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Appointments

- 2018-2021 European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
Lecturer, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences
- 2010- Einstein Forum, Potsdam
Research Fellow, with funding (820,000 €) from the Hamburg Institute for Social Research and the Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Research and Culture
- 2015 Humboldt University, Berlin
Lecturer, History Department
- 2007-2010 Princeton University
Cotsen Post-Doctoral Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts
Lecturer, Department of Sociology

Education

- 2000-2007 PhD, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), dissertation “Le spectre du fascisme: le nationalisme russe et ses adversaires, 1987-2007” (The Specter of Fascism: Russian Nationalism and Its Adversaries, 1987-2007), *summa cum laude*
- 1999-2000 Diplôme d'études approfondies, EHESS Paris
- 1998-1999: Visiting student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure (rue d'Ulm) in Paris
- 1995-1998 BA in Politics, Philosophy & Economics, St Catherine's College, Oxford University. First class honours degree, MA degree awarded in 2015
- 1994-2001 German Summer Academy for Highly Gifted Students (Braunschweig); summer schools in Burgas (Bulgaria), Prishtina (Kosovo), and Wierzba (Poland)
- 1982-1995 European School Karlsruhe, European Baccalaureate (valedictorian: 9.4 grade average)

Languages

Russian, German	native
French, English	near-native
Italian, Spanish, Ukrainian	fluent
Polish, Belarusian, Portuguese, Yiddish, Latin	good reading and oral comprehension, some active Polish
Turkish, Arabic, Japanese, Estonian, Ancient Greek	basic

Research interests

- protest and social movements
- war memorials and commemoration
- social roles of material objects
- pragmatic sociology
- nationalism, antiracism, antifascism
- Soviet and Russian history, 1945-

Research projects (PI or participant), selection

- 2020- Participant in research project “Institutionalized and non-institutionalized rituals in the structure of late Soviet society (1956-1985), directed by Alexander Fokin, University of Tyumen’. 17 million rubles research funding from the Russian Science Foundation
- 2017- History of the Belarusian village of Velimov in the Chernobyl exclusion zone and systematizing the personal archive of the village teacher Akim Starakhatnii
- 2016- War commemoration in the Soviet Union: a quantitative and qualitative analysis of newspaper articles from different Soviet republics, funded by the Museum Karlshorst
- 2013- as Principal Investigator: *Multi-sited ethnography of May 9 (Victory Day) celebrations in post-socialist Europe. First wave (2013) in 11 countries, funded with 15,000 € by the Franco-Russian Center for Social Sciences and Humanities and Memorial Moscow; second wave (2015) in 17 regions of six countries (Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova/Transnistria, Germany) co-directed with Cordula Gdaniec (Potsdam) and Ekaterina Makhotina (Munich), funded with 90,000 € by the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the Munich-Regensburg Graduate School for East and South-East European Studies, the German-Russian Museum Karlshorst, and the Remembrance—Responsibility—Future Foundation*
- since Dec 2011 *PEPS* (protest events, photos, and slogans)—building a complex database to document the 2011-13 wave of mobilization for fair elections in Russia, now hosted by DiscussData, a joint project between Bremen University and Göttingen University

Teaching

MA seminars in Germany (taught in German):

- 2020-21 *The Second World War and the Holocaust: Societal Consequences and the Search for Meaning in Eastern and Western Europe, 1945-75.*, European University Viadrina
- 2018 *Protest, Resistance, and Activism in Soviet and Post-Soviet Society.* European University Viadrina
- 2017 *Commemoration of Fallen Soldiers and the Nation-State in the 19th-21st Centuries*, Humboldt University

Ethnographic methods for historians: interviewing, observation, qualitative data analysis. Master classes, University of Melbourne, February 2017 (in English); Polatsk State University, Belarus, September 2017 (in Russian)

300-level courses at Princeton University:

- 2009 *Memory in Social Life* (Sociology)
- 2008-9 People, Things, and Animals (Sociology / Anthropology)
- 2008 *An Introduction to Contemporary French Sociology* (Sociology)
- 2007 & 2008 *Loving and Hating the West* (Sociology / European Cultural Studies)

Affiliations, editorships, translations

Manuscript, project, and translation reviewer for the European Research Council, the European Science Foundation, Polity Press, Suhrkamp, the Higher School of Economics (Moscow), the New Economic School (Moscow), and journals including: *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Cultures & Conflicts*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Globalizations*, the *Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society*, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, *Memory Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest*, *Russian Review*, *Sotsiologicheskoe obozrenie*, *Stasis*, *Urban Folklore and Anthropology* etc

- 2021- Associate member, Institute for Slavic Studies, Potsdam University
- 2020- Associate member, HumaNET Research Center, Tyumen University
- 2019- Open Society Foundation: member of the Eurasia Program advisory board and consultant to the Director of Special Initiatives
- 2019- Honorary Fellow of the Madrid Institute for Advanced Study
- 2018- Advisory board member, *Slavica Occitania*
- 2017- Member of the Center for Independent Sociological Research, Berlin
- 2013- Associate member of the Research Center for East European Studies at Bremen University
- 2008- Associate member of the Center for the Study of Russia, the Caucasus, and Central Europe at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris
- 2010-2016 Berlin Colloquia on Contemporary History, advisory board member and regular convenor
- 2001-2011 freelance translator of books and essays in the social sciences and humanities between Russian, German, French, and English. See list of publications
- 2007-2011 Founding editor-in-chief of *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*, a bilingual peer-reviewed journal published in Saint Petersburg (with a 200,000 USD MacArthur foundation seed grant). Member of its advisory board since 2011
- 2005-2009 Advisory board member and regular guest editor for the German/English online journal *kultura – Russian Cultural Review*, published by Bremen University
- 2002-2006 Editor-in-chief of *Neprikosnovennij Zapas (NZ)*, a Moscow-based journal of debates on politics and culture

Memberships

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| German Historians' Association | Association for the Study of Nationalities |
| Association of German Historians of Eastern Europe | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies |
| German Sociological Association | German Association for the Study of Eastern Europe |
| European Sociological Association | International Federation for Public History |
| <i>RN07 Sociology of Culture</i> | Memory Studies Association |
| <i>RN25 Social Movements</i> | <i>founding co-chair, PoSoCoMeS (Working</i> |
| International Sociological Association | <i>Group on Post-Socialist and Comparative Memory</i> |
| <i>RC16 Sociological Theory</i> | <i>Studies)</i> |
| <i>RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements</i> | Center for Independent Social Research Berlin |
| <i>RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action</i> | |
| <i>and Social Change</i> | |
| <i>RC57 Visual Sociology</i> | |
| <i>WGo8 Society and Emotions</i> | |

Exhibitions curated or produced

- 2015
(May-August) May 9. *Forms of Commemoration for the End of the War in 1945*. German-Russian Museum Karlshorst. Curated with Cordula Gdaniec and Ekaterina Makhotina
- 2014
(April-July) Drawing Protest. Works by Enrique Flores (Madrid) and Viktoria Lomasko (Moscow). Curated by Olga Vostretsova (Leipzig), produced by Mischa Gabowitsch

Fellowships and Awards

- 2020 Visiting fellow at the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Braunschweig
- 2019 Archival Research Fellowship, German-Ukrainian Historical Commission
- 2019 Fellow at the Madrid Institute for Advanced Study
- 2015-2016 Post-Doctoral Fellow at the German Historical Institute, Moscow
- 2007-2010 Travel and research grants from the Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
- 2007-2010 Cotsen Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Princeton University Society of Fellows
- 2007 First Albert Einstein Fellow at the Einstein House in Caputh, Germany
- 2003 Fellow of the *Post-Communist Condition* project (funded by the German Cultural Foundation and the Center for Art and Media, Karlsruhe)
- 2002 Visiting fellow at the Hannah Arendt Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism in Dresden
- 1998 Kurt Hahn Fellowship to study at Cambridge University (not taken up)
- 1995 Joseph Victor von Scheffel Prize awarded by the Karlsruhe Literary Society

Conferences and lecture series organized (selection)

- 2021- *People, Things, and Animals* (lecture series at the Einstein Forum)
- 2017- *Solidarity in Danger* (lecture series at the Einstein Forum)
- 2020 *1st PoSoCoMeS conference: Post-Socialist Memory in a Global Perspective: Postcolonialism, Posttransition, Post-Trauma* (Chisinau, Moldova), funded with approx. 50,000 € by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and other bodies
- 2019 *Post-Migrant Commemoration in Germany* (Berlin)
- 2018 *Jewish Experiences in Eastern Europe, 1945-68* (Potsdam, with Jan Behrends, Juliane Fürst, and Semion Goldin)
- 2018 *Sites of Populism* (Potsdam)

- 2016 *Einstein was a Refugee* (Potsdam & Caputh, in German, with Susan Neiman)
- 2016 *Societal Transformation in Russia since 1980* (Berlin)
- 2014 *Social Developments and New Forms of Mass Opinion Research in Contemporary Russia* (Moscow)
- 2014 *Brussels, Beutelsbach, and Butovo: Economic, Political, and Social Constraints on Memorial Museums* (Berlin, in German, with Enrico Heitzer and Markus Pieper)
- 2014 *Masses in (E)Motion* (Potsdam, with Rüdiger Zill)
- 2013 *Dead Soldiers Fighting: War Monuments and Memorials Beyond Memory and Representation* (Berlin)
- 2013 *Left Twist, Right Twist: On the Mutual Compatibility of 20th Century Ideologies* (Berlin, in German, with Martin Schaad and Claudia Weber)
- 2012 *Nonviolent Resistance in History, Theory, and Practice* (Berlin)
- 2011 *Translating Atonement: Can Countries Learn from Each Other?* (Berlin and Potsdam). 27,770€ grant from Hamburg Institute for Social Research
- 2009 *The Russian Field: Views from Abroad* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian and English), member of organizing committee
- 2005 *Russian Environmentalism: Tendencies and Prospects* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian)
- 2005 *Controversy, Dialogue, and Debate in Modern Societies* (Saint Petersburg, in Russian)
- 2004 *The Politics of Memory and Facing the Past: World War II in Europe Today* (Moscow, in Russian and German)