

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Joanna Simonow

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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- SNF Post.doc Mobility Fellow**, Department of Contemporary History, University of Vienna **since 01.03.2021**
- Postdoc Research Fellow**, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21), University of Duisburg-Essen **01.03.2020–28.02.2021**
- Ph.D. student** at ETH Zurich, Institute of History, Chair for History of the Modern World **04.2016–12.2019**
Supervisors: Harald Fischer-Tiné, Ravi Ahuja, Johannes Paulmann
Dissertation Title: After the 'Late Victorian Holocausts': Transnational Responses to Famines and Malnutrition in India, c. 1900–1955 (formerly titled 'Framing 'the Indian Famine' and Its Victims, 1905-1951').
The project was funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (165707, CHF 243'216.00)
- Research assistant** at ETH Zurich, Institute of History, Chair for History of the Modern World **05.2015–04.2016**
- Content Manager**, Eschke Medienberatung GmbH Wesel, Germany **08.2014–04.2015**
- Consultancy**, Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI, London **04.2014–07.2014**
- Internship**, Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI, London **08.2013–12.2013**
Contributing to the project 'A Global History of Modern Humanitarian Action'
- Joint Master of Arts in International Relations: International Humanitarian Action (MA)** **09.2012–12.2013**
University of Groningen, Netherlands & University of Uppsala, Sweden. NOHA.
Title of dissertation: 'The Turn to Perception': Studying Reasons for the Integration of Perception Management into Humanitarian Practice.'
Supervisors: Liesbet Heyse and Andrej Zwitter
Grade: Passed with distinction
- Personal Assistant**, Eschke Medienberatung GmbH, Wesel, Germany **08.2011–08.2012**
- Internship**, Centre for Social Research, New Delhi, India **03.2011–06.2011**

Magister Artium (M.A.), History of South Asia & Political Science of South Asia 03.2006 - 01.2011

University of Heidelberg, South Asia Institute, Germany

Title of dissertation: 'The woman as the object of colonial discourse and the construction of colonial ideology: The prohibition of sati and the Rukhmabai case.' (Original in German)

Supervisors: Gita Dharampal-Frick and Dietmar Rothermund

Grade: 1,2

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

"Historical Trajectories of Humanitarian Action, Development Aid and NGO Engagement (c.1880-1980)", Seminar, Spring Semester 2018. 02.2018–06.2018

PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

ETH Medal for an outstanding doctoral thesis 2020

SNSF Postdoc Mobility Grant (March 2021–Feb 2022)

Postdoc Research Fellowship at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen (March 2020–Feb 2021)

Best Graduate Essay Prize, British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) 2019

Swiss National Science Foundation funding of a 'Scientific Event' (2018)

Erasmus Grant (2013)

Marco Polo Stage Grant (2013)

Grant of the Groningen University Fund for Outstanding Master Students (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Simonow, J. (forthcoming in 04/2021) 'Famine Relief in Colonial South Asia from a Global and Regional Perspective, Chapter in Fischer-Tiné, Harald and Maria Framke (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of the History of Colonialism in South Asia* (under contract).

Simonow, J. (2021) 'The Rise and Demise of Multi-Purpose Food in India: Food Technology, Population Control, and Nutritional Development in the Post-War Era, c. 1944–66', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*.

Simonow, J. (forthcoming in 2021) "Der Hungertod in Bildern. Fotografien in der öffentlichen Debatte um Hungerhilfe für Bengalen 1943", *Zeithistorische Forschungen*, Themenheft: Heike Wieters und Tatjana Tönsmeier (eds.) "Welt – Hunger – Hilfe. Wissensbestände, Konzepte und Lernprozesse internationaler Versorgung, Hungerhilfe und -prävention im 20. Jahrhundert".

Simonow, J. (2020) "The Great Bengal Famine in Britain: Metropolitan Campaigning for Food Relief and the End of Empire, 1943–44." *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 48.1 (2020): 168–197, doi/full/10.1080/03086534.2019.1638622.

Review: Simonow J. (2018). Benjamin Siegel, *Hungry Nation. Food, Famine, and the Making of Modern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2018. in: H-Soz-Kult 24.08.2018, <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-29352?title=b-siegel-hungry-nation&language=de>

Simonow, J. (2017) 'Bengal, 1943-44: Famine Relief in Times of War', Online Atlas on the History of Humanitarianism and Human Rights. IEG Mainz, <http://wiki.ieg-mainz.de/ghra/articles/simonow-bengal>.

'Tagungsbericht HistorikerTag 2016: Religiöser Humanitarismus im Zeitalter des Säkularismus: Hilfe für Kriegsgefangene und zivile Opfer von Konflikten nach 1945.' 20.09.2016-23.09.2016, Hamburg, in: H-Soz-Kult 19.11.2016, <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-6843>.

Review: Simonow, J. (April 2016) Saurabh Mishra, *Beastly Encounters of the Raj: Livelihoods, Livestock and Veterinary Health in North India, 1790-1920* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2015), in: *Medical History*, 60(2), April 2016, 272. <https://doi.org/10.1017/mdh.2016.9>

PRESENTATIONS (selection)

2021: "The Transnational Nexus of Indian Nationalist, Feminist and Humanitarian Responses to the Great Bengal Famine, 1943–44", during a panel co-convoked with Maria Framke, "Minority conflicts and postcolonial nation state building in Asia: Exploring the role of diplomatic and humanitarian aid, c. 1940s to 1960s", ENIUGH, June 2021, Turku, Finland (online).

2021: "Indian Anticolonialism's Invisible Mistresses & Secretaries: The Secret Lives of Eva and Luise Geissler", during a panel co-convoked with Claire Louise Blaser at BASAS, April 2021 (online).

2021: "The Secret Lives of Eva and Luise Geissler & the Intimate Spaces of Indian Anticolonialism in Europe, c. 1914–1955", South Asia Unbound, King's College London, 13 March 2021 (online)

2021: "The Secret Lives of Eva and Luise Geissler & the Intimate Spaces of Indian Anticolonialism in Europe, c. 1914–55", KHK/GCR21, Colloquium, 9 February 2021 (online).

2019: "Promoting 'American' Solutions to India's Food Crisis in the 1940s and 1950s", British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference, 3–5 April 2019, Durham University, UK.

2018: "Missionary Networks and the Global Response to Famine in India in the Wake of the First World War 1918-1920." *Global War, Global Connections, Global Moments*. International Conference about the War at the University of Zurich, February 2 2018.

2017: “‘I am sure, readers want to give any help they can’: Mobilising relief to famine-stricken Bengal during World War II, 1943-45”, International Convention of Asian Scholars, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 20–23 2017.

2016: “Indian Leftism and the Hungry Peasant: Imag(in)ing rural India during famine and food scarcity (1942–1946)”, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, USA, October 22 2016.

2016: “Framing the ‘Indian victim of hunger and starvation’ in political and humanitarian discourses of the 1940s, 51. Deutscher Historikertag 2016, Hamburg, Germany, September 22 2016.

2016: “‘Who lives if Bengal dies?’ Indian communists and the staging of famine and hunger, c.1942–46”, the 24th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Warsaw, Poland, July 27 2016.

2016: “Die mediale Inszenierung Indischer Hungersnöte in politischen und humanitären Diskursen“, University of Regensburg, Lehrstuhl für Neuere Geschichte, Germany, May 12 2016.

Reviewer for:

Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies

Inderdisziplinäre Zeitschrift für Südasienforschung