

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

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 Berne

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 (outline)

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 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 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).

Symposia Organization and Presentations (outline)

- 2012a 54 ICA–54 International Congress of Americanists, Vienna 15th to 20th of July 2012. **Convener of the symposium (together with co-convener 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-convener of the symposium (together with convener 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).
- 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-Convener of the symposium (together with convener 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. **Convener of the symposium (together with co-convener 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).
- 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.**
- 2004 8th EASA Conference, Vienna/Austria, 8th to 12th of December 2004. **Presentation of the paper: Public Images and History: Designing the Kallawayas.**

Presentations (outline)

- 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.
- 2012b **Die Produktion der Kokablätter –ein Blick auf die sozio-ökonomischen und ökologischen Kontexte** (Coca Leaf Production –a Glimpse into 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.
- 2009 **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.