

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2011-2017 PhD (Dr. Phil.), Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina (EUV), Frankfurt (Oder), Germany. Dissertation: *Identifying as Greek and belonging to Georgia: Processes of (un)making boundaries in the Greek community of Georgia* (summa cum laude).
- 2008-2011 MA Intercultural Communication Studies, EUV, Frankfurt (Oder) (1.1).
- 2005-2008 BSc General and Theoretical Linguistics, Potsdam University (1.7).
- 2002-2003 Studies of History, Latin American Studies, Chinese, Free University Berlin.
- 2001 Abitur, Freie Waldorfschule Schloss Hamborn.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Since Sept 2020 Senior Lecturer in Intercultural Communication, Department of History, Languages & Global Cultures, Nottingham Trent University (NTU).
- Oct 2019 – Aug 2020 Lecturer in Intercultural Communication, Programme Director MA in International Development, Department of History, Languages & Global Cultures, NTU.
- Jan 2018 - March 2020 Postdoctoral Research Associate in the project “Identity, perception and collective memory of the German minority in the successor states of the Soviet Union” (PI: Ruth Wittlinger), School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University.
- Jun-Dec 2017 Postdoctoral Researcher at the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION, Research group “Border and Boundary Studies”, EUV.
- Apr-Sep 2017 Teaching Fellow, Institute of English and American Studies, Potsdam University.
- 2013-2016 Research Assistant in the project “The impact of current transformational processes on language and ethnic identity: Urum and Pontic Greeks in Georgia” (PIs: Konstanze Jungbluth, Stavros Skopeteas), EUV, Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, Pragmatics & Contrastive Linguistics.
- 2011-2013 Research Assistant, EUV, Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, Pragmatics & Contrastive Linguistics (Prof. Dr. Konstanze Jungbluth).
- 2009-2011 Graduate Assistant and Tutor, EUV.
- 2007-2009 Student Assistant, Collaborative Research Center 632 (“Information structure: the linguistic means for structuring utterances, sentences and texts”), Potsdam University.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2020 *Boundaries and Belonging in the Greek Community of Georgia*, Series: Border Studies. Cultures, Spaces, Orders (edited by Astrid Fellner, Konstanze Jungbluth, Hannes Krämer, Christian Wille). Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Edited Volumes

- 2016 *Urum and Pontic Greeks: Communities and Language Situation*, Special Issue of *Language Typologies and Universals* 69(2). With Stefanie Böhm, Konstanze Jungbluth, Stavros Skopeteas.

Journal Article

- 2016 "Group belonging beyond language boundaries – Language, religion and identity in the multilingual Greek community of Georgia", *Language Typology and Universals* 69(2): 213–234.

Book Chapters

- 2021 "Ambiguities of space and place: making sense of the rural/urban divide", in Arianna Maiorani, Bruna Mancini, Eleonora Rao (eds.) *Human Coordinates: Rethinking Space and Place Across Disciplines*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars. With Dominik Gerst, Rita Vallentin.
- 2020 "Grenzen und Ethnizität", in Dominik Gerst, Maria Klessmann, Hannes Krämer (eds.) *Handbuch Grenzforschung*, 320-337, Baden-Baden: Nomos. With Maria Klessmann.
- 2018a "Positioning the self in talk about groups: Linguistic means emphasizing veracity used by members of the Georgian Greek community", in Kate Beeching, Chiara Ghezzi, Piera Molinelli (eds.) *Positioning the Self and Others: Social Indexicality and Identity Construction*, 285-305, Amsterdam/New York: Benjamins.
- 2018b "Language competence 'desirable' – insights into changing attitudes towards language competence as a feature of belonging in Georgia's Greek community", in Mounir Guirat (ed.) *Politics and Poetics of Belonging*, 150-168, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars.

Working Paper

- 2019 "Establishing the end of the Soviet Union as a temporal boundary. Perspectives from Georgia's Greek community", *Working Paper Series B/Orders in Motion*, Frankfurt (Oder): Viadrina.

Peer reviewer

- For the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (all modules/seminars sole-designed and -taught)

Nottingham Trent University (since academic year 2019-20)

“Issues in intercultural communication” (1st year undergraduate, full year)

“Culture and discourse in global society” (2nd year undergraduate, one semester)

“Intercultural communication” (MA, one term)

University of Potsdam

“Introduction to theories and methods of discourse linguistics” (summer 2017, BA advanced class, taught in English).

European University Viadrina

“Linguistic means of group construction: Analysing empirical data from Georgia” (winter 2013-14, BA advanced class, taught in English).

“Identity construction in multilingual communication communities” (winter 2012-13, BA advanced class, taught in German).

“Language politics and cultural identity in the successor states of the Soviet Union” (summer 2012, BA advanced class, taught in English).

“Collecting, transcribing, and analysing spoken language” (winter 2011-12, BA introductory class, taught in German).

Teaching Assistance

“Language and identity in the context of migration” (BA advanced class, designed and taught with Barbara Jańczak and Dagna Wilniewicz, summer 2010).

Supplementary tutorials to “Introduction to linguistics” (BA introductory tutorial, summer 2009, winter 2009-10).

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants

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| 2019 | 2-year ECR grant for the project <i>Processes of political becomings: Activism in contemporary Georgia</i> , awarded by the “Post-Doc Network Brandenburg” (ca. €100,000). Unfortunately declined due to adverse timing of award. |
| 2013-2016 | Grant to undertake PhD research, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (€50,000). |
| 2010 | Grant to undertake 2 months MA field research in Tbilisi, Georgia, DAAD (€3,000). |

Conference & Other Grants

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| 2017 | DAAD grant for participation at 15 th IPrA conference, Belfast (€800). |
| 2015 | DAAD grant for participation at 14 th IPrA conference, Antwerp (€800). |
| 2011 | DAAD STIBET grant (€3,000). |

INVITED TALKS

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| 2022 | Discussant „Migration and Everyday life of (post-)Soviet diaspora nationalities”, Lüneburg, Feb 3-5. |
| 2022 | „'Griechischsein' in Georgien: Von 'Verwurzelungen', Grenzziehungen und -Auflösungen“, TürkeiEuropaZentrum, Uni Hamburg, Jan 5. |
| 2021 | “Identification & belonging in interaction” Colloquium Multilingualism, Language Contact and Variation, HU Berlin, Feb 11. |

- 2018 "The art of gatekeeping: positioning 'the field', the community, organisations, and the researcher" Forschungskolloquium Migration und Minderheiten. EUV, Jul 6-7.
- 2018 "Being 'Greek', speaking 'Turkish' and 'dying for Georgia': Interactively establishing multiple belongings in the Greek community of Georgia", Erhaltung der europäischen Sprachenvielfalt: Bedrohte Varietäten und Minderheitensprachen in Italien und auf dem Balkan. Nachhaltigkeit und Sprachpolitik. Villa Vigoni, Italy, Mar 5-8.
- 2016 "The end of the Soviet Union as a 'turning point': Challenges to self-identification faced by Georgia's Greek community", Free University, Tbilisi, Georgia, Feb 22.
- 2014 "Gruppenzugehörigkeit über Sprachgrenzen hinweg? Sprache, Religion und Identität in der mehrsprachigen ‚griechischen‘ Kommunikationsgemeinschaft Georgiens", Bielefeld, Germany, Dec 2.
- 2013 "Constructing identity/ies in Georgia's Greek multilingual community", King's Occasional Lectures. Kings College, Cambridge, UK, Feb 11.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Organisation

- 2020 "Emotional-affektive Dimensionen von Grenzprozessen", 6. Annual Conference of the Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft. Frankfurt (Oder), October, 8-10. With Sabine Lehner.
- 2019 "Dealing with marginality: Categories and positioning in interaction", 16. International Pragmatics Conference. Hong Kong, June 9-14. With Maria Klessmann, Rita Vallentin.
- 2018 "Un/certain borders. Practices, affects, experiences", B/ORDERS IN MOTION - Current Challenges and Future Perspectives. Frankfurt (Oder), Nov 15-17.
- 2013 "Borders, discourses, identity", 13. International Pragmatics Conference. New Delhi, Sep 8-13. With Katharina Rosenberg, Rita Vallentin.

Conference Papers

- 2021 „'sie wolle wir solle hier bleibe': how Germany determines what 'being German' means in the post-Soviet space" Russian Germans on Four Continents, Online, November 10-12.
- 2020 "Affects and emotions of un/certain boundaries", 6. Annual Conference of the Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft. Frankfurt (Oder), October 8-10.
- 2019 "Between (historical) marginalisation and contemporary prestige: Negotiating categories of belonging and positioning in post-Soviet German communities", 16. International Pragmatics Conference. Hong Kong, June 9-14.
- 2018 "The end of the Soviet Union as 'family breakdown': Coping with transformations in narratives of uncertainty", 9. Narrative Matters Conference. Enschede, Jul 2-5.
- 2017 "Of (dis-)junctures and changing belongings – taking a temporal perspective on borders and boundaries", Mechanisms for Formation of Cultural Exclusion and Frontier Zones. Saint Petersburg, Oct 25-28. With Peter Ulrich.
- 2017 "Laughter, hyperbole and 'funny stories' – using humor in positioning Georgia's Greek community", 15. International Pragmatics Conference. Belfast, July 16-21.
- 2017 "Viadrina Open Lecture Series (VOLS)", 2. Arbeitstreffen der Gesellschaft für Angewandte Linguistik "Forschungsfokus Geflüchtete". Darmstadt, Feb 11. With Janett Haid.

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- 2016 "Speaking about language varieties in Georgia's Greek community" International Conference on Endangered Languages. Tbilisi, Georgia, Oct 20-24.
- 2016 "Being 'European' in the Southern Caucasus – Greeks in Georgia between identification and alteration", Europe in Discourse: Identity, Diversity, Borders. Athens, Sept 23-25.
- 2016 "Constructing 'Europe' from the margins – the view of Soviet Greek immigrants to Greece", Europe in Discourse: Identity, Diversity, Borders. Athens, Sep 23-25. With Ekaterine Kartvelishvili.
- 2016 "Tracing the impact of socio-political transformations in the Greek community of Georgia" The Impact of Socio-Political Transformations on Language and Identity. Tbilisi, Georgia, Feb 18-20.
- 2015 "Positioning the self in talk about groups: Linguistic means used by members of the multilingual Georgian Greek community", 14. International Pragmatics Conference. Antwerp, Jul 26-31.
- 2015 "Negotiating language competence and belonging – Standard Modern Greek in the multilingual Greek community of Georgia", Politics and Poetics of Belonging. Sfax, Tunisia, Apr 2-4.
- 2014 "Who's in, who's out? Space and boundary making in rural Georgian Greek communities" Visible and invisible borders: Language use expressing group belonging and change in the Georgian Greek community. EUV, Sept 1-3.
- 2013 "Construction and negotiation of permeable and impermeable boundaries around Georgia's Greek community", 13. International Pragmatics Conference. New Delhi, Sept 8-13.
- 2013 "Constructing inter- and intra-group boundaries in Georgia's Greek community", 19. Congrès International des Linguistes. Geneva, Jul 21-27.
- 2012 "The making of inter- and intra-group boundaries in Georgia's Urum Greek community", International Graduate Colloquium. European University, Saint Petersburg, Sept 7-9.
- 2012 "Place shapes identity – a case from Georgia's Greek community", 19. Sociolinguistics Symposium. Berlin, Aug 21-24.

Organisation of Conferences & Workshops

- 2017 "Komplexe Grenzen: Perspektiven und Methoden ihrer Entschlüsselung" EUV, Oct 12-13. With Dominik Gerst, Hannes Krämer, Peter Ulrich.
- 2016 "The Impact of socio-political transformations on language and identity", Tbilisi, Georgia, Feb 18-20.
- 2014 "Visible and invisible borders: Language use expressing group belonging and change in the Georgian Greek community", EUV, Sept 1-3.
- 2010 "gesture. evolution, brain, and linguistic structures", 4. Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, EUV, July 25-30.

FIELD RESEARCH

- 2019 2 weeks in Tajikistan (Khujand, Dushanbe, Bokhtar).
- 2018 3 weeks in Uzbekistan (Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara),
3 weeks in Russia (Barnaul, villages of the Altay German National District),
3 weeks in Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek, Tokmok, Sokuluk, Belovodskoe),
3 weeks in Kazakhstan (Astana, Karaganda, Pavlodar, Almaty),
3 weeks in Ukraine (Kiev, Odessa, Zakarpattia).
- 2014 1 month in Greece (Thessaloniki) and Cyprus (Nicosia).
- 2013-15 8 months in Georgia (Tbilisi, Batumi, rural areas of Ts'alk'a and Ach'ara).

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2010 2 months M.A. field research in Tbilisi, Georgia.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2019 3-part lecture series on German communities in post-Soviet countries, *Museum for Russian German Cultural History*, Detmold, Germany.
2018 Radio interview with the Russian-German station rusdeutsch.ru (in German).
2018 Interview with *Telekanal Sirius* on the German minority in Ukraine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZ8df18Zv6g> (German; Ukrainian subtitles).

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Since Sept 2020 Member of the University's Development and Approval Group for new courses.
Since Sept 2020 Member of the School of Arts and Humanities' Academic Standards and Quality Committee, NTU.
Since May 2020 Programme Director MA International Development, NTU.
2018-19 Member of the Board of Studies, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University.

OTHER ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2015-17 Design and organisation of "Viadrina Open Lecture Series": Introducing EUV areas of research and teaching to refugees, creating support and information networks.
2016 Mentor for an M.A. student as part of "Viadrina Mentoring for Women".
Since 2005 Chairperson of "Learn for Life, Germany e.V.": Supporting the independent school and women empowerment project "Badi Asha" in Varanasi, India.
2004-05 Corporate Learning and Development Coordinator, West Sussex County Council, Chichester, UK.
2001-02 Volunteer social year in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

LANGUAGES

German: Native
English: Near native
Spanish: Fluent
French, Russian: Proficient
Georgian: Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

British Association for Applied Linguistics (since 2020).
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (since 2019).
International Pragmatics Association (since 2013).

REFERENCES

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