

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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***Current position***

Professor, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne

***Professional qualifications***

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| 2018 | Second/final evaluation of Junior Professorship of Social and Cultural Anthropology, (first evaluation in 2016), University of Cologne; equivalent to <i>Habilitation</i> |
| 2006 | PhD (with distinction) in Social Anthropology, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg  |
| 1999 | Magister Artium (M.A.) in Social Anthropology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Bayreuth   |
| 1991 | Matura (A-level) at Bündner Kantonsschule Chur, Switzerland   |

***Research and teaching interests***

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| Thematic | ethnicity, indigeneity, conflict, migration within the Global South, migration regimes, social inequality, research methodology, audio-visual anthropology |
| Regional | Sub-Saharan Africa: Cameroon, Gabon, South Africa<br>United Arab Emirates; China   |

***Language skills***

European languages: German, English, French, Spanish (passive), Italian (passive)

African languages: Fulfulde, Cameroon Pidgin English

***Career***

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| since 2020 | Speaker of the international research unit 'The Production and Reproduction of Social Inequalities: Global Contexts and Concepts of Labor Exploitation' |
| 2018/19    | Morphomata Fellow, Morphomata International Center for Advanced Studies, University of Cologne (6 months)   |
| since 2018 | Professor (W2) of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne   |
| 2013-2016  | Director of the University of Cologne Forum 'Ethnicity as a Political Resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe'              |
| 2012 -2018 | Junior Professor (W1) of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne  |
| 2011       | ASAFAS Fellow, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, University of   |

	Kyoto, Japan (6 months)
2008-2010	Principal Investigator in post-doctoral research project 'Transnational relations of Cameroonian Muslim migrants', University of Zurich (2 years)
2006-2012	Lecturer in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich
2003	Marie Curie Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Kent, UK (12 months)
2000-2006	Junior researcher, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale
1993-1999	Graduate and post-graduate studies of Social Anthropology, Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Bayreuth
1991-1993	Internship with Basel Mission: secondary school teacher at Cameroon Protestant College Bali, Cameroon

#### ***Fieldwork***

Cameroon	41 months (1996, 2000-2002, 2007, 2008-2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)
China	4 months (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
United Arab Emirates	3 months (2008, 2011, 2014, 2020)
Gabon	2 months (2008, 2009)
South Africa	2 months (2009, 2017)
Argentina/Bolivia	1 month (2015, 2017)
Melilla, Spain	1 week (2014)

#### ***International collaborations and participation in research groups***

since 2021	Principal Investigator in the collaborative research project 'Communication during and after COVID-19: (re)producing social inequalities and/or opportunities among African migrants in the United Arab Emirates and China', with Prof. Dr. Tu Hunyh (Jinan University) and Dr. Jonathan Ngeh (University of Cologne).
since 2020	Speaker and Principal Investigator in the international research unit 'The Production and Reproduction of Social Inequalities: Global Contexts and Concepts of Labor Exploitation', with Prof. Dr. Meron Eresso (Addis Ababa University), Prof. Dr. Tu Huynh (Jinan University), Prof. Dr. Ulrike Lindner (University of Cologne).
since 2020	Collaborative research projects with partners in Cameroon: 'The impact of the Anglophone crisis on the Mbororo in North West and South West Cameroon' (with local NGO); 'Internally Displaced Persons from Cameroon's Anglophone Crisis region to the Far North' (with Prof. Dr. Ousmanou Adama, University of Maroua).
since 2020	Principal Investigator of the planned interdisciplinary research unit 'Grenzüberschreitende Mobilität und Institutionen' (currently under review), headed by Prof. Dr. Karin Schittenhelm, University of Siegen
2018	Research and teaching collaboration with state universities Yaoundé 1, Bamenda and Dschang. Project: Urban youths' perspectives on making a future in Cameroon and/or abroad.
2017-2019	Research and teaching collaboration 'Changing family arrangements and social networks of Arab refugees in Germany', with Prof. Dr. Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf, Karim Zafer and students of the University of Cologne
2016-2018	Affiliated member of the project 'Network Formation for Reconstructing the Paradigm of African Area Studies in a Globalizing World', Kyoto University.

since 2015	Member of the Thematic Network ‘Remapping the Global South – Teaching, Researching, Exchanging’ of the Global South Studies Center (GSSC), University of Cologne; with partner universities in Argentina (UNSAM), China (SYSU), India (JNU), South Africa (UWC).
2015-2019	Principal Investigator in the interdisciplinary research project ‘Chinese Immigration Law and Policy: Perspectives of lawmakers, administrators, and immigrants’, with Prof. Dr. Björn Ahl, University of Cologne; complemented by 3 doctoral research projects (Yang Zhou, Séverin Kaji, Lai Pik Chan).
2015-2019	Member of the international research consortium ‘Immigration and the Transformation of Chinese Society’, headed by Prof. Dr. Frank Pieleke, Leiden University, with partners in China, the UK, and France.
2015	Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Cologne and the University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon.
Since 2014	Principal Investigator of the Global South Studies Center (GSSC), University of Cologne; member of the Thematic Research Area ‘Citizenship and Migration in the Global South’.
2014-2018	Research and teaching collaboration with Prof. Li Xi Yuan, Dept. of Sociology, Sun Yat-sen University, and Prof. Dr. Li Zhigang, Dept. of Geography, Wuhan University (before Sun Yat-sen University). Project: Migrant perspectives on the new Chinese immigration law, with a focus on African migrants in Guangzhou.
2013-2016	Director and member of the interdisciplinary Forum ‘Ethnicity as a Political Resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe’, University of Cologne
2013-2014	Research collaboration with the Instituto de las Culturas de Melilla. Project: Participatory Social Action and Research Project ‘Kahina’.
2012-2014	Collaboration with Prof. Dr. Mahir Saul, University of Illinois. Project: Special issue on global African entrepreneurs.
2011-2015	Research collaboration with Prof. Dr. Junko Maruyama, Tsuda College, Tokyo. Project: Comparing different trajectories of the indigenous rights movement in Africa.
2009-2014	Affiliated member of the interdisciplinary research project ‘Afro-Eurasian Inner Dry Land Civilizations’, University of Nagoya.
2007	Research collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, University of Yaoundé 1. Project: Local perspectives on transnational migration from Cameroon.

#### ***Grants (\*third party funding)***

\*Research project ‘Communication during and after COVID-19: (re)producing social inequalities and/or opportunities among African migrants in the United Arab Emirates and China’, with Prof. Dr. Tu Huynh and Dr. Jonathan Ngeh, Volkswagen Foundation, 2021-2022

Research grant ‘The impact of the Anglophone crisis on the Mbororo in North West and South West Cameroon’, Global South Studies Centre and Faculty of Humanities, University of Cologne, 2020-2021

\*Cooperation visit grant for Ousmanou Adama, German Research Foundation (DFG), 2020-21

\*Research grant, Otto-Wolff-Stiftung, Cologne, 2020

\*Research unit ‘The Production and Reproduction of Social Inequalities: Global contexts and concepts of labour exploitation’, Volkswagen Foundation, 2020-2024

\*Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Philip Schwartz Initiative, research fellowship for Dr. Jonathan Ngeh, 2019-2021

Female career funding (Professorinnenprogramm), University of Cologne, 2019-20

\*Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Alumni fellowship for Prof. Dr. Godfrey Tangwa and junior scholar Syntia Munung, Humboldt Foundation, July to September 2019

\*Workshop funding for preparatory workshop ‘The (re)production of social inequalities: Global contexts and concepts of exploitative labor’, Volkswagen Foundation, 2019

\*Cooperation visit grant for Meron Zeleke Eresso, German Research Foundation (DFG), 2019

\*DGSKA funding for workshop of the Africa Committee (Regionalgruppe Afrika) ‘Towards an independent anthropology at African Universities: possibilities, challenges, trajectories’, co-organized with Michael Bollig, 2019

Excursion funding, University of Cologne, 2018

\*Research grant, Otto-Wolff-Stiftung, Cologne, 2018

Mobility grant for national and international Young Faculty, University of Cologne, 2016

Workshop funding for ‘The Gender Dimensions of Human Trafficking’, Fund for Gender and Equality Measures, University of Cologne, 2016

\*Interdisciplinary research project ‘Chinese Immigration Law and Policy: Perspectives of lawmakers, administrators and immigrants’, applicant Prof. Dr. Björn Ahl, German Research Foundation (DFG), 2015-2019

Research grants and workshop funding, Global South Studies Centre, University of Cologne, 2014-2019

Exhibition funding, Competence Area IV, University of Cologne, 2014, 2016/17

\*International teaching and research collaboration, Sun Yat-sen University, 2014-15

Interdisciplinary teaching and research programme, ‘Ethnographie vor der Haustür’, with Prof. Dr. Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf, Quality Improvement Measures, University of Cologne, 2013-2017

University of Cologne Forum, ‘Ethnicity as a political resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe’, with Dr. Albert Manke, Excellent Research Support Programme, University of Cologne, 2013-2016

\*Participatory Social Action and Research Project ‘Kahina’, Instituto de las Culturas de Melilla, Spain, 2013-2014

\*EASA network funding for international workshop ‘Mobility within and to the Global South’, co-organized with Prof. Dr. Heike Drotbohm, 2013

Female career funding (Professorinnenprogramm), University of Cologne, 2013

Post-doctoral research grant, University of Zurich, 2008-2010

\*Individual exchange visits, Swiss National Science Foundation, 2007, 2008

### **Awards (ranking) and Fellowships**

2018/19 Morphomata fellowship, Morphomata International Center for Advanced Studies, University of Cologne, 6 months

2017 Ranking (Listenplatz) for Professorship (W3) in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Tübingen

2011 ASAFAAS fellowship, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, University

	of Kyoto, Japan, 6 months
2003	Marie Curie Doctoral Fellowship 'Identity, Territory and Conflicts', European Union, 12 months

***Review activities, membership in editorial boards, professional memberships***

External reviewer for academic journals and book publishers: Africa Today, Berghahn, African Diaspora, African Studies Quarterly, Agricultural Research and Reviews, American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Berghahn, Canadian Journal of History, Critical African Studies, Current Anthropology, Focaal, GeoForum, Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power, Habitat, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Nomadic Peoples, Social Identities, Sociologus, Territory-Politics-Governance, Zed Books, Zeitschrift für Ethnologie.

External reviewer for funding agencies: a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne, Baden-Württemberg Stiftung, DAAD, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), LEADING Fellows Programme Netherlands, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, Volkswagen Foundation.

Member of the editorial board of the Langaa Research and Publishing Common Initiative Group (Langaa RPCIG) (since May 2016)

Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), German Anthropological Association (DGSKA, formerly DGV), German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV)

***Academic management positions and membership in university boards***

since 2020	Speaker of the international research unit 'The Production and Reproduction of Social Inequalities: Global Contexts and Concepts of Labor Exploitation'
since 2020	Board member of the Global South Studies Center (GSSC), University of Cologne
2020/21	Member of the Gender-Pay-Gap Working Group, University of Cologne
since 2019	Elected senator for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Cologne
2018-2019	Member of the tenure track commission of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Cologne
2018-2019	Member of the grants committee for the international programme of the a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities, University of Cologne
since 2017	Deputy speaker and speaker (since 2020) of the Africa Committee (Regionalgruppe Afrika) of the German Anthropological Association (DGSKA, formerly DGV)
2017-2019	Deputy member of the finance and structure commission of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Cologne
2014-2015	Speaker of the Thematic Research Area 'Citizenship and Migration in the Global South', Cologne Global South Studies Center (GSSC), University of Cologne
2013-2016	Director of the University of Cologne Forum 'Ethnicity as a Political Resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe'
2012-2014	Equal Opportunities Officer (Gender and Equality), Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Cologne
since 2012	Member of professorial selection committees, University of Cologne (in 4 committees as a voting member, in 4 committees as equal opportunity officer) Member of the general board of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (Erweiterte Fakultät), University of Cologne

2007/08	Professorial selection committee, University of Zurich, representative of 'Mittelbau'
2006-2008	Library task group, Department of Anthropology, University of Zurich

***Vocational training***

2021	Negotiating professorial appointments for female academics („Berufungsverhandlungen“), German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV), University of Cologne
2020	Academic leadership online, University of Cologne Management of research projects, University of Cologne
2019	Stress management, University of Cologne
2016/17	Management programme for female academics, University of Cologne
2016	Negotiating professorial appointment („Berufungsverhandlungen“), German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV), University of Cologne Academic leadership (“In Führung gehen”), University of Cologne
2015	Personnel management for academics („Personal- und Arbeitsrecht für Wissenschaftler*innen“), German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV), University of Cologne Supervision of PhD students, University of Cologne
2013	Quality management of professorial selection procedures („Qualitätssicherung in Berufungskommissionen“), University of Cologne
2012	Rights and duties of a professorship, German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (DHV), Bonn Third-party funding for postdocs, University of Cologne
2010	Voice training for didactic purposes, University of Zurich
2007	Interactive teaching and cognitive activation of students, University of Zurich
2006	Curricular development and course planning, University of Zurich

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND STUDENT SUPERVISION

### **Courses (in English and German)**

- winter 2020/21      Constructing the Field - Methods in Anthropology; seminar MA, University of Cologne (UoC)  
virtual teaching      Ethnography between decoloniality and ontological turn; advanced reading seminar MA, UoC  
                        Hexerei, okkulte Ökonomien, Verschwörungsdiskurse; Seminar BA, UoC  
                        Arabische Golfstaaten: Geschichte und Gesellschaft; Seminar BA, UoC
- summer 2020      Ethnologische Methoden – eine Einführung; Vorlesungsseminar BA, UoC  
virtual teaching      Contemporary migration in Africa; seminar, interdisciplinary MA programme 'Culture and Environment in Africa', UoC  
                        Race and racialization; interdisciplinary MA seminar, UoC  
                        Colloquium for MA students (in English); UoC
- winter 2019/20      Ethnologie der Freundschaft; Seminar BA, UoC  
                        Geflüchtete in und um Köln: Flucht, Essen, Arbeitsmarkt – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Nachbereitung BA/MA, UoC  
                        Migrants and City Making; advanced reading seminar MA, UoC  
                        Departmental lecture series '60 Minutes', UoC
- summer 2019      Ethnologische Methoden – eine Einführung; Vorlesungsseminar BA, UoC  
                        Geflüchtete in und um Köln: Flucht, Essen, Arbeitsmarkt – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC  
                        Colloquium for MA students (in English); UoC
- winter 2018/19      Feldforschungspraktikum Kamerun, Nachbereitung BA/MA, UoC
- summer 2018      Collaborative research and teaching programme 'Urban youth's perspectives on making a future in Cameroon and/or abroad', intensive seminar and guided research BA/MA (6 weeks Feldforschungspraktikum), University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon  
                        Feldforschungspraktikum Kamerun, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC  
                        Ethnologische Methoden – eine Einführung; Vorlesungsseminar BA, UoC  
                        Geflüchtete in und um Köln: Flucht und Familie – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Nachbereitung BA/MA, UoC  
                        Colloquium for PhD students (in English); UoC
- winter 2017/18      Theories from the Global South; advanced reading seminar MA, UoC  
                        Geflüchtete in und um Köln: Flucht und Familie – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC

	Ethnologie Kameruns: Ausblick auf das Feldforschungspraktikum 2018, Seminar BA/MA, UoC
	Colloquium for MA students (in English); UoC
summer 2017	Zwischen Asien und Afrika: Ethnologische und historische Blickwinkel auf Mobilität im Globalen Süden; Seminar MA, UoC
	Summer school 'Africa-Asia Connections' MA/PhD, Cape Town/South Africa
	Überblick über die ethnologischen Methoden; Seminar BA, UoC
summer 2016	Hexerei in Afrika; Seminar BA, UoC
	Geflüchtete in und um Köln – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC
	Colloquium for MA and PhD students (in English); UoC
winter 2015/16	Human Trafficking: Academic and popular debates (in English); seminar MA, UoC
	Research, Action and Art – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Nachbereitung BA/MA, UoC
	Colloquium for MA and PhD students (in English); UoC
summer 2015	South-South migration and global African entrepreneurship (in English); seminar, interdisciplinary MA programme 'Culture and Environment in Africa', UoC
	Research, Action and Art – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC
	Master- und Doktorandenkolloquium; UoC
winter 2014/15	Ethnologie der Freundschaft; Seminar, UoC
	Ethnicity, indigeneity and minority rights (in English); seminar, interdisciplinary MA programme 'Culture and Environment in Africa', UoC
	Colloquium for MA and PhD students (in English); UoC
winter 2013/14	Moderne Klassiker - ethnologische Beiträge zu aktuellen sozialtheoretischen Debatten: Tim Ingold; Seminar MA, UoC
	Labour migration to the Gulf States (in English); seminar, interdisciplinary MA programme 'Culture and Environment in Africa', UoC
	Islam und Sport – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Nachbereitung BA/MA, UoC
	Master- und Doktorandenkolloquium; UoC
summer 2013	Einführung in die Methoden der Ethnologie; Seminar BA, UoC
	Islam und Sport – Ethnographie vor der Haustür; Feldforschungsprojekt der Ethnologie und Islamwissenschaft, Vorbereitung BA/MA, UoC
	Master- und Doktorandenkolloquium; UoC
winter 2012/13	Methoden der visuellen Anthropologie und Theaterethnologie; Seminar BA/MA, UoC
	Ethnicity, resources, conflict (in English); seminar, interdisciplinary MA programme 'Culture and Environment in Africa', UoC
	Masterkolloquium, University of Cologne

- summer 2012      Einführung in die Methoden der Ethnologie; Seminar BA, UoC  
                      Hexerei, okkulte Ökonomien und Verschwörungstheorien; Seminar BA, UoC
- autumn 2011     Regionalmodul West-/Zentralafrika: Ethnographie Kameruns und Gabuns;  
                      Seminar BA, Universität Zürich
- spring 2010      Migration und Entwicklung: Perspektiven aus Afrika; Seminar MA, Universität  
                      Zürich
- autumn 2007      Ethnologie Afrikas; Vorlesung und Übung BA, Universität Zürich  
                      Identität, Solidarität und Konflikt II: Verwandtschaft und Freundschaft als  
                      Solidarformen; Proseminar BA, Universität Zürich
- summer 2007     Anthropological perspectives on transnational relations (in English); intensive  
                      seminar. Local perspectives on transnational relations of Cameroonian migrants;  
                      guided research MA, University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon
- spring 2007      Ethnizität und Staat in Afrika; Proseminar BA, Universität Zürich
- autumn 2003      Visual Anthropology: ethnographic film, collaborative and indigenous  
                      productions (in English); seminar BA, University of Kent
- summer 2003      Film screenings in visual anthropology, University of Kent

***Participation in summer schools / guest lecturer***

- 2017      Organizer of summer school 'Africa-Asia Connections', Cape Town/South Africa
- 2015      Lecturer and resource person in ProGrant Proposal Writing Workshop Cameroon, April  
                      20-25 and October 26-30, Yaoundé; organized by the International Office, University of  
                      Cologne  
                      Guest lecturer on qualitative research methods, Department of Geography, Sun Yat-sen  
                      University, Guangzhou
- 2014      Lecturer and resource person in autumn school 'Social Justice', November 1-9, Doha;  
                      organized by the Department of Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian Studies, University  
                      of Cologne, and the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha  
                      Guest lecturer on current anthropological studies on Africa, Overseas Studies summer  
                      school, Minzu University, Beijing  
                      Guest lecturer on anthropological perspectives on globalization, summer campus of the  
                      School for Geography and Urban Planning, Sun Yat-sen University
- 2011      Guest lecturer on African studies, Tsuda College, Tokyo; University of Kyoto
- 2001      Guest lecturer on Gender in Muslim and pastoral societies in Africa, University of Buea,  
                      Cameroon

***Workshops co-organized with students***

- 2016      *The Gender Dimensions of Human Trafficking.* Workshop co-organized with participants  
                      of the MA-seminar 'Human Trafficking: academic and popular debates' January 22/23,  
                      GSSC and University of Cologne.  
<http://ethnologie.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/25730.html>
- 2014      *Islam und Sport. Präsentation der Ergebnisse aus studentischen Feldforschungen.*  
                      Workshop co-organized with participants of the seminar ,Islam und Sport – Ethnographie  
                      vor der Haustür', January 27, Asta-Café, Cologne.

<http://ethnologie.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/19817.html>

- 2013 *Workshop with Tim Ingold*, co-organized with participants of the seminar ‘Moderne Klassiker – ethnologische Beiträge zu aktuellen sozialtheoretischen Debatten’, November 9, University of Cologne.  
<http://ethnologie.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/25729.html>

**Publications and audio-visual documents realized with students**

- 2020 Pelican, Michaela, Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf und Karim Zafer (eds.). Flucht - Familie - soziale Netzwerke: Forschungen mit Geflüchteten in und um Köln. *Kölner Arbeitspapiere für Ethnologie* 8. Institut für Ethnologie, Universität zu Köln. <https://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/11784/>
- 2016 *Podcast Series ‘Research, Action and Art’*, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Cologne; student contributions supervised by Caterina Reinker, Michaela Pelican and Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf. <http://ethnologie.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/24670.html>
- 2014 Damir-Geilsdorf, Sabine, Mira Menzfeld und Michaela Pelican (eds.) Islam und Sport: Einblicke in das interdisziplinäre Forschungs- und Lehrprojekt „Ethnographie vor der Haustür“ der Universität zu Köln. *Kölner Arbeitspapiere für Ethnologie* 5. Institut für Ethnologie, Universität zu Köln. <http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/6025/>
- 2013 ‘Performing Ethnography’: Cameroonian masked performance enacted by anthropology students of the University of Cologne as part of the course on methods of visual and theatre anthropology. Documentary short by Michaela Pelican and Nikolaus Greil, 5:31 min. <http://www.michaela-pelican.com/courses.php>

**STUDENT SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIPS**

**Supervision of BA and MA students, University of Cologne (since 2012)**

58 BA theses, 43 MA theses

**Supervision of PhD students, University of Cologne**

Kim Schumann: Keyboard Warriors: The Role of the Diaspora and Digital Media in the Cameroonian Anglophone Crisis (first supervisor; start April 2020, scholarship of the a.r.t.e.s. graduate school, Faculty of Humanities, University of Cologne)

Karim Zafer: Unaccompanied Minor and Youth Refugees Making a Family (first supervisor; start October 2017, scientific assistant/junior lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, UoC)

Lai Pik Chan: Migration in the time of change: Foreign English language teachers in Shenzhen (first supervisor; defence January 2021, cum laude, DFG funded project)

Séverin Kaji: African students in China: migratory projects and everyday life experiences (first supervisor; defence January 2020, magna cum laude, DAAD doctoral scholarship)

Moritz Heck: Plurinational Afrobolivianity – Afro-indigenous articulations and interethnic relations in the Yungas of Bolivia (first supervisor; defence January 2019, magna cum laude, scholarship of Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

Yang Zhou: Intercultural marriage, legal status and social belonging in China: Chinese-African couples and families in Guangzhou (first supervisor; defence July 2017, magna cum laude, scholarship of the government of China)

Mira Menzfeld: "What it means to die." A participant observation with dying persons in Germany (first supervisor; defence January 2017, summa cum laude, scholarship of Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

Sofie Steinberger: Borders, boundaries and spaces – a cultural history of the neighbouring cities Melilla (Spain) and Nador (Morocco) 1934-1998 (second supervisor; start 2017)

Jasper Habicht: The Role of Campaigns in Law-Enforcement: The Example of Sanfei Campaigns in the Area of Immigration Law (second supervisor; defence January 2020)

Qian Zhu: Political Ecology, Extractive Economy, Conflicts and Governance Over Sand and Village Studies. Guangxi Province, Southwest China (second supervisor; defence January 2020)

Carolin Maevis: Mobilität, Medien und Moral. Zur translokalen Verknüpfung einer islamischen Erneuerungsbewegung, Paris-Bamako (second supervisor; start 2013)

Simone Pfeifer: Medien der translokalen Vernetzung: Zur medialen Ausgestaltung transnationaler sozialer Beziehungen zwischen Senegal und Deutschland (second supervisor; defence July 2019)

Monika Zikova: Diesseits und jenseits des Flusses. Die japanische Minorität Burakumin in ihrem historischen und sozio-ökonomischen Kontext (second supervisor; defence June 2019)

Doerte Weig: Motility and Relational Mobility of the Baka in North-Eastern Gabon (second supervisor; defence May 2013)

Katrin Schaumburg: "So where are we going to get our men? Who must share". Bonyatsi als Ausdruck von agency schwarzer Frauen der südafrikanischen Mittelschicht (second supervisor; defence July 2012)

Barbara Loehde: Socio-political dimensions of urban and peri-urban beef and dairy cattle farming in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (external/second supervisor; start April 2017, University of Göttingen)

Ingrid Brudvig: Im(mobility), Digital Technologies and Transnational Spaces of Belonging: An Ethnographic Study of Somali Migrants in Cape Town (external examiner; report December 2018, University of Cape Town)

Francesco Bondanini: La construcción identitaria de los migrantes en las fronteras de Europa. El caso del centro de estancia temporal de migrantes de Melilla (external examiner; defence May 2014, University of Granada)

### ***Mentoring of PhD and Postdoc projects***

Marit Kretschmann, PhD candidate in the Department of History, University of Bonn, project title ‚Das frühneuzeitliche Sami-Bild im Wandel‘. Mentoring- und Training programme MeTra, Universität Bonn (2016)

Dr. Meron Zeleke Eresso, University of Addis Ababa/Bayreuth, project title 'Movements on Hold? A study of Ethiopian Female Migrants to Europe and the Middle East stranded on transit in Djibouti'. Volkswagen Postdoc Fellowship, Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa (since 2016)

## ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

### ***Academic outreach (since 2000)***

36 workshops/panels/lecture series  
53 invited lectures, 65 conference contributions

### ***Recent organization of workshops and panels (since 2019)***

*Treffen der Leiter\*innen deutschsprachiger Ethnologie-Institute*, virtual meeting, 27.11.20 and 11.12.20

*Are African curricula decolonizable?* Panel co-organized with Michael Bollig and Karim Zafer, DGSKA conference, 29.9.-2.10.2019, University of Konstanz

*Disruption and continuity in Cameroon: the Anglophone crisis.* Conference panel co-organized with Ben Page, ECAS conference, 11.-14.6.2019, University of Edinburg

*Decolonizing the academy in future Africa.* Roundtable co-organized with Michael Bollig, ECAS conference, 11.-14.6.2019, University of Edinburg

*The (re)production of social inequalities: Global contexts and concepts of exploitative labor.* Internal workshop, 30.5.-1.6.2019, University of Cologne

*The Current Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon and its Effects on the Mbororo Community.* Internal workshop co-organized with Nikolaus Schareika, 12.1.2019, University of Cologne

*Towards an independent anthropology at African Universities: possibilities, challenges and trajectories.* International workshop co-organized with Michael Bollig and Karim Zafer, 10.-11.1.2019, University of Cologne

### ***Recent invited lectures (\*) and conference contributions (since 2019)***

*\*Remembering Spanish Flu during Covid-19: Reinforcing Existing Inequalities or Opening up New Opportunities?* Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Ulrike Lindner and Dr. Jonathan Ngeh; Web Talk Series 'Corona Conversations: Mobility in a (Post)Covid Future' Global South Studies Center (GSSC), University of Cologne, 27.10. 2020, <https://gssc.uni-koeln.de/veranstaltungen/webinare/recordings-corona-conversations-exploring-the-future-of-mobility-in-a-post-covid-world>

*\*The Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon and its effect on the Mbororo community – a status report.* Invited lecture, lecture series of the Department of Anthropology, 11.12.2019, University of Basel.

*Born across state borders: Uncertain citizenship of Chinese-foreign children in China.* Joint paper with Elena Barabantseva and Caroline Grillot, presented at the workshop 'Immigration and the Transformation of Chinese Society', 25.-26.4.2019, University of Manchester

*\*Recognition and alterity in the portraiture of Chinese-African encounters in Guangzhou.* Invited lecture, lecture series of the Morphomata Advanced Center for Advanced Studies, 28.1.2019, University of Cologne

*Teaching and research collaborations - benefits and challenges: examples from Cameroon.* Paper presented at the workshop "Towards an independent anthropology at African Universities: possibilities, challenges and trajectories", 11.1.2019, University of Cologne

### ***Career training seminar***

*Female academic careers and their challenges: Insights from different cultural and institutional contexts.* University of Siegen, 20.12.2017.

### ***Exhibitions / film screenings***

- 2019      *China Migrant. Fotografien und Kurzfilme von Daniel Traub.* Photo exhibition, co-organized with Birgit Mersman, November/December, IN-EAST Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 2014      *KAHINA: Art, Action, and Research.* Photo exhibition, co-organized by the UoC Forum 'Ethnicity as a Political Resource' and the Centro de las Culturas de Melilla, 17.-28.11.-2014, Allerweltshaus Cologne; including roundtable on *Melilla - on the border of Africa and Europe?* 18.11.2014, University of Cologne
- Baohan Street: An African community in Guangzhou.* Photo exhibition, co-organized with Li Dong, 16.10-15.11.2014, University of Cologne; including roundtable, 16.10.2014, University of Cologne
- 2009      *Face To Face.* Film screening, conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), 30.9.-3.10.2009, Frankfurt am Main
- Face To Face.* Film screening, conference on "Diversity in Place: Making Documentaries on the Multicultural City", 24.4.2009, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- 2003      *Getting along in the Grassfields: aspects of village life in Misaje (North West Cameroon).* Film screening, visual Anthropology Film Screenings, 29.9.2003, University of Kent, Canterbury
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