

## CV

Thomas Jurczyk

### Personal data

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**Name**

Thomas Jurczyk

**Date and place of birth**

1985/07/23 (Hagen, Germany)

**Nationality**

German

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## Education

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**Ruhr-University Bochum**, Bochum, March 2020

Submission of my PhD thesis “The notion of *surb* in Ancient Armenian Texts from the Fifth Century CE”

**Ruhr-University Bochum**, Bochum, March 2014

MA, History, Religious Studies (Grade: 1.0)

- Concentration: Ancient Religions (Greek and Roman Religions; Early Christianity) and Theory of Religions / Systematic Approaches
- Dissertation: “Differenzierung von ‘Religion’ und ‘Politik’ in der Antike: Das Beispiel Judäa im 2. Jh. v.Chr.” (“Differentiation between ‘Religion’ and ‘Politics’: The Example of Judaea during the 2nd century BCE”)
- Supervisors: Professor Volkhard Krech and Professor Linda-Marie Günther

**Ruhr-University Bochum**, Bochum, March 2011

BA, History, Religious Studies (Grade: 1.0)

- Concentration: Ancient Religions (Greek and Roman Religions; Early Christianity) and Theory of Religions / Systematic Approaches
- Dissertation: „Das religiöse Feld im Athen des 5. Jh. v.Chr.” (“The Religious Field in Athens during the 5th century BCE”)
- Supervisors: Professor Alexander-Kenneth Nagel and Jens Schlamelcher

**FernUniversität Hagen**, since October 2017

BA, Studying Computer Sciences and Mathematics on a part-time basis

## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Jurczyk, Thomas. 2018. Representation of transcendence: the Armenian letter „On the image-fighters“ from the seventh century CE. *Entangled religions* 5: 95–153. [Link to the article](#)

### Contributions to edited volumes

- Jurczyk, Thomas. 2019. Christliche Bilderkontroversen vor dem byzantinischen Bilderstreit. In: *Bild Macht Religion: Kunst zwischen Verehrung, Verbot und Vernichtung*, 114–121.

Other publications (journals without peer review, book reviews, popular)

- Jurczyk, Thomas. 2019. Review “Considering Comparison. A Method for Religious Studies” by Oliver Freiberger. In: *JRE* 12 (2019), 217-219.
- Jurczyk, Thomas. 2019. Hintergrundinformation: Christ/innen in islamischen Ländern. In: *Handreichung Religion*, ed. by Sarah Jahn. (publication soon)

## Honors, Grants, and Awards

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Grant “International Realisation Budget” (7,500 €) of the Research School PLUS (Ruhr-University Bochum)

“Preis an Studierende” (Award for the best MA dissertation during the “Akademische Jahresfeier 2014”), Ruhr-University Bochum, November 2014.

## Professional Experience

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### **Ruhr-University Bochum, Center for Religious Studies (CERES)**

*Research Assistant* (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), since October 2014

- Teaching BA courses on Greco-Roman religions and digital methods in the study of religion
- Part of the administration and organization of the study program “Religionswissenschaft”
- Part of the RUB Checks initiative to create a digital portal for the international Master program “Religious Studies” in Bochum

### **University of Bremen, Institut für Religionswissenschaft und Religionspädagogik**

*Teaching assignment*, winter term 17/18

- BA seminar on “Rituale in der Antike” (2h/w)

### **Ruhr-University Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”**

*Research Assistant* (Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft), March 2013 – September 2014

- Assisting the international research fellows at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg
- Creating conference and workshop flyers with Adobe Creative Suite and Corel Draw

### **Ruhr-University Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”**

*Administration Employee* (Verwaltungsangestellter), August 2012 – September 2014

- Responsible for the Public Relations of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg

**Ruhr-University Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”**

*Research Assistant* (Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft), April 2011 – July 2012

- Assisting the international fellows at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg

**Ruhr-University Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”**

*Student Assistant* (Studentische Hilfskraft), June 2008 – March 2011

- Assisting the international fellows at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg

## Stay Abroad, Conferences, and Other Academic Activities

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**Participation Hands-On Workshop “Finding Metaphor in Discourse”**

University of Basel, November 2018

**Siebtes InterDisziplinäres Kolloquium (IDK): Wissenskulturen im Vergleich**

Universität Innsbruck, November 2018

- Presentation: “Religionswissenschaft und Öffentlichkeit”

**Conference of the International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture (ISMRC) “Media, Religion and Public Scholarship”**

University of Boulder (Colorado), August 2018

Panel “Religion is struggling with media. Historical and contemporary conflicts about the use and role of media in religion”

- Presentation: “Struggling with the Use of Images before the 8th Century CE. The example of an Armenian letter from the 7th century CE”

**Intensive Armenian Language Summer School 2016 ARMACAD**

Armenia, July/August 2016

**Workshop Participation** Armenian Manuscript Studies: An Introduction

Berlin, March 2016

**Organizing and conducting the Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Iconoclasm” Working Group**

Ruhr-University Bochum, since 2016

**Viertes InterDisziplinäres Kolloquium (IDK): Wissenskulturen im Vergleich**

De Haagse Hogeschool Delft, November 2015

- Presentation: “Darstellung, Veranschaulichung und Wahrnehmung von Geschichte”

**Conference XXI IAHR 2015**

Erfurt, August 2015

Panel “Researching Religions & Politics – Young German Perspectives”

- Presentation: “Religious and Political Semantics in the First Two Books of the Maccabees”

**Drittes InterDisziplinäres Kolloquium (IDK): Wissenskulturen im Vergleich**

Maison Heinrich Heine, Paris, October 2014

- Presentation: “MOOC, Youtube und Udacity: Universitäres Lehren und Lernen im Zeitalter des Internet”

**Doctoral Student Reviewer for Research School PLUS**

Ruhr-University Bochum, since 2014

**Participation in the International Summer School ERiC 2014 (“Eurasian Religions in Contact”) of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”**

Ruhr-University Bochum, July 2014

- Presentation: “Differentiation between Politics and Religion: Byzantium after the Council of Chalcedon (451) with a Focus on the Relation between the Greek Orthodoxy in Constantinople and Armenia”

**ERASMUS Placement at the Università degli studi di Pavia (Italy), Dipartimento di Lingue e Letterature Straniere Moderne**

Università degli studi di Pavia, March 2012 – June 2012

- Offering language courses for the students of German literature and culture
- Organizing a theatre play with the students (in German)

## Computing Skills

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### General skills

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Premiere)
- Corel Draw

### Programming and markup languages

- Python (advanced)
- HTML/CSS/Markdown (basic)
- PHP (basic)
- JavaScript (basic)

## Languages

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### Modern languages

#### German

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#### English

fluent

#### French

proficient

#### Italian

basic

#### Eastern Armenian

basic

### Ancient languages

#### Latin

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#### Greek

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#### Ancient Armenian (*Grabar*)

basic/advanced