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CURRENT POSITION

- **Research Assistant** (prae doc), ERC research project [GLORE – “Global Resettlement Regimes: Ambivalent Lessons learned from the Postwar \(1945-1951\)”](#), Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna
- **Dissertation project** “Between Exile and Resettlement: Transnational Journeys of Jewish and ‘White’ Russian Refugees through the Philippines, 1945-1953” (supervised by Kerstin von Linggen and Valeska Huber)

RESEARCH AREAS

- Global History and Contemporary History
- Migration History, focus on post-WWII refugee regimes
- History of internationalism and social movements, focus on political solidarity

EDUCATION

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| Since 2023 | PhD in History , Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna |
| 2017 - 2022 | MA in History , University of Vienna (graduated with honours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major in Global History and Contemporary History• Master’s Thesis: “Anti-Imperialist Solidarity at the International War Crimes Tribunal on Vietnam” (supervised by Berthold Molden) |
| 2018 - 2019 | Non-EU-Exchange, Monash University, Melbourne |
| 2011 - 2015 | BA in International Development , University of Vienna (graduated with honours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor in Gender Studies and Ethics• Bachelor Thesis “The Historical Concept of the Nation. On the Connection between Nation and Racism” (supervised by Beatriz de Abreu Fialho Gomes) |

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| Jun-Jul 2025 | Leon and Edith Milman Fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum ’s Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Washington D.C. |
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Jan-Feb 2025	Visiting Research Fellow at Monash University , Melbourne
May-Jul 2024	Doctoral Research Fellowship of the German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.
2020	<u>Vienna Global History Scholarship</u> , University of Vienna
2019, 2014	Merit-based Scholarship , University of Vienna
2018	Non-EU-Exchange scholarship , University of Vienna

PUBLICATIONS

Winter 2025	“Negotiating Refugee Futures. US and IRO Management of Resettling Russian Refugees in the Philippines, 1950-1951,” <i>Diasporas. Circulations, migrations, history</i> . [currently under peer-review]
Spring 2025	Blog entry on the Jewish diaspora in the Philippines for an Online Portal of the Moses Mendelssohn Center, European-Jewish Studies, University of Potsdam.
Spring 2024	With Julia Schulte-Werning, Conference Report on “Worlds Apart? Futures of Global History,” Vienna, 25- 26 May 2023, <i>Comparativ</i> .
October 2023	“Tricontinental Reverberations: Anti-Imperialist Solidarity in the International War Crimes Tribunal on Vietnam. <i>Bandung. Journal of the Global South</i> . [peer-reviewed] https://doi.org/10.1163/21983534-20230001

PRESENTATIONS

2025	“Transit on the Island. Anti-communist Russian Displaced Persons Navigating Resettlement from the Philippines, 1949-1953,” Global History Colloquium, Vienna, 14 March.
2025	“From the Philippine Sanctuary to New Homes. Post-War Experiences of Jewish Refugees in Manila,” Australian Association for Jewish Studies, Melbourne, 16 February.
2024	“Defining ‘White Russians’: IRO and US Resettlement Negotiations for Russian Displaced Persons in the Philippines, 1950-1951,” ASEEES Convention, Boston, 24 November.
2024	“Negotiating Refugee Futures. US and IRO Management of Resettling Russian Refugees in the Philippines, 1950-1951,” Workshop, University of Vienna, 15 November.
2024	“Russian Anti-Communist Refugees in Shanghai: The Role of Personal Narratives in Recovering Stories of Prolonged Transit from 1917 to 1953,” <u>Workshop</u> , Cambridge University, 10 September.

- 2024 “Antiimperialistische Solidarität des International War Crimes Tribunal zu Vietnam 1967,” Austrian Contemporary History Conference, University of Graz, 13 April.
- 2024 “Jewish Displaced Persons in the Philippines. Post-WWII Repatriation and Resettlement within the Context of Post-Colonial Nation-Building,” Workshop for the special issue of the journal *Diasporas. Circulations, migrations, history*. Musée de l’histoire de l’immigration, Paris, 26 March.
- 2024 “Political and Transnational Solidarity. The International War Crimes Tribunal on Vietnam,” Oxford Transnational and Global History Seminar, Online, 21 February.
- 2023 “The Philippines as a Place of Transit and Destination,” GIS Workshop in cooperation with University of Osnabrück, University of Vienna, 3 November.
- 2023 “The Philippines as a Place of Transit and Destination: Displaced Persons in Search of Old and New Homes, 1945-1952,” PhD Workshop of the Society for Exile Studies, University of Osnabrück, 21 September.

ORGANISATION

- Since 2024 Monthly **Research Lab** at the Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna (together with Franziska Lamp and Konstantin Schischka)
- Co-organisation of Research Lab, invitation of presenters, managing logistics, introduction of speakers and facilitating discussions
- 2023 **Film screening** of the “Windermere Children”, followed by a talk and discussion with research advisor Trevor Avery (together with ERC research group), Votiv Kino, 29 April.
- Co-organisation and preparation of screening and discussion
- 2014 - 2015 [Rundgang im Gedenken an das November Pogrom 1938](#) (November Pogrom remembrance walking tour), Vienna
- Co-organisation of tour, researching and writing of brochure articles, presentation at guided tour

MEMBERSHIPS

- [European Network in Universal and Global History](#) (ENIUGH)
- [Association for Slavic, East European, & Euroasian Studies](#) (ASEEES)
- [FSP Global History, University of Vienna](#)
- [Australian Migration History Network](#) (AMHN)
- [Doctoral School of Historical and Cultural Studies](#) (DSHCS), University of Vienna, Research Cluster “State, Politics, and Governance in Historical Perspective.”

RESEARCH TRIPS FOR PHD

2025	Australian National Archives, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne (two months)
2024	United Nations Archives; Center for Jewish History; Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Archives, New York City (one month)
2024	National Archives and Records Administration (USA), College Park; United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C. (one month)
2024	Hoover Institutions Library and Archives, Stanford University; Bancroft Library, Berkeley University; Museum of Russian Culture; oral history interviews, San Francisco (one month)
2023	Archives Nationales (France), Pierrefiette-sur-Seine (two weeks)
2023	The National Archives (United Kingdom), Kew (two weeks)

SELECTED OTHER ACTIVITIES

2021 - 2022	Head Editor of the Magazine “ Unter Palmen ”, Vienna <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managing of team, conceptualising magazine editions, writing and editing articles (2019-2022 editor)
2019	Study Trip to Marzabotto , Italy, organised by the Austrian Gedenkdienst <ul style="list-style-type: none">One-week study trip on the SS massacre of Monte Sole
2018 - 2019	Volunteer at the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre , Melbourne <ul style="list-style-type: none">Translation of archival material from German into English
2014	Study Trip to Carinthia and Slovenia, organised by the Austrian Gedenkdienst <ul style="list-style-type: none">One-week study trip on central sites of antifascist resistance, Nazi crimes, and contested sites of commemoration

LANGUAGES

German	Nativ Speaker
English	IELTS band score 8 / C1 (2017)
French	B1
Korean	A1