

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Current Position

11/21–3/22,  
10/22–4/23  
since 03/2021  
*Senior Research Fellow*, [Centre for Global Cooperation Research](#), University Duisburg–Essen.  
*Privatdozent*, [Institute of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies \(ISEK\)](#) – [Popular Culture Studies](#), University of Zurich.

## Research Interests

Political Anthropology and Europeanization Studies; Narratology and Linguistic Anthropology; Cultural Heritage and Cultural Property; Methods in Empirical Cultural Studies; Sport as Cultural Practice; Ethnography of Organizations.

## Research Projects

2021–2023  
Everyday Narratives of (De-)Legitimation: How Stories about Migration Policies and Expert Regimes are told in Everyday Contexts (Senior Fellowship Centre for Global Cooperation Research).

since 2021  
The Everyday: Perspectives from Empirical Cultural Studies (Book Project).

since 2021  
Europe from Outside and from the Margins: The Everyday Production of Europe in Borderlands and Non-European Contexts.

since 2019  
Popular Narratives of the Political.

2016–2020  
The Middle as Practice and Constellation: Orientations towards the Middle from the Perspective of Empirical Cultural Studies (Habilitation).

since 2013  
Dimensions of Popular Sports: Cycling and Running as Sport and Leisure from the Perspective of Empirical Cultural Studies.

2014–2015  
Culture as Resource and Diplomacy: Between Geopolitics and Issues-Based Policy (Post-Doc Fellowship Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research).

2011–2014  
The Ethics of/in Negotiating and Regulating Cultural Property (PI: Prof. Dr. Regina F. Bendix, DFG-Research Unit Cultural Property).

2008–2011 Communication Patterns and Decision-Making about Cultural Property in the International Forum of the World Intellectual Property Organization (PhD Project, PI: Prof. Dr. Regina F. Bendix, DFG-Research Unit Cultural Property).

### Positions Held

04/2022–09/2022 Visiting Professor (spring term 2022), [Ludwig-Uhland-Institute for Empirical Cultural Studies](#), University Tübingen.

2016–2021 Head Laboratory Popular Culture Studies/Senior Research and Teaching Fellow, Popular Culture Studies, Institute of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (ISEK), University of Zurich.

2015–2016 Post-Doc, Cultural Anthropology/Folklore Studies, Institute of Archeology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Bonn.

2014–2015 Post-Doctoral Fellow, [Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research](#), University Duisburg–Essen.. Project: Culture as Resource and Diplomacy: Between Geopolitics and Issues-Based Policy.

2011–2014 Post-Doc, Institute of Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Georg-August-University Göttingen. Project: The Ethics of/in Negotiating and Regulating Cultural Property (Sub-Project, Interdisciplinary DFG Research Unit [“The Constituting of Cultural Property: Actors, Discourses, Contexts, Rules”](#)).

2008–2011 Research Associate/Ph.D. Candidate, Institute of Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Georg-August-University Göttingen. Project: Communication Patterns and Decision-Making about Cultural Property in the International Forum of the World Intellectual Property Organization (Sub-Project, [“The Constituting of Cultural Property: Actors, Discourses, Contexts, Rules”](#)).

### Education

03/2021 Venia Legendi Empirical Cultural Studies (Privatdozent), University of Zurich (CH). Habilitation: „The Middle as Practice and Constellation: Orientations towards the Middle from the Perspective of Empirical Cultural Studies (submitted 11/2019)“.

2008–2011 Dr. phil. in Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Georg-August-University Göttingen (DE). PhD thesis: „Negotiating Tradition: The Pragmatics of International Deliberations on Cultural Property“ (*summa cum laude*). Advisor: Prof. Dr. Regina F. Bendix (Göttingen), Prof. Dr. Donald F. Brenneis (UC Santa Cruz).

10/03–03/08 M.A. in Sociology, Subjects: Sociology, Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Social and Economic Psychology, Georg-August-University Göttingen (DE). MA thesis: „Open-Source-Software Engineering: Sociological Discussion of a Specific Form of Innovation Networks (Entwicklung von Open-Source-Software: Soziologische Diskussion einer spezifischen Form von Innovationsnetzwerk)“ (*Sehr gut*).

10/06–01/07 Erasmus Student Exchange Programme, Subjects: Relazioni Pubbliche (Public Relations), Università degli Studi di Udine (IT).

### Stays Abroad

03/10–04/10 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship for Ph.D. Research Studies, Research Visits at University of Chicago, University of California at Santa Cruz, School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, USA.

2012 Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant, Seminar für Kulturwissenschaft und Europäische Ethnologie, University of Basel, Switzerland.

10/06–01/07 Erasmus Student Exchange Programme, Public Relations, Università degli Studi di Udine, Italy.

### Further Training and Qualifications

02/2018 Presentation Skills, University of Zurich.  
05/2017 Leadership Skills for Postdocs, University of Zurich.  
01/2017 Project Management for Successful Postdocs, University of Zurich.  
10/2013 Gender-sensitive Didactics, Göttingen University.  
2013–2014 Certificate Programme University Didactics, Göttingen University. Kurse:  
Exams and Legal Aspects of Exams (01/2013); Activating Methods (03/2013); Basic Competences University Didactics I (03/2013); Presentation Skills and Rhetorics (05/2013); Cooperation in Teaching (06/2013); Basic Competences University Didactics I (07/2013); E-Learning-Tools (11/2013); Practice Talks (11/2013); Advising Students (01/2014).

### Work in committees

2016–2021 Membership in Various University-, Faculty-, and Institute-Wide Working Groups at the University of Zurich (Working Group Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Zurich (2016–2021)/Development of Degree Courses, Working Group Qualitative Methods at the UZH)  
2018–2021 Board Member, Research Network Cultural Citizenship (University of Zurich, Zurich University of the Arts, Zurich University of Applied Science)  
2017–2021 Co-Speaker, Section Cultures of Work, German Society of Folklore (dgv)  
2017–2020 Delegate, Commission for Research and Promotion of Junior Researchers, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Zurich  
2013–2019 [H-Folk-Netzwerk](#), Editor  
2015–2016 Board Member, Institute for Archeology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Bonn  
2010–2014 Board Member, Center for Theory of Culture and Society, University of Göttingen, Germany

### Memberships

German Society for Empirical Cultural Studies (DGEKW)  
Swiss Association for European Ethnology (SGV), Section Zurich  
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), EASA Networks Anthropology of Law, Rights and Governance (LAWNET); Linguistic Anthropology (ELAN)  
Société Internationale d’Ethnologie et de Folklore (SIEF), SIEF Working Groups Narrative Cultures; Cultural Heritage and Property  
since 2021 DFG-Network on Experientiality  
2014–2018 DFG-Network on Competition

### Teaching Activities

A full list of taught courses is available at:  
<https://github.com/sgroth/teaching>

2022 Empirical Cultural Studies, University of Tübingen, Germany  
2016–2021 Cultural Studies/Anthropology, University of Zurich, Switzerland  
2015–2016 Cultural Studies/European Ethnology, University of Bonn, Germany

2012  
2009–2013

Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant, Cultural Heritage, University of Basel, Switzerland  
Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, University of Göttingen, Germany

#### Reviewer for

Reviewer for Journals: Tourism Geographies, Critical Discourse Studies, Diskurs, American Ethnologist, International Journal of Heritage Studies, Anthropological Journal of European Cultures, Narrative Culture, Zeitschrift für Volkskunde, Jahrbuch für Europäische Ethnologie, Global Cooperation Research Papers

Reviewer for Grant Applications: Marietta Blau Grant, OeAD (Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research)

BA Theses

MA Theses: 2 Master Students (1 co-advised); Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland; 1 Master Student (co-advised); Faculty of Arts, Department for Cultural Anthropology, University of Bonn, Germany; 1 Master Student; Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Göttingen University, Germany

#### Organizational Activities

Head Laboratory Popular Culture Studies, Institute of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (ISEK), Zurich University (Conception and Execution, Senior Fellow-Program, Promotion of Young Scholars, Organisation of Conferences and In House-Workshops, Lectures, Panel Debates).

Organisation of Panels at Conferences (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde, Société Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore).

With Anna Weichselbraun, Ph.D.: Panel Talk and Temporality, dgv-Congress 2021, Regensburg, April 2022.

Discursivities of Cooperation. Authors' Workshop, Duisburg, March 2022.

With Dr. Sarah May and Dr. Johannes Müske: Morality as Organizational Practice. 19th Workshop of the Section Cultures of Work of the German Association of Cultural Anthropology and Folklore Studies (dgv), Freiburg, November 2021.

With Dr. Sarah May, Work Meeting dgv-Section Cultures of Work, November 2020.

With Dr. Christine Hämmerling and Prof. Dr. Silke Meyer: Workshop Moral Economy, May 2019, Laboratory Popular Culture Studies, Zurich University.

With Prof. Dr. Markus Tauschek: Panel Comparison as Reflective and Affective Practice: Orientations Towards the Middle and Everyday Comparisons, SIEF-Kongress 2019, Santiago de Compostela, Spanien, 14-17. April 2019.

Panel Debate Everyday Knowledge. Places, Media, and Practices. Perspectives from Anthropology. Science Festivals 100 Ways of Thinking, Kunsthalle Zurich, Oktober 2018.

Organisation with Dr. Sarah May and Dr. Johannes Müske, Networked, Unbounded, Precarious? Work in Social Discourse. 19th Workshop of the Section Cultures of Work of the German Association of Cultural Anthropology and Folklore Studies (dgv), September 2018.

Zurich.

In-House-Workshop Research Support, with Prof. em. Dr. Silke Götttsch-Elten, May 2018, Laboratory Popular Culture Studies, Zurich University.

In-House-Workshop Rurality/Urbanity as Spatial Orders and Categories, May 2018, Laboratory Popular Culture Studies, Zurich University.

In-House-Workshop Researching Historically. April 2018, Labor Populäre Kulturen, ISEK, Universität Zürich.

Organisation with Dr. Christian Ritter (Collegium Helveticum, Zürich), Workshop Working Together. Practices of Coordination, Cooperation, and Representation in Collaborative Processes, October 2017, Laboratory Popular Culture Studies, Zurich University.

In-House-Workshop Perspectives of Ethnographic Cultural Analysis May 2017, Labor Populäre Kulturen, ISEK, Universität Zürich.

Organisation with Dr. Alejandro Esguerra (Potsdam) and Dr. Katja Freistein (Duisburg), International Workshop Micro-Moves in International Institutions, Standing Group Sociology of International Relations (AK SiB), February 9-10, 2017, Universität Potsdam.

Organisation with Dr. Katja Freistein (Duisburg) and Dr. Alejandro Esguerra Portocarrero (Duisburg), Interdisciplinary Workshop Studying Micro-Practices in (International) Institutions: Chances and Limitations of Theory-Building, November 26-27, 2015, Centre for Global Cooperation Research (GCR), Duisburg.

Organisation with Yonca Krahn (Zürich): Panel Sport und Sinne, dgv-Kongress 2015, Zürich, July 2015.

Organisation with Charles Briggs (UC Berkeley) and Regina Bendix, International Working Conference Justice in Discourse, April 4–5, 2013, Göttingen.

Organisation with Nadine Wagener-Böck M.A., Workshop „Subjektbegriffe der Europäischen Ethnologie“ (“Concepts of the ‘Subject’ in European Ethnology”), December 13-14, 2012, Göttingen.

## Expositions

Places of Knowledge. Ethnographic/Artistic Explorations (05/2018, Zurich University of the Arts).