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E-Mail: kottmann@djtokyo.org / Orcid: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8756-1825> / Twitter: @kott_no**CURRENT POSITION**

Sept 2021 –	Principal Researcher German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
Nov 2020 –	Head of Research Group <i>Area Studies: Methodological Approaches</i> German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
Oct 2020 –	Adjunct Lecturer Department of Sociology, Sophia University, Tokyo

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

July 2015	PhD in Japanese Studies (<i>summa cum laude</i>) Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf
Oct 2003 – Sept 2004	Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo (<i>funding</i> : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan)
Oct 2001 – April 2008	Japanese Studies and Political Science of South Asia Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg Degree: M.A.
Aug 2000 – Feb 2018	Multiple research-stays in South and East Asia; <i>funding</i> : e.g., Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, DAAD and HeRA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aug 2018 – Oct 2021	Senior Research Fellow German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo
Oct 2019 – Sept 2020	Adjunct Lecturer Department of Global Studies, Musashi University, Tokyo
Apr 2008 – Aug 2018	Lecturer and Research Associate Department of Modern Japanese Studies, University of Düsseldorf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of appointment committee (Oct 2017 – Aug 2018) • Board member (Mar 2016 – Aug 2018) • Member of reaccreditation committee (Jun 2017 – Sept 2017) • Member of application committee, Master (Oct 2016 – Sept 2017) • Member of appointment committee (Oct 2015 – Sept 2016) • Member of the examination board (Apr 2008 – Sept 2015)
Oct 2015 – Feb 2016	Teaching assignment University of Cologne
Mar 2015	Erasmus Teaching Mobility Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University
Aug 2011 – Mar 2012	Maternity leave
Dec 2008 – Apr 2009	Maternity leave

RESEARCH FUNDING AND ACADEMIC AWARDS (SELECTION)

2019	German Research Foundation, International Scientific Events: <i>Studying Japan. The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics</i> (with Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher)
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- 2017 Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Strategic Research Fund: *Intimacy and Space. Personal Relationships 'beyond' Marriage in Contemporary Japan*"
- 2015 [Award](#): *Best Paper on Japan in German*, German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2021 – Research Network: 'Mobile Professionals and their Families'
- 2019 – International Sociological Association (ISA)
- 2019 – Japan Anthropological Workshop (JAWS)
- 2016 – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)
- 2016 – European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)
- 2008 – Vereinigung für Sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung (VSJF); Organization of 'Sociology and Social Anthropology'-section (with Prof. Dr. Carola Hommerich and Dr. Celia Spoden; Oct 2018 –)

AD-HOC REVIEWS

Contemporary Japan; Gender, Place & Culture; Springer Nature; SAGE open; Urban Studies

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS (SELECTION)

- Jun 2021 – **Lecture series** *Method Talks*, German Institute for Japanese Studies (further information [here](#))
- Jun 2020 – **Lecture series** *Gender and Sexuality in East Asia: Cultural Studies and Social Science Perspectives*, German Institute for Japanese Studies (with Dr. Barbara Geilhorn) (further information [here](#))
- July 2019 **International conference** *Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics*, FU Berlin, July 23/24, 2019 (with Prof. Dr. Cornelia Reiher; funding: DFG, DIJ Tokyo, FU Berlin and Ernst-Reuter Stiftung, Berlin) (further information [here](#))

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Books

- 2016 | *Heirat in Japan. Romantische und solidarische Beziehungswelten im Wandel* [Marriage in Japan. Romantic and Solidary Relationship Worlds in Flux] Wiesbaden: Springer VS. (further information [here](#))

Editorship

- 2020 | (with Cornelia Reiher) *Studying Japan. Handbook of Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*. Baden-Baden: Nomos. (further information [here](#))
- 2019 | (with Annette Schad-Seifert) *Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien* [Japan in Crisis. Societal Challenges and Coping Strategies]. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. (further information [here](#))
- 2014 | (with Hans Malmede, Stephanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann) *Familie – Jugend – Generation. Medienkulturwissenschaftliche und japanwissenschaftliche Perspektiven* [Family, Youth, and Generation. Media Cultural and Japanese Studies Perspectives]. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. (Further information [here](#))

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2021 "Living (Alone) Together in Metropolitan Japan: Shifting Boundaries of Dwelling, Relating and Belonging." *Gender, Place & Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2021.1973968>
- (forthcoming) "'Doing Family' on a Global Stage: German Expatriates in Southern Tokyo." *Recherches Sociologique et Anthropologique ((RS&A))*
- (forthcoming; with Laura Dales) "Surveying Singles in Japan: Qualitative Reflections on Quantitative Social Research during COVID Time." *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2021.1998758>

Chapters in Edited Volumes (peer-reviewed and invited)

- 2021 (forthcoming; with Laura Dales) "Japanese singles and solo-life in the age of the '3 Cs'". In *Singular Selves: An Introduction to Singles Studies*, edited by Ketaki Chowkhani and Craig Wynne.
- 2020 (with Cornelia Reiher) "Introduction: Studying Japan." In *Studying Japan. Handbook of Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, 19–28, edited by Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher. Baden-Baden.
- (with Cornelia Reiher) "How to interview people: Qualitative interviews." In *Studying Japan. Handbook of Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, 184–195, edited by Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- (with Carola Hommerich) "How to combine methods: Mixed methods designs." In *Studying Japan. Handbook of Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods*, 264–282, edited by Nora Kottmann and Cornelia Reiher. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- "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*, 174–187, edited by Raúl Matta, Chantal Crenn, Charles-Edouard de Suremain. London: Bloomsbury.
- 2019 "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 Barbara Holthus, Wolfgang Manzenreiter, Franz Waldenberger and Isaac Gagné. London: Routledge.
- "Verliebt, verlobt, allein. Romantische Beziehungswelten junger Erwachsener in Japan." In *Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien*, 99–120, edited by Annette Schad-Seifert and Nora Kottmann. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- (with Annette Schad-Seifert) "Japan in der Krise – Einleitung." In *Japan in der Krise. Soziale Herausforderungen und Bewältigungsstrategien*, 7–22, edited by Annette Schad-Seifert and Nora Kottmann. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- 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 Nora Kottmann, Hans Malmede, Stefanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. ([Award](#) for the best paper on Japan in German)
- (with Hans Malmede, Stefanie Osawa, and Katrin Ullmann) "Einleitung." In *Familie – Jugend – Generation. Medienkulturwissenschaftliche und japanwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*, 7–12, edited by Nora Kottmann, Hans Malmede, Stefanie Osawa and Katrin Ullmann. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

- 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 Stefan Köhn and Heike Moser. Wiesbaden: Harassowitz.

Working Paper, Reviews, and Online Publications (selection; 2019–)

- 2021 | (with Laura Dales) “Looking to capture practices of intimacy in times of social distancing: Mixed-methods research on singles in Japan.” In *Center for Research on Families and Relationships* (Blog). [online](#) (3.2.2021).
- (with Laura Dales) “Solo-camping and solo-hotpots: Rethinking practices and perceptions of singlehood in Japan in COVID- time.” In *The Research Network of Singlehood Studies* (Blog). [online](#) (26.1.2021).
- 2020 | “A ‘Conversation’ on Comparisons Between Japanese Studies, Contemporary History and Medieval Art History.” In *TRAFO – Blog for Transregional Research*. [online](#) (23.07.2020).
- 2019 | “Review: Making Meaningful Lives. Tales from an Aging Japan, by Kavedžiji, Iza, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019.” In *Contemporary Japan*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/18692729.2020.1816270>.
- “Review: Intimacy and Reproduction in Contemporary Japan, by Castro-Vázquez, London, Routledge, 2017.” In *Contemporary Japan*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/18692729.2019.1621716>.
- “Japanese-German-Symposium: Work Style Reform and Gender Equality in Japan and Germany – Report”. *Journal. Netzwerk Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung* 44: 78 – 84 ([online](#)).
- “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 AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (SELECTION; 2019–)

- 2021 | (Sept 30) *Space, place and the pandemic: First insights into spatial configurations of singles’ intimate practices* (online)
Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA) 2021, The University of Queensland
- (Sept 27) *Studying Japan: Research Designs, Fieldwork and Methods* (with Cornelia Reiher)
Workshop ‘Studying Japan. Perspectives from “Inside” and “Outside”’; organized by the German Institute for Japanese Studies (Tokyo), the Center for Japanese Studies of Fudan University (Shanghai), and the Global Japanese Studies Education and Research Incubator (GJS-ERI) of Osaka University (online)
- (Aug 25) *(Re)negotiating what’s ,normal’: Work-life-choices and practices of intimacy of never married adults in metropolitan Japan*
European Association for Japanese Studies (EAS) 2021; Ghent University (online)
- (Aug 25) *Book Presentation: Studying Japan* (with Lynne Nakano, Cornelia Reiher and Christian Tagsold)
European Association for Japanese Studies (EAS) 2021; Ghent University (online)
- (Jun 23) *‘There is always room for improvement ...’ Expatriate women, trailing husbands and negotiations of interfamilial power* (online)
International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF) 2021; 15.th Congress, University of Helsinki

- (May 07) *Japanese singles and solo-life in the age of the '3Cs'* (with Laura Dales)
Asian Studies Seminar, University of Western Australia (online)
- (Mar 23) *Negotiating Belonging: German Expatriates in Southern Tokyo* (online)
Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Annual Conference
- (Feb 26) *'We are all one extended family in this House!' Shifting boundaries of housing and (post)familial relationships in Japan* (online)
IV ISA Forum (International Sociological Association); Porto Alegre, Brasil
- 2020 (Oct 10) *(No) space for us: Singles' relationship worlds in contemporary metropolitan Japan*
(*'Single Studies: Global Perspectives'*; online)
Manipal Academy of Higher Education (India) and University of the District of Colombia
- (Dec 02) *From Comparing to Contextualizing and Framing Japan (and back)*
Joint DIJ-MWS@NUS Workshop, German Institute for Japanese Studies
- 2019 (Nov 22) *Mapping (Not) Belonging. 'New' Spaces and 'New' Relationships in Postfamilial Tokyo*
Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Vancouver
- (Nov 08) *Games of Romance? The Olympic Games Vision of Unity in Diversity in the Context of Tokyo's 'Hyper-Solo-Society'*
Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung (VSJF), Bochum, Germany
- (July 24) *Prospective and Wrap-up* (with Cornelia Reiher)
International Conference: 'Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics'
Berlin/Germany
- (July 24) *Mixed Methods: How to Combine Methods* (with Carola Hommerich)
International Conference: 'Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics'
Berlin/Germany
- (July 24) *Qualitative Interviews: How to Interview People* (with Cornelia Reiher)
International Conference: 'Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics'
Berlin/Germany
- (July 23) *Studying Japan: An Introduction* (with Cornelia Reiher)
International Conference: 'Studying Japan: The impact of transnationalization and technological innovation on methods, fieldwork and research ethics'
Berlin/Germany
- (July 16) *'Talking about sex? We never did in the first years.' Space, Place, and Sexuality in Contemporary Japan*
International Convention of Asia Scholars (ISA), Leiden/The Netherlands
- (Nov 24) *(No) Space for us? Dwelling Spaces and Personal Relationships in Contemporary Japan*
Sociology and Social Anthropology- Section; VSJF-Annual Conference, Freie Universität Berlin

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES (SELECTION; 2020 –)

2021	(Jul 21) <i>(Re)Mapping Belonging. Personal Relationships in the Time of COVID-19</i> Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto (online)
	(Jul 06) <i>Vom Familienessen zum „Dinner for one“? Geschlechterungleichheit, der Trend zum Single-Dasein und die Pandemie in Japan</i> (online) 5. Online-Forum des Netzwerks Ernährungskultur; Universität Bochum
	(May 18) <i>Studying Japan – Buchvorstellung und Diskussion</i> (with Cornelia Reiher Düsseldorf University, Institute for Modern Japan (online)
	(Mar 11) <i>Love in the Time of COVID-19: The 'New Normal' in the TV Series #rimorabu</i> (‘Remote Love’) (with Elisabeth Scherer; online) University of Vienna, Department of East Asian Studies
2020	(Dec 17) <i>Methoden in der Japanforschung – Buchvorstellung</i> (with Cornelia Reiher; online) University of Munich
	(Dec 9) <i>Doing Research on/in Japan: Methods and Methodologies</i> (online) EURAXESS
	(Jun 30) <i>(Re)Mapping Belonging – Personal Relationships and the Emergence of a 'Hyper-Solo-Society' in Japan</i> (online) Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto

OUTREACH (SELECTION)

2021	(Oct 5) <i>Interview: Connecting East and West – A short Interview with DWIH Tokyo</i> (online)
	(Jun 10) <i>Moderation: Symposium Coping with the Crises: The Psychosocial Impacts of the Pandemic</i> (online; organized by JDZB und DWIH; further information here)
2020	(Dec 10) <i>Podcast Japan erforschen – Methodik in der Forschung</i> (with Prof. Dr. C. Reiher; Neutron Wissenspodcast M94,5, online)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Sophia University, Tokyo**

Winter 2021 Qualitative Methods in Sociology (Department of Sociology, in English)

Summer 2021 Gender and Sexuality in East Asia (Department of Sociology, in English)

Musashi University, Tokyo

Summer 2020 Gender and Sexuality in East Asia (4SWS, with Dr. Barbara Geilhorn, in English)

Winter 2019 Lifestyles and Personal Relationships in East Asia (MA, in English); teaching project (empirical study)

University of Cologne

Winter 2015 What a *dorama!* Japanese TV Series and Recent Societal Discourse (MA; in German)

Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf

Apr 2008 – Aug 2018 27 courses