vienna?

2022 Conference of the Austrian Studies Association

12 – 15 April 2022

New Orleans

Paper: Looking for Vienna's German Tribes. Efforts to Mobilise Ethnic Germanness in Interwar Austria

Transnational Germans: Local Actors and Global Spaces, Global Actors and Local Spaces

30 Sept. – 04 Oct. 2021

Seminar as part of the 45th German Studies Association Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana

Paper: "Alle Schwaben heraus aus dem Versteck!" Landsmannschaften, Kinderfürsorge und die Mobilisierung deutscher Einwanderer im Wien der Zwischenkriegszeit

Vienna Wiesenthal Conference

6 – 8 July 2021

Vienna Wiesenthal Institute

Paper: 'In our Viennese Swabian village'. Banat Swabian activism, loyalty and empathy in Austria, 1918-1938.

Österreichischer Zeitgeschichtetag,

16 April 2020

Universität Innsbruck / Online

Paper: 'Die größere Familie. Volksdeutsche Selbstorganisation und Vereinswesen in Österreich' – Part of a jointly submitted panel on associations and international organisations in the History of Migration.

11th Annual Graduate Conference in European History, GRACEH

28 April 2017

European University Institute, Florence

Paper: 'After the Expulsion. Post-War Austria and "Ethnic German" Refugees'

Österreichischer Zeitgeschichtetag

11 June 2016

Karl Franzens Universität, Graz

Paper: 'Zwischen Politischem Erinnern Und "Revisionismus"'

10th Graduate Conference in European History, GRACEH

23 April 2016

Central European University

Paper: 'Continuity and Resilience of Right-Wing, National Socialist Ideology in the Writings of Ernst Frank'