

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

01/2016–08/2019 PhD Student, Chair for History of the Modern World, ETH Zurich (until 08/2016 University of Berne)

PhD Title: Tensions of Transport: Human Portage and State Formation in Colonial East Africa, c. 1890–1914

Advisors: Prof. Harald Fischer-Tiné (ETH Zurich), Prof. Michelle R. Moyd (Indiana University, Bloomington), Prof. Andreas Eckert (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Recommended for distinction (best 8% of doctoral theses)

2015 Master Degree (M.A.) in Modern History, University of Heidelberg

Grade: Very Good with Distinction (1,0)

2012 Bachelor Degree (B.A.) in Medieval and Modern History & Political Science, University of Heidelberg

Grade: Very Good (1,5)

2009 Abitur

WORK EXPERIENCE

11–12/2023 Visiting Fellow, Käte Hamburger Research Centre “Dis:connectivity in Processes of Globalisation”, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

since 01/2021 Research Fellow in Transregional & Global History, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC

09/2019–08/2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Weber Program, European University Institute, Florence

- 09/2016–08/2019 Research Assistant, Chair for History of the Modern World,
ETH Zurich
- 01–08/2016 Doctoral Fellow, Institute of History, University of Berne

AWARDS

- 2021 Walter-Markov-Prize of the European Network in Universal and Global
History (ENIUGH)

GRANTS OBTAINED

- 2024 Funding for an international academic event, DFG: 6.000 €
- 2022 Funding for an international academic event, DFG
(with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş & Mario Peters): 9.500 €
- 2019–20 Max Weber Fellowship Grant for 12 months,
European University Institute, Florence: 24.000 €
- 2016 PhD Fellowship Grant for 12 months, University of Berne: ca. 39.000 €

PUBLICATIONS

- Monograph Human Porterage and Colonial State Formation in German East Africa,
1880s–1914. Tensions of Transport, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.
- Editorship Wings of Globalization? New Approaches to the History of Commercial
Aviation, 1920s–2020s, Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2026 (with
Stefan Rinke).
- Concrete Dreams. Urban Infrastructure and the Regulation of Human
Behavior in the Global Twentieth Century, Special Issue, Bulletin of the
German Historical Institute, forthcoming 2025 (with Jan Hansen &
Paul Lerner).
- Roads to Exclusion. Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures
since the 19th Century, Special Issue, The Journal of Transport History,
45.3, 2024 (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters & Roland
Wenzlhuemer).
- Colonial Baggage. Global Tourism in the Age of Empires, 1870s–1970s,
Special Issue, Itinerario. Journal of Imperial and Global Interactions,
43.3, 2024 (with Mikko Toivanen).

Rethinking Cross-Border Connections, Special Issue, Bulletin of the German Historical Institute 70, 2022 (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters & Roland Wenzlhuemer).

Articles

Turbulent Takeoff—Hard Landing: Junkers, Imperial Airways, and the Challenges of Early Commercial Aviation in Iran, 1923–1932, in: Enterprise & Society, 2025 FirstView: <https://doi.org/10.1017/eso.2024.48> (peer-reviewed).

Vorposten für das Amerikanische Jahrhundert: Arbeit und Ausgrenzung an Pan American Airways' liberianischen Flughäfen während des Zweiten Weltkriegs, Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft 72.4, 2024, 299–320.

Roads to Exclusion: Introduction, in: The Journal of Transport History, 45.3, 2024, 634–645 (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters & Roland Wenzlhuemer).

Colonial Baggage: An Introduction, in: Itinerario. Journal of Imperial and Global Interactions, 43.3, 2024, 223–234 (with Mikko Toivanen).

Colonial Schemes and African Realities: Vernacular Infrastructure and the Limits of Road Building in German East Africa, in: The Journal of African History 63.3, 2022, 328–347 (peer-reviewed).

Rethinking Cross-Border Connections. An Introduction, in: Bulletin of the German Historical Institute 70, 2022, 3–11 (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters & Roland Wenzlhuemer).

Staatliches Handeln als Balanceakt. Aushandlung kolonialer Gestaltungsmacht am Beispiel des Karawanenhandels in Deutsch-Ostafrika, in: Saeculum. Zeitschrift für Universalgeschichte 72.2, 2022, 293–323.

Aviation History and Global History. Towards a Research Agenda for the Interwar Period, in: Bulletin of the German Historical Institute 69, 2022, 123–150.

„Those Were Difficult Days Indeed“. Transport Labour in German East Africa's State-Organized Caravans, in: Comparativ. Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung 32.2, 2022, 172–189.

Revisiting a Colonial Landmark. Caravanserais as Tools of Urban Transformation in Early Colonial Tanzania, in: Journal of Eastern African Studies 15.4, 2021, 685–706 (peer-reviewed).

Bio-Engineering across Empires. Mapping the Global Microhistory of Zebra Domestication in Colonial East Africa, in: *Journal of World History* 32.1, 2021, 127–159 (peer-reviewed).

Book Chapters

Globalization by Air: American Aviation in the 20th Century, in: Middell, Matthias et al. (eds.): *Handbook of American Globalization*, forthcoming (with Marie Huber).

Transport, in: Balme, Christopher/Dogramaci, Burcu/Wenzlhuemer, Roland (eds.): *Dis:connectivity in Processes of Globalisation. Concepts, Terms and Practices*, forthcoming (with Mario Peters).

Global Aviation, 1910s to Today, in: Middell, Matthias (eds.): *Handbook of Global History*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş).

Intersecting Infrastructures. Imperial Technology and East African Transport Labour, c. 1900, in: Burchardt, Marian/van Laak, Dirk (eds.): *Making Spaces through Infrastructure. Visions, Technologies, and Tensions*, Berlin: De Gruyter, 2023, 21–42.

Permanente Krisen. Opposition, Kooperation & Konkurrenz ostafrikanischer Träger in europäischen Expeditionen, in: Malzner, Sonja/Peiter, Anne (Hrsg.): *Der Träger: Zu einer ‚tragenden‘ Figur der Kolonialgeschichte*, Bielefeld: transcript, 2018, 181–204.

Reviews &
Conference Reports

Review Essay: On the Road: New Approaches to Infrastructure and Society, in: *Contemporary European History*, 2025 FirstView: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0960777325000177>.

Review: Porter, Eric: *A People's History of SFO: The Making of the Bay Area and an Airport*, Oakland: University of California Press, 2023, in: *Journal of Tourism History*, 17.1, 2025, 90–92.

Review: Oestermann, Tristan: *Kautschuk und Arbeit in Kamerun unter deutscher Kolonialherrschaft 1880–1913*, Vienna: Böhlau, 2022, in: *H-Soz-Kult*, 2014, URL: <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-138347>.

Report: *Concrete Dreams: Infrastructure and the Regulation of Behavior in the Global Twentieth Century*, *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 72, 2023 (with Paul Lerner & Jan Hansen).

Review: Lamarque, Hugh/Nugent, Paul (eds.): *Transport Corridors in Africa*, Martlesham: Boydell & Brewer, 2022, in: *Connections. A Journal for Historians and Area Specialists*, 2023, URL: www.connections.clio-online.net/publicationreview/id/reb-129936.

Review: Beese, Sebastian: Experten der Erschließung. Akteure der deutschen Kolonialtechnik in Afrika und Europa 1890–1943, Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2021, in: Central European History 56.1, 2023, 114–116.

Review: Zimmerer, Jürgen/Todzi, Kim S. (eds.): Hamburg: Tor zur kolonialen Welt. Erinnerungsorte der (post-)kolonialen Globalisierung, Göttingen: Wallstein, 2021, in: German History 40.3, 2022, 449–451.

Review: Brescius, Moritz von: German Science in the Age of Empire. Enterprise, Opportunity and the Schlagintweit Brothers, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019, in: sehepunkte 21.1, 2021, URL: <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2021/01/33144.html>.

Review: Wisnicki, Adrian S.: Fieldwork of Empire, 1840–1900. Intercultural Dynamics in the Production of British Expeditionary Literature, London: Routledge, 2019, in: H-Soz-Kult, 2019, URL: <http://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-28652>.

Review: Bauche, Manuela: Medizin und Herrschaft. Malariabekämpfung in Kamerun, Ostafrika und Ostfriesland (1890–1919), Frankfurt/Main: Campus, 2017, in: Gesnerus: Swiss Journal of the History of Medicine and Sciences, 76.1, 2019, 116–117.

Review: Schillings, Pascal: Der letzte weiße Flecken. Europäische Antarktisreisen um 1900, Göttingen: Wallstein, 2016, in: sehepunkte 17.6, 2017, URL: <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2017/06/28953.html>.

TEACHING

2025/2026	Between Science and Security. Global Dual-Use-Politics, 1890s–1990s, M.A. seminar, Free University of Berlin
2024/2025	The Interwar World. Connections and Disruptions in the 1920s & 1930s, M.A. seminar, Free University of Berlin
2022/2023	Das Deutsche Kaiserreich in globalhistorischer Perspektive, B.A. seminar, University of Trier
2019/2020	Empires in Modern History, wöchentliches Seminar für Doctoral seminar (co-teacher), European University Institute Florence
2018	Geschichte und Philosophie des Wissens. Zielsetzungen, Methoden, Arbeitstechniken, M.A. seminar (co-teacher), ETH Zurich
2018	Zwischen Afrika und Arktis. Globalhistorische Perspektiven auf Forschungsexpeditionen seit ca. 1800, B.A. & M.A. seminar, ETH Zurich

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

- 2024 International Conference: Wings of Globalization? New Approaches to the History of Commercial Aviation, 1920s–2020s, Washington DC, 1 to 2 November 2024 (with Stefan Rinke, FU Berlin, and Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum).
- 2023 International Workshop: Concrete Dreams. Infrastructure and the Regulation of Behavior in the Global Twentieth Century, Los Angeles, 14 to 15 May 2023 (with Paul Lerner & Jan Hansen, University of Southern California).
- 2022 International Conference: Roads to Exclusion. Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructure since 1800, Washington DC, 8 to 10 September 2022 (with Roland Wenzlhuemer, LMU Munich, Mario Peters, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, GHI).
- 2021 International Workshop: Colonial Baggage. Global Tourism in the Age of Empires, 1840s–1970s, Munich [online], 18 to 19 November 2021 (with Mikko Toivanen, LMU Munich).
- 2020 International Workshop: Changing Track. Redirecting Research on Colonial Railways in Africa, c. 1880–1960, Florence [online], 9 November 2020 (with Friedrich Ammermann, EUI).

ORGANIZED CONFERENCE PANELS

- 2025 Luftkrieg, Recht und Macht. Ein Forschungsgespräch über technologischen Wandel und Rüstungskontrolle, 55. Deutscher Historikertag 2025, 16 to 19 September 2025 (with Anna Ferl and Daniel Stahl).
- 2024 Challenging Imperial Infrastructures from Below: Sovereign States, Local Entrepreneurs, and Workers, Annual Meeting of the Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (T²M), Leipzig, 23 to 25 September 2024 (with Jordi Tejel).
- 2024 Spreading Wings. U.S. Aviation and the Expansion of Global Airborne Infrastructure in the 20th Century, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 4 to 7 January 2024 (with Marie Huber).
- 2023 Innovation for the Imperial Endgame. Technology, Infrastructure, and the Dynamics of Empires at their Apex, 1920s–1940s, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, Long Beach, 26 to 29 October 2023 (with Andrew Denning).

- 2023 Under Maintenance. Contested Histories of Transport Infrastructure, 7. European Congress on World and Global History, Leiden, 29 June to 1 July 2023 (with Olivier Keller).
- 2023 Infrastructure, Knowledge, and US Imperialism in the Americas, c. 1890–1970, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 5 to 8 January 2023 (with Mario Peters).
- 2019 Paving Roads over well-trodden Paths? The (Dis-)Use of Everyday Infrastructure from pre- to post-colonial Africa, 1800s to present, 8th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Edinburgh, 11 to 14 June 2019 (with Robert Heinze).
- 2019 Pursuing Private Goals, Negotiating Constraints. Non-State Actors, Wealth and Colonialism(s) in African History, Schweizerische Geschichtstage, Zurich, 5 to 7 June 2019 (with Kai Herzog).

TALKS (SELECTION)

- 05/2025 Transnationale Zugänge zur Geschichte der frühen kommerziellen Luftfahrt: Konkurrenz und Kooperation in der Erschließung des Nordatlantikverkehrs der Zwischenkriegszeit, Workshop Unternehmensgeschichte(n) der Zivilluftfahrt, Frankfurt, 16 May 2025.
- 12/2024 Expanding Imperial Infrastructure into Sovereign Skies: Persia and Siam as Opponents, Facilitators, and Beneficiaries of Imperial Aviation, 1920s–1930s, Workshop Backstages of Globalization, ZZF Potsdam, 28 to 29 November 2024.
- 01/2024 Public-Private Partnerships in the Air. Airline Cooperation and U.S. Diplomacy in the Development of the First Transatlantic Air Route, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 4 to 7 January 2024.
- 12/2023 In the Air and on the Ground: Uncovering the Local and Global Layers of Civil Aviation in the Interwar Years, Research Seminar of SFB 1199: Processes of Spatialisation under the Global Condition, Leipzig University, 6 December 2023.
- 12/2023 Aviation History and Global History. Towards a Research Agenda for the Interwar Period, Global History Research Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin, 4 December 2023.
- 11/2023 Global Aviation Networks in the Interwar Period. A Smaller World... or Just Faster?, Colloquium of the Käthe Hamburger Research Centre "Dis:connectivity in Processes of Globalisation", Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 28 November 2023.

- 10/2023 Cooperation and Competition in the Air. Imperial Airlines en route to the Far East, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, Long Beach, 26 to 29 October 2023.
- 10/2023 Hangars in Dschungel und Wüste. Reparatur und Wartung von Flugzeugtechnik im interkontinentalen Flugverkehr der Zwischenkriegszeit, Symposium of the "Forschungsnetzwerks für Verkehrspilotenausbildung", Bremen [online], 5 to 6 October 2023.
- 07/2023 Putting the Global History of Aviation in Local Perspective. Labor and Maintenance work on the Airfields of Pan American Airways, 7. European Congress on World and Global History, Leiden, 29 June to 1 July 2023.
- 01/2023 Grounding Aviation Knowledge. Pan American Airways' Airfields as Sites of Knowledge Production and Transfer, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 5 to 8 January 2023.
- 10/2022 Imperiale Luftfahrtnetzwerke. Eine Globalgeschichte der Zwischenkriegszeit, Modern History Research Seminar, University of Cologne [online], 18 October 2022.
- 06/2022 Cleared to Land. Pan American Airways' Airfields as Imperial Contact Zones, Conference Fractured Skies. Civil Aviation and the Global South, Berlin [online], 28 to 29 June 2022.
- 05/2022 Aviation History and Global History. Towards a Research Agenda for the Interwar Period, Colloquium of the Balzan-FRIAS Project in Global History (Prof. Osterhammel & Prof. Gänger) [online], 10 May 2022.
- 11/2021 A Tale of Two Cities, c. 1900: Infrastructure Divestment as Tool of Spatial Transformation in Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo, The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic, and Mobility (T2M) Conference, Lisbon [online], 3 to 5 November 2021.
- 05/2021 Of Bodies and Buildings. Caravanserais as Tools of Urban Transformation in Early Colonial Tanzania, German History Research Group, University of Cambridge [online], 13 May 2021.
- 05/2021 Tensions of Transport. Caravan Trade and Colonial Transformation in German East Africa, Workshop Colonial Capitalism in Action. The New Social and Economic History of German Colonialism, University of Hamburg [online], 5 to 7 May 2021.
- 11/2020 Challenging Infrastructure on the Ground. African Agency and the Limits of Colonial Development, c. 1900, Workshop Logistical Power. Infrastructures and State Formation Beyond the Nation State, TU Munich [online], 27 to 28 November 2020.

- 02/2020 Global Zebra Crossings: Animal Trade and its Logistical Networks in the Age of Empire”, Workshop Logistical Natures. Trade, Traffics and Transformations in Natural History Collecting, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, 13 to 14 February 2020.
- 06/2019 The Roads not Taken. African Agency and the Limits of Colonial Infrastructure Development, European Conference on African Studies, Edinburgh, 11 to 14 June 2019.
- 06/2017 On the Road. Life, Networks, and Diasporas of Caravan Porters in Nineteenth Century East Africa, European Conference on African Studies, Basel, 29 June to 1 July 2017.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2024 Interview with TerraX History Podcast (ZDF) on early aviation
- 01/2021–01/2024 Editor of the Blog Migrant Knowledge, URL: <https://migrantknowledge.org/>
- 2022 Organization of the evening event (Im)Mobile While Black. Narratives of Race & Movement in the United States, Goethe-Institut Washington, 9 September 2022 (with Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş & Mario Peters)
- 2022 Organization of the Public Lecture Series Not the Usual Suspects. Everyday Agents of Globalization in the Twentieth Century (with Mario Peters)
- 2018 Public Lecture Verflochtenes Afrika, Johann Jacobs Museum Zurich, 4 November 2018
- 2018 Invited Speaker Im Fokus – Herausforderung Feldstudie? Ergebnisse und Darstellungsmodelle auf Expeditionen mit erschwerten Bedingungen, ETH-Bibliothek Zurich, 13 June 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- since 2023 Sprecher der Wissenschaftlichen Mitarbeiter*innen (Scientific Staff Representative), GHI Washington
- since 2019 Peer reviews for Journal of Modern European History, De Gruyter, Tanzania Zamani, Progress in Human Geography, Journal of Transport History