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### Research Interests

Collaborative Knowledge Production // Transnational Memory Cultures // Island Studies // Decoloniality // Exile // Critical Migration Studies // EU Border Regime // Engaged Anthropology // Jewish-Caribbean Diaspora

### Education

- 10/14 – 06/20 Ph.D. European Ethnology | **University of Vienna, Austria**  
Completed with distinction – *summa cum laude*
- 10/05 – 12/12 M.A. Empirical Cultural Studies and Educational Sciences | **University of Tübingen, Germany**  
Completed with *magna cum laude*
- 10/04 – 06/11 University Degree (Dipl. Päd.) Educational Sciences | **University of Tübingen, Germany**  
Completed with *magna cum laude*

### Current Position

- 06/21–present **Principal Investigator** of a Postdoc-Project funded by the FWF at the Institute of Fine Arts and Cultural Studies, Department of Cultural Studies, University of Arts Linz, Austria
- 05/23–present **Maternity Leave** (3rd child)

### Prior Academic Appointments

- 10/22 – 02/23 **University Lecturer**  
Department of History and European Ethnology, University of Innsbruck, Austria
- 10/20 – 02/21 **University Lecturer**  
Department of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, University of Graz, Austria
- 04/20 – 09/21 **University Lecturer**  
Chair for European Ethnology, University of Würzburg, Germany
- 04/19 – 09/21 **University Lecturer**  
Institute for European Ethnology and Cultural Analysis, LMU Munich, Germany
- 10/18 – 03/19 **University Lecturer**  
Institute for Ethnology and Cultural Studies, University of Bremen, Germany
- 03/17 – 03/18 **Maternity Leave** (2nd Child)
- 03/16 – present **University Lecturer**  
Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 01/16 – 12/19 **Principal Investigator** of a PhD-project funded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW) at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 12/14 – 12/15 **Educational Leave** for fieldwork within the PhD-project
- 12/13 – 12/15 **Research Associate** in FWF-Project at the Department for Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria

### Leadership and Teamwork Experience

- 06/22 – 06/26 **Vice-President** of the International Small Island Studies Association (ISISA)
- 06/22 – present **Associate Editor** of the Island Studies Journal
- 06/21 – 05/24 **Principal Investigator** of the Postdoc-Project “Transgenerational memories of Jewish exile in Sosúa” funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- 09/20 – present **Editorial Board Member** of kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur
- 01/20 – 12/22 **Research Member** in the network Mediterranean Studies on Island Areas (MS ISLA)
- 01/16 – 12/18 **Principal Investigator** of the PhD-Project “Everyday Life in Between” funded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)
- 12/13 – 11/14 **Research Assistant** in the network INEX – Research group Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion
- 04/08 – 09/09 **Research Assistant** in the study project “HeimatStadtStuttgart” at the Ludwig-Uhland-Institute for Cultural Studies in cooperation with the cultural office of Stuttgart

## Other Professional Experience

- 03/13 – 11/13 **Integration Consultant** at the Vienna Red Cross, Austria.  
02/13 – 03/13 **Intern** at the Diakonie Refugee Service Vienna, Austria.  
09/12 – 03/13 **Fundraiser** at the Refugee Project Ute Bock Vienna, Austria.  
09/10 – 09/12 **Maternity Leave** (1st child)  
11/07 – 04/08 **Intern** at the Refugee Council of Australia, Sydney/Melbourne.

## Acquisition of external funds, Scholarships and Awards (382.460,- EUR)

- 2021 – 2025 **Hertha Firnberg-Program for postdocs** of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF)  
Funding grant: 243.120,- EUR
- 2022/23 **Visiting Scholar** at the Center for Jewish History, New York [*postponed!*]
- 2022 **Funding grant** from the Open Access Publication Fund of Goethe-University of Frankfurt for the edited volume “Writing Together”  
Funding grant: 5.000,- EUR
- 2021 **Funding grant** from the Vienna Doctoral School of Histories and Cultural Studies for the workshop „Urban Landscapes“  
Funding grant: 2.900,- EUR
- Funding grant** from the Institutes of Contemporary History, Philosophy, European Ethnology; FSP “Kulturelle Begegnungen – Kulturelle Konflikte” and the Vice Rectorate for Research of University of Innsbruck for the conference “Verletzbarkeit und Institutionen”  
Funding grant: 5.540,- EUR
- Nomination for the Teaching Award** 2020/21 “Competence-oriented teaching and assessment”  
University of Graz
- 2020 **Funding grant** from the Deutscher Akademikerinnenbund e.V. for the publication of the monograph “Umkämpftes Recht zu bleiben”  
Funding grant: 300,- EUR
- Funding grant** from the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies of University of Vienna for the publication of the monograph “Umkämpftes Recht zu bleiben”  
Funding grant: 1.500,- EUR
- 2019 **Theodor Körner Award** for the Ph.D. project, Theodor Körner Fonds, Vienna.  
Prize money: 4.000,- EUR
- Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility Grant** for a teaching stay at the LMU Munich  
Funding grant: 300,- EUR
- Funding grant** from the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies of University of Vienna for the workshop “Anthropology of islands”  
Funding grant: 850,- EUR
- 2018 **Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award**, IMISCOE – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Barcelona.  
Prize money: 750,- EUR
- 2016 – 2019 **DOC-Fellowship** of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)  
Funding grant: 118.200,- EUR
- 2016 – 2017 **Junior Fellowship** at the International Research Center for Cultural Studies, Vienna (IFK)

## Research visits

- United States and Cuba**, August – September 2022 – postdoc project  
**Dominican Republic**, March 2020 – prestudy postdoc project  
**Malta**, February 2015, July 2015, October 2015, April 2016, June 2018 – fieldwork PhD project  
**(South)Italy**, August 2016 – fieldwork PhD project

## Publications

### Book

2020

*Umkämpftes Recht zu bleiben. Zugehörigkeit, Mobilität und Kontrolle im Europäischen Abschieberegime [Contested right to stay. Belonging, mobility, and control in the EUropean deportation regime].* Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2020.

### Editorship

#### In progress

*Beyond the Mediteranean: Islands and their transversal entanglements : Más allá del Mediterráneo: las islas y sus entrelazamientos transversales,* together with Anne Brüske and Jonas Hock (2026, peer-reviewed)

*¿La voz de quién? Desafíos de(s)/coloniales entre la teoría y la práctica,* together with Luis Ramón Campo Yumar. Special Issue at ISLAS, (2025, peer-reviewed).

*Raum – Theorie – Empirie. Ein Arbeitsbuch,* together with Cornelia Dlabaja and Nicolas Goetz, Wiesbaden: Springer (2024).

2024

*Memories,* together with Christina Sternisa und Barbara Reichsöllner-Frischling. Special Issue of kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur, 2(23) January 2024.

2023

*Writing Together. Kollaboratives Schreiben mit Personen aus dem Feld [Collaborative Writing with persons from the field],* together with Martina Blank. Bielefeld: transcript, 2023.

2021

*Representing islands – producing islandness: Rethinking identities, mobilities, and relations in island research,* together with Greca N. Meloni, Special Section of Island Studies Journal, 16(2), 2021.

*Solidarität [Solidarity],* together with Johanna Menhard. Special Issue of kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur, 2(21), December 2021.

2019

*Forschen und Arbeiten im Kontext von Flucht. Reflexionslücken, Repräsentations- und Ethikfragen [Research and Work in the Context of Forced Migration. Gaps in reflection questions of representation and ethics],* together with Margrit E. Kaufmann, Laura Otto and Dominik Schütte, Wiesbaden: Springer, 2019.

### Peer-Reviewed Article

2023

Memoria archipelágica. Confluencias judeo-transnacionales en y fuera del Caribe, in: *Islas* 65(204), e1269, 2023.

2022

Insulare Identifikationsräume – multidisziplinäre Perspektiven auf Kollektivierungsphänomene im Mittelmeerraum, gem. mit dem Forschungsnetzwerk „Mediterranean Studies on Island Areas“, in: *Zeitschrift für Kultur- und Kollektivwissenschaft* 8(2), 129-157, 2022.

Can collaborative knowledge production decolonize epistemology? In: *Migration Letters*, 19(6), 781–789, 2022.

2021

Decolonial thinking: A critical perspective on positionality and representations in island studies (Guest Editorial), together with Greca N. Meloni, in: *Island Studies Journal*, 16(2), 2021: 3–17. <https://doi.org/10.24043/isi.178>

(Un)Making Smallness: Islands, Spatial Ascription Processes, and (Im)Mobility, together with Laura Otto, in: *Island Studies Journal*, 16(2), 2021: 39–58. <http://doi.org/10.24043/isi.173>

Being there while not being there: Reflections on multi-sited ethnography and field access in the context of forced migration, together with Laura K. McAdam-Otto, in: *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*, 30(2), 2021: 41–61. <https://doi.org/10.3167/ajec.2021.300203>

#### 2020

Doing research on, with and about the island: Reflections on islandscape, together with Laura Otto, in: *Island Studies Journal* 15(1), 2020: 185–204. <https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.107>

#### 2019

Preserving Maltese identity in refugee management: On the emergence and absence of a prison spatiality, together with Laura Otto and Patrick Bieler, in: *Shima: The International Journal for Research into island cultures* 12(2), 2019: 131–154. <http://doi.org/10.21463/shima.13.2.11>

Lost in Limbo? Navigating (im)mobilities and practices of appropriation of non-deportable refugees in the Mediterranean area, together with Buba Sesay, in: *Comparative Migration Studies* 7(26), 2019. Awarded with the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award at the IMISCOE 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-019-0132-8>

#### 2016

Living Liminality. Ethnological insights into the life situation of non-deportable refugees in Malta, in: *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Volkskunde* 70/119, 3+4, 2016: 245-271.

### Book Chapters in peer-reviewed Edited Volumes

#### *In progress*

"Nadie baila con dolor" – La música popular caribeña entre colonialismo y descolonización en el espacio transmediterráneo, together with Raisal Tejeda Martínez, in: Brüske, Anne, Hock, Jonas & Nimführ, Sarah (Eds.): *Beyond the Mediterranean: Islands and their transversal entanglements : Más allá del Mediterráneo: las islas y sus entrelazamientos transversales*, 2026.

Rethinking islandness through an archipelagic memory, in: Frank Heidemann & Philipp Schorch (Eds.): *Experiencing Islandness -Oceans and Beyond*. University of Hawai'i Press, 2024.

#### 2022

Asyl [*Asylum*], in: Brigitta Schmidt-Lauber and Manuel Liebig (Eds.): *Begriffe der Gegenwart*. Ein kulturwissenschaftliches Glossar. Wien: Böhlau, 2022: 31–38.

#### 2020

Denying while demanding integration. An analysis of the Integration Paradox in Malta and refugees' coping strategies, together with Laura Otto and Gabriel Samateh, in: Sophie Hinger and Reinhard Schweitzer (Hg.): *Politics of (Dis)Integration*. Cham: Springer, 2020: 161–181.

### Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

#### *In progress*

The (im-)possibility of an island identity. Islandness, connectivity and the Mediterranean, together with Jan-Christoph Marschelke, in: Thorsten Kruse, Laura Linzmeier and Davide Soares da Silva (Eds.): *The diversity of Mediterranean islands*. Waxmann (2025).

Archipelisches Erinnern. Insulare Postmemories [Archipelagic remembering. Insular postmemories], in: Cornelia Dlabaja, Sarah Nimführ and Nicolas Goez (Eds.): *Raum – Theorie – Empirie. Ein Arbeitsbuch*. Wiesbaden: Springer (2024).

Insulare Raumregime. Ein Gespräch zur geteilten Insel Kiskeya\_Hispaniola [Insular Spatial Regime. A Conversation on the Divided Island of Kiskeya/Hispaniola], together with Anne Brüske, in: Cornelia Dlabaja, Sarah Nimführ and Nicolas Goez (Eds.): *Raum – Theorie – Empirie. Ein Arbeitsbuch*. Wiesbaden: Springer (2024).

## 2023

Migrationsforschung revisited: Zur Relevanz kritischer Forschungsansätze [Migration Studies Revisited: On the Relevance of Critical Research Approaches], together with Andrea Rumpel, in: Jamal, Lobna and Odabaşı, Mirza (Hg.): *Einwanderungsdeutschland. 1945 bis 2023*. Zeitbilder. Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (bpb), 36-43, 2023.

Kollaboratives Schreiben mit Personen aus dem Feld: Annäherungen an eine dekoloniale Wissensproduktion [Collaborative writing with people from the field: approaches to decolonial knowledge production], together with Martina Blank. In: Blank, Martina/Nimführ, Sarah (Eds.): *Writing Together*. Kollaboratives Schreiben mit Personen aus dem Feld. Bielefeld: transcript, 9–27, 2023.

Handlungsempfehlungen für kollaboratives Schreiben in der Wissenschaft. [Recommendations for action on collaborative writing in science], together with Martina Blank. In: Blank, Martina and Nimführ, Sarah (Eds.): *Writing Together*. Kollaboratives Schreiben mit Personen aus dem Feld. Bielefeld: transcript, 239–243, 2023.

Politiken und Ethiken der Namensgebung in kollaborativen Schreibprojekten. Anonymisierungs- und Pseudonymisierungsverfahren zwischen Schutz und Bevormundung [Politics and ethics of naming in collaborative writing projects. Anonymization and pseudonymization procedures between protection and paternalism]. In: Blank, Martina and Nimführ, Sarah (Eds.): *Writing Together*. Kollaboratives Schreiben mit Personen aus dem Feld. Bielefeld: transcript, 191–214, 2023.

## 2020

Contesting Profit Structures. Rejected Asylum Seekers between Modern Slavery and Autonomy, together with Jorinde Bijl, in: Siobhán McGuirk and Adrienne Pine (Eds.): *Asylum for Sale: Profit and Protest in the Migration Industry*. Oakland, CA, USA: PM Press, 2020: 295–306.

Liminalität [*Liminality*], in: Timo Heimerdinger and Markus Tauschek (Eds.): *Kulturtheoretisch argumentieren. Ein Arbeitsbuch*. Münster: UTB, 2020: 271–294.

## 2019

Ethnografisch forschen und die Wirkmächtigkeit der Kleinheit. Methodentheoretische Überlegungen und empirische Einblicke zur Produktion, Wahrnehmung und Repräsentation von räumlichen Zuschreibungsdiskursen [*Ethnographic research and the effectiveness of smallness. Methodological theoretical considerations and empirical insights on the production, perception and representation of spatial discourses of ascriptions*], together with Laura Otto, in: Margrit E. Kaufmann, Laura Otto, Sarah Nimführ and Dominik Schütte (Eds.): *Forschen und Arbeiten im Kontext von Flucht. Reflexionslücken, Repräsentations- und Ethikfragen*. Wiesbaden: Springer, 2019: 69–93.

Forschung und Praxis zwischen Handlungsdruck und Orientierungsunsicherheit im Kontext von Flucht\_Migration [Research and practice between pressure to act and orientation uncertainty in the context of flight\_migration], in collaboration with Margrit E. Kaufmann, Laura Otto and Dominik Schütte, in: Kaufmann, Margrit E./Otto, Laura/Nimführ, Sarah/Schütte, Dominik (Eds.): *Forschen und Arbeiten im Kontext von Flucht. Reflexionslücken, Repräsentations- und Ethikfragen*. Springer, 2019: 1–17.

Umkämpfte Im-/Mobilitäten. Die soziale Produktion von Nichtabschiebbarkeit im transinsularen Raum [Contested Im-/Mobilities. The Social Production of Non-Deportability within the transinsular space], in: Reinhard Johler and Jan Lange (Eds.): *Konfliktfeld Fluchtigration. Historische und ethnographische Perspektiven*. Bielefeld: transcript, 2019: 155–171.

## 2017

Gerettet, aber nicht angekommen. Von Geflüchteten in Malta [Saved but not arrived. About Refugees in Malta], together with Laura Otto and Gabriel Samateh, in: Sabine Hess, Bernd Kasperek, Stefanie Kron, Mathias Rodatz, Maria Schwertl and Simon Sontowski (Eds.): *Der lange Sommer der Migration. Grenzregime III*, Berlin/Hamburg: Assoziation A, 2017: 137-150.

## 2010

Stuttgarter Melange – Integrationserfahrungen in der Schwabenmetropole [Stuttgarter Melange – Experiences of integration in the Swabian metropolis], in: Anja Dauschek, Sarah Kubin-Scharnowski and Bernhard Tschöfen (Eds.): *stuttgarter leben : stuttgart erleben. Kulturwissenschaftliche Erkundungen zur Gegenwart einer Stadt*. Tübingen, 2010: 39-54.

## Publications in daily newspaper, magazines, journals and media portals

### 2024

„Auf der Flucht – 25 Objekte erzählen.“ Videointerview in the Haus der Geschichte / Museum Niederösterreich, March 2024 until February 2025.

"Editorial: Plurale Erinnerungskulturen". *Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur* 2(2023), together with Barbara Reichsöllner-Frischling and Christina Sternisa, 2024.

"'Verschwinde, Rosalinde!' – Wandernde Erinnerungen des (An)Kommens und Gehens" [Get out, Rosalinde! – Traveling Memories of Arrival and Departure]. *Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur* 2(23) memories, 2024.

### 2023

"Wasser – Pop – Musik" [Water – Pop – Music]. Ö1-Radiokolleg by Stefan Niedermayr, 26/29 June 2023.

### 2022

"Die Insel als Ort und Metapher" [The island as place and metaphor]. Ö1-Radiokolleg by Julia Grillmayr, 1 August 2022.

### 2021

„Editorial: Solidarität revisited“ [Editorial: Solidarity revisited]. *Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur* 2/21, together with Jo Menhard, 2021.

„Gemeinsame Forschung aus dem Flüchtlingslager“ [Collaborative Research in the refugee camp]. Dimensionen.Diskussionen. Radio report of Ö1, 17 June 2021.

„Kollaboratives Forschen“ [Collaborative Research]. MeltingPod – Migration im Dialog. Podcast of the Young Researchers Network of the Interdisciplinary Center for Integration and Migration Research (InZentIM), 15 February 2021.

„Leben in der Grauzone“ [Living in a legal grey area]. Dimensionen – The monthly magazine. Radio report of Ö1, 4 February 2021.

### 2020

„Better to be in quarantine on an island paradise than stay bored at home“. Boasblogs – Curare Corona Diaries, 8 November 2020.

Reflections on collaborative knowledge production in the context of forced migration. Feministische GeoRundmail 83. Special Issue: "Feminist research practice in geography: Snapshots, reflections, concepts, 2020: 29–33.

Forschungspraxis als Aushandlung. Kollaboratives Forschen im Wissen(schaft)sfeld Flucht\_Migration. [Research practice as negotiation. Collaborative Research in the field of forced migration]. *Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur* 1(20), 2020: 54–59.

### 2017

„Malta ist wie ein Gefängnis“ [*Malta is like a prison*], Guest Commentary for science.ORF.at, 12 March 2017.

### 2016

‘Living in Malta without documents is like walking in the roundabout all the time.’ Nicht abschiebbare Geflüchtete zwischen Selbstermächtigung und Schutzlosigkeit [‘Living in Malta without documents is like walking in the roundabout all the time.’ Non-deportable Refugees between Autonomy and Defenselessness], in: *Zeitung GEDENKDIENTST*, 2/16 (2016), 4–5.

Semesterfrage 2016: Wie verändert Migration Europa? EthnologInnen antworten [How is migration changing Europe? Ethnologists reply]. *uni:view Magazin* der Universität Wien, Videointerview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfylfgjVWwM>, 17 June 2016.

## 2010

'In Deutschland sieht man Weiß aus.' – Zum Umgang mit kultureller Vielfalt in Kindertageseinrichtungen ['In Germany you look White' – How to deal with Cultural Diversity in Day Care Centers, in: *Faktor 14. Magazine for Research and Science*, No. 3, (2010), 24–27.

## Invited Talks

*The beach as a site of knowledges. Choreographies of memories and intermingling.* Workshop: Critical Beach Studies, Center for Global Cooperation Research, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany, 06/2023.

*Repensar el patrimonio a través de una memoria archipelagica.* Facultad de Humanidades, Universidad Central de Las Villas, Cuba, 09/2022.

*Inseln als Aushandlungsräume von Sprache, Identität und Migration. Einblicke auf und aus Malta.* [Islands as negotiating spaces for language, identity and migration. Insights on and from Malta], Summer School 'Inselromania und Mediterranität', Department for Romance Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, 04/2022.

*Decolonizing ethnography. Reflexionen kollaborativer Wissensproduktion an der EU-Außengrenze* [Decolonizing ethnography. Reflections on collaborative knowledge production at the EU's external border], Oberseminar at the Institute of Ethnology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany, 01/2022.

*(Im)Mobilität und mediterrane Migration.* [(Im)Mobility and Mediterranean Migration], CITAS-Lecture: The area and its blind spots: The Mediterranean in multidisciplinary and transhistorical perspective. University of Regensburg and University of Konstanz, Germany, 12/2021.

*Kritische Migrationsforschung. Zugehörigkeitsaushandlungen abgelehnter Asylsuchender an der EU-Außengrenze Malta.* [Critical Migration Studies. Negotiations of belonging of rejected asylum seekers at the EU external border Malta], Hermine e.V. Mobile Flüchtlingshilfe. Würzburg, Germany, 10/2021.

*'I am a bridge to the future and a link to the past.'* – *Nachkommen jüdischer Exilant\*innen in der Dominikanischen Republik erinnern und erzählen.* [Descendants of Jewish exiles in the Dominican Republic remember and tell stories], Wednesday Colloquium. University of Art and Design Linz and Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, 06/2021

*Wandernde Erinnerungen jüdischen Exils in der Karibik. Ethnografische Einblicke.* [Travelling Memories of Jewish exile in the Caribbean. Ethnographical insights], Discussion series at the Faculty Center for Transdisciplinary Historical-Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria, 06/2021.

*Erfahrungen und Reflexionen zu kollaborativen Forschungspraktiken im Kontext von Flucht\_Migration.* [Experiences and reflections on collaborative research practices in the context of forced migration research], Public Talk and roundtable discussion, Chair for European Ethnology, University of Würzburg, Germany, 11/2020.

*Forced migration to, in and from the island. Contested mobilities and negotiations of belonging in Malta.* ISA Regional Guest Lecture. Institute for Social Anthropology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, 10/2020.

Book Launch *Politics of (Dis)Integration.* Panel Discussion as part of the IMISCOE Spring Conference, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, 02/2020.

*Reif für die Insel?! Forschen auf und über Inseln.* [Ready for the island?! Research on and about the island], Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 10/2019.

*Umkämpfte Im-/Mobilitäten. Die soziale Produktion von Nichtabschiebbarkeit im transinsularen Raum* [Contested Im-/Mobilities. The Social Production of Non-Deportability within the transinsular space], Institute Colloquium of the Ludwig-Uhland-Institute for Empirical Cultural Studies: 'Auf der Flucht, nach der Flucht. Kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Positionen, ethnographische Zugänge', Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Germany, 07/2018.

*'Malta is like a prison' – Islandness im Blickpunkt von Nichtabschiebbarkeit* ['Malta is like a prison' – Non-Deportability through the lens of Islandness], Monday Lecture of the International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), Vienna, Austria, 03/2017.

*Living Liminality. Ethnographische Einblicke in die Lebenssituation nicht abschiebbarer Geflüchteter in Malta* [Living Liminality. Ethnographic Insights into the Life Situation of Non-Deportable Refugees in Malta], Kick-Off Event of the Doctoral Program "Dynamiken von Ungleichheit und Differenz im Zeitalter der Globalisierung", University of Innsbruck, Austria, 01/2017.

*kritisch: Positionierungen von ForscherInnen im Feld* [Critical: Positionalities of Researchers in the Field], Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 06/2016.

*Betwixt and Between. Eine ethnologische Studie zur Lebenssituation nicht abschiebbarer Geflüchteter in Malta* [Betwixt and Between. An ethnological Study to the Life Situation of Non-Deportable Refugees in Malta], Poster Presentation at the StipendiatInnentag 2016 of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, 06/2016.

*Alltag im Dazwischen. Porträts von Geflüchteten auf Malta* [Everyday Life in Between. Portraits of Refugees in Malta], Talking Anthropology and Wine. Austrian Museum of Folk Life and Folk Art, Vienna, Austria, 10/2015.

*Werkstattgespräch: Alltag im Dazwischen* [Workshop Discussion: Everyday Life in Between], Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 06/2015.

### Further (Conference) Presentations

#### 2024

*Ethnographic fieldwork in Jewish-Caribbean cemeteries. Epistemological and methodological reflections.* EASA 2024: Doing and undoing with anthropology, Universidad de Barcelona, Spain, 07/2024.

*"Nobody dances with pain". Popular island music between (neo-)colonialism and decolonization in the transatlantic area.* ISISA 2024: Islands and Resilience. Universitas Mataram, Indonesia, 06/2024.

#### 2023

*Jewish immigration to the Spanish Caribbean Archipelago. Insights into the funerary memoryscape in Cuba in the Past and in the Present.* NALAS: Islands, Borders, Archipelagos, Universitetet i Sørøst-Norg, Norway, 06/2023.

#### 2022

*A reflective journey through feminist ethnographic methodologies on the islands.* International Small Island Studies Association Biennial Conference (ISISA): Islands – Nature and Culture. University of Zadar, Croatia, 06/2022.

*Archipelagic memory of Jewish exile and decolonization in the Dominican Republic.* Postmemory International Conference. University of Gdańsk, Poland & Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway, 03/2022.

#### 2021

*Kollektivierende Dimensionen von Inselräumen: Fallbeispiele aus dem Mittelmeer* [Collectivizing Dimensions of Island Spaces: Case Studies from the Mediterranean Sea]. Intensive Conference „Space, Identification, Collective“. University of Regensburg, Germany, 11/2021.

*Participatory Oral History: Epistemological and Methodological Reflections.* Socare Junior Conference – Methods and Theories in Caribbean Studies. Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen and Saarland University, Germany, 10/2021.

*Preserving Urban Jewish Heritage in Sosúa.* Memory Studies Association Annual Conference. University of Warsaw, Poland, 07/2021.

*Remembering the "island within an island". Transgenerational memory work of Jewish exile in the Dominican Republic.* International Small Island Studies Association Biennial Conference (ISISA): Sharing Lessons, Sharing Stories. Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, 06/2021.

#### 2019

*Wissenschaft nur der Wissenschaft? Ein Plädoyer für engagierte, kollaborative Wissensproduktionen* [Science only for Science? A Plea for Engaged, Collaborative Knowledge Productions], German Congress for Geography, Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel, Germany, 09/2019.

*The island as an imaginary space.* IUAES 2019: Inter-Congress 'World Solidarities', Uniwersytet Adama Mickiewicza, Poznan, Poland, 08/2019.



## 2018

*Understanding Island Societies: Ethnological Reflections on Islandscape as an Analytical Tool in the Context of Island Migration.* Island Cities and Urban Archipelagos 2018, Zhejiang University's Ocean College, Zhoushan/China, 09/2018.

*Lost in Limbo? Moving contours and practices of settlements of non-deportable refugees in the Mediterranean area.* 15th Annual Conference IMISCOE, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 07/2018.

## 2017

*What if my research partners just don't cross national borders again? Multi-sited research in a single geographic locality.* World on the Move – Migration Lab, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, 11/2017.

## 2016

*Living Liminality. Ethnological Insights on the Life Situation of Non-Deportable Refugees in Malta.* International Conference on Migration, Irregularisation and Activism, Malmö universitet, Malmö, Sweden, 06/2016.

*Liminalität als Lebensform. Ein intersektionaler Blick auf nicht abschiebbare Migrantinnen in Malta* [Liminality as a way of life. An Intersectional View on Non-Deportable Migrant Women in Malta], Interdisciplinary Doctoral Conference Zurich, Vienna, Berlin: Cultural Studies - Historical Anthropology, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 01/2016.

## 2015

*Alltag im Dazwischen. Von nicht abschiebbaren Geflüchteten auf Malta.* [Everyday Life in Between. About Non-Deportable Refugees in Malta], Interdisciplinary conference: The Everyday Life of (In-)Security. Ethnographic-cultural perspectives on the security society, University of Graz, Austria, 11/2015.

*Embodied liminality. Von nicht abschiebbaren Geflüchteten auf Malta* [About Non-Deportable Refugees in Malta], Annual Meeting of the Research Group "Economy and Society". Faculty of History and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria, 11/2015.

*'Being in limbo'. Grenzgänger\*innen in Malta* [Being in Limbo. Border Crossers in Malta], Autumn School: Border Crossers in Theory and Practice. Europe University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany, 10/2015.

## 2014

*Taking Sides – Protest Against the Deportation of Asylum Seekers.* Poster Presentation, 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Protest, University of Kent, UK, 03/2014.

## Conference, Panel and Workshop Organization

### 2024

*Island Studies: critique beyond the relational turn [1]. Islands of Negation.* Panel convenor together with Jonathan Pugh; International Geographical Congress, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, 08/2024.

*Island Studies: critique beyond the relational turn [2]. Islands and Time: Caribbean Temporalities of Refusal.* Panel convenor together with Jonathan Pugh; International Geographical Congress, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, 08/2024.

### 2022

*Whose voice? Power, knowledge, and positionality in Caribbean Studies.* SOCARE Junior Conference, conference convenor together with Luis Ramón Campo Yumar. Universidad Central de Las Villas, Cuba & University of Arts Linz, 10/2022.

*Writing Together. Collaborative Writing with persons from fieldwork,* together with Martina Blank. Workshop convenor, Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany & University of Arts Linz, Austria, 07/2022.

## 2021

*Urban Space and Landscapes. Stadt- und Raumforschung im Nexus von Theorie und Empirie*, together with Cornelia Dlabaja. Workshop convenor; Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 11/2021.

*Verletzbarkeit und Institutionen. Anrufung – Aushandlung – Antworten*, Conference convenor together with Michaela Bstieler, Stephanie Schmidt and Judith Welz; Institute of History and European Ethnology, University of Innsbruck, Austria, 09/2021.

*Forschen und Arbeiten zu Flucht\_Migration*, OPEN SPACE Convenor together with Margrit E. Kaufmann, Laura Otto and Bianca Wambach; Bremer Institute for Cultural Studies (bik), University of Bremen, Germany, 05/2021.

## 2020

*Forschen und Arbeiten zwischen Handlungsdruck und Orientierungsunsicherheit im Kontext von Flucht\_Migration*. Panel convenor together with Margrit E. Kaufmann, Laura Otto and Dominik Schütte; Annual Conference of the German Network of Forced Migration Researchers: 'Contexts of Displacement, Refugee Protection and Forced Migrants' Lives', Universität zu Köln, Germany, 09/2020.

## 2019/2020

*Anthropologie der Insel*, together with Brigitta Schmidt-Lauber and Greca N. Meloni. Organization and moderation of the lecture series as part of the Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, Winter semester 2019/2020.

## 2019

*Anthropology of Islands: Reflecting Islandness from a historical and cultural studies perspective*, Workshop convenor together with Greca N. Meloni; Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 11/2019.

*Island Ethnography: Reflecting islandness in the Anthropocene*, panel convenor together with Francesco Bachis and Greca N. Meloni at the IUAES 2019: Inter-Congress 'World Solidarities', Uniwersytet Adama Mickiewicza, Poznan, Poland, 08/2019.

*CommunicAction: Anthropology beyond Academia*, convenor together with Manuel Liebig and Greca N. Meloni. Roundtable as part of the Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, 03/2019.

PhD-Network Meeting, convenor together with Manuel Liebig and Greca N. Meloni, as part of the Network Meeting of the Institutes of Ethnology and Cultural Studies of Austria at the University of Vienna, 03/2019.

*Escape from Syria. Rania's odyssey. Filmscreening and Talk with the Film Director*. Moderation of the Institute Colloquium at the Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria, in cooperation with the Museum for Folk Like and Folk Art in Vienna, Austria, 01/2019.

## Teaching

### Guest Lectures

**Lingwa – Identità – Migrazzjoni. Negotiations of belonging on the Maltese islands** | in the university lecture „Island Romania“, Department for Romance Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich | winter term 2023/24

**Entangled memories.** Jewish Exile in the Dominican Republic | in the seminar „Fluchtpunkte und Rattenlinien“ | Department of Cultural Studies, University of Arts Linz, Austria | summer term 2021

**Representations in Forced Migration Research.** Reflections on anonymization and pseudonymization procedures. | in the seminar „Perspektiven kritischer (Post-)Migrationsforschung. Theoretische Konzepte und methodische Zugänge“ | Institute for Intercultural Communication, LMU München | winter term 2020/21

**Cultural-theoretical argumentation using the example of liminality** | in the seminar „Einführung in die Kulturtheorien“ | Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, Goethe-University of Frankfurt | winter term 2020/21

<i>University of Vienna</i>	<p><b>Collaborative knowledge production and (de)colonial ethnography</b>   seminar, BA   Department of European Ethnology   summer term 2024</p> <p><b>Spatial research as an interplay of theory and empirics</b>   seminar; BA   Department of European Ethnology   winter term 2021/22</p> <p><b>Scientific Working and Writing</b>   Introductory Lecture; BA   Department of European Ethnology   winter term 2019/20</p> <p><b>Scientific Working and Writing</b>   Introductory Lecture; BA   Department of European Ethnology   summer term 2019</p> <p><b>Scientific Working and Writing</b>   Introductory Lecture; BA   Department of European Ethnology   winter term 2018/19</p> <p><b>Contesting the Foreshores: Migration, Border Control and Mediterranean Islands</b>   Reading Class; BA   Department of European Ethnology   summer term 2018</p> <p><b>Islands as Spaces of Identity, Belonging and Migration: Ethnographic Excursion to Europe's "tumultuous fringes"</b>   Field trip seminar, BA   Department of European Ethnology   summer term 2018</p> <p><b>How do to Research with Refugees and in Forced Migration?</b> Current Challenges in Ethnology   seminar; BA   Department of European Ethnology   winter term 2016/17</p> <p><b>Irregular Migration</b>   seminar; BA   Department of European Ethnology   summer term 2016</p>
<i>University of Würzburg</i>	<p><b>Introduction to Critical Migration Studies</b>   seminar; BA   Chair for European Ethnology   summer term 2021</p> <p><b>B/Ordering Islands: Islands in the focus of migration</b>   seminar; BA   Chair for European Ethnology   winter term 20/21</p> <p><b>Engaged migration studies: concepts, methodology and research practice</b>   seminar; MA   Chair for European Ethnology   summer term 2020</p>
<i>University of Innsbruck</i>	<p><b>Decolonizing Ethnography.</b> Collaborative knowledge production in ethnographic research   seminar; MA   Department of History &amp; European Ethnology   winter term 2022/23</p>
<i>University of Graz</i>	<p><b>Engaging, Criticizing, Changing: Methods and interventions of Critical Migration Studies</b>   seminar; BA   Department of Cultural Anthropology &amp; European Ethnology   winter term 20/21 – <i>Nominated for the Teaching Award 2020/21</i></p>
<i>LMU Munich</i>	<p><b>Islands and global mobility</b>   seminar; BA   Institute for European Ethnology and Cultural Analysis   summer term 2021</p> <p><b>Ethnology as Critique?</b> Methods and Contours of Critical Migration Studies   seminar; BA   Institute for European Ethnology and Cultural Analysis   summer term 2021</p>
<i>University of Bremen</i>	<p><b>Materiality and Metaphor: Migration, Border Control and Mediterranean Islands.</b>   seminar; BA   Institute for Ethnology and Cultural Studies   winter term 18/19</p>

### Training and Additional Qualifications

**Centre for Teaching and Learning**, Universitätsstraße 5, 1010 Vienna.

Seminar Design: Variety of Methods for University Teaching: When do I use which method? | 2019

Examine and Evaluate: Develop Multiple Choice Exams | 2019

Seminar Design: Presentations: How do I use them specifically in my course? | 2019

Planning Teaching: Planning Courses | 2018

Basic Teaching Qualification for Beginners in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Studies | 2016

**Center for Migration, Education and Cultural Studies**, University of Oldenburg, Germany

Workshop "Multi-sited and multi-method Ethnography", Herbstwerkstatt | 2014

**ECPR Winter School**, University of Vienna, Introduction on Statistics for Political and Social Scientists | 2014

### Review activities

Political Geography | Zeitschrift für Volkskunde | Children's Geographies | Journal of Refugee Studies | Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies | Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur | GRITIM – UPF (Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration, Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona) | Island Studies Journal | ISLAS | Shima | Routledge

### Professional Memberships

SOCARE – Society of Caribbean Research (since 2022) | International Small Island Studies Association (since 2021) | Kuckuck. Notizen zur Alltagskultur (since 2020) | Memory Studies Association (since 2020) | Mediterranean Studies on Island Areas (since 2020) | Forum urban\_land\_scapes (since 2019) | Association for Folk Life and Folk Art (since 2019) | Working Group “Flight and Asylum” – transdisciplinary and intersectional (since 2017) | German Network of Forced Migration Researchers (since 2017) | Kritnet – Network Critical Migration and Border Research (since 2014) | Research Group on Economic and Society from a Historical-Cultural Studies Perspective (since 2014) | dgv – German Association of Anthropology (since 2014)

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