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Academic Education

- 2010 Ph.D. in History and Civilization
European University Institute, Florence (Italy)
Thesis: King Cotton and Krautjunker: Order, Power, and Violence on Slave Plantations in Antebellum South Carolina and on Noble Estates in the Old Prussian East Elbian Kurmark
- 1992 M.A. in History
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (U.S.A.)
Thesis: “The Wretched Market”: Planter Paternalism and the Domestic Slave Trade
- 1988 Completion of “basic studies” [Grundstudium]* in history
(minors: public law and economics)
Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany)
- * Preceding the introduction of undergraduate-level degrees into the German university system

Research Interests

- Comparative slave studies, incl. comparisons between historical slaveries and “modern-day slavery”
- Representation of rights in museums

Academic Positions

- 2017– Lecturer, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies
Mahidol University, Nakhon Pathom (Thailand)
- 2013–2017 Lecturer, Social Science Division
Mahidol University International College, Nakhon Pathom (Thailand)
- 2009 &
2011–2012 Lecturer, Business English Communication
(International undergraduate program)
Thammasat University, Rangsit (Thailand)

Publications

- 2018 With Sebastian Boll. “Editorial: Categorising Migrants: Standards, Complexities, and Politics,” *Anti-Trafficking Review*, no. 11, pp. 1-14.
https://gaatw.org/ATR/AntiTraffickingReview_issue11.pdf#page=7
- 2017 “Sklavereien in der Neuzeit.” [Slaveries in the Modern Era.] In *Handwörterbuch der antiken Sklaverei (HAS) = Dictionary of Ancient Slavery*, ed. Heinz Heinen et al., vol. 3, pp. 2776–2826. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.
- 2017 Review of *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*. Edited by Benedetta Rossi (Liverpool, Engl.: Liverpool University Press, 2016). *World History Connected* 14, no. 2.
http://worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/14.2/br_meyer.html
- 2003 “Ein zweischneidiges Schwert. Ordnung und Reglementierung auf Rittergut und Sklavenplantation” [A Double-Edged Sword. Order and Regimentation on Manorial Estate and Slave Plantation.] In *Leibeigenschaft. Bäuerliche Unfreiheit in der frühen Neuzeit*, ed. Jan Klußmann, pp. 241–72. Cologne: Böhlau Verlag.
- 2003 Review of *Vom Rittergut zum Großgrundbesitz. Ökonomische und soziale Transformationsprozesse der ländlichen Eliten in Brandenburg im 19. Jahrhundert* [From Noble Estates to Large Landholdings: Processes of Economic and Social Transformation of the Rural Elites in Nineteenth-Century Brandenburg], by René Schiller. *H-Soz-u-Kult* (H-Net).
<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2003-3-106>
- 2003 Review of “Born in Slavery. Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938” (Library of Congress, American Memory Collection). *Public History Resource Center, Web Site Reviews*.
http://web.archive.org/web/20060323173331/www.publichistory.org/reviews/view_review.asp?DBID=57
- 1997 “‘Like a Feudal Lord of Back History’? Gedanken zu einem Vergleich von Südstaatenplantation und ostelbischem Rittergut” [Reflections on a Comparison of Southern Plantations and East Elbian Manorial Estates.] In *Gutsherrschaftsgesellschaften im europäischen Vergleich*, ed. Jan Peters, pp. 45–54. Berlin: Akademie-Verlag.
- 1996 Review of Library Master 3.0. Bibliographic and Textual Database Manager (Balboa Software). *History Microcomputer Review* 12, no. 1, pp. 87–89.
- 1993 “Text Retrieval Software for PC Compatibles.” *History Microcomputer Review* 10, no. 2, pp. 23–41.

Published Translations

- 2004 Translation from English into German:
 John Lea, “Kriminalität als Governance: Überlegungen zu einer Kriminologie des 21. Jahrhunderts.” In *Zwischen Anomie und Inszenierung: Interpretationen der Entwicklung der Kriminalität und der sozialen Kontrolle*, ed. Martina Althoff et al., pp. 27–41. Baden-Baden: Nomos-Verlag.
- 2002 Translation from German into English (with Richard Burnley):
 Rudolf Vierhaus, “Instead of an Epilogue: On the Production of Knowledge in History.” In *Little Tools of Knowledge: Historical Essays on Academic and*

Bureaucratic Practices, ed. Peter Becker and William Clark, pp. 313–16. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

- 2000 Editorial assistance for the German version of the draft treaty and translation of the report (with Christoph U. Schmid); parallel English and French originals: Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies. *Ein Basisvertrag für die Europäische Union: Studien zur Neuordnung der Verträge. Abschlußbericht, am 15. Mai Herrn Romano Prodi, Präsident der Europäischen Kommission übergeben* [A Basic Treaty for the European Union: A Study for the Reorganization of the Treaties], and *Basisvertrag der Europäischen Union (Entwurf)* [Basic Treaty of the European Union (Draft)], coord. Claus-Dieter Ehlermann and Yves Mény. Florence: European University Institute.

Educational Materials

- 2018 “Plantation Landscapes.” In: *The World of Antebellum America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia*, ed. Alexandra Kindell, pp. 463–66. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.
- 2011 “Introduction: Traditions and Adaptation in Slavery (Theme/Era: Migration and Travel, 1450-1770).” In *World History Encyclopedia*, ed. Alfred J. Andrea et al., vol. 12, pp. 336–38. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio.
- 2007 “Gang System.” In *Slavery in America* (Gale Library of Daily Life), ed. Orville Vernon Burton, vol. 1, pp. 85–87. Detroit, MI: Gale.
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/humanities/applied-and-social-sciences-magazines/gang-system>

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2017– Graduate courses, Mahidol University
Course coordinator and principal instructor:
 - HPHR 505: Research Methods in Human Rights
 - HPHR 520: Seminar in Human Rights (semester 2019.2)Course coordinator and instructor of several session:
 - HPHR 504: Human Rights in Asia
 - HPHR 506: Human Rights Theory & HPRD 543: Democratization: Theory and Practice (*taught jointly*)
 - GRAS 584: Research Methodologies in the Social Sciences
- 2013–2017 Undergraduate courses, Mahidol University
 - ICSO 211: World History B, ca. 1763–1914
 - ICSO 246: Europe since 1945
 - ICSO 301: Social Research Methods
 - ICSO 364: Slavery and Human Trafficking
 - ICSO 401: Independent Study (supervision of capstone paper)
- 2009 &
2010–2011 Undergraduate courses, Thammasat University
 - Academic induction (no course code)
 - TU 110: Integrated Humanities
 - TU 120: Integrated Social Sciences
 - EB 221: Academic Reading and Writing (Business English)
 - EB 311: Crosscultural Communication

Administrative Experience

- 2018–2019 Program director, M.A. in Human Rights (International Program)
Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University
- 2017–2018 Program secretary, M.A. in Human Rights (International Program)
Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University
- 2015–2017 Program director, B.A. in Social Science (International Program)
Mahidol University International College
Designed and launched for-credit internship

Academic Service

- 2019 Invited guest speaker—one lecture each at the National Human Rights Museum, at the AMA Museum, and at the Graduate Institute for Museum Studies Program of Fu Jen Catholic University (Taipei, Taiwan)
- 2019 Discussant, Royal Jubilee Ph.D. Congress (Thailand)
- 2018 Guest editor (with Sebastian Boll) of *Antitrafficking Review*, no. 11—special issue “Irregular Migrants, Refugees or Trafficked Persons?”
https://gaatw.org/ATR/AntiTraffickingReview_issue11.pdf
- 2017 Co-organizer (with Sebastian Boll and Dr. Mike Hayes) of the “International Seminar on Mixed Migration” at Mahidol University
<https://sites.google.com/a/mahidol.edu/trafficking-seminar/>
- 2017 Invited guest speaker, Siam Society (Bangkok)
- 2017 Co-organizer (with Dr. Suphatmet Yunyakit) in cooperation with the Anne Frank House, Amsterdam, of an interactive student workshop on human rights and genocide, led by Barry van Driel (Anne Frank House)
- 2015–2019 Organizer (initially with Dr. Hardina Ohlendorf) of the “Research Chat” series (presentations of work-in-progress by Thai and international scholars) at Mahidol University International College and, from 2017, the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies
- 2014 Publication of newspaper article: “The Unthinkable May Happen: Reflections on the Fall of the Berlin Wall.” *The (Bangkok) Nation*, 15 November, p. 9 A
- 2001 Organizer of the panel “Slavery and Serfdom in Comparative Perspective” at the annual convention of the Social Science History Association
- 1994 Research presentation in the Scholars’ Colloquium Series of the Library Congress, Washington, D.C.
- 1993–2010 Co-moderator (with Dr. Steven Mintz and Dr. Robert P. Forbes) of the SLAVERY discussion list (now H-Slavery, hosted by H-Net)

Scholarships

- 1999 Eight-month doctoral fellowship at the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 1995-1998 Doctoral scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service
- 1993-1995 Dissertation stipend of the German National Scholarship Foundation

Language Skills

German	Native speaker
English	Proficient*; experience in teaching English as a second language
Italian	Listening and reading skills at the lower intermediate* level, elementary* writing and speaking skills
French	Reading and listening skills at the lower intermediate* level, elementary* writing skills, beginner's* speaking skills
Latin	Upper intermediate* skills in reading historical sources using reference works

* Levels reported according to the Common European Framework of Reference ([CEFR](#)).