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Biographical Summary

Albert Manke is a historian of Latin American and Global History, specializing in transpacific and inter-American entanglements and the history of the Cold War with a focus on Cuba, Mexico, the Philippines, and California. He is particularly interested in migrant networks, exclusion and coping strategies, as well as in the agency-centered histories of resistance and social movements in the Americas. His first book, *El Pueblo Cubano en Armas* (2014, published in German) shows how different sectors of the Cuban society mobilized to defend the Cuban revolution of 1959 and significantly contributes to disentangling the dynamics between control exercised by the Castro government from above and agency from below. Following his subsequent research on Asian migrant groups in the Americas and on the Cold War on a more global scale, he has published articles and co-edited volumes on transnational engagements across the Pacific and the Atlantic – between Asia, the Americas, and Europe. His current research project looks at Chinese migrant networks in the Americas and places their strategies to cope with exclusion on center stage. It thus highlights their capacity of resiliency that could lead to the creation of spheres of mutual support and even conviviality in oftentimes not particularly welcoming host societies.

From 2013 to 2015, Albert Manke was the co-director of the University of Cologne Forum “Ethnicity as a Political Resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe”, funded by the German Initiative for Excellence. From 2015 to 2016, he was a Principal Investigator at the Global South Studies Center Cologne and member of its research area Citizenship and Migration. In 2016, he started working as a Postdoc in the Center for InterAmerican Studies’ project “The Americas as Space of Entanglement” at Bielefeld University. From 2017 to 2018, he conducted research at UC Berkeley as the first Postdoc Tandem Fellow in the History of Migration of the GHI’s Pacific Regional Office (PRO). In 2019, he joined GHI again at PRO Berkeley as a postdoctoral researcher in the project “[Interaction and Knowledge in the Pacific Region: Entanglements and Disentanglements](#)” which is part of the Max Weber Foundation’s large-scale research project “[Knowledge Unbound](#).”

Main Areas of Interest

- Migration in an entangled inter-American and transpacific perspective
- Exclusion, racism, xenophobia, and migrant's coping strategies
- Latin America's Cold War History in an inter-American and global perspective
- Social movements, resistance and revolutions in Latin America
- History of Cuba

GHI Research Project

- "Coping with Exclusion: Chinese Migrant Networks in the Americas and Across the Pacific in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century"

Professional Positions

Since 09/2019	Research Fellow, Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington, University of California, Berkeley
2016-2019	Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer, Department of Ibero-American History / Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld University
2009-2016	Assistant Professor, Department of Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne
2008	Lecturer, Department of Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne
2007	Senior Expert, Museo de las Memorias: Dictadura y Derechos Humanos en Paraguay, Asunción
2004-2006	Freelance Collaborator, NS Documentation Center, Cologne

Education

2014	Ph.D. in Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne
2004-2011	Doctoral Studies, University of Cologne, Instituto de Historia de Cuba, University of Pittsburgh, Florida International University, et al.
2002	M.A. in Spanish Philology, Philosophy and Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne

Fellowships

2017-2018	Postdoctoral Tandem Fellowship in the History of Migration, GHI / PRO Berkeley, Volkswagen Foundation
2014	Publishing grant, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
2007-2009	Doctoral fellowship, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
2006-2007	Doctoral research stipend, German Academic Exchange Service
2005	Doctoral research stipend, German Academic Exchange Service
1998-1999	Sokrates/Lingua fellowship, European Commission

Publications

Monographs and Edited Volumes

- *Coping with Discrimination and Exclusion: Experiences of Free Chinese Migrants in the Americas in a Transregional and Diachronic Perspective.* (Inter-American Studies, 32) Trier: WVT / New Orleans: University of New Orleans Press, 2021.
- *Haciendo frente a la discriminación y a la exclusión: Las experiencias de migrantes chinos libres en las Américas desde una perspectiva transregional y diacrónica.* (Ensayos InterAmericanos, 5) Bielefeld: Kipu, 2020. [Open access](#)
(Edited with Julia Roth). *América Latina: respuestas populares a la crisis.* Tema Central de Nueva Sociedad 273 (enero-febrero 2018). [Open access](#)
- (Edited with Kateřina Březinová). *Kleinstaat und sekundäre Akteure im Kalten Krieg: Politische, wirtschaftliche, militärische und kulturelle Wechselbeziehungen zwischen Europa und Lateinamerika.* Bielefeld: Transcript, 2016.
- Edited as member of University of Cologne 'Ethnicity as a Political Resource.' *Conceptualizing Ethnicity as a Political Resource – Across Disciplines, Regions, and Periods.* Bielefeld: Transcript, 2015. [Open access](#)
- *El pueblo cubano en armas. Die Revolutionären Nationalmilizen und die Verteidigung der kubanischen Revolution von 1959.* (Historamericana, 35) Stuttgart: Heinz, 2014.

Articles and Book Chapters

- "Dynamics of Exclusion and Xenophobia against Free Chinese Migrants in the Americas in the Modern Age." *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 66 (Spring 2020). [forthcoming]
- "The Impact of the 1949 Chinese Revolution on a Latin American Chinese Community: Shifting Power Relations in Havana's Chinatown." *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional* 61:2, e007 (2018). [Open access](#)
- (With Julia Roth). "¿Qué crisis y qué respuestas? Pensar las crisis en su contexto sociohistórico", in: *Nueva Sociedad* 273 (enero-febrero de 2018): 34-43. [Open access](#)
- "Historias entrelazadas de la Guerra Fría global: El impacto de la revolución china en América Latina." In *Historia global y circulación de saberes en Iberoamérica, siglos XVI-XXI*, ed. David G.

- Díaz Arias and Ronny J. Viales Hurtado. San José: Universidad de Costa Rica, Vicerrectoría de Investigación, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central, 2018, 111-130.
- (With Kateřina Březinová and Laurin Blecha). "Conceptual Readings into the Cold War: Towards Transnational Approaches from the Perspective of Latin American Studies in Eastern and Western Europe." *Revista Estudios Históricos* 30:60 (2017), 203-218. [Open access](#)
 - "La reformulación de los conceptos de ciudadanía, patriotismo y cubanidad en los comienzos de la revolución cubana de 1959." In *Identidades Nacionales en América Latina: discursos, saberes, representaciones*, ed. by Katharina Motzkau, Vanessa Höse, and Antonio Sáez-Arance. (Historamericana, 39). Stuttgart: Heinz, 2017, 107-123.
 - "Etnización y revolución: La lucha por el poder entre los inmigrantes chinos en Cuba durante la Guerra Fría." *Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas – Anuario de Historia de América Latina* 53:1 (December 2016), 353-374.
 - "Waffen für ein revolutionäres Kuba: Kuba und die Tschechoslowakei, der Beginn einer neuen transatlantischen Allianz im Kalten Krieg." In *Kleinststaaten und sekundäre Akteure im Kalten Krieg: Politische, wirtschaftliche, militärische und kulturelle Wechselbeziehungen zwischen Europa und Lateinamerika*, ed. by Albert Manke and Kateřina Březinová. Bielefeld: Transcript, 2016, 169-185.
 - "El 'pueblo' cubano y la revolución de 1959." In *El pueblo de Europa y su voz en el espacio cultural europeo: ¿Quién es el pueblo? – ¡Nosotros somos el pueblo!*, ed. by Christian Wentzlaff-Eggebert. Köln: Universität zu Köln, Arbeitskreis Spanien–Portugal– Lateinamerika, 2015, 36-44.
 - "Chinese in the Cuban revolution: An ethnically marked political mobilization?" In *Conceptualizing Ethnicity as a Political Resource – Across Disciplines, Regions, and Periods*, ed. by University of Cologne Forum 'Ethnicity as a Political Resource.' Bielefeld: Transcript, 2015, 237-252. [Open access](#)
 - "Cuba y Checoslovaquia: Una nueva alianza estratégica en la Guerra Fría." In *Las relaciones entre Europa Central y Oriental y América Latina 1945- 1989*, ed. by Josef Opatrný. Ibero-Americana Pragensia, Supplementum 40. Praga: Universidad Carolina de Praga/Editorial Karolinum, 2015, 87-99.
 - "Paraguay." In *Lexikon zur Überseegeschichte*, ed. by Gesellschaft für Überseegeschichte/Hiery, Hermann, et al. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2015, 626-627.
 - "El nacionalsocialismo en Colonia hasta 1945 y la recuperación de la memoria histórica hasta la actualidad." In *Violencias y Miedos: Una reflexión desde la historia, el cine y las migraciones contemporáneas*, ed. by Aristarco Regalado Pinedo. Guadalajara: Universidad de Guadalajara, C.U. de Los Lagos, 2014, 101-142.
 - "In Defense of the Cuban Revolution: Mobilization and Popular Support for Revolutionary Change, 1959-1961." In *Handbook on Cuban History, Literature, and the Arts: New perspectives on historical and contemporary social change*, edited by Mauricio Font and Araceli Tinajero. Boulder: Paradigm, 2014, 25-36.
 - "Guerilla." In *Das Lateinamerika-Lexikon*, ed. by Silke Hensel and Barbara Potthast. Wuppertal: Peter Hammer Verlag, 2013, 130-132.
 - "Neue Aspekte der Gründung und Organisation der Revolutionären Nationalmilizen Kubas, 1959-1961." In *Kuba: 50 Jahre zwischen Revolution, Reform – und Stillstand?* (Lateinamerika im Fokus, 7), ed. by Cristina Eßer et al. Berlin: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Berlin, 2011, 91-120.
 - "Kuba wird 'sozialistischer Staat': Setzt mich auf die Liste..." *Damals* 43 (5/2011), section "Es geschah vor 50 Jahren", 10-13.
 - "Aspectos de la Fundación y Organización de las Milicias Nacionales Revolucionarias de Cuba, 1959-1961." In *El Caribe Hispano de los Siglos XIX y XX: Viajeros y Testimonios* (Ibero-Americana

- Pragensia, Supplementum), ed. by Josef Opatrný, Praga: Universidad Carolina de Praga/Editorial Karolinum, 263-270.
- “Quelle 135: Die Kubanische Revolution (1959).” In *Geschichte Lateinamerikas vom 19. bis zum 20. Jahrhundert: Quellenband*, ed. by Stefan Rinke, Georg Fischer, and Frederik Schulze. Stuttgart/Weimar: J. B. Metzler, 247-248.
 - “Die Revolution 1959 als Sonderfall: Soziale Bewegungen in Kuba.” In *¿“El pueblo unido“? Soziale Bewegungen und politischer Protest in der Geschichte Lateinamerikas*, ed. by Jürgen Mittag and Georg Ismar. Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 57-80.
 - “Wir verteidigen die kubanische Revolution: Die Revolutionären Nationalmilizen Kubas, 1959-1961.” In *Widersprüche, Bewegungen, Konflikte: Zwölftes und dreizehntes DoktorandInnen-Seminar der Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung*, ed. by Udo Gerheim et al. (Manuskripte, 83), Berlin: Dietz, 11-33.

Interviews

- “‘I Am Interested in Learning More About the Knowledge Migrants Convey Through Their Often Silenced or Neglected Voices’ – Interview with Albert Manke.” Interview conducted by Johanna Beamish. Published by Max Weber Stiftung, March 16, 2020, updated April 17, 2020. URI: <https://wissen.hypotheses.org/920>
- “The Chinese Revolution and Latin American Chinese communities – an interview with Albert Manke.” Interview conducted by Victor Thives. *SciELO in Perspective: Humanities*, March 14, 2019. URI: <https://humanas.blog.scielo.org/en/2019/03/14/the-chinese-revolution-and-latin-american-chinese-communities-an-interview-with-albert-manke/>