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## FIELDS OF RESEARCH

History of modern Europe, esp. Germany and Turkey  
Global and International History (19th-21st Centuries)  
International organizations and internationalism  
Mobility/Border Studies  
History of migration and aviation

## LANGUAGES

German, English, Turkish, French

## DEGREES

- 2018                    **PhD in History, Faculty of Philosophy, Heidelberg University**  
summa cum laude, dissertation: *Die Neue Türkei in der internationalen Organisation. Nationsbildung als verflochtener Ordnungsprozess*, supervisors: Madeleine Herren, Kerstin von Lingen
- 2013                    **M.A. in Global History, Heidelberg University**  
Master thesis: *Die Kontrolle der Tropen. Tropenmedizin, Internationalismus und Imperialpolitik vor dem Ersten Weltkrieg*, supervisors: Madeleine Herren, Roland Wenzlhuemer
- 2010                    **B.A. in History (major) and Sociology (minor), Heidelberg University**  
Bachelor thesis: *'A Mission of Usefulness in the Colony': Zum Zusammenspiel von Botanischer Wissenschaft und Kolonialismus am Beispiel der Aburi Botanic Gardens*, supervisors: Madeleine Herren, Isabella Löhr

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Since 2020                    **German Historical Institute Washington**  
Research Fellow for Global/Transregional History
- 2016-2020                    **University of Kiel, Department of History**  
Lecturer and Research Fellow
- 2015                        **Orient-Institut Istanbul**  
Short-term Visiting Fellow
- 2015                        **University of Chicago, Department of History**  
Guest Student Lecturer, Undergraduate Program International Studies

2013-2016	<b>Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Heidelberg</b> PhD candidate and member in the project A13 Subaltern Diplomacy 1930-60
2012-2013	<b>German Embassy and German Academic Exchange Service, Ankara</b> Internships
2010-2012	<b>Springer International Publishing, Heidelberg</b> Copy Editing Assistant
2009-2012	<b>Heidelberg University, Department of History</b> Tutor (Teaching Assistant)
2008-2009	<b>DFG SPP Integration and Disintegration of Civilizations in the European Middle Ages, Heidelberg University</b> Student Assistant

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, *Verflochtene Nationsbildung. Die Neue Türkei und der Völkerbund, 1918-38* (Studien zur Internationalen Geschichte 48), Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2020.

Reviewed by Christian Lekon, in: *Zeitschrift für Weltgeschichte* 22/1-2, 2021, S. 378-382.

Reviewed by Sabine Mangold-Will, in: *Historische Zeitschrift* 312/2 (2021), S. 565-567.

Reviewed by Berna Pekesen, in: *H-Soz-Kult*, 14.07.2021.

### Book series

*Transatlantic Historical Studies/Transatlantische Historische Studien*, book series edited by Axel Jansen, Casey Sutcliffe, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters, Claudia Rösch Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, since 2020

### Edited issues and volumes

In progress: “Navigating In-Betweenness. Jewish Refugees in Global Transit,” special issue, *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* (2024), guest-edited by Simone Lässig, Anna-Carolin Augustin, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, and Swen Steinberg.

In progress: “Roads to Exclusion. Socio-spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since the 19th Century”, special issue, *Journal of Transport History* (2024), guest-edited by Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters, and Roland Wenzlhuemer.

In progress: *Diplomatie in Gesellschaft* (Cache series), ed. Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş and Britta-Marie Schenk, Zurich: Intercom (2024).

“Rethinking Crossborder Connections,” special issue, *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington* 71 (2022), guest-edited by Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters, and Roland Wenzlhuemer.

“Situating Internationalism 1919-1940s,” special issue, *New Global Studies* 10/3 (2016), guest-edited by Benjamin Auberer, Timo Holste, and Carolin Liebisch.

### Articles

Upcoming: “Im Drehkreuz. Konflikte um Asyl und Zurückweisungen am Frankfurter Flughafen (1980-1995),” *Zeithistorische Forschungen/Studies in Contemporary History* (2023)

“Transitzone,” in *Inventar der Migrationsbegriffe*, ed. Inken Bartels, Isabella Löhr, Christiane Reinecke, Philipp Schäfer, Laura Stielike, July 5, 2023, <http://www.migrationsbegriffe.de/transitzone>

“Fiction and Filter: The Emergence of Airport Transit Zones in the Twentieth Century,” in *Making Spaces through Infrastructure: Visions, Technologies, and Tensions*, ed. Marian Burchardt and Dirk van Laak, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2023, 169-192.

with Alp Yenen, “Petitions, Propaganda, and Plots: Transnational Dynamics of Diplomacy During the Turkish War of Independence,” *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 25/2 (2023): 185-206.

with Andreas Greiner and Mario Peters, “Introduction. Rethinking Crossborder Connection,” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington* 71 (2022): 3-11.

“Mobilität/en und Mobilitätsgeschichte,” Version: 1.0, *Docupedia-Zeitgeschichte*, March 22, 2022, DOI: 10.14765/zzf.dok-2370.

“Nation und Globalgeschichtliche Narration,” in: *Narrative und Darstellungsweisen der Globalgeschichte* (Schriften des Historischen Kollegs), ed. Gabriele Lingelbach, München 2022, 83-100.

“Airborne Asylum. Migration by Airplane in (West) Germany, 1945-1980s,” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute Washington* 68 (2021): 39-60.

“Vielflieger als Akteure der Versicherheitlichung. Das Fallbeispiel Hamburger Flughafen, 1970er bis 1990er Jahre,” *Traverse. Zeitschrift für Geschichte/Revue d’histoire* 3 (2020): 104-119.

“Embedded Turkification. Nation Building and Violence within the Framework of the League of Nations,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 52/2 (2020): 229-244.

“Intersecting Asymmetries. Turkey’s Internationalization in the 1920s and the Limits of the Postcolonial Approach,” *AUC Studia Territorialia* 19/1 (2019): 13-41.

“Defending Turkey on Global Stages. The Young Turk Reşit Saffet’s Internationalist Strategy in 1919,” *New Global Studies* 10/3 (2016): 217-251.

with Benjamin Auberer and Timo Holste, “Editors’ Note. Situating Internationalism 1919-1940s,” *New Global Studies* 10/3 (2016): 201-216.

## **Blogs**

“Not in Their League,” *The Lausanne Project Blog*, May 6, 2022.

“Symptoms of the Jet Age. Global Air Mobility and Disease Control in the 1960s,” *History of Knowledge Blog*, February 16, 2021.

“Nation-building as Entangled History. Turkey and the League of Nations,” *TRAFÖ – Blog for Transregional Research*, December 10, 2020.

## Reviews and reports

with Leontien Potthoff, conference report: Alltagsgeschichten von Flughäfen, March 29-31, 2023, Vienna, in: *H-Soz-Kult*, June 15, 2023

Conference report: Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives, October 18-20, 2021 Berkeley (digital), *H-Soz-Kult*, April 29, 2022.

Book review: Katja Naumann, *Laboratorien der Weltgeschichtsschreibung. Lehre und Forschung an den Universitäten Chicago, Columbia und Havard 1918 bis 1968* (Göttingen: V&R, 2018), *H-Soz-Kult*, February 23, 2021.

Book review: Rohdewald, Stefan/Conermann, Stephan/Fuess, Albrecht (ed.): *Transottomanica. Osteuropäisch-osmanisch-persische Mobilitätsdynamiken. Perspektiven und Forschungsstand* (Göttingen: V&R, 2019), *Connections. A Journal for Historians and Area Specialists*, March 27, 2020.

Book review: Middell, Matthias (ed.): *The Practice of Global History. European Perspectives* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019), *Comparativ. Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und Vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung* 29/6 (2019): 130-132.

Conference report: Narrative der Globalgeschichte, May 16-18, 2019, Munich, *H-Soz-Kult*, July 3, 2019.

## CO-ORGANIZED CONFERENCES

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|------------------------|---|
| March 29-31<br>2023    | Conference <i>Alltagsgeschichten von Flughäfen</i> , Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), Vienna, organized with Nils Güttler and Britta-Marie Schenk   |
| September 8-10<br>2022 | Conference <i>Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since 1800</i> , GHI Washington, organized with Andreas Greiner, Mario Peters, and Roland Wenzlhuemer                        |
| October 25-26<br>2021  | Virtual workshop <i>Archives of Global Transit: Reconsidering Jewish Refugees from Nazi Europe</i> , GHI Washington, organized with Anna-Carolin Augustin, Simone Lässig and Swen Steinberg                       |
| December 4-6<br>2014   | Conference <i>Subversive Networks. Agents of Change in International Organizations</i> , Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Heidelberg, organized with Benjamin Auberer and Timo Holste   |
| March 21-22<br>2014    | Workshop <i>Narrating an Entangled World: to What End(s) do we Write Global History?</i> , Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Heidelberg, organized with Benjamin Auberer and Timo Holste |

## PANELS AND OTHER EVENTS

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| January 5<br>2023 | Panel "In Global Transit: Refugees and Other Forced Migrants Coping with Contingency on the Move," Joint session with the Central European History Society and the GHI Washington, <i>AHA</i> , Philadelphia |
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- October 31  
2022 “*How Germany became Heimat:*” A lunch conversation with former German MP Özcan Mutlu, Dr. Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş and Prof. Dr. Brian van Wyck on 60 years of Turkish migration in Germany, Böll-Stiftung Washington
- September 9  
2022 Film screening and discussion (*Im*)*Mobile While Black: Narratives of Race & Movement in the United States*, Goethe-Institut Washington, co-organized by the GHI Washington
- June 8, October 19  
2022 Virtual lecture series *In Global Transit: Exploring Spaces and Phases of In-betweenness*, GHI Washington
- December 6  
2021 Panel discussion *Voluminous Ventures. Writing World History in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, GHI Paris in cooperation with the GHI Washington, MIASA Accra and the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies
- November 3  
2021 Panel *Transport Networks and Histories of Exclusion (since the late 19th c.)*, virtual T2M Conference, Mobilities in Transition, Lisbon, organized with Geert Castryck, Andreas Greiner, Mario Peters and Miriam Pfordte
- October 1  
2021 Virtual panel *Migrating Space, Negotiating Identity*, German Studies Association Conference Indianapolis, chair and commentator
- September 23  
2021 Virtual panel *Mobility Infrastructure and Spatial Transformation*, conference: *Making Space through Infrastructures: Visions, Technologies and Tensions*, Leipzig University, organized with Geert Castryck, Mario Peters and Miriam Pfordte
- October 10-11  
2013 Interactive conference section *Tracing Travelling States: An Open Office Project*, conference: *Managing Empires. Cooperation, Competition, Conflict*, Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Heidelberg, organized with Benjamin Auberer and Timo Holste

## RECENT TALKS

“Transit as Underground Infrastructure: Migrants and Asylum Seekers between Istanbul and Frankfurt, 1980s to mid-1990s,” presentation, American Historical Association 136th Annual Meeting Philadelphia, January 5, 2023

“Jet Age Refugees: (West) Germany and Global Airborne Migration in the 20th Century,” virtual presentation, Colloquium Modern History, University of Kiel, December 12, 2022

“Refugee Migration via Air Routes and Airports in the Twentieth Century,” presentation, GHI Fellows’ Symposium, Washington, December 5, 2022

“Airborne escapes, grounded experiences: the beginnings of airborne refugee migration in Europe, 1938-42,” presentation, GHI Annual Board Meeting (Beiratssitzung), Washington, November 11, 2022

“Fiction and Filter: The Emergence of Airport Transit Zones in the 20th Century,” virtual presentation, Global History Colloquium, Institute for European Global Studies, Basel, October 14, 2022

“‘Wir sind ein Einwanderungsland’: Transatlantische Perspektiven auf Migration und die Aufgaben der Geschichte,” lunch talk, Cosmos Club, Washington, September 16, 2022

“Flight Routes to Asylum? Refugees from the Global South, Social Class, and the Changing Costs of Air Travel,” virtual presentation, online workshop *Fractured Skies: Civil Aviation and the Global South*, June 29, 2022

“‘In jedem Hotel in Istanbul kann man Schlepper antreffen’: Schwarzmarkt und Transitmigration, 1980er-1990er Jahre,” Colloquium at the History Department of the University Lucerne, March 15, 2022

“Gestrandet im Transit: Migration und Immobilität am Flughafen in Historischer Perspektive,” exploratory workshop: *Globale Infrastrukturen: In-/Exklusion, Dis:konnektivität*, Munich University, December 2, 2021

“Migration Control at the Ticket Desk: Carriers, Black Markets, and Air Access to Europe in the 1980s/90s,” *T2M Conference: Mobilities in Transition*, Lisbon, November 3, 2021

“Nationalist Internationalism. Revisiting Turkey’s Entry into the League of Nations,” lecture series: *Turkey and Southeast Europe in the Interwar Period*, Institut für Orientalistik, University of Vienna, October 13, 2021

“Detention, Deportation, Contestation. Micropolitics of Forced Return at Frankfurt Airport in the 1980s and 1990s,” *German Studies Association Conference*, Indianapolis, October 3, 2021

“Airport Infrastructure as Border Infrastructure: Transit Zones as a Spatial Format of the later 20th Century,” conference: *Making Space through Infrastructures: Visions, Technologies and Tensions*, Leipzig University, September 23, 2021

“Luftwege als Fluchtwege: Jüdische Flüchtlinge und DPs in den 1930/40ern, Colloquium Modern History, University of Kiel, June 28, 2021

“Entangled Skies, Contested Grounds. The Jet Age in Global Studies,” job talk lecture for the Junior Professorship Global Studies, Leipzig University, June 14, 2021 (ranked second)

“Asyl im Zwischenstopp. Flugrouten und Transitzonen in der deutschen Migrationsgeschichte,” Kolloquium der Lehrstühle für Neuere und Neueste Geschichte und Wirtschafts-, Sozial- und Umweltgeschichte, Freiburg University, May 20, 2021

“Historicizing Immigration Control at Airports: The Case of Frankfurt,” Research Seminar, GHI Washington, October 7, 2020

“Turkish Nation Building through the Lens of the League of Nations,” conference *A Century of Internationalisms. The Promise and Legacies of the League of Nations*, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon, September 19, 2019

“Pamphlet Wars for Asia Minor. Ottoman Activists, Ethno-Nationalism, and the Meaning of the Mandate System in Turkey,” conference: *The Making of a World Order: A Reappraisal of the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles*, American University in Paris, May 5, 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Heidelberg University, History Department

- 2009-2011 'Ein Platz an der Sonne': Afrika und der deutsche Kolonialismus (undergraduate seminar, teaching assistant to Dominik Schaller)
- Globalgeschichte des Ersten Weltkrieges (undergraduate seminar, teaching assistant to Dominik Schaller)
- Globalgeschichte des Faschismus (undergraduate seminar, teaching assistant to Dominik Schaller)
- Zwischen Widerstand und Kollaboration: Afrikanische Handlungsstrategien im Kolonialismus (undergraduate seminar, teaching assistant to Caroline Authaler)
- 2014/15 Die Entstehung der modernen Türkei aus globalhistorischer Perspektive (undergraduate/graduate course)

### University of Chicago, Undergraduate Program in International Studies

- 2015 The League of Nations and the Reordering of the Middle East (undergraduate seminar)

### University of Kiel, History Department

- 2016/17 Deutschland und der Völkermord an den Armeniern von 1915 bis in die Gegenwart (undergraduate/graduate seminar)
- Bürokratisierte Weltordnung – internationalistische Utopie: Der Völkerbund, 1919-46 (undergraduate seminar)
- Bagdadbahn und Türkenfieber: eine transnationale Geschichte deutsch-osmanischer Beziehungen vom 19. Jh. bis in den Ersten Weltkrieg (undergraduate seminar)
- 2017 Eine universale Moral? Internationale Menschenrechtspolitik 1945-90 (undergraduate seminar)
- Das Jahrhundert der Völkermorde: Massengewalt im 20. Jahrhundert (undergraduate seminar)
- 2017/18 Kolonialgeschichtliche Spurensuche in Kiel (graduate project class incl. excursion to the Municipal Archives Kiel)
- Das Auswärtige Amt, 1870-1999 (undergraduate seminar)
- Quellen zur Neuen Diplomatiegeschichte (source reading course)
- 2018 Theorien und Methoden der Globalgeschichte (graduate theory and methodology course)
- Zwischen Furcht und Faszinosum. Osmanenbilder in Europa vom Mittelalter bis zur Neuzeit (source reading course, co-teaching with Rike Szill)

Humanitärer Internationalismus im 19. Jahrhundert. Die Rotkreuz- und Rothalbmond-Bewegung (undergraduate/graduate seminar)

Hamburg als globale Hafenstadt im Kontext des deutschen Kolonialismus (undergraduate/graduate seminar incl. excursion to Hamburg and cooperation with AK Hamburg Postkolonial)

2018/19 Geschichte des Rassismus (undergraduate seminar)

Der Erste Weltkrieg und die Kolonien (undergraduate seminar)

2019 Täter und Täterinnen des Holocaust (undergraduate seminar)

Diderot in Istanbul lesen. Aufklärungsrezeption im Osmanischen Reich des 18./19. Jahrhunderts (source reading course)

Warten und Weiterreisen. Transitorte in historischer Perspektive (undergraduate/graduate seminar)

Kiel, Kamerun und zurück: Ein Projekt zur Digitalisierung kolonialer Reiseberichte (graduate digital humanities project course, co-teaching with Swantje Piotrowski)

Deutsche Migrationsgeschichte(n) nach 1945 (undergraduate/graduate excursion to the exhibition ‘#Meinwanderungsland’, in cooperation with Dokumentationszentrum und Museum über die Migration in Deutschland e.V.)

2019/20 Deutsche Kolonialgeschichte im langen 19. Jahrhundert (two undergraduate seminars A+B)

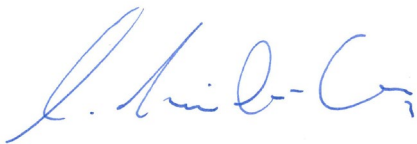
‘Grabe, wo du stehst’. NS-Erinnerungen in Familien nach 1945 (graduate project course, co-teaching with Britta-Marie Schenk, incl. excursions to the Gedenkstätte Neuengamme, Werkstatt der Erinnerung at FZH Hamburg and to the exhibition ‘War mein Opa Nazi?’, Flandernbunker Kiel)

2020 Asylpolitik und -debatten nach 1945 (virtual undergraduate seminar)

Flughäfen in der Globalgeschichte (virtual undergraduate seminar)

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