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EDUCATION

- 2015– **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy, Ph.D. candidate
Provisional Thesis Title: *The Shadow Line: Railway and Society in Colonial East Africa, c. 1890–1914*; Supervisor: Lucy Riall
- 2016 **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy, Master of Research
- 2012 **Johannes Gutenberg University**, Mainz, Germany, *Staatsexamen*
(MA equivalent), History, German, Education

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020– Research Associate, **University of Bremen**, Germany
- 2019–2020 Research Fellow, **Leibniz Institute of European History**, Mainz, Germany
- 2015–2019 Researcher, **European University Institute**, Florence, Italy,
Department of History and Civilization
- 2013–2015 Research Associate, **Freie Universität**, Berlin, Germany,
Friedrich Meinecke Institute, Modern and Contemporary History
- 2013–2015 Assistant Editor, *Geschichte und Gesellschaft: Zeitschrift für Historische Sozialwissenschaft*
- 2010–2012 Research Assistant, **Academy of Science and Literature**, Mainz, Germany

OTHER TRAININGS

- 2019 **Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education**,
European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 2015 **Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education**,
Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Global and World History
East African History
Urban History
Colonial & Imperial History
Public History

History of Infrastructure & Technology
Modern German History
Labour History
Food History
Historiography & Theory of History

FELLOWSHIPS & RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2019–2020 **Leibniz Institute of European History**, Mainz, Germany

2018 **Moi University**, Eldoret, Kenya, Department of History

2018 **Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient**, Berlin, Germany

2018 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**, USA, Department of History

2017 **University of Nairobi**, Kenya, Department of History and Archaeology

2016, 2018 **German Historical Institute**, London, UK

2014, 2018 **German Historical Institute**, Washington, D.C., USA

GRANTS & AWARDS

2019–2020 **Ernst Mach Grant**, University of Vienna, Austria (declined)

2019 **Ph.D. Completion Grant**, European University Institute

2018 **Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grant**, Max Weber Foundation

2016 **Research Scholarship**, German Historical Institute, London, UK

2015–2018 **Doctoral Research Grant**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

2009–2010 **Research Grant**, Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation,
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (China Scholarship Programme)

2008–2012 **Research Scholarship**, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate), Chinese (basic),
Swahili (basic), French (reading), Latin (reading)

TEACHING

University of Bremen, Germany:

2020 SUM The Afterlives of Empire: Debating Europe and the Colonial Past

Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany:

2015 SUM History of Kenya: Societies in Transition
2014 FAL Health and Disease in Modern History
2014 SUM Theory in Historiographical Practice (with Alexander C. T. Geppert)
2013 FAL 1900 and 2000: A Comparison
2013 SUM Weimar Culture

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- German Historical Association (VHD)
- American Historical Association
- Global Urban History
- Arbeitskreis Geschichte + Theorie
- Interdisciplinary Working Group “Food and History”

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes (*peer reviewed*)

2018 *Geschichte des Nicht-Essens: Verzicht, Vermeidung und Verweigerung in der Moderne* [The History of Non-Eating: Abstinence, Avoidance, and Abnegation in the Modern Age]. Special Issue of **Historische Zeitschrift**, vol. 73. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2018 (with Veronika Settele).

Journal Articles (*peer reviewed*)

- 2018 “Nicht-Essen: Gesundheit, Ernährung und Gesellschaft seit 1850” [Non-Eating: Health, Food, and Society since 1850], **Historische Zeitschrift** (2018), Special Issue, vol. 73: *Geschichte des Nicht-Essens: Verzicht, Vermeidung und Verweigerung in der Moderne*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2018, pp. 7–35 (with Veronika Settele).
- 2016 “The Lazy Reader: Labor, Books, and Disease in Nineteenth-Century Germany,” **Literature and Medicine** 34.2 (2016), pp. 440–67.
- 2016 “Wissen, Macht, Subjekt: Gesundheit und Ernährung in Geschichte und Gegenwart” [Knowledge, Power, Subjectivity: Health and Food in Past and Present], **Curare** 39.2 (2016), pp. 194–96 (with Veronika Settele).
- 2015 “Cholera und Tod: Epidemieerfahrungen und Todesanschauungen in autobiografischen Texten von Arbeiterinnen und Arbeitern” [Cholera and Death: Experiences of Epidemics and Concepts of Death in Workers’ Autobiographical Texts], **Archiv für Sozialgeschichte** 55 (2015), pp. 77–106.

Encyclopaedia Entries (*peer reviewed*)

- forthcoming “Railways.” In *Africa and the World: The Continent in Global History*. Edited by Saheed Aderinto. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.
- 2020 “Occupation of Taveta.” In *1914–1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, Berlin 2020 [[Link](#)].

Book Chapters

- 2018 “Cholera und Tod: Epidemieerfahrungen und Todesanschauungen in autobiografischen Texten von Arbeiterinnen und Arbeitern.” In *Sterben, Töten, Gedanken: Zur Sozialgeschichte des Todes*. Edited by Ute Planert, Dietmar Süß, and Meik Woyke. Bonn: Dietz, 2018, pp. 81–110 (*reprint*).

Book Reviews

- forthcoming Review of Florence Bernault, *Colonial Transactions: Imaginaries, Bodies, and Histories in Gabon*, Durham 2019, *Historische Zeitschrift*, forthcoming.
- 2020 Review of Sarah Ehlers, *Europa und die Schlafkrankheit: Koloniale Seuchenbekämpfung, europäische Identitäten und moderne Medizin, 1890–1950*, Göttingen 2019, *Historische Zeitschrift* 310.2 (2020).
- 2018 Review of Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o, *Dekolonisierung des Denkens: Essays über afrikanische Sprachen in der Literatur*. Münster 2017, *Das Historisch-Politische Buch* 66.3 (2018), p. 332.
- 2017 Review of Kenda Mutongi, *Matatu: A History of Popular Transportation in Nairobi*. Chicago/London 2017, *Global Urban History Blog*, 31.07.2018 [[Link](#)].
- 2017 Review of Maria Paula Diogo and Dirk van Laak, *Europeans Globalizing: Mapping, Exploiting, Exchanging*. London/New York 2016, *British Journal for the History of Science* 50.4 (2017), pp. 737f.
- 2016 Review of Brett L. Shadle, *The Souls of White Folk: White Settlers in Kenya, 1900s–1920s*, Manchester 2015, *H-Soz-Kult*, 21.12.2016 [[Link](#)].
- 2016 Review of Robert Beachy, *Das andere Berlin: Die Erfindung der Homosexualität. Eine deutsche Geschichte 1867–1933*, Munich 2015, *Das Historisch-Politische Buch* 64.2 (2016), pp. 153f.
- 2016 Review of Dieter Storz, ed., *Wilhelm Heiders Erster Weltkrieg: Aufzeichnungen aus Feldzug und Lazarett*. Essen 2014, *Historische Zeitschrift* 303.1 (2016), pp. 253–55.
- 2016 Review of Karl-Heinz Reger, ‘Dann sprang er über Bord’: *Alltagspsychologie und psychische Erkrankung an Bord britischer Schiffe im 19. Jahrhundert*, Göttingen 2014, *Archiv für Kulturgeschichte* 98.1 (2016), pp. 239–41.
- 2015 Review of Alexander Kraus and Martina Winkler, eds., *Weltmeere: Wissen und Wahrnehmung im langen 19. Jahrhundert*, Göttingen 2014, *H-Soz-Kult*, 10.3.2015 [[Link](#)].
- 2015 Review of Annika Hoffmann, *Arzneimittelkonsum und Geschlecht: Eine Historische Analyse zum 19. und 20. Jahrhundert*, Stuttgart 2014, *Das Historisch-Politische Buch* 63.3 (2015), pp. 329f.

Conference Reports

- 2019 “Capturing the Zeitgeist of Infrastructure,” *TRAF0 – Blog for Transregional Research*, 31.1.2019 [[Link](#)].
- 2016 “Umstrittene Objekte: Bedeutungswandel und Konflikte um Glauben und Wissen in der afrikanisch-europäischen Transfergeschichte,” *H-Soz-Kult*, 12.11.2016 [[Link](#)].
- 2014 “Stellare Kriege,” *Technikgeschichte* 81.4 (2014), pp. 371–77.