

# ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

## **BARBARA G. HOLTHUS**

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### **EDUCATION**

2010	<i>Ph.D. – Sociology</i> , University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
2006	<i>Ph.D. – Japanese Studies (magna cum laude)</i> , University of Trier, Germany
1999	<i>M.A. – Sociology</i> , University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii
1996	<i>Magister – Japanese Studies</i> , University of Munich, Germany
1992	<i>BA (Abschluss Grundstudium) – Japanese Studies</i> , 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. <i>Evaluation of the Native Hawaiian Science and Engineering Mentoring Program</i> , funded by the US Department of Education
2004-2005	Research Assistant for Dr. Patricia Steinhoff, Principal Investigator, Large-scale online survey and publication of <i>Directory of Japanese Studies in the United States and Canada</i> , 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

### **IN THE MEDIA**

- 2020\_6\_20 Report on September 2019 presentation in ちよだ女性団体等連絡会 (ed). *Newsletter* Nr. 46, "Karuzawa shukuhaku kenshūkai", p. 2-3.
- Moderator for DIJ MFJ Web-Forum: How Real Are Numbers? Making Sense of National COVID-19 Statistics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnOfeA8nbtS>
- 2020\_5\_25 Interview mit Felix Lill zu Olympia und den Freiwilligenhelfern. [https://www.dijtokyo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200515\\_RNZ\\_SPORT\\_HD\\_25-olympia-volunteers.pdf](https://www.dijtokyo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/20200515_RNZ_SPORT_HD_25-olympia-volunteers.pdf)  
Deutschlandfunk, Sport am Samstag: [https://ondemand-mp3.dradio.de/file/dradio/2020/05/09/olympia\\_2020\\_vergessene\\_volunteers\\_der\\_verlegten\\_spiele\\_dlf\\_20200509\\_1940\\_8ed1cd77.mp3](https://ondemand-mp3.dradio.de/file/dradio/2020/05/09/olympia_2020_vergessene_volunteers_der_verlegten_spiele_dlf_20200509_1940_8ed1cd77.mp3)
- 2020\_4\_22 Interview mit Kathrin Erdmann zu Olympia und der Coronakrise. <https://www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de/weltzeit.978.de.html>
- 2020\_3\_28 Ausstrahlung Interview zu Power harassment, Martin Fritz. <https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20200330/592646/Japans-Aufstand-gegen-Mobbing-von-oben>, und

<https://www.srf.ch/play/radio/international/audio/power-harassment---japans-aufstand-gegen-das-mobbing-von-oben?id=deb72992-b105-4672-a0f0-1a0a69abfe62>

- 2020\_3\_25 Interview zu Coronavirus in Japan: Emily Smith. Australian Public Broadcasting. <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/dateline/japan-s-covid-19-response-is-divisive-numbers-are-low-but-so-is-their-testing-rate>
- 2020\_3\_23 Interview on Coronavirus in Japan: <https://taz.de/Japanischer-Umgang-mit-dem-Virus/!5673106&s=Martin+Fritz+Japan/>
- 2020\_3\_24 Interview on Coronavirus in Japan: [https://www.focus.de/perspektiven/925-000-chinesen-kamen-ins-land-japan-hat-im-vergleich-zu-china-kaum-infizierte-wegen-lebensstil-der-menschen\\_id\\_11807732.html](https://www.focus.de/perspektiven/925-000-chinesen-kamen-ins-land-japan-hat-im-vergleich-zu-china-kaum-infizierte-wegen-lebensstil-der-menschen_id_11807732.html)
- 2020\_3\_24 Interview on Coronavirus in Japan: *Asia Times*. Jake Adelstein. “Japan’s winning its quiet fight against Covid-19” <https://asiatimes.com/2020/03/japans-winning-its-quiet-fight-against-covid-19/>
- 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.

### 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] (3<sup>rd</sup> 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] (2<sup>nd</sup> 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] (2<sup>nd</sup> 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] (1<sup>st</sup> 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

- 1999/2000 *English for Social Sciences* (undergraduate level)  
 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

- Since 2014: Editorial board member of *Contemporary Japan*
- Referee for peer-reviewed journals:  
*Pacific Affairs*  
*Frontiers in Psychology*  
*Socio-Economic Review*  
*Voluntas*  
*International Migration*  
*Intersections – Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the Pacific*  
*Applied Research in Quality of Life*  
*ASIEN – The German Journal on Contemporary Asia*  
*Contemporary Japan*  
*Japanstudien*

### PAST

- 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.
- Project leader of DFG-funded research project “Parental well-being” (2014-2018)
- 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)