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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor	Since 6/2025
Vice Department Head (since 10/2025)	
Department Head (10/2022-09/2025)	
Assistant Professor	09/2020
Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna	
Postdoctoral Fellow	1/2019 – 1/2020
Institute of History, University of Bern	
Visiting Lecturer	10/2017 – 3/2018
Center for Global History, Freie Universität Berlin	
Postdoctoral Fellow	10/2016 – 09/2017
Max Weber Program, European University Institute, Florence	
Predocctoral Fellow	10/2015 – 09/2016
International Security Studies, Yale University	

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Modern European History, New York University	2017
Dissertation: “Building States through International Development Assistance: The United Nations between Trusteeship and Self-Determination, 1945 to 1965” (Defended October 2016; degree conferred January 2017)	
Dissertation Committee: Mary Nolan, Frederick Cooper, Marilyn Young (NYU), Mark Mazower (Columbia University), Daniel Speich (University of Lucerne)	
M.A., History, Humboldt University of Berlin	2009
Max Kade Study Abroad Fellow, New York University	2008
B.A., History and Polish Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin	2007
DAAD and Erasmus Fellow, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan (Poland)	2005

FELLOWSHIPS, THIRD PARTY-FUNDED PROJECTS AND AWARDS

European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant Project "A Global Consensus? The Contested History of Structural Adjustment in the Age of Shock (SHOCKAGE)", Principal Investigator	02/2026 - 01/2031
Austrian Science Fund (FWF) 1000 Ideas Project "North/South - A Conflict that Did not Exist?", Principal Investigator	11/2025- 09/2026
FWF doc.funds Project "The Dynamics of Change and the Logics of Transformation: State, Society, and Economy at Critical Junctures", Co-Principal Investigator/doctoral supervisor together with Peter Becker, Dorothee Bohle, Claudia Kraft, Jannis Panagiotidis (PI), Tatjana Thelen, and Philipp Ther	09/2024 - 08/2028
The History and Political Economy Project Summer Research Grant – Johns Hopkins University	2022
International Research Award in Global History – Universities of Munich, Basel, and Sydney	2018
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship – European University Institute, Florence	2016 – 2017
Smith Richardson Predoctoral Fellowship in International Security Studies – Yale University	2015 – 2016
Henry Mitchell MacCracken Fellowship – NYU	2010 – 2015
Tenth International Seminar on Decolonization – The National History Center/ Mellon Foundation	2015
History Project Research Grant – Harvard & Cambridge Universities/ Institute for New Economic Thinking	2015
Stuart L. Bernath Dissertation Research Grant – The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations	2015
Max Kade Study Abroad Fellowship – Humboldt University / NYU	2008
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) & European Commission Study Abroad Fellowships – Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan, Poland	2005

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND PANELS

Book discussion of <i>The New International Economic Order: Lives and Afterlives</i> by Paul Betts (EIZG, Zagreb and IWM, Vienna), University of Vienna	12/2025
Momentum Kongress "Wohlstand" Track #14	10/2025

- “Global gedacht: Wer zahlt für unseren Wohlstand?”; organized together with Karin Fischer (Johannes Kepler University Linz), Ossiach**
- Conference “The Bretton Woods Twins and Structural Adjustment Programs in the Era of Neoliberal Globalization”; organized together with Jonas Kreienbaum (Freie Universität Berlin) and Federico Pachetti, Corvinus University Budapest** 9/2024
- Workshop “Historical Challenges to International Development”; organized together with Agnieszka Sobocinska, London School of Economics** 9/2024
- Book discussion of *A World More Equal* by Sandrine Kott, University of Vienna** 4/2024
- Book discussion of *Post-Imperial Possibilities: Eurasia, Eurafrika, Afroasia*, by Jane Burbank and Frederick Cooper, University of Vienna** 11/2023
- Co-Convener of “Divided Together? International Organizations and the Cold War”** 05/2021 & 5/2022
Two-Part Conference organized together with Sandrine Kott (University of Geneva) and Elisabeth Röhrlich; University of Vienna
- Co-Convener of “Origins of the Washington Consensus and its Global Impact”** 9/2021
Online Workshop organized together with Maximilian Graf and Rinna Kulla; University of Vienna
- Convener of “International Organizations and Decolonization in Historical Perspective”** 01/2019
Symposium sponsored by the International Research Award in Global History; University of Munich
- Co-Convener of “Critical Reflections on Asylum, Migration and Xenophobia in Europe”** 01/2017
Interdisciplinary Workshop; European University Institute, Florence
- Co-Organizer of Panel “Europeans at the League of Nations and the UN”** 03/2014
Council for European Studies 21st International Conference of Europeanists, Washington, D.C.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS & MODERATION

- Roundtable book discussion of *Socialism and International Law* by Raluca Grosecu (SNSPA Bucharest) and Ned Richardson-Little (Leibniz Center for Contemporary History Potsdam), Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna (discussant)** 4/2025

“Demise of a Dream? Social Justice Past and Present” Roundtable book discussion of <i>Social Justice in Twentieth Century Europe</i> by Martin Conway (University of Oxford) and Camilo Elichman (University of Maastricht), Bruno Kreisky Forum, Vienna (moderator)	3/2025
“Socialism – Its Promises, Threats, and Realities” Workshop “The State-Owned Enterprise as Site of Solidarity and Conflict”, University of Vienna (discussant)	2/2025
“Organizing the Poverty of the World? Anti-Structural Adjustment Protests in 1988 East Berlin”; King’s College London & Corvinus University of Budapest	9/2024
“Sozialdemokratische Nord-Süd-Politik in den 1970er-Jahren”; Zeitgeschichte Tag, Graz (discussant)	4/2024
“From a Multi-Ethnic Empire to a World of Nation States: Book discussion of <i>The Life and Death of States</i> by N. Wheatley”; Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (discussant)	7/2023
“‘Anger, Wit, Resistance’: The 1988 Protests against the IMF and the World Bank in Divided Berlin”; University of Geneva	5/2023
“‘Anger, Wit, Resistance’: The 1988 Protests against the IMF and the World Bank in Divided Berlin”; workshop “The Many Births and Foretold Deaths of Neoliberalism”; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore	12/2022
“Age of Excitement? The Global 1970s from the Perspective of World Bank Staff”; University of Lucerne	11/2022
Book presentation “Building States”; University of Bologna	11/2022
“Wie Dekolonisation und Kalter Krieg die internationale Zusammenarbeit prägten: Neuerscheinungen zur Geschichte der International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) und des UN-Sekretariats”; Österreichische Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik und die Vereinten Nationen, Wien	11/2022
“Making and Breaking the Global Order” Leiden University (discussant)	10/2022
“Von einer Welt der Kolonien zu einer Welt der Nationalstaaten: Die Rolle der Vereinten Nationen im Prozess der Dekolonisation am Beispiel von Somalia”; Braunauer Zeitgeschichte Tage, Braunau	10/2022
“New Histories of the United Nations System” Book Roundtable; Annual Meeting of the Academic Council for the United Nations System; Graduate Institute, Geneva	6/2022
“Trusteeship versus Self-Determination in the <i>Opération des Nations Unies au Congo, 1960-1964</i> ” Conference “Reckoning with Empire: The Right to Self-Determination in Historical View”; Yale University	11/2021
“Age of Assertion? The Global 1970s from the Perspective of World Bank Staff”	11/2021

Workshop “The Decade of Disenchantment: The Global 1970s”; Max Planck Institute for Human Development Berlin	
“In Search of ‘Permanent Solutions’ – Refugees in Cold War Italy as a Concern for International Organizations”	10/2021
Workshop “Refugees and the (Global) Cold War”; Freie Universität Berlin	
Discussant Workshop “Governing in a Planetary Age”	7/2021
Berggruen Institute Los Angeles	
Discussant Workshop “Worlds of Management: Transregional Approaches to Management Knowledge Since 1945”	4/2021
University of Vienna	
“A Global Consensus? Following Shock Therapy from La Paz to Warsaw in the Long 1980s”	03/2019
Geneva History Seminar; University of Geneva/ Graduate Institute Geneva	
“Jeffrey Sachs' Turn to Humanity: From the Lost Decade of Development to a New Humanitarian Order?”	06/2018
A Colloquium in Honor of Mary Nolan; NYU Berlin	
Discussant on Roundtable “Decolonizing Sovereignty”	05/2018
4th AEGIS CRG African History Conference; Pilsen University	
Discussant of Panel “Innovating the UN”	05/2018
Workshop “Challenging the Liberal World Order: The History of the Global South, Decolonization and the United Nations, 1955-2000”; Leiden University	
“Managing the World: Die Vereinten Nationen, Dekolonisation und Entwicklung“	04/2018
Colloquium in Global History, Prof. R. Wenzlhuemer; University of Munich	
“Moving Beyond Advice: How the United Nations Secretariat Redefined the Limits of International Development Assistance in the 1950s”	03/2018
Workshop “Historians Without Borders: Writing Histories of International Organizations”; Leiden University	
“Managing the World: Die Vereinten Nationen und die Debatte um Staatsverwaltung als Mittel zur Modernisierung in den 1950er Jahren“	02/2018
Workshop “Globale Ungleichheiten diskutieren. Der Nord-Süd-Konflikt in den internationalen Beziehungen nach 1945”; University of Leipzig	
“How to Build a State? The United Nations in Libya and Somaliland in the 1950s”	12/2016
Europe in the World Research Seminar Series, Global Governance Program; European University Institute	
“United Nations Development”	03/2016

Porter Fortune Symposium Cold War Development and Developmentalism in Global Perspective; University of Mississippi

“Building States Through Development Assistance: The United Nations between Sovereignty and Self-Determination, 1945-1965” 10/2015
International Security Studies Brady-Johnson Colloquium in Grand Strategy and International History; Yale University

“‘The Long Run May Be Very Long and the Need Is Urgent’: The United Nations, Decolonization, and the Proposal for an International Administrative Service” 07/2015
Tenth International Seminar on Decolonization, Washington, D.C.; National History Center of the American Historical Association

“A Pretty Kettle of Fish’: United Nations Assistance in the Redeployment of 20,000 Surplus Workers in the Iranian Oil Industry, 1958-60” 10/2014
Labor Politics in the Oil Industry; University of Padua

“Resurrecting the Civilizing Mission? European Experts in International Development during the 1950s and 1960s” 03/2014
Part of Co-organized Panel “Europeans at the League of Nations and the UN” at the Council for European Studies 21st International Conference of Europeanists, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING

At the University of Vienna Since 2020:

Graduate Seminar “Histories of United States Foreign Aid” Fall 2025

Lecture “Introduction to Development Studies” Fall 2025

Graduate Seminar “A Conflict that Did not Exist? Histories of the North South Divide” Spring 2025

Graduate Seminar “The Bretton Woods Twins and the History of Global Economic Governance” Fall 2024

Two-Semester Graduate Research Seminar “International Organizations, Development and Decolonization from a Global History Perspective” Spring & Fall 2023

Graduate Seminar “Oil Shock, Debt Crisis, Structural Adjustment - The Long 1980s as the ‘Lost Decade of Development’” Fall 2021

Graduate Seminar “Histories of Neoliberalism” Fall 2022

Graduate Lecture “International Development in Historical Context” Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Graduate “Master Course” [supporting students in developing M.A. thesis exposés]	Spring 2021, 2022 Fall 2022, 2022
Graduate Seminar “History of Development”	Fall 2020
Graduate Seminar “History of the United Nations”	Fall 2020 & Fall 2025
Prior to 2020:	
Graduate Seminar “Refugees as a Concern for International Cooperation in Historical Perspective” Freie Universität Berlin, Department of History	Fall 2017/2018
Undergraduate Seminar “Introduction to History as a Scholarly Discipline” Freie Universität Berlin, Department of History	Fall 2017/2018
Graduate Seminar “Decolonization and Development” Co-taught with Professor Corinna Unger European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization	Spring 2017
Graduate Seminar “International History” Co-taught with Prof. Federico Romero and Prof. Corinna Unger European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization	Fall 2016
Undergraduate Seminar “History 101: Theories and Practice – The History of International Development” Teaching Assistant for Professor Tom Bender New York University, Department of History	Fall 2013

SUPERVISION

M.A. Thesis Supervision:

12 completed; 10 ongoing (for a full list, please see separate document on personal website).

Franciscah Kosgey successfully won a **short-term academic scholarship** abroad (*kurzfristiges wissenschaftliches Auslandsstipendium*) in 2022 with my support for her thesis "A critical analysis of 'partnership' in German development cooperation."

Elisa Leclerc **published** her seminar paper as a **book chapter** ("Nuclear Testing on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands: How the US Became an Imperial Power in the Region of Micronesia") in the edited volume *The United Nations Trusteeship System: Legacies, Continuities, and Change*, by J. Lüder, M. Ketzmerick, and J. Heise, which was published by Routledge in 2022.

Ph.D. Supervision:

Aleksandra Fila “‘Young wolves’ and ‘domestic hens.’ The feminist political economy of creativity in the Polish neoliberal transformation” (since April 2024) co-supervised by Prof. Libora Oates-Indruchová of the University of Graz. [successfully won *sowi:docs* fellowship and ÖAW *go investigatio* fellowship with my support].

Laura Plochberger “Imperial Ecology and Labor Relations after Habsburg Empire” (since September 2024) co-supervised by Prof. Peter Becker (Department of History) as part of FWF doc.funds project “The Dynamics of Change and the Logics of Transformation.”

Ana Kozelnik “Transforming Rights: Entangled Debates about Gender Equality during and after the Cold War (1975-1993)” (since September 2024) secondary supervisor to supervision by Claudia Kraft (Department of Contemporary History) as part of FWF doc.funds project “The Dynamics of Change and the Logics of Transformation.”

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Vice-Department Head	Since 10/2025
Department Head	10/2022-09/2025
Convener of “ie talks” colloquium, University of Vienna	2024
Member, Search Committee for Professorship “International Development”, University of Vienna	2023/2024
Member, Search Committee for <i>sowi:docs</i> fellowships, University of Vienna	2022, 2025
Member, Search Committee for international development guest professorships, University of Vienna	2022
Departmental Contact for Outgoing Erasmus Students, Freie Universität Berlin	2017/2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AS REVIEWER

I have supported the following funding agencies in the review process:

European Research Council (Starting Grant), **Swiss National Science Foundation** (Starting Grant)

I have also been invited to serve as a reviewer for the following academic journals and platforms:

Journal of Global History; Contemporary European History, Humanity: An International Journal for Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development; International Review of Social History; Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies; H-Soz-Kult; H-Diplo; American Historical Review; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; McGill-Queen's University Press; Yearbook “Global Development”

CAREER BREAKS

I have **three children** and took the following months of **parental leave** following their births:

09/2019-08/2020

05/2015-08/2018

08/2011-09/2011