

# Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION:

- 2013 PhD: Leipzig University, Germany, Arab Studies; DFG graduate school 1261 *Critical Junctures of Globalization*
- 2009 Magister: Leipzig University, Germany  
Arab Studies and Oriental Philology (major), Japanese Studies, German as a Foreign Language
- 01–03/2014 Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: research affiliate
- 02/2006–08/2006 Damascus University, Syria
- 04/2005–02/2006 Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan: *Study in Kyoto Program* (German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship)

## EMPLOYMENT:

- Since 2017 German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo: senior research fellow
- 2014–2015 Leipzig University, Institute of East Asian Studies: research associate
- 2012/2013 Leipzig University, Institute of Oriental Studies: research assistant
- 2012 Collaborative research center *Difference and Integration* (SFB 586), Universities Halle and Leipzig, Germany: research associate
- 2010–2012 Leipzig University, Centre for Area Studies: research associate

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION):

### Book

2016. [Besetzungen – Japanische Entwicklungsräume in Palästina](#) (Occupations – Japanese Development Spaces in Palestine). Bielefeld: Transcript.

### Articles

2020. “Anti-Olympic Rallying Points, Public Alienation, and Transnational Alliances.” [The Asia-Pacific Journal Japan Focus](#) 18 (5), No. 16.

2020. “Reclaiming the Global Countryside? Decline and Diversification in Saga Genkai Coastal Fisheries.” In Manzenreiter, Wolfram, Ralph Lützel & Sebastian Polak-Rottmann (eds.): [Japan’s New Ruralities: Coping with Decline in the Periphery](#). Abingdon: Routledge, 82–100.

Forthcoming. “Ambiguity and Blurred Boundaries: Contextualizing and Evaluating Heterogeneous Sources.” In Kottmann, Nora & Cornelia Reiher (eds.): *Studying Japan: Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Forthcoming. "Olympic Leverages: Contending Food Standards and the Struggle for a Sustainability Legacy." In Holthus, Barbara, Isaac Gagné, Wolfram Manzenreiter & Franz Waldenberger (eds.): [Japan through the Lens of the Tokyo Olympics](#). Abingdon: Routledge, 124–129.

Forthcoming. "The Difference between Zero and One: Voices from the Tokyo Anti-Olympic Movements." In Holthus, Barbara, Isaac Gagné, Wolfram Manzenreiter & Franz Waldenberger (eds.): [Japan through the Lens of the Tokyo Olympics](#). Abingdon: Routledge, 110–115.

2015. "Fisch in Japan. Machtverschiebungen im Fischereisektor, Revitalisierungsstrategien und nationale Konsumdiskurse." (Fish in Japan. Power Shifts in the Fisheries Sector, Revitalization Strategies and National Discourses of Consumption.) In Sippel, Sarah & Cornelia Reiher (eds.): [Umkämpftes Essen: Produktion, Handel und Konsum von Lebensmitteln in globalen Kontexten](#) (Contested Food. Production, Trade and Consumption of Food in Global Contexts). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, p. 227–246.

2014. "Jugend in der arabischen Welt." (Youth in the Arab World. With Jörg Gertel & Rachid Ouaisa.) In Gertel, Jörg & Rachid Ouaisa (eds.): [Jugendbewegungen. Städtischer Widerstand und Umbrüche in der arabischen Welt](#) (Youth Movements. Urban Resistance and Upheavals in the Arab World). Bielefeld: Transcript, p. 12–29.

2011. "Ressourcenkonflikte in der Fischerei." (Resource Conflicts in Fisheries.) *Geographische Rundschau* 7–8, p. 60–62.

2011. "Japanese Fish Markets, Chinese Seafood Palaces and Global Sushi: Meeting Theodore C. Bestor." [International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food](#) 18 (2), p. 149–161.

2010. "Arturo Escobar." In Middell, Matthias & Ulf Engel (eds.): [Theoretiker der Globalisierung](#) (Key Thinkers of Globalization). Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag, p. 165–178.

### **CONFERENCES (SELECTION):**

"Seafood as culture: Rethinking the meaning of revitalization in coastal fisheries." 地域漁業学会 第61回大会 (Japan Regional Fisheries Society), 61<sup>st</sup> conference, 30.11.–1.12.2019, Nagasaki University, Japan.

"Anti-Olympic movements in Tokyo and the struggle for the city." Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), 8.–10. November 2019, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.

"What is the local? Rethinking the politics of subnational spaces in Japan." Organization of international symposium (with Hanno Jentsch), 18.–20. October 2018, DIJ Tokyo, Japan.

"Contesting multi-dimensional boundaries in fishery cooperatives." International symposium 'What is the local? Rethinking the politics of subnational spaces in Japan', 18.–20. October 2018, DIJ Tokyo, Japan.

"Occupying infrastructures - Contested development in Palestine." Transregional Academy 'Infrastructures, Regions and Urbanizations', 29. September – 7. October 2018, NUS, Singapore.

"Knowledge and Power in Palestinian Development Politics." World Social Science Forum, 25.–28. September 2018, Fukuoka, Japan.

"Rural livelihoods and global commodity chains in shrinking Japanese fisheries." Rural Sociological Society (RSS), 26. – 29. July 2018, Portland, USA.

"Fish as Cultural Commodity. The Transformation of Coastal Fisheries in Japan." Asian Studies Conference Japan (ASCJ), 30. June – 1. July 2018, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

“Japanese Companies in the Restructuring of Global Seafood Production Networks.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), 23.–25. June 2018, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

“Multi-dimensional boundaries in fishery cooperative communities.” Anthropology of Japan in Japan (AJJ) Spring Meeting, 28.–29. April 2018, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan.

“Lebewesen, Nahrungsmittel oder kulturelles Konsumprodukt? Fisch in japanischen Revitalisierungsprogrammen.” (Creature, food or product for cultural consumption? Fish in Japanese programs for revitalization.) Neue Kulturgeographie (New cultural geographies) XV, 25.–27. January 2018, Freiburg, Germany.

“Fishing for Culture? Re-Educating Fishers as Self-Marketing Entrepreneurs.” Anthropology of Japan in Japan (AJJ) Fall Meeting 2017, 9.–10. December 2017, Kyoto, Japan.

“Institutional Change in Japan’s Peripheries. Rural Areas between Decentralization, Deregulation, and Dependency.” (Panel organization and chair). Annual Conference of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF), 31. October – 2. November 2017, Vienna, Austria.

“Survival at the Margins. Precarious Livelihoods in Rural Japanese Fishing Communities.” 15th European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) Conference, 30. August – 2. September 2017, Lisbon Portugal.

“From Animal to Functional Food. Converting Fish into High-tech Commodities.” 26th Conference of the Japan Anthropology Workshop (JAWS), “Technology and Nature”, 1.–4. September 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Die alten Männer und das Meer. Krisenbewältigungsstrategien in der japanischen Fischerei.” (The old men and the sea. Strategies to cope with crisis in Japanese fisheries.) 16<sup>th</sup> German-Speaking Congress of Japanese Studies, 26.–28. August 2015, Munich, Germany.

“Japanese Seafood Companies as Portals of Globalization.” GRK 1261 Critical Junctures of Globalization Final Conference, 7. –9. May 2015, Leipzig, Germany.

“The Question of Social Sustainability in Japanese Coastal Fisheries.” (Die Frage von sozialer Nachhaltigkeit in der japanischen Küstenfischerei) 100 Year Anniversary Institute of East Asian Studies at Leipzig University, 1.–2. December 2014, Leipzig, Germany.

“Social Sustainability in Japanese Fishing Communities.” Agrifood XXI, 24.–26. November 2014, Sydney, Australia.

“Occupying Spaces in a Japanese Development Project in Palestine.” (Raumbesetzungen in einem japanischen Entwicklungsprojekt in Palästina) Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient (DAVO) 21<sup>th</sup> Congress, 25.–27. September 2014, Cologne, Germany.

“Asian Peacemakers? Positioning Japan in the Middle East.” 14<sup>th</sup> European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) Conference, 27.–30. August 2014, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

“Neoliberal Development Politics in Palestine.” International Seminar on Corporate Jurisprudence. State over Commerce or Commerce over State? 29.–31. January 2014, Amity University, Lucknow, India.

“From Anti-imperialist Peer to Neo-colonial Power? Japan’s Role in West Asia.” Inter-Asian Connections III, 6.–8. June 2012, Hong Kong.

“Regional Upheavals, Contested Spaces and Japanese Development Projects in Palestine.” Middle East Research Competition, 20.–21. March 2012, Tunis.

“Contested Palestinian Spaces amidst Regional Upheavals.” Realigning Power Geometries in the Arab World, 24.–26. February 2012, Leipzig, Germany.

“Der ‘Arabische Frühling’ – eine regionale Krise? Akteure, Ursachen und Perspektiven aktueller Umbrüche zwischen Casablanca und Damaskus.” (The ‘Arab Spring’ – a Regional Crisis? Actors, Causes and Perspectives of Recent Upheavals between Casablanca and Damascus; organisation of symposium) 29. November 2011, Leipzig, Germany.

“Contested Spaces in the Japanese Fishing Sector.” 13<sup>th</sup> European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS) Conference, 24.–27. August 2011, Tallinn, Estonia.