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EDUCATION

07/2021	Habilitation and *Venia Legendi* (German qualification for full professorship) in Social & Cultural Anthropology, University of Heidelberg.
08/2013	Ph.D. (Dr. disc. pol.) in Cultural Anthropology. University of Göttingen,
01/2007	M.A., University of Göttingen, Germany. Major: Cultural Anthropology. Minors: Gender Studies and Romance Studies.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

10/2025	Admission to the DFG-Heisenberg-Program, probable start of the Heisenberg-Position at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg: 04/2026.
Since 07/2021	Associate Professor (*Privatdozentin*) University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology
Since 02/2023	Senior Lecturer University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Institute for Near Eastern & East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Elite Graduate Program "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC)"
12/2025-01/2026	Visiting Teaching Professor Universiti Malaya (Malaysia), Gender Studies Programme
04/2025	Visiting Professor Diponegoro University (Indonesia), Social Anthropology Department
01/2023–01/2024	Senior Research Fellow & Research Associate Universiti Malaya (Malaysia), Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Gender Studies Programme
04/2022–02/2023	Fixed-term Professor of Social & Cultural Anthropology (W2) University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Institute for Near Eastern & East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Elite Graduate Program "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC)"
10/2022–02/2023	Managing Director (*Geschäftsführende Direktorin*) and Program Director University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Institute for Near Eastern & East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Elite Graduate Program "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures (SDAC)"
10/2018–02/2022	Principal Investigator „Muslim Pilgrimage, Gender and Consumption" University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology
01/2017–12/2019	Project Leader ("Eigene Stelle" by the German Research Foundation DFG) University of Hamburg, Asia-Africa-Institute, Department of Languages & Cultures of Southeast Asia

12/2018	Guest lecturer Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, India
12/2017–04/2018	Research Fellow (Visiting) Zayed University, Humanities and Social Sciences, United Arab Emirates
05/2017–10/2017	Research Fellow (Visiting) Monash University, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Malaysia
03/2015–12/2016	Associate Postdoctoral Research Fellow
10/2013–02/2015	Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Hamburg, Asia-Africa-Institute, Department of Languages & Cultures of Southeast Asia
03/2015–07/2016	Research Assistant HIS Institute for Higher Education Development, Hanover, Germany
10/2011–09/2013	Doctoral Student/Research Associate
10/2010–09/2011	Associate Doctoral Student University of Kassel and University of Göttingen, DFG Research Training Group 1599/1 "Dynamics of Space and Gender" ("Graduiertenkolleg" by the German Research Foundation)
10/2009–09/2012	Lecturer University of Göttingen, Institute for Social & Cultural Anthropology; Gender Studies Program
02/2009–08/2009	Visiting Scholar Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa – Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS)
09/2008–01/2009	Visiting Scholar Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore
01–06/2007	Freelance employee Overseas Museum (Übersee-Museum) Bremen, division „Anthropology"

LEADERSHIP OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Since 11/2021	Sexual Im/Mobilities in Muslim Pilgrimage (funded by the DFG-Heisenberg-Program and the Elite Network of Bavaria)
10/2013–02/2022	From Malaysia to Dubai: Muslim Pilgrimage and Gender in the context of Consuming Practices (funded by the Olympia Morata Programme in support of young female professors, by the German Research Foundation [DFG, "Eigene Stelle"], and by the "Nachwuchsinitiative Universität Hamburg" – Initiative for young scholars)
03/2021–12/2021	Narrating Intersectional Perspectives Across Social Scales (self-funded)
04/2008–08/2013	Educational migration and gender in the regional context of Malaysia and Singapore," (funded by the German Research Foundation and the Hans-Böckler-Foundation)
02–08/2006	Doing cultural difference in ethnological museums (self-funded)

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

2016–02/2021	Advancing Intersectionality Theory and Method: Narrating Intersectional Perspectives Across Social Scales (mit Sarah J. Mahler [FIU]) (self-funded)
11/2017–12/2019	Competing Regional Integration in Southeast Asia (CRISEA) (project network by a group of seven European and six Southeast Asian institutions; funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Framework Programme)
03/2015–07/2016	Quality of study and teaching in German institutions of higher education (funded by the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony
10/2010–09/2013	Interdisciplinary Research Training Group 1599/1 "Dynamics of Space & Gender," University of Kassel and University of Göttingen, (funded by the German Research Foundation)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (SELECTION)

10/2025	Admission to the DFG-Heisenberg-Program
2023–2026	ERASMUS framework programme grant for cooperations between FAU and Southeast Asian universities (National University of Singapore, Universiti Malaya and others), granted by the European Union
03/2020–02/2022	Olympia Morata Fellowship in support of young female professors, University of Heidelberg
01/2017–12/2019	Research Fellowship ("Eigene Stelle"), German Research Foundation (DFG), held at University of Hamburg
10/2013–02/2015	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Nachwuchsinitiative der Universität Hamburg
07/2008–08/2011	Doctoral Fellowship, Hans-Böckler-Foundation, held at Univ . of Göttingen
04/2024	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung: Konferenzmittel für die Tagung „Queer worldmaking amidst and beyond conservatism" an der FAU
06/2024	Büro Gender&Diversity der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU): Konferenzmittel für die Tagung „Queer worldmaking amidst and beyond conservatism" an der FAU
04/2024	Philosophische Fakultät und Fachbereich Theologie: Konferenzmittel für eine studentische Exkursion zur Summer School "Social Inequality through the Lens of Area Studies", Universität Malaysia
01–06/2023	Funds by the Vizepräsidium Education of the Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, the Office for Gender&Diversity of FAU and the FAU Visiting Professor Programme for the Autumn School „Embracing Faith and Desire. Autumn school on the Anthropology of Gender, Sexuality and Religion"
12/2022	Funds from the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA) for the conference "Decolonizing the Anthropology of Gender & Sexuality: from theory to praxis" an der Autonomous University of Barcelona (together with Rafael Cazarin, Monika Baer und Soledad Cutuli)
2022	Funds from the German Anthropological Association for the conference "Im/Mobilities in Southeast Asia" at the University of Heidelberg
2014	Travel funds from the Nachwuchsinitiative der Universität Hamburg for explorative fieldwork in the United Arab Emirates

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2023 Thimm, Viola; Shopping with Allah. Muslim pilgrimage, gender, and consumption in a Globalised World. London: UCL Press.

Book reviews in:

- *American Ethnologist*, https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.13344 (2024)
- *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 80(3): 354–355 (2024)
- *Exertions – Journal of the Anthropology of Work*, (2024). https://doi.org/10.21428/1d6be30e.89069d94
- *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 16: 88–89. (2024)

2022 Thimm, Viola: Narrating Intersectional Perspectives Across Social Scales: Voicing Valerie. Abingdon/New York: Routledge. (Published in paperback 2024)

2014 Thimm, Viola: Geschlecht und Bildungsmigration: Lebensentwürfe und Weiblichkeitsbilder malaysischer Bildungsmigrantinnen in Singapur [*Gender & Educational Migration: Life Projects and Images of Femininity of Female Educational Migrants from Malaysia in Singapore*]. Bielefeld: transcript.

Edited volumes

2026 Thimm, Viola and Ferdiansyah Thajib (eds.): Embracing Faith and Desire. Queer and Feminist Engagements with Islam and Christianity as Lived Religions. Abington/New York: Routledge.

2021 Thimm, Viola (editor): (Re-)Claiming Bodies: Gendered Configurations in Islam. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

2021 Buitelaar, Marjo*; Manja Stephan-Emmrich*; Viola Thimm* (editors; **The order of editor names for the volume as a whole is purely alphabetical, reflecting equal contribution and responsibility*): Muslim Women's Pilgrimage to Mecca and Beyond. Reconfiguring Gender, Religion, and Mobility. Abington/New York: Routledge.

2018 Thimm, Viola (editor): Understanding Muslim Mobilities and Gender. Basel: MDPI.

2018 Chaudhuri, Mayurakshi und Viola Thimm (guest editors): Special Section "Postcolonial Intersections: Asia on the Move" *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*, Vol 8 (3).

2018 Thimm, Viola (guest editor): Special Issue "Understanding Muslim Mobilities and Gender" *Social Sciences* Vol. 6. http://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/special_issues/muslim_mobilities_ gender.

2016 Thimm, Viola (associate editor): The International Journal of Diverse Identities, Vol. 16 .

Original articles, peer-reviewed

Under review Thimm, Viola: *Keramat*, miracles and magic: Veneration at Muslim saints' graves in Malaysia in the context of syncretic traditions.

Accepted Thimm, Viola: Queer Muslim pilgrimage as a nodal point: LGBTQIA+ identity in Malaysia between transnational self-awareness and Islamic repression. *Current Anthropology*.

2025 Thimm, Viola: Sexual im/mobilities: On queer Muslim pilgrimage. *HAU: Journal* of *Ethnographic Theory,* 15(1): 74–86. https://doi.org/10.1086/734602

2025 Thimm, Viola: Reconfiguring Gender, Kinship, Spirituality: Space- and Placemaking in Muslim Malaysia. *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute,* 31(1): 82–99. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9655.14164

2025 Thimm, Viola: Bringing Intersectionality to the Core of Social and Cultural Anthropology: Scaling Holistic Intersectionality. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 90(1): 110-127. (2025) https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2023.2226833

2025 "Super-power" in the grave: Meaning-making of Muslim saints' graves in Southeast Asia and on the Arabian Peninsula. *TRaNS: Trans -Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia*, 1-15. https://doi.org/10.1017/trn.2025.10005

2021 Thimm, Viola: Gendered Pilgrimage: *Hajj* and *umrah* from women's perspectives. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, Vol 36 (2): 223–241.

2021 Thimm, Viola: Muslim Fashion: Challenging Transregional Connectivities between Malaysia and the Arabian Peninsula. *TRaNS: Trans -Regional and -National Studies of Southeast Asia*, Vol 9 (2): 117–128.

2019 Thimm, Viola und Mayurakshi Chaudhuri: Migration as Mobility? An Intersectional Approach. *Applied Mobilities*. https://doi.org/10.1080/23800127.2019.1573780

2018 Chaudhuri, Mayurakshi und Viola Thimm: Postcolonial Intersections – Asia on the Move: Introduction. Special Section "Postcolonial Intersections: Asia on the Move". *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*, Vol 8 (3):28–35.

2018 Thimm, Viola: Embodying and consuming Muslim pilgrimage: Gendered shopping and clothing practices by Malaysian women on "*umrah* and *ziarah* Dubai." *Asian Anthropology*, Vol 17 (3): 185–203.

2018 Thimm, Viola: Muslim Mobilities and Gender: An Introduction. *Social Sciences*, 7(1), 5.

2017 Thimm, Viola: Commercialising Islam in Malaysia: *Ziarah* at the intersection of Muslim pilgrimage and the market-driven tourism industry. UKM Ethnic Studies Paper Series No. 56, December. Bangi: Institute of Ethnic Studies.

2017 Thimm, Viola; Mayurakshi Chaudhuri; and Sarah J. Mahler: Enhancing intersectional analyses with polyvocality: Making and illustrating the model. *Social Sciences*. 6(2), 37.

2016 Thimm, Viola: "I really love that guy!" Romantische Liebe als Weg zur Moderne im regionalen Kontext Singapurs und Malaysias. ["*I really love that guy!" Romantic love as a path to modernity in the regional context of Singapore and Malaysia*]. *Asien – The German Journal on Contemporary Asia* 139 2/2016: 25-43.

2016 Thimm, Viola: "I can give you money but there is no use. The best thing I [can] give you is education." Negotiating educational migration and gender in a Chinese Malaysian family. *TRaNS: Trans-Regional and National Studies of Southeast Asia*, 4(1): 65-84.

2015 Thimm, Viola: Die arabische *abaya* in Malaysia: Verhandlungen von muslimischen Kleidungspraktiken, weiblicher Körperlichkeit und Modernität *The arabic* abaya *in Malaysia: negotiations of Muslim practices of clothing, female corporeality and modernity*]. *Paideuma*, 61:95-116.

2014 Thimm, Viola: Soziale Mobilität für Frauen durch bildungsmotivierte Land-Stadt-Migration: Eine Biographie aus Malaysia [*Social mobility for women through education-motivated rural-urban migration: A biography from Malaysia*]. *Ethnoscripts*, 16(2):27-41.

2013 Thimm, Viola: Education, Migration, Gender: Policies of Education in Malaysia and Singapore. *GSE Journal of Education* 2013:1-11.

2012 Thimm, Viola: "My dad wants to see me graduate with a good degree (…)" Bildungsmigration und Geschlecht im regionalen Kontext Malaysias und Singapurs. *Journal Netzwerk Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung* NRW, 31: 62-67.

Book chapters, peer reviewed

Accepted Thimm, Viola: Empowering pilgrimage. Queer(feminist) and intersectional perspectives on Islamic rituals. In: Eller, Jack David (ed.): Anything but Orthodox: Anthropological Observations of Islam in the 21st Century. Routledge

Accepted Thimm, Viola: Pilgrims and mobility. In: Salazar, Noel (ed.): Anthropological Handbook of Mobility. Berghahn.

2026 Thimm, Viola: Queering pilgrimage in Germany: spiritual mobility as alternative routes to Mecca. In: Thimm, Viola and Ferdiansyah Thajib (eds): Embracing Faith and Desire. Queer and Feminist Engagements with Islam and Christianity as Lived Religions, pp. 100-115. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.

2026 Thajib, Ferdiansyah and Viola Thimm: Embracing faith and desire. Queer and feminist engagements with Islam and Christianity as lived religions: an introduction. In: Thimm, Viola and Ferdiansyah Thajib (eds): Embracing Faith and Desire. Queer and Feminist Engagements with Islam and Christianity as Lived Religions, pp. 1-14. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.

2021 Thimm, Viola: Introduction: (Re-)Claiming Bodies through Fashion and Style. Gendered Configurations in Muslim Contexts. In: Thimm, Viola (ed.): (Re-)Claiming Bodies: Gendered Configurations in Islam, pp. 1-18. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

2021 Thimm, Viola: Men's Non-Fashion: Embodying Traditionality in the Gulf. In: Thimm, Viola (ed.): (Re-)Claiming Bodies: Gendered Configurations in Islam, pp. 109-126. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

2021 Buitelaar, Marjo*; Manja Stephan-Emmrich*; Viola Thimm* (**The order of author names in the introduction and that of editor names for the volume as a whole is purely alphabetical, reflecting equal contribution and responsibility*): Introduction: Muslim Women's Pilgrimage to Mecca and

Beyond. Reconfiguring Gender, Religion, and Mobility, pp. 19-35. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.

2021 Thimm, Viola: Under male supervision? Islamic belief and nationality as basis for Muslim women's pilgrimage. In: Buitelaar, Marjo; Manja Stephan-Emmrich; Viola Thimm (eds.): Muslim Women's Pilgrimage to Mecca and Beyond. Reconfiguring Gender, Religion, and Mobility, pp. 19-35. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.

2019 Chaudhuri, Mayurakshi; Viola Thimm und Sarah J. Mahler: Scaling Educational Policy and Practices Intersectionally: Historical and Contemporary Education Policies, Practices and Effects in South and Southeast Asia. In: Hankivsky, Olena and Julia Jordan-Zachery (eds.): The Palgrave Handbook of Intersectionality in Public Policy, S. 367-385. Houndsmills: Palgrave MacMillan.

2018 Thimm, Viola: Muslim Mobilities and Gender: An Introduction. In: Viola Thimm (ed.): Understanding Muslim Mobilities and Gender, S. 1-10. Basel: MDPI.

2014 Chaudhuri, Mayurakshi; Viola Thimm and Sarah J. Mahler: Gendered Geographies of Power: Their Value for Analyzing Gender across Transnational Spaces. In: Gruhlich, Julia and Birgit Riegraf (eds.): Transnationale Räume und Geschlecht, S. 94-209. Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot.

2014 Thimm, Viola: The Female Body in Transnational Space between Malaysia and Singapore. In: Buccieri, Kristy (ed.): Body Tensions: Beyond Corporeality in Time and Space, S. 55-72. Oxford: ID-Press.

2014 Thimm, Viola: Gender and the Body in Transnational Space: Female Educational Migrants from Malaysia in Singapore. In: McLean, Loyola et al. (eds.): Exploring Bodies in Time and Space, S. 37-45. Oxford: ID-Press.

2014 Thimm, Viola: "Gendered Geographies of Power". Ein Modell zur Analyse von Bildungsmigration und Geschlecht am Beispiel von Malaysia und Singapur. In: Förschler, Silke et al. (eds.): Verorten – Verhandeln – Verkörpern, S. 61-84. Bielefeld: transcript.

2013 Thimm, Viola: Education, Migration, Gender: Policies of Education in Malaysia and Singapore. In: Mokmin Basri et al. (eds.): Emerging Trends for Sustainability in Global Education: Kajang: WorldConferences.net, S. 1-11.

Other publications

2024 Thimm, Viola: "Super-power" in the grave: Something superstitious or rational? CAS-E Blog Post (Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences – Alternative Rationalities and Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective) (https://cas-e.de/2024/11/04/super-power-in-the-grave-something-superstitious-or-rational/) (November 4, 2024)

2018 Jongmanns, Georg and Viola Thimm: Förderprogramme in der Lehre und die Frage der personellen Nachhaltigkeit: Kriterien für eine tragfähige Aufgaben- und Personalstruktur (Funding programmes in teaching and the question of "personnel sustainability"). (https://his-he.de/projekte/detail/projekt/mwk-niedersachsen-personelle-nachhaltigkeit-in-der-lehre/)

2014 Thimm, Viola: Die *Bersih*-Bewegung in Malaysia [*The* Bersih *movement in Malaysia*]. *Südostasien* 1/2014:27-29.

2012 Thimm, Viola: "Singapore sucks!" – Skateboarding als Grenzraum zwischen Subkultur und staatlicher Kontrolle ["Singapore sucks!" – *Skateboarding as a contested space between subculture and state control*]. *Südostasien* 4/2012: 26-28.

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK (A TOTAL OF OVER 45 MONTHS)

12/2025–01/2026	Malaysia (3 weeks)
12/2024–01/2025	Malaysia (3 weeks)
08/2024	Malaysia (2 weeks)
12/2022–10/2024	Germany
02/2024–04/2024	Malaysia (2 months)
02/2023–04/2023	Malaysia and Singapore (2 months)
05/2017–04/2018	Malaysia, United Arab Emirates and Oman (12 months, *multi-sited*)
04/2014	United Arab Emirates (1 month)
12/2013–01/2014	Malaysia (2 months)
12/2009–01/2015	Malaysia, Singapore and Germany (in total 5 months)
09/2008–08/2009	Singapore and Malaysia (12 months, *multi-sited*)
08/2007	Singapore (1 month)

PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

2025-2026	Convenor and organizer of the Public University Lecture Series (Hochschulöffentliche Ringvorlesung) „Queer Research Worlds", FAU
01/2025	Co-convenor and organizer of the international conference "Gender and Marginalization amidst and beyond Conservatism" (together with Dr Vilashini Somiah [Universiti Malaya], Benjamin YH Loh [Taylor's University, Malaysia] and Ferdiansyah Thajib [FAU]).
10/2025	Organiser of the creative-art workshop „Sexuality as sensory and spiritual: an art-making workshop exploring embodied affective experiences at the intersection of faith, migration, gender, and sexuality"with Gabriel Hoosain Khan, FAU (together with Ferdiansyah Thajib)
09/2024	Co-Convenor and organizer of the international conference „Queer worldmaking amidst and beyond religious conservatism" (together with Ferdiansyhah Thajib [FAU]).
07/2024	Co-Organisation of the International Summer School "Social Inequalities through the lens of Area Studies" (with Giovanni Maltese, Oleg Vasilchenko und Ferdiansyah Thajib), University in Malaysia.
11/2023	Co-Convenor and organizer of the international conference „Decolonize the Anthropology of Gender" (together with Soledad Cutuli [Universidad Complutense de Madrid] and Rafael Costa Cazarin de Brito [Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona] EASA-NAGS-conference, Barcelona.

09/2023 Co-Convenor and organizer of the international Autumn School „Embracing Faith and Desire. Autumn school on the Anthropology of Gender, Sexuality and Religion“ (together with Ferdiansyah Thajib [FAU]), FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

06/2022 Convenor and organizer of the panel „Gender and sexual pluralism in Southeast Asia“, EuroSEAS conference 2022, Paris.

05/2022 Co-convenor and organizer of the conference “Im/Mobilities in Southeast Asia“, (together with Rosalie Stolz), Interim Conference of the German Anthropological Association’s “Southeast Asia Study Group” (funded by the German Anthropological Association), Heidelberg.

09/2021 Convenor, organizer and discussant of the panel “‘Race, class, gender‘: Achsen der Ungleichheit im Anthropozän“ [Axes of inequality in the Anthropocene], Conference of the German Anthropological Association, Bremen.

09/2019 Convenor, organizer and discussant of the panel “Islam and Capitalism in Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia” at the EuroSEAS conference 2019, Berlin, Germany.

06/2019 Convenor, organizer and discussant of the international workshop “Gender, Fashion, and Embodiment in Islam”, University of Hamburg.

06/2019 Discussant at one session of the international workshop “Transnational giving. Evolving paths of religion, community and citizenship in globally connected Asia”, University of Göttingen.

08/2018 Discussant of the panel “Migration, tourism, business: Reconfiguring Muslim pilgrimage through the lens of women's new mobilities” at the 15th EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) Biennial Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.

08/2018 Co-convenor and organizer of the panel “Migration, tourism, business: Reconfiguring Muslim pilgrimage through the lens of women's new mobilities” (together with Marjo Buitelaar; and Manja Stephan-Emmrich) at the 15th EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) Biennial Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.

03/2016 Co-convenor and organizer of the symposium “Funding programmes and sustainability in the field of teaching and learning”, HIS Institute of Higher Education Development, Hanover.

01/2013 Organizer of the guest lecture “Gender in Motion” by Sarah J. Mahler, University of Göttingen, Germany.

01/2013 Organizer of the workshop “Space and Gender” with Sarah J. Mahler, University of Göttingen, Germany.

04/2013 Organizer of a methodology workshop on scientific writing, University of Göttingen, Germany

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Advisory Board Member, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (Anthropology Series)

Editorial Advisory Board Member of the Publication Series “Religion–Geschlecht–Körper/ Religion–Gender–Bodies”, Nomos Verlag

Professional reviewer for the German Research Foundation (DFG)

Professional reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (SNF)

Professional reviewer for the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation

Reviewer for the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA) (in accreditation procedures for degree programmes in Social and Cultural Anthropology)

Liaison lecturer [*Vertrauensdozentin*] of the Hans Böckler Foundation

Reviewer for Contemporary Islam; Gender, Technology and Development; Applied Mobilities; Mobilities; Social Sciences; Genealogy; Religion; The Global Studies Journal; The International Journal of Diverse Identities; International Journal of Diversity in Education

Scientific advisory services for the Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony (Germany) on sustainable project funding in institutions of tertiary education, 2016

Scientific advisory services for six German universities and universities of applied sciences on how to deal with temporal project funding in a possibly sustainable way, 2016

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

04/2025	"Touristic Pilgrimage: Gendered Shopping Dimensions in Malaysia." Presentation by invitation of Dr Izmy Khumairoh, Diponegoro University, Indonesia.
11/2024	"Queer Hajj: Muslimische Im/Mobilitäten in Malaysia und Deutschland." Presentation by invitation of Dr. Anette Rein, Berufsverband für Ethnolog*innen e.V.
10/2024	"'Super-power' in the grave: Meaning-making of Muslim saints' graves in Southeast Asia and on the Arabian Peninsula." Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dominik Müller, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
07/2024	„Queere Pilger-Geschichten aus Malaysia und Deutschland." Presentation by invitation of Sabine Ahmadzai, Universität Frankfurt.
01/2024	„Hajj at the margins: Queer perspectives from Malaysia and Germany." Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Guido Sprenger, Universität Heidelberg.
01/2024	„Mobility and Gender in Malaysia." Presentation by invitation of Dr. Ferdiansyah, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.
12/2023	„Methodologies of Intersectionality." Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Jean-Baptiste Pettier, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.
07/2023	„Queering Hajj in Malaysia und Deutschland." Von Marco Linguri geladene Referentin, Gemeindetreffen des Liberal Islamischen Bunds e.V. (LIB).
03/2023	„Gender and Sexuality at the Margins in Malaysia: A Case Study of a Pilgrimage." Von Prof. Dr. Kamal Solheimi und Dr. Vilashini Somiah geladene Referentin, Universiti Malaya, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
02/2022	"How to research Queer Muslim Pilgrimage?" Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Claudia Liebelt und Max Schnepf, The Queer Anthro Interstice.
01/2022	"Shopping with Allah. Pilgrimage, Gender and Consumption." Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Guido Sprenger, University of Heidelberg.
07/2021	Becoming a visible pious Muslim woman: Pilgrimage, gender and embodiment in Malaysia. Presentation by invitation of Dr. Cathrine Bublatzky, University of Heidelberg.
05/2021	Going Shopping on Muslim Pilgrimage: Gendered Mobility in a Pilgrimage-Tourism Nexus. Presentation by invitation of Dr. Anna Lisa Ramella, Dr. Fabiola Mancinelli and Dr. Silvia Wojczweski to the EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network [ANTHROMOB] MoMO Online Lecture Series.

05/2021 Politicizing Mecca as a spiritual homeland. Presentation by invitation of Dr. Sanam Roohi, Max Weber Kolleg, Universität Erfurt.

01/2021 Ida Pfeiffer and Eva Lips: Two Feminist Anthro S/Heroes? Presentation by invitation of Prof. Claudia Liebelt and Max Schnepf, The Queer Anthro Interstice.

09/2019 Bringing back piety: Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca as catalyst for gendered Islamization processes in Malaysia. Presentation by invitation of Prof. Claudia Derichs, EuroSEAS conference 2019, Berlin (Germany).

12/2018 From Malaysia to Dubai: Scaling Intersectionalities of Muslim Pilgrimage and Gender. Presentation by invitation of Dr Mayurakshi Chaudhuri, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur (India).

01/2018 Clothing and shopping practices of Malaysian pilgrims on "Umrah & Ziarah Dubai". Presentation by invitation of Assoc Prof Dr Rima Sabban, CHSS Lecture Series, Zayed University (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).

01/2018 "Umrah & Ziarah Dubai:" Clothing and shopping practices of Malaysian pilgrims. Presentation by invitation of Assoc Prof Dr Rima Sabban, CHSS Lecture Series, Zayed University (Dubai, United Arab Emirates).

11/2017 Clothing and shopping practices among Malay *umrah and ziarah* travellers. Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Monika Arnez. Research colloquium of the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Passau (Germany)

11/2017 Von Malaysia nach Dubai: Muslimisches Pilgern und Geschlecht im Kontext von Konsumpraktiken. Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Judith Schlehe. Research colloquium of Society of Geography and Cultural Anthropology, University of Freiburg (Germany).

10/2017 Going shopping on Muslim pilgrimage: Clothing and consumption by Muslim Malay pilgrims on 'umrah and ziarah Dubai'. Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Shamsul AB. Seminar Series of the Institute of Ethnic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

07/2017 *Umrah and Ziarah Dubai*: Muslim pilgrimage, gender and consumption in the Malaysian context. Presentation by invitation of Assoc Prof Sharon A. Bong. Lectures series of the Faculty for Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University (Malaysia).

04/2017 Embodying and consuming Muslim pilgrimage: Gendered shopping and clothing practices by Malaysian women on "*umrah* and *ziarah* Dubai." Presentation by invitation of Prof. Dr. Guido Sprenger. Colloquium of the Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Heidelberg. Heidelberg (Germany).

04/2017 From Malaysia to Dubai: Muslim Pilgrimage and Gender in the context of Consuming Practices. Public lecture by invitation of Prof. Dr. Monika Arnez. Lecture series: "50 Years ASEAN." Hamburg (Germany).

06/2016 Sustainable quality in study and teaching (with Dr. Georg Jongmanns). Presentation by invitation of Uwe Krüger. Network Science Management. Hanover (Germany).

05/2016 Sustainability: The Teaching Quality Pact and consequences for structuring academic personnel (together with Dr. Georg Jongmanns). Network conference 'Quality Offensive Teaching'. Presentation by invitation of Karolina Bielak. Wolfenbüttel.

11/2013 Gendered Geographies of Power: An analytical tool to study educational migration and gender in Malaysia and Singapore. Presentation by invitation of A/Prof. Sarah J. Mahler. Conference of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Chicago.

11/2010 Methodische Fragen akteurszentrierter Forschung [Methodological questions on person-centred research]. Presentation by invitation of Dr. Ina Alber. Conference of the Centre of Methods in Social Sciences, University of Göttingen, Germany.

02/2010 Across the Causeway: Bildungsmigrantinnen zwischen Malaysia und Singapur [Female educational migrants between Malaysia and Singapore]. Presentation by invitation of Dr. Gundolf Krüger. Matinee of the Ethnographic Collection, University of Göttingen. Göttingen, Germany.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

10/2025 "Queer hajj: Perspectives from Malaysia and Germany", Public University Lecture Series (Hochschulöffentliche Ringvorlesung), FAU

09/2024 "Queering pilgrimage in Germany: Spiritual mobility as alternative routes to Mecca", Conference "Queer worldmaking amidst and beyond religious conservatism", FAU

05/2022 „Queer Muslim Pilgrimage in Malaysia: Unsichtbare Mobilität." Conference "Im/Mobilities in Southeast Asia" of the working group "Southeast Asia" der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie (DGSKA), Heidelberg.

06/2019 *Abaya*, veil, handsocks: Embodying femininity and spirituality after pilgrimage. Paper presented at the International Workshop "Gender, Fashion, and Embodiment in Islam". Hamburg, Germany

06/2018 Unsichtbare Farben, sichtbares Schwarz: Die arabische abaya als körperlicher Ausdruck von Religiosität in Malaysia. [*Invisible colours, visible Black: The Arabic abaya as embodied expression of religiosity in Malaysia*]. Paper presented at the Interim Conference of the German Anthropological Association's "Southeast Asia Study Group". Heidelberg, Germany

06/2017 Migrations, Mobilities and Intersectionalities: Feminist Scaling of Transnational Family Negotiations (together with Dr. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri). Paper presented at the Tenth Global Studies Conference: Global Mobilities. Singapore

03/2016 Personelle Nachhaltigkeit in der Lehre [*Personnel sustainability in teaching*] (together with Georg Jongmanns). Paper presented at the Symposium "Funding programmes and sustainability in the field of teaching and learning". Hanover, Germany

11/2014 Touristic Mobility: Negotiating "Modernity" through Gender Religion in Malaysia and the Arabian Peninsula. Paper presented at the Colloquium of the Department for South East Languages & Cultures, University of Hamburg. Hamburg, Germany

10/2013 Ethnologie ohne Gender? Modernität in Malaysia ist weiblich! [*Cultural anthropology without gender? In Malaysia modernity is feminine!*]. Paper presented at the Conference of the German Anthropological Association (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde). Mainz, Germany

07/2013 Educational Migration and Gender: Perspectives from Malaysia and Singapore. Paper presented at the Conference of the European Association for South East Asian Studies (EuroSEAS). Lisbon, Portugal

03/2013 Education, Migration, Gender: Policies of Education in Malaysia and Singapore. Paper presented at The Global Summit on Education. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

02/2013 Gender and the Body in Transnational Space: Female Educational Migrants from Malaysia in Singapore. Conference "Time, Space & the Body". Sydney, Australia

11/2012 Trans- und interdisziplinäre Überlegungen: Migration und Geschlecht im regionalen Kontext Malaysias und Singapurs [*Trans- and Interdisciplinary Considerations on Migration and Gender in the Regional Context of Malaysia and Singapore*]. Paper presented at the Symposium of the network "Women and Gender Studies NRW". Essen, Germany

11/2011 Gendered and Ethnic Processes of Identification through Educational Migration from Malaysia to Singapore. Paper presented at the International Young Scholars Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

07/2011 Geschlechtsspezifische und ethnische Identifikationsprozesse durch Bildungsmigration von Malaysia nach Singapur [*Gender-specific and Ethnic Processes of Identification through Educational Migration from Malaysia to Singapore*]. Conference of the German Anthropological Association. Vienna, Austria

09/2011 Geschlecht, Migration und Bildung im Kontext des multikulturellen Malaysias [*Gender, Migration, and Education in the Context of Multicultural Malaysia*]. Paper presented at the Summer School of the German Anthropological Association.

SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Laila Borrie "Butchphobia and the anti-masculine turn in queer and lesbian spaces: Queerness, Migration and Masculinity intersect in a global context", University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology, first supervisor

Sumiya Mahmud "Transnational Homemaking among Bangladeshi Migrants across Continents: Gendered and religious perspectives", University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology, first supervisor

Ana Mattioli "Transclass – Class trajectories among Trans* people in Barcelona", Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, first supervisor

Junyan Zhou "On Care Dynamics between Chinese Transmigrants and their Families", University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology, first supervisor

Yanyi Zheng "Digital Nomads in a Globalized World. Perspectives on Space and Place-making in Mobile Contexts", University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology, first supervisor

Anwar Masduki "Ziarah Wali: An Inquiry of Contemporary Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism in Indonesia", University of Groningen, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Second supervisor (First supervision: Marjo Buitelaar).