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Academic career

- 10/2015** Habilitation in Social Anthropology (Ethnologie), "Produktion und Repräsentation von Zugehörigkeit in der Migration – Lateinamerikaner_innen in Madrid", Faculty of Arts, UoB
- 1998 – 2005** PhD (Dr. Phil.) in Sociology, "Experiment Ökotourismus – Gelenkter Wandel und Akzeptanz am Beispiel des Mayadorfs Yaxuná", Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt (magna cum laude)
- 1990 – 1996** Master of Arts in Social Anthropology (MA), Roman Studies and Sociology, University of Cologne (magna cum laude)
- 1987 – 1990** Bachelor in Ancient American Studies, Spanish literature and Geography, UoB

Scientific experience

- Since 09/2015** Acting director in the Department for Political and Cultural Change, Center for Development Research (ZEFa), UoB
- Since 01/2018** Project leader and coordinator of the bilateral graduate school on "Environmental Peace and Development in Colombia", funded by DAAD
- 05/2013 – 02/2014** Managing director in the Interdisciplinary Latin America Center (ILZ), UoB
- 04/2010 – 02/2014** Senior Researcher in the Research Network on Latin America: Ethnicity, Citizenship, Belonging
Postdoctoral candidate and assistant professor in the Institute for Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology, UoB

- 06/2009 – 01/2010** Senior Researcher, ILZ, UoB
- 05/2005 – 05/2009** Senior Researcher in the Center for Development Research (ZEF), Department for Political and Cultural Change (ZEFa), UoB
- 04/2001 – 04/2005** Junior Researcher (PhD candidate) in ZEF, Department for Ecology and Resources Management (ZEFc), UoB

Research Interests

- Topics** critical development studies (entanglements and interdependencies of world regions), mobility and mobilization, urban studies, feminization (precarization) of labour migration, environmental conflicts and displacement, man-nature relationship, media studies, gender studies, conflict studies
- Approaches** inter- and transdisciplinary research approaches, gender and intersectionality, material semiotic perspectives, actor network theory (actant rhizome ontology), assemblages approaches, sociology of translation, situational analysis, participatory approaches
- Regional Focus** Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador), Southern Europe (Spain), Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia), India

Main field research activities

- 2010 – 2015** 5 field trips (2 weeks – 3 months) and research in Spain / Madrid
Space sensitive approaches and material semiotic perspectives for the study of ethnicity, citizenship, belonging
- 2003 – 2009** 5 field trips and 2 business trips (2 weeks – 7 weeks) and research in Ghana und Burkina Faso / Volta basin, “Privatization of water supply in urban areas”, “Transboundary water resources management”
- 1997 – 1998** One year field trip to Mexico-City and a Maya community in Yucatán

Own attracted funds

- 2021** Senior Research Fellowship at CALAS Center for Advanced Latin American Studies, BMBF Funded MERIAN Center → Research topic: Coping with crisis. Transdisciplinary perspectives from Latin America, Own research project: Resistance assemblages: urban protest and resilience in times of ongoing housing crisis (funding volume 26.400)

- 2020** SDG Bilateral Graduate School „Doctoral Studies Support Program for Environmental Peace and Development in Colombia”, 2nd phase (funding volume 2.250.000,-€)
- 2019 (October)** BMBF-Call: Förderung der Wissenschaftlich-Technologischen Zusammenarbeit (WTZ) mit Kolumbien (funding volume 50.000,-€)
- 2019 (April)** **with Dr. Girma Kelboro:** Transitions in Rural-Urban Interfaces: Urbanization, land governance and livelihood in Ethiopia, “Sachbeihilfe” financed by DFG (funding volume 200.000,-€)
- 2018** CIREG Consortium headed PIK- Climate Information to support integrated Renewable Electricity Generation, financed by BMBF (funding volume for ZEFa 450.000,-€)
- 2017** **with Dr. Irit Eguavo:** Waterfront Metropolis Abidjan. Between everyday urbanity, spontaneous urbanisation, town planning and real estate development, “Sachbeihilfe” financed by DFG (funding volume 200.000,-€)
- 2016 (September)** Bilateral SDG Graduate School with Cuba (cancelled), now with Colombia, National University, Institute for Environmental Studies (IDEA) (funding volume: 2.250.000,-€)
- 2016 (May)** Fact Finding Mission financed by DAAD to Cuba to prepare project proposal to be submitted to the funding line Bilateral SGD Graduate School with Universidad Central ‚Marta Abreu‘ des la Villas in Santa Clara (funding volume: 19.150,-€)
- 2014** Awarded by the UoB, Office for Gender Equality, to join the Maria von Linden Funding Program for experienced scientists (funding volume 13.200,-€)
- 2013** Funded by Thyssen Foundation to realize the international conference on “Border transgression: Mobility and Mobilization in crisis (funding volume 14.000,-€)
- 2012** Funded by Käthe-Hamburger Kolleg: Morphomata to realize the international conference on “GraffitiCity: visual practices and contestations in urban space” (funding volume 25.000,-€)
- 2010** „Biodiversität-Bilder, Kontroversen und Paradoxien nachhaltiger Entwicklung, proposal in the framework of the 4th call of the UoB to kick-off larger research programs (funding volume 19.200,-€)
- 1997** Awarded by Carl Duisberg-Gesellschaft (now GIZ) and CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) for graduate studies, Mexico” (funding volume 6.000,-€)

Individual scholarships for supervised Doctoral Students

- Ekren, Elizabeth: Institutions, innovation and opportunity in asylum-seeker communities – evidence from Germany (Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, funding period 2017-2018)
- Odamtten, Genevieve: International organizations in the politics and governance of global migration: The Case of the UNODC on the eastern Africa to Western Europe Migration Route (KAAK-Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst, funding period 2019-2021)
- Rosales Salgado, Maryoriet Nicole: The Space where we belong: Female Perspectives on Religion and Insecurity in Urban Honduras (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, funding period 2019-2021)

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