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#### **Research Interests**

I am a social scientist and philosopher using qualitative methods to approach bioethical issues and investigate the social impacts of digital transformation. My main research interests include concepts as autonomy, quality of life, the self and the other, the Japanese term *shakaijin*, social participation, body, technology and cyborgs.

# **Employment & Academic Positions**

Since 09/2021	Max Weber Foundation, Germany German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo, Japan Senior Research Fellow
04/2018 – 08/2021	Hannover Medical School, Germany Institute for Ethics, History and Philosophy of Medicine Senior Researcher German Federal Ministry of Education and Research funded project »PALS-HD: Preferences and needs of patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) concerning life-sustaining treatments and options of hastening death«
04/2008 – 03/2018	University of Dusseldorf, Germany Department of Modern Japanese Studies Lecturer and Research Associate
05/2017	University of Zurich, Switzerland Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies Teaching Assignment
05/2010	Ghent University, Belgium Department of Languages and Cultures Erasmus Teaching Mobility

#### Education

05/2014	<b>Doctoral Dissertation</b> : Modern Japanese Studies Dusseldorf University
09/2007	<b>Magister</b> : Modern Japanese Studies & Philosophy Dusseldorf University

### **Grants & Fellowships**

01/2018 – 03/2018	Heine Research Academy (HeRA) Travel Grant
	Research stay at the German Institute for Jananese

Research stay at the German Institute for Japanese Studies

(DIJ), Tokyo, Japan

04/2016 - 03/2017**Canon Foundation Fellowship** 

> Guest Researcher at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan Project: Opportunities of social participation for people with ALS

08 - 09/2009Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (AvH)

Grant for Research on Japan

Interviews and fieldwork in Tokyo, Nagoya and Fukuoka Dissertation on Living Wills and end-of-life decision-making in

Japan

10 - 12/2006German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Magister Thesis Grant

Interviews on Okinawan Identity, Okinawa, Japan

10/2004 - 09/2005**Japan Student Services Organizations (JASSO)** 

Scholarship

Exchange Student at the University of the Ryūkyūs, Japan

## **Professional Membership**

AEM Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin

German Academy of Ethics in Medicine

**DGP** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin

German Association for Palliative Medicine

**EAJS** European Association of Japanese Studies

**JAWS** Japan Anthropology Workshop

**VSJF** Vereinigung für Sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung

> German Association for Social Science Research on Japan Co-organizer of the Sociology and Social Anthropology-Section