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CV (SHORT)

Since 11/2020	Head of Research Group <i>Area Studies: Methodological Approaches</i> , German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
Since 09/2018	Senior Research Fellow, German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
04/2008 – 08/2018	Lecturer and research associate, Department of Modern Japanese Studies, University of Düsseldorf
08/2017	Research stay, German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo (<i>Funding</i> : HeRA Reisekostenzuschuss; University of Düsseldorf)
10/2015 – 02/2016	Teaching assignment, University of Cologne
07/2015	PhD theses/defence (Dr. phil.), University of Düsseldorf
03/2015	Erasmus teaching mobility, Ghent University, Department of Languages and Cultures
08/2010 – 10/2010	Research stay (Tokyo) (<i>Funding</i> : Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)
10/2003 – 09/2004	Study at the Graduate School of Social Science, Hitotsubashi University Tokyo (<i>Funding</i> : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan)
2008	Master degree (Japanese Studies and Political Science of South Asia, University of Heidelberg)

ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS (SELECTED)

2019	DFG, International Scientific Events: <i>Studying Japan. The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics</i> (with Prof. Dr. C. Reiher)
2017	Strategic Research Fund: "Intimacy and Space. Personal Relationships 'beyond' Marriage in Contemporary Japan" (HHU Düsseldorf)
2015	Award : „Bester deutschsprachiger sozialwissenschaftlicher Aufsatz zu Japan“, German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF)

MEMBERSHIP

Since 2019	International Sociological Association (ISA)
Since 2019	Japan Anthropological Workshop (JAWS)
Since 2016/2020	German Sociological Association (DGS)/International Sociological Association

Since 2016	European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)
Since 2008	Vereinigung für Sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung (VSJF)

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Books

- Kottmann, Nora. 2016. [*Marriage in Japan. Romantic and Solidarity Relationship worlds in Flux.*](#) Wiesbaden: Springer VS (in German).

Edited volumes

- Kottmann, Nora, and Comelia Reiher, eds. 2020. [*Studying Japan. Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods.*](#) Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Schad-Seifert, Annette, and Nora Kottmann, eds. 2018. [*Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien.*](#) Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Kottmann, Nora, Hans Malmede, Stephanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann, eds. 2014. [*Familie – Jugend – Generation. Medienkulturwissenschaftliche und japanwissenschaftliche Perspektiven.*](#) Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Book chapter/journal articles (selected)

- (accepted) "'Doing Family' on a Global Stage: German Expatriates in Southern Tokyo." *Recherches Sociologique et Anthropologique ((RS&A))* [special issue "Diversification of Family Forms and Residential Transformations: The Challenges of 'Doing Family' in and through Space"]
- (accepted; with Laura Dales) "Japanese singles and solo-life in the age of the '3 Cs'". In *Single Studies: Global Perspectives*, edited by Ketaki Chowkhani and Craig Wynne.
- Kottmann, Nora, and Comelia Reiher. 2020: "How to interview people: Qualitative interviews". In: *Studying Japan. Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, edited by ibid. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Hommerich, Carola, and Nora Kottmann, Nora. 2020. "How to combine methods: Mixed methods designs". In: *Studying Japan. Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, edited by Kottmann, Nora, and Comelia Reiher. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Kottmann, Nora. 2020. "Games of Romance. Tokyo in the Search of Love and Unity in Diversity". In: *Tokyo through the lens of the Olympics*, 89–94, edited by Holthus, Barbara, Wolfram Manzenreiter, Franz Waldenberger, and Isaac Gagné. London: Routledge.
- Kottmann, Nora. 2020. Japanese Women on the Move. Working in and (Not) Belonging to Düsseldorf's Japanese (Food) Community. In: *Food Identities at Home and on the Move: Explorations at the Intersection of Food, Belonging and Dwelling*, 293–318, edited by Matta, Raúl, Chantal Crenn, Charles-Edouard de Suremain. London u.a.: Routledge.
- Kottmann, Nora. 2018. „Verliebt, verlobt, allein. Romantische Beziehungswelten junger Erwachsener in Japan“. In: *Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien*, 99–120, edited by Schad-Seifert, Annette, Nora Kottmann. Wiesbaden: Springer.
- Schad-Seifert, Annette, and Kottmann, Nora. 2018. „Japan in der Krise – Einleitung“. In: *Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien*, 7 – 22, edited by Schad-Seifert, Annette, and Nora Kottmann. Wiesbaden: Springer.
- Kottmann, Nora. 2014. „Jenseits der Kernfamilie – Familie(nlosigkeit) und Familienkonzepte am Beispiel des Herrn A aus Tokio“. In: *Familie – Jugend – Generation. Medienkulturwissenschaftliche und japanwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*, 67–82, edited by Kottmann, Nora, Hans Malmede, Stephanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann, Katrin. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. ([award](#))

- Kottmann, Nora, Hans Malmede, Stephanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann, Katrin. 2014. „Einleitung“. In: *Familie – Jugend – Generation. Medienkulturwissenschaftliche und japanwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*, 7–12, edited by ibid. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Kottmann, Nora. 2013. „Work-Life-Balance im Japan der Gegenwart: Eine Frauenbiographie zwischen Karriere und Kind(erwunsch)“. In: *Frauenbilder – Frauenkörper. Inszenierungen des Weiblichen in den Gesellschaften Süd- und Ostasiens*, 73–96, edited by Köhn, Stefan, and Heike Moser, Heike. Wiesbaden: Harassowitz.

Working Paper/reviews/other publications (2019 onwards)

- 2021. “Looking to capture practices of intimacy in times of social distancing: Mixed-methods research on singles in Japan.” Center for Research on Families and Relationships (Blog). Available [here](#) (3.2.2021; with Laura Dales).
- 2021. “Solo-camping and solo-hotpots: Rethinking practices and perceptions of singlehood in Japan in COVID- time.” In: The Research Network of Singlehood Studies (Blog). Available [here](#) (26.1.2021; with Laura Dales)
- 2020. “A ‘Conversation’ on Comparisons Between Japanese Studies, Contemporary History and Medieval Art History.” TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research, 23.07.2020. Available [here](#).
- 2019. “Review: Making Meaningful Lives. Tales from an Aging Japan, by Kavedžiji, Iza, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019, 216pp., \$45,00 (hardback), ISBN: 9780812251364.” Contemporary Japan. Available [here](#).
- 2019. [5 in 10 with Nora Kottmann](#), in: TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research (14.06.2019).
- 2019. “Review. Intimacy and Reproduction in Contemporary Japan, by Castro-Vázquez, London, Routledge, 2017”, in: Contemporary Japan, DOI: 10.1080/18692729.2019.1621716
- 2019. “[Japanese-German-Symposium: Work Style Reform and Gender Equality in Japan and Germany – Report](#)“. In: Journal. Netzwerk Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung NRW 44, 78–84.
- 2019. Dreaming of Being a Chef? The Overseas Mobility of Young Japanese Women and Their Employment in Düsseldorf’s Japanese Foodscapes. Working Paper 2019/1, German Institute of Japanese Studies.

PRESENTATIONS/INVITED TALKS/PANEL (SELECTED, 2018 ONWARDS)

- (23.06.2021) ‘There is always room for improvement ...’ Expatriate women, trailing husbands and negotiations of interfamilial power (SIEF 2021; 15.th Congress, University of Helsinki (online))
- 10/06/2021 Symposium: Die Krise bewältigen. Psychosoziale Auswirkungen der COVID-19 Pandemie (Moderation; Veranstaltung von JDZB und DWIH)
- (18.05.2021) *Studying Japan* – Buchvorstellung und Diskussion (HHU Düsseldorf, Institut Modernes Japan; mit Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher)
- (7/5/2021) Japanese singles and solo-life in the age of the “3Cs” (Asian Studies disciplinary seminar series, University of Western Australia; with Dr. Laura Dales)
- (23/3/2021) Negotiating Belonging: German Expatriates in Southern Tokyo (AAS, Annual Conference)
- (11/3/2021) Love in the Time of COVID-19: The ‘New Normal’ in the TV Series #rimorabu (‘Remote Love’) (Universität Wien, Department of East Asian Studies; online; with Dr. Elisabeth Scherer)
- (26/2/2021) ‘We are all one extended family in this House!’ Shifting boundaries of housing and (post)familial relationships in Japan (IV ISA Forum; online)
- (21/1/2021) Gender und Singlediskurse in japanischen Fernsehserien: #rimorabu (mit Dr. Elisabeth Scherer; HHU Düsseldorf, Institut für Modernes Japan)
- (17/12/2020) Methoden in der Japanforschung – Buchvorstellung (LMU München; online; mit Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher)

- (9/12/2020) Doing Research on/in Japan: Methods and Methodologies (EURAXESS; online)
- (10.10.2020) (No) space for us: Singles' relationship worlds in contemporary metropolitan Japan (Single Studies: Global Perspectives; Manipal Academy of Higher Education and University of the District of Columbia; online)
- (23.09.2020) Singles in Metropolitan Japan: The Emergence of a 'Hyper-Solo-Society' (Sonjuku; DIJ; online)
- (30/06/2020) (Re)Mapping Belonging – Personal Relationships and the Emergence of a 'Hyper-Solo-Society' in Japan (Ritsumeikan University Kyoto, Japan; online)
- (22.11.2019) Mapping (Not) Belonging. 'New' Spaces and 'New' Relationships in Postfamilial Tokyo (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Vancouver/Canada, 20.–24.11.2019) (**Panel:** *Spaces in-between. Negotiating Belonging and Ibasho in Postfamilial Japan*, with Prof. Dr. Susanne Klien)
- (08.11.2019) Games of Romance? The Olympic Games Vision of Unity in Diversity in the Context of Tokyo's 'Hyper-Solo-Society'" (Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung, Bochum/Germany, 08.–10.11.2019)
- (24.07. 2019) Mixed Methods (with Prof. Dr. Carola Hommerich; [Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics](#), Berlin/Germany, 23.–24.07.2019)
- (24.07.2019) Qualitative Interviews (with Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher; Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics, Berlin/Germany, 23.–24.07.2019)
- (23.07.2019) 'Studying Japan' (with Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher; Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics, Berlin/Germany, 23.–24.07.2019)
- (16.07.2019) "Talking about sex? We never did in the first years." Space, Place, and Sexuality in Contemporary Japan (International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden/The Netherlands, 16.–19.07.2019) (**Panel:** "(No) Sex in the City. Sociological Reflections on Discourses of Intimacy and Sexual Happiness in Japan", with Dr. Dr. Barbara Holthus)
- (23.06.2019) Panelist "[Dai 18kai zenkoku daikai. Paneru disukasshon](#) (8th Nationwide Meeting. Panel Discussion "Sate, dō suru? Reiwa no oyaji [So what are you going to do. Fathers of the era Reiwa])
- (14/03/2019) Work-Life-Balance? An Introduction to Work-Style (Reform) in Contemporary Japan (Lecture, Steinbeiß University, Kanagawa Science Center)
- (24.11.2018) (No) Space for us? Dwelling Spaces and Personal Relationships in Contemporary Japan (Fachgruppe Soziologie/VSJF-Jahrestagung 2018, Berlin)
- (07/11/2018) Panelchair: Social and Political Preconditions for a Better Work Life Balance (Workshop: Work Style Reform, Gender Time Gap, Work-Life Balance, and Gender Equality in Japan and Germany, DIJ, Tokyo)
- (21/2/2018) Singlehood, Living Alone and Work-Life Conflict in Japan. Commentary (International Symposium Ochanomizu University)

ON-GOING EVENTS (ORGANIZATION)

Since 05/2021	Lecture series Method-Talks at the German Institute for Japanese Studies
Since 06/2020	Lecture series Gender and Sexuality in East Asia: Cultural Studies and Social Science Perspectives (with Dr. Barbara Geilhorn)

TEACHING

Spring 2021	Gender and Sexuality in East Asia (Sophia University Tokyo)
Spring 2020	Gender and Sexuality in East Asia (with Dr. Barbara Geilhorn, Musashi University Tokyo)
fall 2019	Lifestyles and Personal Relationships in East Asia (Musashi University Tokyo)
spring 2018	Living Abroad – Lifestyle-migration, marriage migration and the Japanese diaspora (Master)
fall 2017/18	Personal relationships in times of the 'hyper-solo-society' (Bachelor) The Japanese foodscape in Dusseldorf – an empirical project (Master)
spring 2017	Intimacy and space. Personal relationships in Japan, Korea and China (Master)
fall 2016/17	Globalisierter Genuss? Frauen als Akteurinnen in der japanischen Gastronomie in Düsseldorf (Bachelor) (cooperation with Prof. Dr. C. Reiher, FU Berlin)
spring 2016	Lost Generation – Precarious employment and life in Japan (Master) Arbeit in Japan zwischen Prekarisierung, Womenomics und Diversity (with Stephanie Osawa) (Bachelor)
spring 2015	In search of Mr. and Ms. Right – Partnersuche und -wahl im Japan der Gegenwart (Bachelor) Sozialer Wandel Japans in Film, dorama und Anime, with Katharina Hülsmann (Bachelor)
fall 2014/15	Beziehungswelten im Japan der Gegenwart (Bachelor)
spring 2013	Familie(nzeit) – Arbeit(szeit) – Leben(szeit). Die Debatte um „Work-Life - Balance“ in Japan (Bachelor)
spring 2011	Alternative Lebensformen (Bachelor)
fall 2010/11	Work-Life-Balance in Japan (Bachelor)
spring 2010	Familie – Jugend – Alter, vergleichende Perspektiven, with S. Osawa, Dr. H. Malmede, K. Ullmann (Bachelor)
fall 2009/10	Lebensentwürfe und Lebenschancen junger Menschen in Japan heute (Bachelor)
spring 2009	Marriage and alternative lifestyles in Japan (Bachelor)
2008 – 2017	Introduction to Japanese History (10x)