

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

Place of Birth: Vienna
Nationality: Switzerland, Austria
Marital Status: Married, two adult sons

Languages

Fluent: German, English, Spanish, Aymara
Intermediate: French
Basic: Quechua

Academic Formation

2000 Ph.D. Thesis: **Herstellung und Verwendung in musterbildender Kettentechnik gefertigter Textilien der Region Charazani am Beispiel der Dorfgemeinschaft Upinhuaya. Weberei und Gesellschaft andiner Regionen Boliviens** (Production and Application of Warp Structured Textiles in the Charazani Region: The Case of the Community Upinhuaya. Weaving and Society in Andean Regions)
1978-1999 Studies in Cultural and Social Anthropology and Art History
1976-1977 Studies in Classical Archaeology and Media

Advanced Professional Training

2010 CAS HE - Certificate of Advanced Studies in Higher Education, University of Bern

Field Research

2008-2012 Several stays in Bolivia and Chile (2-3 months each)
2003 Fieldwork in Bolivia (2 months), studies in the Archive of La Paz (ALP, two weeks), stays in Argentine and Chile (several weeks)
1992-2000 Several stays in Bolivia and Peru
1985-1988 Fieldwork in Charazani/Bolivia (totalling 32 months) and studies in the National Archive of Bolivia (ABNB) in Sucre (totalling 2 months)
1982 Peru and Bolivia, photographic documentation of textiles originating from various regions (6 months)

Research Interest

- Transformation processes, youth studies, social constructions of identity
- Rural Societies, economic and ecological anthropology, anthropology of labour
- Colonialism, decolonization, new social movements, translocality
- Visual Anthropology, material culture, textile analysis
- Anthropological theory and methods

Affiliations

- Researcher, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne
- Researcher, Museo Nacional de Etnografía y Folklore (MUSEF), La Paz, Bolivia
- Editorial board member of TSANTSA, the Journal of the Swiss Ethnological Society

Projects

2010-2012 **Hidden Collections**, financed by the SSA-SAG and directed by Dr. Sabine Kradolfer.
[Hidden Collections](#)
2010 **Womentoring**, organized by the Office of Equality, University of Berne, mentor participation.
2009 **Textiles precolombinos del norte de Chile. Tecnologías textiles y representación social en las inkuñas** (Pre-Columbian Textiles from Chile's North. Textile Technology and Social Representation in the Inkuñas), financed by the Fondo Nacional de Desarrollo Científico y Tecnológico (Chile) FONDECYT, project number 1080600, 20th of September–3rd of October 2009, expert participation.
2007-2010 **Young People in Andean Local Groups: Shifting Identities and Societies in Transition**, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation. [SNSF-project](#)

Teaching Activities

- 2013 SS Lecturer (15.04.2013–19.07.2013), Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Cultural and Social Anthropology and the Study of Religions, University of Marburg/Germany. **Seminar: Natur- und Umweltbeziehungen in den Gesellschaften der Anden und angrenzender Regionen** (The Relationship to Nature and Environment in Andean Societies and in Societies Living in Adjacent Regions).
- 2012/13 WS Lecturer (01.10.2012–31.03.2013), Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Cultural and Social Anthropology and the Study of Religions, University of Marburg/Germany. **Seminar: Lateinamerikanische Wege in eine pluralistisch-demokratische Moderne: Ethnisierungsprozesse im Spannungsfeld interner, regionaler und externer, mundialer Diskurse.** (Latin American Paths to Democratic and Pluralistic Modernity: Ethnization Processes in the Stress Field of Internal, Regional and External, Global Discourses).
- 2012 SS Lecturer (01.04.2012–31.07.2012), Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Cultural and Social Anthropology and the Study of Religions, University of Marburg/Germany. **Seminar: Traditionelle Wissensbestände der Lokalgesellschaften Lateinamerikas –Beiträge zur modernen Wissensgesellschaft?** (Traditional Knowledge Sources of Latin American Local Societies –How do they Contribute to Modern Knowledge Society?).
- 2011/12 HS Lecturer (12.09.2011–31.12.2011), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne. **Seminar: Kollektive Identität und Ethnisierungsprozesse: Lateinamerikanische Wege in eine demokratisch-pluralistische Moderne** (Collective Identity and Ethnization Processes: Latin American Paths to a Democratic and Pluralistic Modernity).
- 2011 FS Lecturer (01.02.2011–04.05.2011), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne. **Tutorial: Ausgewählte Themen der sozialanthropologischen Jugendforschung: frühe Studien, thematische Entwicklung und aktuelle Forschungen** (Selected Issues of Social-Anthropological Youth Studies: Early Research, Expansion of the Issue and Current Studies).
- 2008/09 HS Lecturer (01.09.2008–19.12.2008), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne. **Tutorial: Peasant Societies: marginale Akteure oder globale Ressourcenverwalter? Erkundungen der Lebensweise, des Wirtschaftens und der nationalstaatlichen Einbindung bäuerlicher Lokalgesellschaften** (Peasant Societies: Marginal Actors or Global Resource Trustees? An Exploration of the Lifestyles of Rural Local Societies, their Economic Activities and their Integration into the Nation State).
- 2007 FS Lecturer (01.03.2007–30.06.2007), Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna. **Seminar: Wissenssoziologische Forschungsfelder und ethnographische Praxis: Anwendung, Theorien und Perspektiven** (Research Fields of the Sociology of Knowledge and Ethnographic Practice: Applications, Theories and Perspectives).
- 2006/07 HS Lecturer (24.09.2006–30.02.2007), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne. **Tutorial: Wissenschaftliches Schreiben** (Scientific Writing).
- 2006 FS Lecturer (01.03.2006–29.06.2006), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Berne. **Tutorial: Andine Gesellschaften** (Andean Societies).
- 2006 FS Lecturer (06.03.2006–14.07.2006), Department of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences, St. Gallen. **Workshop Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten** (Scientific Methods Workshop).
- 2005/06 HS Lecturer (31.10.2005–17.02.2006), Department of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences, St. Gallen. **Schreibwerkstatt.** (Writer's Workshop).
- 2005 FS Lecturer (07.03.2005–15.07.2005), Department of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences, St. Gallen. **Workshop Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten** (Scientific Methods Workshop).
- 2004 FS Lecturer (01.03.2004–16.07.2004), Department of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences, St. Gallen. **Schreibwerkstatt.**(Writer's Workshop).

Symposia Organization and Presentations

- 2012a 54 ICA–54 International Congress of Americanists, Vienna 15th to 20th of July 2012. **Convenor of the symposium (together with co-convenor Laura Teves, University of La Plata, Argentina): El uso del término "Capital Social" en la Antropología Social: Sus contextos, definiciones y aplicaciones en estudios recientes** (The Use of the Term "Social Capital" in Social Anthropology: Its Contexts, Definitions and Applications in Current Studies).
- 2012b 54 ICA–54 International Congress of Americanists, Vienna 15th to 20th of July 2012. **Co-convenor of the symposium (together with convenor Soledad Hoces de la Guardia, Catholic University of Santiago de Chile/Chile): Los tejidos Americanos: Desafíos contemporáneos y aportes pluridisciplinarios en las investigaciones de la cultura material** (American Textiles: Contemporary Challenges and Pluridisciplinary Contributions to the Investigation of Material Culture).
- 2012c Textiles, Techné and Power in the Andes, Birkbeck/Great Britain, 15th to 17th of March 2012. **Presentation of the paper and filmed material: Complejidad cultural e identidades complejas** (Cultural Complexity and Complex Identities).
- 2010 LASA 2010–XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association: Crisis, Response, and Recovery, Toronto/Canada, 6th to 9th of October 2010. **Co-Convenor of the symposium (together with convenor Dagoberto Flores, Instituto Internacional de Investigación para el Desarrollo, México): Cultura y crisis en la pobreza latinoamericana–presente y futuro** (Culture and Crisis of Latin American Poverty–Presence and Future). **Presentation of the paper: Jóvenes y modo de vida tradicional: ¿Estrategias locales para el bien vivir y la salida de la pobreza rural?** (Young People and Traditional Lifestyle: Local Strategies for Prosperity and the Leaving of Rural Poverty).
- 2009 53 ICA–International Congress of Americanists, Mexico DF./Mexico 19th to 24th of July 2009. **Convenor of the symposium (together with co-convenor Maya Lorena Pérez Ruíz, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico DF.): Jóvenes y adultos jóvenes: Importantes actores sociales y factor clave en los grupos locales rurales y las metrópolis. Enfoques, métodos y nuevos conocimientos en los estudios sobre la juventud** (Youth and Young Adults: Important Social Actors and Key Factor in Rural Local Groups and the Metropolis. Research Focuses, Methods and Recent Inquiries in Youth Studies). **Presentation of the paper: Los jóvenes: Actores sociales, agencia e identidad colectiva** (Young People: Social Actors, Agency and Collective Identity).
- 2007 IV Jornada de Textiles Precolombinos, Barcelona/Spain, 27th to 1st of December 2007. **Presentation of the paper: Tejidos y arquitectura: Algunos aspectos de una relación firme** (Textiles and Architecture: Some Aspects of a Solid Relationship).
- 2006 52 ICA–International Congress of Americanists, Seville/Spain, 15th to 21st of July 2006. **Presentation of the paper: Rol y significado de los tejidos en las sociedades rurales andinas: Contextos socio-culturales, indicios de cambio y perspectiva actual** (Role and Meaning of Textiles in Rural Andean Societies. Socio-Cultural Contexts, Evidence of Transformations and Current Perspectives).
- 2005 Applications of Social Network Analysis, Zurich/Switzerland, 20th to 21st of October 2005. **Presentation of the paper elaborated in cooperation with Laura Teves, University of La Plata/Argentina: Social Network Analysis in the Context of Andean Local Groups.**
- 2004a 8th EASA Conference, Vienna/Austria, 8th to 12th of December 2004. **Presentation of the paper: Public Images and History: Designing the Kallawayá.**
- 2004b III Jornada de Textiles Precolombinos, Barcelona/Spain, 29th to 30th of November 2004. **Presentation of the paper: La iconografía de las aves en el contexto textil: Aspectos históricos y actuales** (The Iconography of Birds in Andean Context: Historical and Current Aspects).
- 2003a 51 ICA–International Congress of Americanists, Santiago de Chile/Chile, 14th to 19th of July 2003. **Presentation of the paper: Prácticas manuales y elementos estructurales de los textiles Andinos. De la estructura a la técnica: La confección textil visto como un proceso cognitivo** (Manual Practice and Structural Elements of Andean Textiles. From Structure to Technique: Textile Production Seen as a Cognitive Process).
- 2003b Primer Congreso Sudamericano de Historia, Sta. Cruz de La Sierra/Bolivia, 18th to 22nd of August 2003. **Presentation of the paper: Identidad colectiva y sociedad andina –un acercamiento teórico al tema** (Collective Identity and Andean Society –a Theoretical Approach to the Topic).

- 2003c Seminartagung der Schweizerischen Amerikanistengesellschaft, Bern/Switzerland, 14th to 15th of March 2003. **Presentation of the paper: La formación de la identidad colectiva: El ejemplo de las sociedades andinas** (The Formation of Collective Identity: The Example of the Andean Societies).
- 2001a X Congreso Internacional de Latinoamericanistas y Caribólogos, Moscow/Russia, 26th to 29th of June 2001. **Presentation of the paper: Conceptos indígenas de la formación territorial y etnopolíticos frente al Estado republicano-nacional** (Indigenous Concepts of Territoriality and the Republican Nation State).
- 2001b Tagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde VGT, Göttingen/Germany, 7th to 10th of October 2001. **Presentation of the paper: Orientierung im Streifenraum –räumliche Konzepte auf textilem Grund** (Orientation in the Striped Space –Concepts of Space on Textile Background).
- 2000 50 ICA–International Congress of Americanists, Varsow/Poland, 7th to 15th of July 2000. **Presentation of the papers: La ecología de los valles interandinos de Charazani –pasado, presente y futuro** (The Ecology of the Inter-Andean Valleys of Charazani –Past, Present and Future) and **Sociedad Andina y Concepto de Tiempo** (Andean Society and the Concept of Time).

Presentations

- 2013 **Forschungen, Begegnungen und Erkundungen in den bolivianischen Anden** (Research, Exploration and Encounters in the Bolivian Andes), presented at the Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Cultural and Social Anthropology and Religious Sciences; University of Marburg/Germany 31 of February.
- 2012a **Der plurinationale Staatsentwurf als Modell: zum Beispiel Bolivien** (The Plurinational State Seen as a State Model: The Bolivian Example), interdisciplinary lecture series talk at the Department of Political Science, University of Marburg/Germany, 12th of December 2012.
- 2012a **Die Produktion der Kokablätter –ein Blick auf die sozio-ökonomischen und ökologischen Kontexte** (Coca Leaf Production –a Glance its Socio-Economic and Ecological Contexts). presented at the Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Cultural and Social Anthropology and Religious Sciences; University of Marburg/Germany, 19th of April 2012.
- 2009a **Textiles y representación social. Formas y significados en los tejidos de la región Kallawaya** (Textiles and Social Representation. Form and Meaning in the Textiles of the Kallawaya Region), presented at the Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino, Santiago de Chile/Chile, 28th of September 2009.
- 2009b **Textiles, poder y arquitectura. Una Visión contextualizada del tejido Andino** (Textiles, Power and Architecture. A Contextualized View on Andean Textiles), presented at the Catholic University of Santiago de Chile/Chile 1st of October 2009.
- 2005 **Der andine Kulturhorizont: Blick in die Vergangenheit und Perspektive für die Zukunft** (The Andean Cultural Horizon: A Glance at the Past and a Perspective for Future), presented at the workshop organized by Prof. Axel Borsdorf and Prof. Martin Coy at the Institut of Geography, University of Innsbruck/Austria, 15th of December 2005.
- 2001 **Materialien, Techniken und kognitive Muster im Fertigungsprozeß andiner Textilien** (*Materials, Techniques and Cognitive Patterns in the Context of the Production Process of Andean Textiles*), presented at the Institute for Art, Cultural Sciences and Art Education, University of Applied Sciences, Vienna/Austria, 6th of October 2001.
- 1999 **Kallawaya, medizinische Spezialisten der Andenregion Boliviens** (The Kallawaya, Medical Specialists of Bolivia's Andean Regions), presented at the workshop "krank.gesund.sein. Konzepte, Diagnosen & Therapien im Kulturvergleich" organized in cooperation with the Institute of Cultural- and Social Anthropology of the University of Vienna by Dr. Johanna Feest at the Adult Education Centre Wien Nordwest, Vienna/Austria, 18th of March 1999.

Memberships

- EASA European Association of Social Anthropologists
 LASA Latin American Studies Association
 SEG – SSE Schweizerische Ethnologische Gesellschaft – Société Suisse d'Ethnologie
 SSA – SAG Société Suisse des Américanistes – Schweizerische Amerikanisten - Gesellschaft
 VZZ Verein zur Verzögerung der Zeit