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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Fellow
German Historical Institute Washington
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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. in History, Leibniz University Hanover, Germany, Faculty of Arts,
Final Grade: *magna cum laude*
- 2011 M.A. in History, Leibniz University Hanover, Faculty of Arts,
Final Grade: Very Good
- 2008 B.A. in History and German Studies, Leibniz University Hanover, Faculty of Arts,
Final Grade: Very Good

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

German Historical Institute Washington

Since 4/2026 Principal Investigator, Research Project, "Who Owns the Street? Urban
Automobility and Social Conflicts in Washington, DC and São Paulo, 1910-1940
(funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)

2020-2026 Research Fellow (History of the Americas)

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Postgraduate Program in Social History

2018-2020 Visiting Lecturer (funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)

Leibniz University Hanover, Department of History

2011-2018 Research Fellow and Lecturer (History of Latin America and the Caribbean)

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

2018 *Apartments for Workers: Social Housing, Segregation, and Stigmatization in Brazil*.
Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft.

Peer-reviewed Articles

- 2025 “Contesting US-Hegemony: Pan-American Infrastructure and South American Visions of Global Transportation, 1880s–1890s.” *Journal of Global History* 20, no. 1: 21-42.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1740022824000135>
- 2020 “Desastre! Accidents, Traffic Conflicts, and U.S. Influence in the Construction of Automobile Hegemony in Brazil, 1910-1930.” *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies/Revue canadienne des études latino-américaines et caraïbes* 45, no.1: 104-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08263663.2019.1677422>
- 2019 “Automobilität in Lateinamerika – eine historiographische Analyse.” *Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas/Anuario de Historia de América Latina* 56: 369-95.
<https://doi.org/10.15460/jbla.56.152>
- 2017 “‘Only People Who Know It Here Speak Well of It...’: The Location of Social Housing in Brazilian Cities and Effects of Territorial Stigmatization.” *Brasiliana. Journal for Brazilian Studies* 5, no. 2: 307-26. (with Luciana Teixeira de Andrade).
<https://doi.org/10.25160/bjbs.v5i2.25141>

Articles and essays (non-peer review)

- 2025 “Transport.” In *Dis:connectivity in Processes of Globalisation: Concepts, Terms and Practices*, edited by Christopher Balme, Burcu Dogramaci, and Roland Wenzlhuemer, 275-81 (Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter) (with Andreas Greiner).
- 2024 “Roads to Exclusion: Introduction.” *Journal of Transport History* 45, no. 3: 634-645 (with Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, and Roland Wenzlhuemer)
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00225266241289782>
- 2022 “Rethinking Cross-Border Connections: An Introduction.” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 70: 3-11. (with Andreas Greiner and Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş).
- 2021 “Automobile Tourism, Road Building, and Nature in the United States and Brazil, c. 1915-1935.” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 68: 19-35.

Book Chapters (non-peer review)

- 2023 “Playgrounds for Travellers: Infrastructure, Environment, and Spatial Transformation in the Americas, 1880s-1920s.” In *Making Spaces Through Infrastructure* (Dialectics of the Global 16), edited by Dirk van Laak and Marian Burchardt, 43-62. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter.
- 2019 “Stadtformen und Wohnungskrise in Rio de Janeiro (1890-1906).” In *Menschenrechte in Lateinamerika*, edited by Eva Kalny and Heike Wagner, 149-64. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft.
- 2019 “Luis dos Santos Vilhena: Nachrichten aus Brasilien und Salvador (1802).” In *Das Ende des alten Kolonialsystems*, edited by Stefan Rinke and Christian Büschges, 138-47. Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz.
- 2014 “Howard in the Tropics? Lincoln Continentino, the English Garden City Idea, and the Establishment of Belo Horizonte’s Cidade Jardim in the 1940s.” In *Expert Knowledge in Latin American History: Local, Transnational and Global Perspectives*, edited by Stefan Rinke and Delia González de Reufels, 163-84. Stuttgart: Verlag Hans-Dieter Heinz.

Book Reviews

- 2024 Review of *Pensar las Infraestructuras en Latinoamérica*, edited by Dhan Zunino Singh, Valeria Gruschetsky, and Melina Piglia. *Technology and Culture* 65, no. 2: 693-95.
- 2023 Review of *The Street is Ours: Community, the Car, and the Nature of Public Space in Rio de Janeiro* by Shawn William Miller. *Journal of Latin American Studies* 55, no. 3: 569-71.
- 2023 Review of *The Freedom Riders Across Borders: Contentious Mobilities* by Barbara Lüthi. H-Soz-Kult. May 16. URL: <http://www.hsozkult.de/index.php/publicationreview/id/reb-131602>
- 2023 Review of *Wissen im Fluss: Der lateinamerikanische Staudammbau im 20. Jahrhundert als globale Wissensgeschichte* by Frederik Schulze. *Iberoamericana. América Latina – España – Portugal* 23, no. 82: 364-67.
- 2015 Review of *Brasilien: Eine Kulturgeschichte* by Ursula Prutsch and Enrique Rodrigues-Moura. *Historische Zeitschrift* 300: 126-27.

Edited Issues and Volumes

- 2024 *Environments of Inequality: Crises, Conflicts, Comparisons* (Repensar las Américas – Rethinking the Americas 3), edited by Olaf Kaltmeier, Mario Peters, and Ann-Kathrin Volmer (Bielefeld: Kipu).
- 2024 “Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Transportation Infrastructure since the Nineteenth Century”, special issue, *The Journal of Transport History* 45, no. 3, guest-edited by Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüß, Mario Peters, and Roland Wenzlhuemer

2022 “Rethinking Cross-Border Connections”, special issue, *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 70, guest-edited by Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, Mario Peters, and Roland Wenzlhuemer

Web-Based Publications

2022 “‘In Sieben Tagen von Rio nach New York’: Panamerikanismus, Mobilität und Wissen.”, Max Weber Stiftung Themenportal, April 12.
<https://www.maxweberstiftung.de/themenportal/beitraege/in-sieben-tagen-von-rio-nach-new-york-panamerikanismus-mobilitaet-und-wissen.html>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2022 Conference Funding, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), International Conference “Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Transportation Infrastructures since 1800”, Grant: 8,500€, co-applicant with Andreas Greiner and Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş
- 2022 Conference Funding, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, International Conference “German Migrants and Migrating Knowledge in Latin American History”, Grant: 10,000€, co-applicant with Simone Lässig, H. Glenn Penny, and Stefan Rinke
- 2018-2020 Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, for a research stay in Rio de Janeiro, 24 months.
- 2012 Research Fellowship for Doctoral Researchers, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), for a research stay in Belo Horizonte, 6 months.
- 2012 Travel Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), XI Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association (Brasa XI), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2009-2011 Fellowship for Postgraduate Students, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2008-2011 Fellowships for Postgraduate Students, Leibniz University Hanover
- 2008 Award, Best Bachelor Thesis in History, Leibniz University Hanover

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2025 “Transport”, Panel Series Disconnectivity and Globalisation, LMU Munich (online, with Andreas Greiner), July 15. (Invited Talk).
- 2024 “South American Perspectives on the Pan American Highway in the Interwar Period”, History Forum, American University Washington DC (online), October 16. (Invited Talk).
- 2024 “‘Orientação Pan-Americana’: Brazil, the United States, and the Pan-American Highway, c. 1920-1939”, 17th Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association. San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, April 4.

- 2024 “Connecting the Americas: Pan-Americanism, Mobility, and Knowledge”, 137th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. San Francisco, CA, January 6. Poster presentation.
- 2023 “Straßenbau, Automobilkultur und Panamerikanismus in den 1920er und 1930er Jahren”, Lecture Series Infrastrukturen, Mobilität, Migration: Lateinamerikanische Perspektiven, University of Cologne (online), December 7. (Invited Talk).
- 2023 “Toward a More Nuanced History of a Very Long Road: The Pan-American Highway, 1923-1941”, Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, October 27.
- 2023 “The Intercontinental Railway and the Contentious Production of Knowledge”, 136th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Philadelphia, PA, January 6.
- 2021 “The Planning of Inter-American Transportation Infrastructure in the late Nineteenth Century”, Conference of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic, and Mobility T2M. Lisbon (online), November 3.
- 2021 “‘Recreational Wonderlands for Automobilists’: Infrastructure, Environment, and Spatial Transformation in the Americas in the 1920s”, Sixth Annual Conference of the Collaborative Research Center 1199: Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition. Leipzig University (online), September 22. (Invited Talk).
- 2021 “The Intercontinental Railway Project: Infrastructure, Empire, and Hemispheric Unity in the Americas, c. 1881-1898”, Forschungskolloquium zur Geschichte Lateinamerikas. Free University Berlin (online), May 25. (Invited Talk).
- 2019 “Road Building, Nature, and Inter-American Cooperation in Brazil in the 1920s”, 3rd World Congress of Environmental History, Federal University of Santa Catarina. Florianópolis, July 26.
- 2018 “Quem tem direito à rua? A construção social da preponderância do automóvel no Brasil, 1900-1930”, Conference Observatório das Metrópoles Vinte Anos. Rio de Janeiro, December 4.
- 2018 “Habitación social, educación pública y desigualdad social en el contexto urbano brasileño”, International Conference “Perspectivas de los Jóvenes Frente a las Crisis”. University of Guadalajara, Mexico, April 12.
- 2015 “Social Housing in Brazilian Urban Spaces and its Territorial Effects”, European Network for Housing Research Conference. ISCTE Lisbon University Institute. Lisbon, June 29.
- 2013 “Política Habitacional e Distinção Social em Belo Horizonte, entre 1940 e 1970”, XVI Congresso Brasileiro de Sociologia. Salvador da Bahia, September 13.
- 2012 “Urbanization and Imagination in Brazil - Housing Politics, Visions of the City, and Strategies of Space Appropriation in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, c. 1940-1975”, XI Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association, University of Illinois. Urbana-Champaign, September 7.

Interviews

- 2024 Terra X History – Der Podcast, Episode: “Eisenbahn. Die Revolution der Mobilität”.
- 2023 „Wissen entgrenzen“- Podcast of the Max Weber Foundation, Episode: „Mobilität in den Amerikas im späten 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert” (with Andreas Greiner).
- 2015 Interview with Radio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, about doctoral research.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

German Historical Institute Washington

Book series co-editor with Patricia Casey Christ, Axel Jansen, and Raphael Rössel. Series title: *Transatlantische Historische Studien/Transatlantic Historical Studies* (Franz Steiner Verlag). 2020-2026.

Member of Selection Committee, Visiting Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Long-Term Fellowships, 2020-2026.

Member of Selection Committee, Visiting Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Short-Term Fellowships, 2020-2026.

Co-editor of the History of Knowledge Blog. 2020-2023.

Coordination of the German Historical Institute’s Cooperation with the Center for Advanced Latin American Studies CALAS (Guadalajara, Mexico) and the Collaborative Research Center SFB 1288 “Practices of Comparing. Ordering and Changing the World” (Bielefeld, Germany). 2020-2022.

Coordination of the German Historical Institute’s Cooperation with the Research Group “History Transfer Through Entertainment Media in Latin America GUMELAB” (FU Berlin, Germany). 2021-2022.

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Postgraduate Program in Social History

Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee. 2018-2020.

Member of Evaluation Committee, Master Thesis Qualification, Gustavo Ouverney Amaral: “Conselho Nacional de Petróleo: conexões internacionais: 1939-1955”. September 2020.

Leibniz University Hanover

Member of the Study Commission of the Faculty of Arts. 2012-2017.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Global History; Topoi – Revista de História (Rio de Janeiro); *Cadernos de Arte e Antropologia*

Co-organized Conferences, Workshops, and Summer Schools

- 2022 International Conference “German Migrants and Migrating Knowledge in Latin American History”, German Historical Institute Washington. November 3-5. Co-organized with Simone Lässig, H. Glenn Penny, and Stefan Rinke.
- 2022 International Summer School “Environments of Inequality: Crises, Conflicts, Comparisons”, University of Guadalajara, Mexico. September 25-30. Co-organized with Cornelia Aust, Olaf Kaltmeier, and Ann-Kathrin Volmer.
- 2022 International Conference “Roads to Exclusion: Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Mobility Infrastructures since 1800”, German Historical Institute Washington. September 8-10. Co-organized with Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, and Roland Wenzlhuemer.
- 2017 Workshop “Culturas de violencia y paz en Centroamérica y el Caribe (1979-2016)” [administrative organization], University of Costa Rica. November 1-3.
- 2013 Workshop for Doctoral Students “Neue Forschungen zur Geschichte Lateinamerikas und der Karibik”, Leibniz University Hanover. June 13-15. Co-organized with Christine Hatzky and Christian Helm.
- 2013 Workshop for Doctoral Students “Migration und Urbanisierung in Afrika und Lateinamerika”, Leibniz University Hanover. February 7-9. Co-organized with Harald Barre and Solenne Mazaleyrat.

Conference Panels, Lectures, and Other Events Organized

- 2023 Panel, “Rethinking Roads: Histories of Exclusion, Resistance, and Appropriation” *Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology*. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. October 27.
- 2023 Panel, “Infrastructure, Knowledge, and US Imperialism in the Americas, c. 1890-1970”, 136th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Philadelphia, PA. January 6. Co-organized with Andreas Greiner.
- 2022 Visit to the Embassy of Argentina in Washington DC for Participants of the Conference “German Migrants and Migrating Knowledge in Latin American History”. November 4.
- 2022 Film Screening and discussion “(Im-)mobile While Black: Narratives of Race & Movement in the United States”. Goethe Institut Washington, September 9. Co-organized with Andreas Greiner and Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş.

- 2022 Spring Lecture Series “Not the Usual Suspects: Everyday Agents of Globalization in the Twentieth Century”. German Historical Institute Washington, in-person and online lectures. March-May. Co-organized with Andreas Greiner.
- 2021 Panel “Transport Networks and Histories of Exclusion since the late Nineteenth Century”, Conference of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic, and Mobility T2M. Lisbon (online). November 3. Co-organized with Geert Castryck, Andreas Greiner, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, and Miriam Pfordte.
- 2021 Panel, “Mobility Infrastructures and Spatial Transformation”, Sixth Annual Conference of the Collaborative Research Center 1199: Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition. Leipzig University (online), September 22. Co-organized with Geert Castryck, Carolin Liebisch-Gümüş, and Miriam Pfordte.
- 2021 Lecture Series “Mobilities and Migration across the Americas”. German Historical Institute Washington (online). January-April. Co-organized with Albert Manke.

TEACHING

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Postgraduate Program in Social History

Sociedades em Movimento: História da Mobilidade nas Américas, séc. XIX e XX. Fall 2019.

Leibniz University Hanover, Department of History and Centre for Atlantic and Global Studies

- Populismus und Diktaturen in Lateinamerika. Fall 2017.
- Urbanisierung in Lateinamerika. Fall 2017.
- Geschichte der Automobilität in Nord- und Lateinamerika. Spring 2017.
- Mobilität, Reisen und Tourismus in der Geschichte Lateinamerikas. Fall 2016.
- Soziale Ungleichheit in Lateinamerika im 20. und 21. Jahrhundert (co-teaching with Dr Daniela Celleri, Department of Sociology). Spring 2016.
- Einführung in die Geschichte Lateinamerikas und der Karibik. Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015.
- Populismus, Demokratie und Diktatur in Brasilien, 1930-1964. Spring 2014.
- Wohnen und soziale Gegensätze in globaler Perspektive. Spring 2013.
- Brasilien seit 1940. Fall 2012.
- Slums, Favelas, Banlieues – Prekäres Wohnen als globales Phänomen. Fall 2012.
- Geschichte des Rassismus in Brasilien und den USA im Vergleich. Fall 2011.
- Die Geschichte der Favelas in Rio de Janeiro. Spring 2011.

PROFESSESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Brazilian Studies Association, Society for the History of Technology

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker)

English (fluent speaking, writing, listening, and reading)

Portuguese (near-native speaking, fluent writing, listening, and reading)

Spanish (fluent speaking, writing, listening, and reading)

French (can read)