

CURRICULUM VITAE

BARBARA G. HOLTHUS

As of early 2020

EDUCATION

- 2010 *Ph.D. – Sociology*, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
2006 *Ph.D. – Japanese Studies (magna cum laude)*, University of Trier, Germany
1999 *M.A. – Sociology*, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
1996 *Magister – Japanese Studies*, University of Munich, Germany
1992 *BA (Abschluss Grundstudium) – Japanese Studies*, University of Hamburg, Germany

EMPLOYMENT

- Since 2018/4 Deputy Director
German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ)
2013-2018 Assistant professor (Austria: "Universitätsassistentin")
Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University, Austria
2013 Head of Social Science Section
German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ)
2011-2013 Deputy Director
German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ)
2010 – 2011 Head of Social Science Section
German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ)
2007-2013 Senior Research Fellow
German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ)
2005-2006 Graduate Assistant for Dr. Judith Inazu, Principal Evaluator, Office for Evaluation and
Needs Assessment Services, Social Science Research Institute, University of Hawaii at
Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii. *Evaluation of the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering*
Mentoring Program, funded by the US Department of Education
2004-2005 Research Assistant for Dr. Patricia Steinhoff, Principal Investigator, Large-scale online
survey and publication of *Directory of Japanese Studies in the United States and*
Canada, funded by the Japan Foundation
1998-2004 Teaching Assistant at the Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Mānoa,
Honolulu, Hawaii
1997-1998 Graduate Assistant, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
1989-1991 Flight attendant, Lufthansa German Airlines

TEACHING

- 2017/WS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Japanologisches Seminar I: Family policy and media in Japan (3rd year
undergraduates)
Family policy: Social change, social movements, institutions, and Japan's low fertility
(Lecture and practical study. Open to BA and MA students)
2017/SS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Japanologisches Seminar I: Crime in Japan (3rd year undergraduate students)
Japanologisches Seminar II (BA thesis seminar)
2016/WS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University

- Japanologisches Seminar I: Rural Japan in Anime* (3rd year undergraduate students)
Marital (un)happiness: Discourses in Japanese women's magazines (Lecture and practical study. Open to BA and MA students)
- 2016/SS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Regionale Unterschiede in Japan [Regional diversity of Japan] (graduate seminar)
Japanologisches Seminar II (BA thesis seminar)
- 2015/WS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Japanologisches Seminar I: Glück in Japan [Happiness in Japan] (3rd year undergraduate students)
Japanologisches Seminar II (BA thesis seminar)
- 2015/SS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Japanologisches Seminar II (BA thesis seminar)
Proseminar II: Kriminologie in Japan [Crime in Japan] (2nd year undergraduate students)
- 2014/WS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Japanologisches Seminar II (BA thesis seminar)
Proseminar I: Familien in Japan [Families in Japan] (2nd year undergraduate students)
- 2014/SS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Education in Japan (graduate seminar)
Einführung ins wissenschaftliche Arbeiten [Introduction to academic writing and scientific research] (1st year undergraduate students)
- 2013/WS Department of East Asian Studies, Vienna University
Familien und sozialer Wandel in Japan [Families and social change in Japan] (graduate seminar)
- 2012/WS Japanese Studies Department, Asia-Africa Institute, Hamburg University,
Familien und sozialer Wandel in Japan [Families and social change in Japan] (graduate and undergraduate joint seminar)
- 2011/12 School of Human Sciences, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan
Media Sociology (undergraduate seminar)
- 2010/11 Literature Department, Chūō University, Tokyo, Japan
Intermediate German (undergraduate level)
- 2008/9 Human and Social Sciences Department, Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan
English for Social Sciences (undergraduate level)
- 1999/2000 Japanese Studies Department, University of Trier, Germany
Japanische Frauenzeitschriften [Japanese women's magazines] (graduate seminar)
- 1998-2004 Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
Teaching Assistant
Soc 357: *Sociology of Japan* (five times)
Soc 100: *Introduction to Sociology* (three times)
Soc 300: *Principles of Sociological Inquiry* (twice)
Soc 358: *Sociology of Korea*
Soc 459: *Sociology of Popular Culture*
Soc 321: *Sociological Theory*
Soc 341: *Social Psychology*
Soc 231: *Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency*
Soc 335: *Survey of Drugs and Society*
Soc 336: *Deviance and Social Control*

AWARDS and RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2017 Awarded a competitive student assistantship for 1 year, starting October 2017 (10h/w) for book project "Childcare in Contemporary Japan", University of Vienna, Austria
- 2017 Project: Parental well-being in the rural periphery of Austria and Japan: Choices, challenges, and considerations, sum applied: €123,540.-- 1) Application for ÖNB, Österreichische Nationalbank, Jubiläumsfond Funding. status unsuccessful July 2017.
- 2016 DIJ Visiting Scholar Programme, summer 2016, Tokyo, Japan, 3 weeks. For project continuation and organization of international conference "Mothers and social movements in postwar Japan", with Phoebe Holdgruen.
- 2014-2017 DFG (German Research Foundation) funding for Parental Well-Being Survey Analysis. Euro 86.000. Principal investigator.**
- 2014 Project director, Japan Foundation funding for organization of International Symposium "The Social DNA of Happiness", Euro 10.000.**
- 2012 Benesse Corporation's partial funding of nationwide Parental Well-Being Survey, Yen 3.036.000 (40% of total cost for Japan Parental Well-Being Survey; 60% funding by the German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo (DIJ).**
- 2008 Project director (with Axel Klein), Japan Foundation funding for organization of International Symposium "Fertility and Social Stratification – Germany and Japan in Comparison", Yen 1.900.000.
- 2006 Dai Ho Chun Graduate Division Fellowship, University of Hawaii, for presenting paper at the 2006 Popular Culture Associate Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2004 Graduate student travel grant from the Center for Japanese Studies, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, for presenting paper at 2004 Popular Culture Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
- 2003 Nomination for the "Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching" of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.
- 2000 – 2002 German Research Foundation Graduate College (DFG Graduiertenkolleg): Dissertation Fellowship at the Graduate College of the University of Trier, Germany, entitled „Identity and Difference: Gender Construction and Interculturality, 18th century to present as seen from a cultural studies perspective“, University of Trier, Germany.**
- 2002 College of Social Sciences Travel Fund for Professional Improvement, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, for presentation of paper at the American Sociological Association conference, August 2002.
- 1999 Dissertation Fellowship by the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, Japan.**
- 1997 – 2000 East-West-Center Affiliate, University of Hawaii at Mānoa.**
- 1997 Travel grant from the Sociology Department, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, for research trip to Tokyo.
- 1994 - 1995 One-year master thesis research scholarship by the Japanese-German Center in Berlin (JDZB): Research student at the University of Osaka.**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / ACTIVITIES

ONGOING

- 2014-2017: Vienna University: Member of the university-wide selection committee selecting BA, MA or PhD students for a scholarship from Vienna University for a study abroad year in Japan.
- 2014-2017: Vienna University. Head of the selection committee selecting MA students for the Masterprogram "East Asian Economy and Society" (ECOS).
- 2014-2017: Vienna University. Study exchange representative for Japan in the Department of East Asian Studies.
- Since 2014: Editorial board member of *Contemporary Japan*

- Referee for peer-reviewed journals:
Japanstudien
Socio-Economic Review
Voluntas
International Migration
ASIEN – The German Journal on Contemporary Asia
Intersections – Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific
Contemporary Japan
Applied Research in Quality of Life

PAST

- Project leader of DFG-funded research project “Parental well-being” (2014-2017)
- Organization and planning of week-long lectures series "Japanorama", Vienna University (March 2016).
- Organization and planning of International Conference: "Deciphering the Social DNA of Happiness: Lifecourse perspectives from Japan" (April 2014).
- EAJS Convenor for Anthropology/Sociology section, for 2013 conference in Kyoto, Japan, August 2013 and for 2014 conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 2014.
- Head of Social Science Department, German Institute for Japanese Studies.
- Gender equality officer of the German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo.
- Co-organizer of the “Social Science Study Group”, German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo.
- Editor-in-Chief of *DIJ Newsletter*, several times between 2007-2013.
- Organization and planning (with Prof. Dr. Axel Klein) of International Symposium: “Fertility and Social Stratification – Germany and Japan in Comparison”. Tokyo, November 6 and 7, 2008. Organization at German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo in cooperation with Sophia University. Funding by Japan Foundation.
- Elected president for the Graduate Student Sociological Association (GSSA), Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AAS (Association for Asian Studies)

ASA (American Sociological Association)

EAJS (European Association for Japanese Studies)

IN THE MEDIA

- 2020/3/21 Interview on Coronavirus in Japan: *Wirtschaftswoche*, Martin Fritz. “Das japanische Coronarätsel” <https://www.wiwo.de/politik/ausland/covid-19-das-japanische-coronaraetsel/25665574.html>
- 2020/3 Interview on the 2020 Tokyo Olympics: JDZB Echo Newsletter. In English, Japanese, and German.
<https://www.jdzb.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/PDF/veroeffentlichungen/echo/echo130j.pdf>
<https://www.jdzb.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/PDF/veroeffentlichungen/echo/echo130d.pdf>
<https://www.jdzb.de/fileadmin/Redaktion/PDF/veroeffentlichungen/echo/echo130e.pdf>
- Interview on Olympic research: NDR Podcast “Go to Tokio to go – Der ARD Olympia-Podcast” #6, 24.12.2019. <https://www.ndr.de/sport/olympia/podcast4528.html>
- Interview on Olympic research: ORF 1, ORF Sport Plus: „Olympia 2020: Abenteuer Tokyo“ (June and July 2019)
- Interview for BBC Future. “Lifting the lid on Japan’s bento boxes” by Mariko Oi. <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20191013-lifting-the-lid-on-japans-amazing-bento-boxes>, Oct. 15, 2019.

- Live TV Interview for BBC News, On mothering and Japan's low fertility problem, February 5, 2019.
- Internet Portrait of research activities, celebration of the "Year of Research", Austrian Ministry of Science, Research and Economics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjM8gx7BpOM>
- Aso WebTV Report on research activities of research of Vienna University Japanese Studies section on rural Japan, Research trip September 2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfAu8uE7o8c>

SELECT PRESENTATIONS (since 2018). A full list can be provided upon request

2020_1_22	"Tokyo 2020: Japans Versuch sich neu zu erfinden". OAG, Tokyo. https://oag.jp/events/olympische-reihe-teil-1-vortrag-von-dr-barbara-holthus-dij-tokyo-2020-japans-versuch-sich-neu-zu-erfinden/
2019_12	"Understanding Japan through the Tokyo Olympics". Guest lecture, Musashi University, Deakin outreach Japanese Studies program, Tokyo.
2019_11	„Einführung in die japanische Gesellschaft“. [Introduction to Japanese Society]. Visit by approx. 25 MA Studierende der Hamburg Media school, DIJ, Tokyo.
2019_7	"Media discourses for women on sexuality in Japan. A look to the past". Panal "(No) Sex in the City", ICAS Conference, Leiden.
2019_6	"Rural happiness" (with W. Manzenreiter). ESRS Conference. Trondheim.
2019_6	Media discourses for women on sexuality in Japan. A look to the past. Invited lecture: Global Project lecture series, Graduate school of sociology, Ritsumeikan University, simultaneously broadcasted at Chung Ang University, Korea.
2019_5	"Japan through the lens of the Tokyo Olympics. Introduction and volunteering Japan-style". Goethe Institute, Passagenwerk Conference, Asakusa.
2019_3	"A board-game approach to studying happiness in rural Japan", Invited lecture: UH Sociology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.
2019_3	"Mobilizing, participating, sympathizing – Social movements in post-3.11 Japan" (with Naoto Higuchi (Tokushima Univ.) and Mitsuru Matsutani (Chukyo Univ)), Center for Japanese Studies and UH Sociology joint seminar series, University of Hawaii, Honolulu
2019_3	"Happiness in rural Japan", Japan Sociologist Network, AAS conference, Denver.
2019_3	"Mobility in(to) rural Japan and its impact on happiness and well-being". AAS Conference, Denver, March 21-24.
2019_1	"Gender, happiness, and social movements in post-3-11. Japan", Sophia University Conference on Social movements
2018_10	"The meaning of local communities for happiness and selfhood". What is the local, international symposium, DIJ Tokyo.
2018_5	"Rural happiness in Japan". Invited lecture: Global Project lecture series, Graduate school of sociology, Ritsumeikan University, simultaneously broadcasted at Chung Ang University, Korea.