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## Education

2025 (exp.)	Ph.D. Anthropology, University of California, Irvine
2020	M.A. Science and Technology Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
2017	B.A. Media and Communication Studies, University of Bremen

## International Experience

2023–24	Visiting Scholar, National Chengchi University, Taipei
2020–21	Visiting Scholar, National Chengchi University, Taipei
2018–19	Fulbright Fellow, University of California, Irvine
2014–15	Erasmus+ Student, Bahcesehir University, Istanbul
2011–12	European Voluntary Service, Reykjavík, Iceland

## Fellowships, Grants, Awards

2024	Long US-China Institute Graduate Student Research Fellowship, \$250
2023	EPA EJ Video Challenge for Students Phase 2 Award, First Prize, \$50,000
2022	EPA EJ Video Challenge for Students Phase 1 Award, First Prize, \$20,000
2022	Environmental Data Justice Grant, \$50,000
2022	SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$28,000
2022	Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Fellowship, \$5,000
2021	Newkirk Graduate Student Fellowship in Community-based Research, \$7,000
2021	UCI Illuminations Grant, \$3,000
2021	Social Science Communication Fellow in Multimedia Storytelling, \$7,000
2021	Newkirk Graduate Student Fellowship in Community-based Research, \$7,000
2020	UCI Illuminations Grant, \$2,000
2020	UC Irvine Center for Asian Studies Scholarship, \$1,000
2018	German-American Fulbright Fellowship, \$32,000
2018–20	German Academic Scholarship Foundation Fellowship
2017	DARIAH-DE Digital Humanities Award, \$500

## Research Projects (selected)

2021–	<a href="#">Environmental Injustice Global Record</a> Coordinating a set of case studies and archives focused on environmental injustice issues in different settings.
2020–	<a href="#">Formosa Plastics Global Archive</a>

- Building a digital collection and workspace to study the petrochemical industry in Taiwan, Vietnam, and the United States.
- 2020–21 [Transnational Disaster STS COVID-19 Project](#)  
Developing research infrastructure for cultural analysis of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2019–20 Quotidian [Anthropocenes](#)  
Organizing collaborative “field campuses” in St. Louis and New Orleans, sponsored by HKW Berlin and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science.
- 2018–19 [Visualizing Toxic Places](#)  
Facilitating cross-campus collaboration and development of digital exhibits, sponsored by UCI Center for Ethnography.

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 “Late Industrialism, Advocacy, and Law: Relays Towards Just Transition” (with Kim Fortun and James Adams). [East Asian Science, Technology, and Society](#).
- 2021 “Knowledge Infrastructure and Research Agendas for Quotidian Anthropocenes: Critical Localism with Planetary Scope.” [Anthropocene Review](#). (with Kim Fortun, James Adams and Scott G. Knowles).

### Book Chapters

- 2017 “Humanitarian Media Interventions: Doing Infrastructures in Times of Forced Migration.” [Spheres. Journal for Digital Cultures](#) (with Sebastian Kubitschko)
- 2021 “Civic Community Archiving with the Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography: Double Binds and Design Challenges.” [HCI International 2021 Proceedings](#) (with Kim Fortun, Mike Fortun, Angela Okune, and Shan-Ya Su).
- 2021 “인류세를 위한 아카이빙” [디어 아마존—인류세에 관하여 Dear Amazon – On the Anthropocene. Exhibition Catalogue](#). Ilmin Museum for Art, Seoul.
- 2020 “Free Wireless Network Activism and the Industrialized Media Infrastructures of Forced Migration.” In: Siobhán McGuirk & Adrienne Pine (eds.) [Asylum for Sale: Profit, and Protest in the Migration Industry](#). Oakland: PM Press.
- 2020 “Humanitäre Medieninterventionen. Digitale Infrastruktur in Unterkünften für Geflüchtete.” In: Kaufmann, Nimführ, Otto & Schütte (eds.) [Forschen und Arbeiten im Kontext von Flucht. Reflexionslücken, Repräsentations- und Ethikfragen](#). VS Springer.

## Public Writing

- 2023 "Innovationism Across Transnational Landscapes." *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*. (with Invernizzi et al).
- 2022 "Pursuing Transnational STS at ESOCITE/4S Joint Conference." *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*. (with Khandekar et al).
- 2022 "Open Research Data: Experimenting Towards a Publishing Infrastructure." *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*. (with Okune et al).
- 2021 "Visualizing Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." (2021). *ACM Interactions*, Vol. 28(4).
- 2021 "In the Wake of Formosa Plastics: A Report from the Reaching for Just Transitions Seminar Series." *Backchannels Blog*. (with Kim Fortun).
- 2021 "Data Activism and Petro-Public Knowledge "Across Borders": The Formosa Plastics Global Archive | 數據行動主義×跨界的石化公共知識:台灣塑膠檔案館." *Platypus. The CASTAC Blog* ([english](#) / [中文](#)). (with Shan-Ya Su).
- 2020 "Ethnographers and Civic Data: Insights from Environmental Activists" *boasblogs*. October 15.
- 2020 "Tactics for Quotidian Anthropocenes: A Field Campus Report." *Anthropocene Curriculum*. Berlin: Haus der Kulturen der Welt (with Jason Ludwig, Scott. G. Knowles and Kim Fortun).
- 2020 "Still 'in its infancy'? Afterthoughts on the relevance of STS anchors in Germany." *EASST Review Volume* 37(4).
- 2020 "Country Report Germany. From the shelter to the classroom: Two Case Studies Of Civic Participation Through Freifunk Berlin." *Global Information Society Watch Yearbook*. APC Press. (with Monic Meisel).
- 2023 "Current-Wave: Reaching for Just Transitions in Coastal Communities," November 4-5. *National Chengchi University*.
- 2022 "Cleaning Up Kingspan," March 3. *EcoGovLab*, University of California, Irvine.
- 2022 "Combo Disaster and Environmental Injustice: Louisiana's Cancer Alley," October 4. *Disaster STS Network, UCI Illuminations program, and Center for Environmental Health Disparities*. (with Kim Fortun).
- 2019 "Pollution, Data, Activism. The Formosa Plastics Archive," *Tacheles (柏林廢墟), New Bloom*, Taipei.
- 2019 "New Orleans Anthropocene Field Campus," September 1-4, *Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science*, Berlin.
- 2019 "St. Louis Anthropocene Field Campus," March 7-10, *Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science*, Berlin.
- 2019 "Visualizing Toxic Subjects Gallery Show," Center for Ethnography, University of California, Irvine.

#### Multimodal

- 2024 *Red Sea: Vietnam's Modern Disaster*. USA/Taiwan/Vietnam.

- 2023 [Civic Bioremediation: Building a Network of Soil Practitioners](#). 3 min. USA.
- 2022 [Unearthing Lead: The Power of Historical Maps](#). 6 min. USA.
- 2015 [Hacking Istanbul. A Hackerspace Documentary](#). 20 min. Turkey.

## Interviews

- 2022 "Trước Thảm Hoạ Formosa Chúng Ta Phải Làm Gì?", [Saigon Broadcasting Television Network](#), February 23.
- 2021 "Chercheurs et activistes collectent les sombres archives de Formosa Plastics Corporation, le géant pétrochimique taiwanais", [Radio Taiwan International Français](#), June 28.
- 2017 "Vorstellung der PreisträgerInnen des DARIAH DH-Award 2017: Tim Schütz." [DHd Blog](#), May 22.

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

- 2025 Keynote, How to do Social Learning in a Digital World? Designing Inclusive Platform Politics and Infrastructures towards Environmental Justice Workshop, University Bern, December 16–18.
- 2024 In class lecture, Ecology and Economy , invited by Jorge Nuñez, University of Amsterdam, February 9.
- 2023 "Analyzing Civic Data Cultures". Hack Your District, Taipei, Taiwan, invited by Jonas Fahlbusch, October 19.
- 2023 In-class lecture, "Taiwan in the Plasticene," invited by Prof. Paul Jobin, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, September 28.
- 2023 International Forum on Post-Disaster Recovery, invited by Prof. Hui-Nien Lin, National Pingtung University, Taiwan, June 17.
- 2023 In-class lecture, Globalization and Public Affairs, invited by Prof. Wen-Ling Tu, National Chengchi University Taipei, April 28.
- 2022 "Civic Archiving for Environmental Justice Activism", invited by Prof. Dana Powell and Prof. Rebecca Witter, Appalachian State University, October 10.
- 2022 "Civic Data, Archiving, and Environmental Injustice". Intro to Data Studies Course, invited by Lindsay Poirier, Smith College, April 1.
- 2022 "Formosa Plastics: Knowledge Infrastructures, Transnational Activism, and Climate Change". The Sea is Rising – And So are We? Klimawandel und sozialökologische Transformation, Bremen Nature Culture Lab Lecture Series, University of Bremen, January 13.

- 2022 "Academic activism and low-carbon research", invited by Antoine Hardy, virtual, September 30.
- 2022 "Relays for Just Transition: Civic Archiving vs. Formosa Plastics Corporation," invited by Students Activating Social Innovation, University of California, Irvine, April 2.
- 2021 "Experiments in Collaboration: Purposes, Designs, Infrastructures, Invitations." Decolonizing Learning, Rethinking Research: Datafication and the Quest for Co-operation in Ethnographic Fieldwork, University of Cologne, October 27.
- 2021 "Research in Disastrous Times", American Advanced Educational Association, 7 July
- 2021 "Infrastructures of ethnographic relation-making and comparing – PECE, for example." Colloquium, Laboratory: Anthropology of Environment / Human Relations, Humboldt University Berlin. June 14.
- 2021 "Publishing multimodal ethnographic work in an open-ended and collaborative way." Workshop Multimodal Digital Publishing, German Association for Social and Cultural Anthropology (DGSKA), May 20.
- 2021 "Pollution, Data, Activism: The Formosa Plastics Global Archive, Global Taipei Dialogue, invited by Taiwan NextGen Foundation, April 29.
- 2021 "Archiving for Quotidian Anthropocenes: Pollution, Data & Activism in a Planetary Scope". Environment, Politics, and Society Seminar, invited by Dr. Duygu Kasdogan, İzmir Katip Çelebi University, Turkey, March 22.
- 2021 "Environmental Data Justice: Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics", invited by Prof. TU Wen-Ling, National Chengchi University Taipei, March 18.
- 2020 "Archiving for the Anthropocene: Needs, Designs, Tactics." Data Natures Seminar, invited by Prof. Tahani Nadim and Dr. Hagit Keysar, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany (with Jason Ludwig).
- 2020 "Civic Data for the Anthropocene: Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics". RUSTLab Lecture Series: Data & Experimentalism, invited by Prof. Estrid Sørensen, Ruhr Universität Bochum, December 3.
- 2020 "Civic Data: Needs, Designs, Tactics". Guest lecture: Introduction to Global Studies, invited by Prof. Tzu-Chi Ou, International College for Innovation, National Chengchi University, Taipei, December 2.
- 2020 "Archivieren für das Anthropozän: Einsichten aus dem Umweltaktivismus". Department of History. Seminar Katastrophen(wissenschaften) in Geschichte und Gegenwart, invited by Dr. Cécile Stehrenberger, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, November 19.

- 2020 "Beyond Environmental Injustice: Installation Ethnography and Pedagogy in Covid-19." Doctoral Students in Urban Planning (DSUP) Seminar Series, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, September 30 (with Perna Srigyan).

### Conferences and Workshops

- 2024 "Civic Archiving VS. Formosa Plastics Corporation." European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Conference, Amsterdam, July 16.
- 2023 "Civic Archiving and Data Sharing for Environmental Justice". Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Conference, Honolulu, November 8-11 (with Zoe Friese and Rex Simmons).
- 2021 "Following Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." International Taiwan Studies Conference, University of California Irvine.
- 2021 "Archiving for Quotidian Anthropocenes: From Los Angeles to Reserve, Louisiana and Istanbul." Istanbul Unbound Conference, April 8-11.
- 2020 "Archiving the Anthropocene(s): The Quotidian Anthropocenes Project". The Shape of a Practice. Haus der Kulturen der Welt Berlin, October 29 (with Jason Ludwig).
- 2020 "Ethnographers, Civic Data, COVID-19: Insights from Environmental Activists." Fieldwork Meets Crisis, Virtual Autumn School, October 23.
- 2020 "Civic Data and Case Study for Santa Ana, CA." Beyond Environmental Injustice. Disaster STS Research Network, October 23.
- 2020 "Civic Data for the Anthropocene: Visualizing Taiwan's Formosa Plastics." 4S/EASST Conference.
- 2020 "Installation Ethnography: Curation, Aesthetics, Experiments." 4S/EASST Conference. August 2020 (with James Adams).
- 2019 "Archiving for the Anthropocene: Needs, Design, Tactics." The International Symposium on Anthropocene Studies, Seoul, December 10-11.
- 2019 "Mississippi River Anthropocenes: Running the River School." Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), New Orleans, 4-7 September.
- 2018 "Hacking the Shelter? Alternative Mesh networks and STS Research in Times of Forced Migration." How can Science and Technology Studies help to reflect on the political crisis associated with refugees and asylum seekers? CES, Coimbra, Portugal, September 26-28.
- 2018 "Hacking the Shelter: Infrastructural "Counter Publics" and the Management of Forced Migration." European Society for the Study of Science (EASST) and Technology Conference Lancaster, UK, July 25-27
- 2018 "Wireless Network Activism In Times of Forced Migration." Wireless Community Weekend, cbase Berlin, May 13.

2018 "Humanitäre Medieninterventionen: Infrastrukturierung freier Datennetze zwischen sozialen Trägern, zivilem Engagement und Asylindustrie."  
Willkommenskultur in der deutschen Migrationsgesellschaft: Flucht, Asyl und Regulierungspraxis. Workshop at Institute for Ethnology, LMU München, February 2-3.

## Teaching

"[Archiving for the Anthropocene](#)," Instructor, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Goethe University Frankfurt. [LCourse Websiteink](#)

"[Environmental Injustice](#)," Teaching assistant for Prof. Kim Fortun, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine.

"Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology." Teaching Assistant for Dr. James Egan, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine.

"Projects in Analysis in Social Computing." Teaching Assistant for Prof. Geoffrey C. Bowker; Dr. Roderic N. Crooks; Dr. Matthew Bietz, School of Information and Computer Science, University of California, Irvine.

## Service

2022– Member, UCI EcoGovLab  
2021– Open Data Editor, Engaging Science, Technology, and Society Journal  
2018– Design Team and Community Outreach, Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography (PECE)

## Languages

German (native)  
Icelandic (fluent)  
Spanish, French (intermediate)  
Turkish, Mandarin (beginner)