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## CURRENT POSITION

since 2017      **Centre for East European and International Studies**  
Senior Research Fellow  
Coordinator research cluster “Migration and Diversity”

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2013–2016      **Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena**, Department for Slavic and Caucasus Studies  
Senior Researcher and Coordinator of the Research Project ‘Transformation of Sacred Spaces, Pilgrimage and the Notion of Hybridity in the post-Soviet Caucasus’

2015–2016      **Center for Independent Social Research e.V.**, Berlin  
Co-founder and Board of Directors

2010–2013      **University of Tsukuba**, Japan  
Associate Professor of Anthropology at Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, International Area Studies (Central Eurasian Program)

2004–2010      **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institute for European Ethnology**, Berlin  
Lecturer and Postdoc Research Fellow at Collaborative Research Center

2003–2004      **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**, Halle (Saale)  
Research Fellow at the Department for Integration and Conflict

## EDUCATION

2019–2020      **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**  
Habilitation at the Faculty for Social and Cultural Sciences

1998–2003      **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**  
PhD in European Ethnology

1993–1996      **Freie Universität Berlin**  
Department for Social Anthropology

1989              **Leningrad State University**, St. Petersburg, Russia  
Faculty for Oriental Studies  
Diploma in History of Turkey and Turkish language

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs and edited volumes

- 2021-2022 Homeland Pilgrimage. Roots and Routes of Transnational Engagement, book proposal submitted to Berghahn Books.
- 2020. Urban Activism in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Strategies and Practices, co-edited with Carola Neugebauer, Berlin: DOM Publishers.
- 2018. Sacred Places - Emergent Spaces. Religious Pluralism in the post-Soviet Caucasus, co-edited with Florian Mühlfried and Kevin Tuite, New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2017. Sakralität und Mobilität im Kaukasus und Südosteuropa, hrsg. mit Thede Kahl und Svetoslava Toncheva, Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.
- 2012. Cosmopolitan Sociability. Locating Transnational Religious and Diasporic Networks, with Nina Glick-Schiller and Sandra Gruner-Domic, London: Routledge.
- 2011. Urban Spaces after Socialism. Ethnographies of Public Places in Eurasian Cities, co-edited with Wolfgang Kaschuba and Melanie Krebs, Frankfurt: Campus Verlag.
- 2004. Russkij Berlin. Migrants and Media in Berlin and London, Münster: LIT Verlag.

### Peer-reviewed Journal articles

- 2021. 'Placing Religious Plurality in the post-Soviet City', in: New Diversities, Special issue co-edited with Julia McBrien
- 2020. 'Exploring Contemporary Buddhist Pilgrimage among the Mongolian-Speaking Peoples in Russia', Ethnographic Review, No. 2, pp. 5-13 (in Russian), with Elza-Bair-Guchinova.
- 2019. 'Discovering 'Homeland': A New Generation of Armenian Diasporic Organisations'. Revue d'Etudes Comparatives Est-Ouest, vol. 19, no. 4: pp. 9-41.
- 2017. 'Journey to the Future. Imaginaries and Motivations for Homeland Trips to Armenia'. Global Networks Journal vol. 17, no. 3: pp. 423-440.
- 2016. 'Global Cosmopolitanism/ Global Cosmopolitans'. Willey Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism, edited by John Stone et al., Oxford.
- 2016. 'The Boneless Saint from Baku: Exploring the Shia Muslim Pilgrimage in a Secular City'. Religion, State and Church vol. 2 (34): pp. 203-225 (in Russian).
- 2016. 'Prayer House or a Cultural Center? Restoring a Mosque in post-socialist Armenia'. Central Asian Survey vol. 35: pp. 292-308.
- 2015. 'Modernizing the Waterfront: Urban Green, Built Environment and Social Life in Baku'. Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde, Europa Regional 1-2: pp. 65-79.
- 2011. 'Defining Cosmopolitan Sociability. Locating Transnational Religious and Diasporic Networks', with Nina Glick-Schiller and Sandra Gruner-Domic. Ethnic and Racial Studies vol. 34, no. 3: pp. 399-418.
- 2011. 'Rethinking Homecoming. Diasporic Cosmopolitanism in Post-socialist Armenia'. Ethnic and Racial Studies vol. 34, no. 3: pp. 490-508.

### Book chapters

- 2020. *'Introduction. Overcoming the Distance'*, in: *Urban Activism in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Strategies and Practices*, with Carola Neugebauer, Berlin: DOM Publishers, pp. 6-21.
- 2018. *'Introduction'*. In: *Sacred Places-Emerging Spaces: Religious Pluralism in the post-Soviet Caucasus*, co-edited with F. Mühlfried and K. Tuite, New York: Berghahn Books, pp. 1-17.
- 2018. *'Between 'Great' and 'Little' Traditions? Situating Shia Saints in contemporary Baku'*. In: *Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces: Religious Pluralism in the post-Soviet Caucasus*, co-edited with F. Mühlfried and K. Tuite, New York: Berghahn Books, pp. 19-45.
- 2017. *'Einleitung'*. In: *Sakralität und Mobilität im Kaukasus und Südosteuropa*, hrsg. mit T. Kahl und S. Toncheva, Wien: Verlag für Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, S. 5-16.
- 2015. *'Kontaktraum Kaukasus. Sprachen, Religionen, Völker und Kulturen'*, mit Florian Mühlfried. *Osteuropa Zeitschrift* 7-10, S. 45-70.
- 2013. *'Between Long-Distance Nationalism and 'Rooted' Cosmopolitanism? Armenian-American Engagement with their Homeland'*. In: *East European Diaspora, Migration and Cosmopolitanism*, edited by Ulrike Zieme, London: Routledge, pp. 25-40.
- 2007. *'Migrationsforschung in der Ethnologie'*. In: *Ethnizität und Migration. Einführung in Wissenschaft und Arbeitsfelder*, hrsg. von Brigitte Schmidt-Lauber, Berlin: Reimer-Verlag, S. 69-94.

### ZOIS Publications

- 2021 ['Faith and state: Religious Competition in Georgia'](#). ZOIS Report 1/2021 (January 2021)
- 2020 ['Faith and state: Governing Religious Plurality in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan'](#). ZOIS Report 3/2020 (Juli 2020)
- 2020 ['Religious diversity as a challenge on Georgia's path to Europe?'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 44/2020 (02.12.2020)
- 2020 ['Religion and State in the South Caucasus during the Covid-19 pandemic'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 20/2020 (20.05.2020)
- 2019. ['Life between two worlds: labour migrants in Russia'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 46/2019
- 2019. ['Secularism and Islam: new religious education in Azerbaijan'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 40/2019.
- 2019. ['Commemorating the Armenian Genocide after the Velvet Revolution'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 16/2019.
- 2018. ['Azerbaijan celebrates its secular legacy'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 23/2018.
- 2018. ['Migration and a new patriotism in Armenia'](#). ZOIS Spotlight 2/2018.

### Other Publications

- 2021 Aserbaidischans religiöse Landschaft und seine Religionspolitik, in ‚Religion und Gesellschaft in West und Ost‘, February

### RESEARCH AWARDS

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| 2021–2022 | <b>BMBF Project in cooperation with Centre for Social Sciences (Georgia)</b> Migration and Remittances between EU and Eastern Partnership Countries (RemitEU)<br>36.000 EUR |
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- 2016–2018      **DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)**, two-year grant for developing Ost-partnerschaft between Yerevan State University and Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena (10.000 EUR)
- 2010–2011      **JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)** two year grant as Principle Investigator for the research project: ‘Revival of Religion? Transnational Sacred Places in South Caucasian Cities’ (20.000 EUR)
- 2008–2012      **DFG (German Research Foundation)** four-year research project ‘Politics of Identities in the South Caucasus’ as a part of Collaborative Research Center 640 (950.00 mio EUR)

## KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE & OUTREACH

- 2020    **Red Square Festival** (10/2020) Workshop „Mapping Russkij Berlin“  
Live-X3 Podcast zum Thema Russlanddeutsche und Mapping Russian Berlin
- 2020    **3Sat Kulturdoku** Expert Adviser for documentary film 100 Jahre Berlinograd. Der russische Mythos an der Spree 11/2020)
- 2020    **3SAT** Kulturzeit, Krieg in Berg-Karabach, Expert interview (13.11.2020)
- 2020    **Podcast Roundtable Osteuropa** ‘Urbaner Aktivismus und sozialer Protest in postsowjetischen Städten’. 15/2020 mit Nadja Douglas und Carola Neugebauer (14.05.2020)
- 2020    **Online Discussion** Centre for East European and International Studies (11/2020) Living together before and after the Karabakh war?
- 2020    **Volksbühne** Platform East (Berlin, 01/2020)  
Moderator of the podium discussion Urban Activism in Eastern Europe
- 2020    **Diakonisches Werk Schleswig-Holstein** (09/2020) Emigration und Remigration am Beispiel Armeniens at Workhsop Arbeitsinhalte und Handlungsmöglichkeiten der unabhängigen freiwilligen Perspektiv- und Rückkehrberatung am Beispiel Armeniens
- 2018    **CaucasusWatch** Es wäre noch zu früh über eine außenpolitische Wende in Armenien zu sprechen, Interview für (12.05.2018).
- 2018    **Rbb-Inforadio** Am Rande Europas: Was wird aus den Staaten des Südkaukasus? (ZOIS 30.09.2018).

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

### Workshops and Panels

- 2020 **Workshop at Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin**  
Religious Activism. Mobilizing and Mediating the Religious in Eastern Europe and Caucasus, with Jenane Kormina (HSE, St. Petesburg) and Regina Elsner (ZOIS)
- 2020 **ASEEES, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (11/2020)**  
2020 Annual Convention, Panel Mobility, Identity and Performance in the South Caucasus, with Heather DeHaan
- 2020 **Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS)**  
ZOIS Caucasus Network Round table
- 2020 **Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS)**  
ZOIS Caucasus Network Anti-corruption measures in the South Caucasus des ZOIS Caucasus Network in Kooperation mit der Bertelsmann Stiftung
- 2019 **CESS, Central Eurasian Studies Society** the 20th Annual Conference, October 10-13, Religious Pluralisation in Urban Environment double panel ANT 4-5 with Ketevan Khutsishvili
- 2018 **ZOIS Workshop** Overcoming the Distance. 'Urban Pioneers' in Eastern Europe", (23.10.2018) with Tatiana Golova (ZOIS)

## TEACHING

- August 2020 **Europa-Universität Viadrina**  
Summer School Viadrinicum *Transectorial Lab – (Post)Migration. (Dis)-integrative Encounters*
- 2016–2020 **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, Institute for Asia and Africa Studies  
*MA course Themen und Debatten der Zentralasien-Forschung („Kaukasusstudien aus sozial- und kulturanthropologischer Perspektive“, Migration und Diaspora, Post-socialist Urban Transformation in the Caucasus and Central Asia)*  
*MA course Projektvorbereitung (mod. 4)*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 2020–2023 Associated Partner and Advicer in Erasmus and Strategic Partnership for Higher Education "*GloCalEast, Migration, Diaspora and Border Studies in Eastern Europe*"
- 2021–2024 Member of the Advisory Board in BMBF Research Project *Perspektiven und Herausforderungen des neuen EU-Außenpolitikansatzes* at Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena
- 2016–2017 Co-founder and Board of Directors Berlin CISR e.V.  
(Center for Independent Social Research)
- 2019–2020 Member of Advisory Board / Bertelsmann Stiftung project "Anti-corruption Measurements in the South Caucasus"

Reviewer Journal Ethnic and Racial Studies; Central Asian Survey;  
Zeitschrift für Ethnologie; Journal for Ethnic and Migration Studies;  
Nationalities Papers; Berghahn Books

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian	Native
German	Fluent
English	Fluent
Azeri Turkish	Reading skills

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Anthropology of migration, diaspora, mobility, religious diversity, cosmopolitanism, post-socialist city and urban activism