

***Education and Degrees***

- 2/18/2014 Dr. phil. in History, University of Konstanz, Germany (*summa cum laude*)  
Title of dissertation: "Beyond the Steppe Hill: The Making of the Sino-Russian border"  
Academic advisors: Jürgen Osterhammel and Karl Schlögel
- 10/20/2006 Diplom (German MA Equivalent) in History and Cultural Studies, European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder, Germany  
Visiting studies at Tsinghua University Beijing (9/2006–7/2007); University of California, Berkeley (8/2005–5/2006); Heilongjiang University Harbin (9/2004–6/2005); Kazan' State University (2/2003–7/2003)

***Employment***

- 1/2021–present Research Fellow and Head of Office, Pacific Office of the German Historical Institute Washington at the University of California, Berkeley
- 1/2018–12/2020 Research Fellow, German Historical Institute Washington, DC
- 10/2016–12/2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, Darwin College Postdoctoral Research Affiliate
- 4/2014–12/2017 Lecturer (Akademischer Rat auf Zeit) of Russian and Asian Studies at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- 10/2009–3/2014 Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) of East Asian History at the University of Freiburg

***Visiting appointments and Membership in research groups***

- 10/2020–present Associate Member of the "Barriers and Borders" Network, Columbia World Projects, Columbia University and Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge
- 2/2020–present Associate Member of the International Laboratory "Russia's Regions in Historical Perspective", Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- 1/2021–5/2021 Visiting Lecturer, History Department, Central European University, Vienna
- 7/2017 Visiting Professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo
- 2/2014–12/2017 Associate Member of the Research Group "Global Processes" at the University of Konstanz
- 2/2013–2/2015 Associate Member of the "North Asian Borders Network" at the University of Cambridge
- 11/2008–7/2012 Associate Member of the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context" at the University of Heidelberg

**Books**

*Die Gelbe Gefahr. Ein Schlagwort und sein Widerhall am Pazifik* [*The Yellow Peril: A Catchphrase and its Repercussions on the Pacific Rim*] [under contract with Suhrkamp]

*An den Ufern des Amur: Die vergessene Welt zwischen China und Russland* [*On the River Amur: The Forgotten Land between China and Russia*], Munich: C.H. Beck, 2021 [second edition 2021]

Non-Fiction Best Book List (*Deutschlandfunk Kultur*, *ZDF*, and *Die Zeit*) April 2021;  
Non-Fiction Best Book List (*Die Literarische Welt*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Ö1*, and *WDR 5*) September 2021

French translation: in preparation

Reviewed in: *Der Standard*, *Der Tagesspiegel*, *Deutschlandfunk*, *Die Presse*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *MDR Kultur*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* et. al

*Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border* (Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute), Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020 [paperback 2021]

Klaus Mehnert-Award of the German Association for East European Studies

Russian translation: Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2022; German translation: in preparation

Reviewed in: *Ab Imperio*, *Asian Review of Books*, *CAA Network*, *Cahiers du monde russe*, *China Quarterly*, *Choice*, *Connections. A Journal for Historians and Area Specialists*, *Counter Punch*, *Current History*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *H-Net*, *H-Soz-Kult*, *Insight Turkey*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Chinese History*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Political Geography*, *Region: Regional Studies of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review* et. al

*Kolonialer Wettstreit: Russland, China, Japan und die Ostchinesische Eisenbahn* [*Colonial Competition: Russia, China, Japan and the Chinese Eastern Railway*] (Globalgeschichte, vol. 4), Frankfurt: Campus, 2008

Reviewed in: *Berliner China-Hefte*, *Comparativ*, *H-HistGeog*, *H-Net*, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, *osteuroopa*, *Russian Review*, *sehpunkte*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* et. al

**Selected edited books and special issues of journals**

*Beyond the Kremlin's Reach: Eastern Europe and China in the Cold War Era*, special issue of *Cold War History*, vol. 18, no. 3 (2018) [with Péter Vámos and Jan Zofka]

*Yellow perils: China Narratives in the Contemporary World*, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2018 [with Franck Billé]

*China from Without: Doing PRC History in Foreign Archives*, special issue of *The PRC History Review*, vol. 2, no. 3 (June 2017) [with Arunabh Ghosh]

*Reframing Postwar Sovietization: Power, Conflict, and Accommodation*, special issue of *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol. 64, no. 3 (2016) [with Felix Ackermann]

**Selected articles in peer-reviewed journals**

“Kremlinology revisited: The nuances of reporting on China in Eastern block press,” *Cold War History*, vol. 18, no. 3 (2018), pp. 307-324 [with Max Trecker]

“Beyond the Kremlin’s reach? Eastern Europe and China in the Cold War era,” *Cold War History*, vol. 18, no. 3 (2018), pp. 251-256 [with Péter Vámos and Jan Zofka]

“Under the Red Star’s Faint Light: How Sakhalin Became Soviet,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 18, no. 2 (spring 2017), pp. 283-316 [with Helena Barop]

“Diplomacy of shunters: The Sino-Soviet split seen from a provincial archive in Russia,” *The PRC History Review*, vol. 2, no. 3 (June 2017), pp. 16-18

“China from Without: Doing PRC History in Foreign Archives,” *The PRC History Review*, vol. 2, no. 3 (June 2017), pp. 1-3 [with Arunabh Ghosh]

“Für Clan und Vaterland? Loyalitätsstrukturen in Chinatown San Francisco während der ersten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts,” *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, vol. 42, no. 4 (2016), pp. 612-650

“Introduction,” in: *Reframing Postwar Sovietization. Power, Conflict, and Accommodation*, special issue of *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, vol. 64, no. 3 (2016), pp. 353-362 [with Felix Ackermann]

“Tokhtogo’s Mission Impossible: Russia, China, and the Quasi-independence of Hulunbeir,” in: *Inner Asia*, vol. 16, no. 1 (2014), pp. 64-94

“The unfathomable foe: Constructing the enemy in the Sino-Soviet borderlands, ca. 1969-1982,” in: *Journal of Modern European History*, vol. 10, no. 2 (2012), pp. 255-278

Russian Translation: “Nepirimimy protivnik: Sozdanie obraza vraga na sovetsko-kitaiskoi granitse v 1969-1982 gg.,” in: *Rossiiia i ATR*, no. 99/2 (2018), pp. 34-52

“A very orderly friendship: The Sino-Soviet border under the alliance regime, 1950-1960,” in: *Eurasia Border Review*, vol. 3 (2012), special issue David Wolff (ed.): “China’s post-revolutionary borders, 1940s-1960s,” pp. 35-52

Russian Translation: “Druzhba po prikazu: Sovetsko-kitaiskoe prigranich’e v 1950-1960 gg.,” in: *Rossiiia i ATR*, no. 98/4 (2017), pp. 106-124

**Selected articles in non-refereed journals**

“Kitaiskaia chuma”: Sinofobskie diskursy vo Vladivostoke, San-Frantsisko i Singapore v kontse XIX-nachale XX veka, Ekaterina Boltunova, Willard Sunderland (eds.): *Regiony Rossiiskoi imperii: Identichnost’, reprezentatsiia, (na)znachenie*, Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2021, pp. 269-294

“Deutschland ja, Hitler nein: Klaus Mehnerts Kriegsjahre am Pazifik [Germany – Yes, Hitler – No: Klaus Mehnert’s War Years in the Pacific],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 67, no. 1 (2017), pp. 13-26.

“Grenze im Fluss. China-Russland: Das historische Echo des chinesisch-russischen Territorialdisputes [Fluid border. China-Russia: Echoes from a territorial dispute],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 65, no. 5-6 (2015), pp. 125-136

“Ebbe statt Sturmflut: Chinesen in Russlands Fernem Osten [Ebb rather than flood: Chinese in Russia’s Far East],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 62, no. 3 (2012), pp. 21-40

“Auf in die Provinz! Recherchen in Russlands Regionalarchiven [Off to the provinces! Research in Russia’s regional archives],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 59, no. 11 (2009), pp. 121-30

“Ausradiert und aufpoliert: Das architektonische Erbe des russischen Harbin [Obliterated and refurbished: Russian Harbin’s architectural heritage],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 58, no. 3 (2008), pp. 65-83

### **Selected chapters in edited volumes**

“Fears abroad, propaganda at home: Reflections on the ‘yellow peril’ discourse in China,” in: Franck Billé, Sören Urbansky (eds.): *Yellow perils: China Narratives in the Contemporary World*, Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press, 2018, pp. 246-266 (peer-reviewed)

“Ein leerer Raum (nur) soweit das Auge reicht: Die Mandschurei in imperialen Raumvorstellungen [Empty Space (only) as far as the eye can see: Imperial concepts of space about Manchuria],” in: Ulrike Jureit (ed.): *Umkämpfte Räume: Raumbilder, Ordnungswille und Gewaltmobilisierung*, Göttingen: Wallstein, 2016, pp. 217-238

“Der Kosake als Lehrer oder Exot? Fragen an einen Mandschukuo-Dokumentarfilm über die bäuerliche russische Diaspora am Grenzfluss Argun’ [The Cossack – A teacher or an exotic figure? Selected questions on a Manchukuo documentary about the rural Russian diaspora at the Argun border river],” in: Martin Aust, Julia Obertreis (eds.): *Osteuropäische Geschichte und Globalgeschichte*, Stuttgart: Steiner, 2014, pp. 103-127

Russian Translation: “Russkie kazaki v Man’chzhurii,” in: *Vostochnaia Kolleksiia*, no. 3 (2014), pp. 120-133

Japanese Translation: “Teikoku no aida de, sukurīn no ue de: Chūro kokkyō kasen ryūiki ni okeru Roshia kosakku,” in: *Kyōkai kenkyū*, no 8 (2018), pp. 117-140

“‘Vasily’ of China and his Russian friends. Smugglers and their transcultural identities,” in: Dan Ben-Canaan, Frank Grüner, Ines Prodöhl (eds.): *Entangled histories: The transcultural past of Northeast China*, New York: Springer, 2014, pp. 15-33 (peer-reviewed)

Chinese Translation: “Zhongguo de Waxili yu ta de Eluosi pengyou: Zousizhe yu tamen de kuawenhua shenfen,” in: *Eluosi yanjiu*, no. 2 (2013), pp. 178-200

### **Encyclopedia entries**

“Sino-Soviet Border,” in: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History* [forthcoming in 2022]

### **Selected online publications**

“Kurilenkonflikt [Kuril Islands dispute],” in: *dekoder.org*, February 2019

“Unheimliche Freunde: China und Russland [Scary Friends: China and Russia],” in: *Zeitgeschichte-online*, March 2018

### **Comments**

G. Munkherdene, David Sneath, “Enclosing the Gold-Mining Commons of Mongolia: The Vanishing Ninja and the Development Project as Resource,” *Current Anthropology*, vol. 59, no. 6 (December 2018), p. 834

### **Review essays**

“Challenges of Subalternity on the Northeast Asian Frontier,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, vol. 19, no. 4 (fall 2018), pp. 867-876

### **Book reviews**

*Berliner China-Hefte*, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, *Neue Politische Literatur*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Periplus* and *osteuroopa*

**Public writing**

“Eine weltweit operative antidemokratische Achse?,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 20.2.2022

“Das Gespenst des Vorurteils,” in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 14.2.2020

Over 40 additional writings in *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *die tageszeitung*, *DIE ZEIT*, etc.

**Selected media appearances**

*Le Point*, “La frontière sino-russe a un potentiel encore non utilisé”, interview, 9.4.2022

*dekoder.org*, “China und Russland – Eine antiwestliche Allianz?”, interview, 29.3.2022

*WDR 3* (German public radio), interview in “Gutenbergs Welt,” 28.8.2021

*Deutschlandfunk Kultur* (German public radio) interview in “Im Gespräch,” 28.5.2021

*BBC Brazil*, “Coronavírus: como o surto está espalhando também antigos preconceitos sobre a China e seus hábitos culturais,” interview, 31.1.2020

*RTL* (German television), “10vor11,” interview with Alexander Kluge, 17.11.2015

**Professional service**

2020–present      Advisory Board Member of the “Beyond Borders” PhD Fellowship Program (ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius)

2011–2014      Member of the Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee “Metropolises in Eastern Europe” (Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Foundation and German National Academic Foundation)

Reviewer:      Journals: *Ab Imperio*, *Eurasia Border Review*, *Historical Research*, *Inner Asia*, *Itinerario*, *Journal of Migration History*, *Journal of Modern European History*, *Journal of World History*, *Oikumena*, *Revolutionary Russia*, *Rossia i ATR*

Publishers: Cambridge University Press, University of Toronto Press

Institutions: Center for Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University, National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation Kazakhstan, University of Hawaii

**Co-organized conferences, workshops, and conference panels**

10/2021      Panel “Unruly scapegoats. Defiance and rebellion in port cities in the 19th and 20th centuries,” Historikertag (German Historians Conference) [virtual]

10/2021      Fifth Bucerius Young Scholars Forum in the History of Migration, University of California, Berkeley

6/2021      Conference “Mobilities, Exclusion, and Migrants’ Agency in the Pacific Realm in a Transregional and Diachronic Perspective,” University of California, Berkeley (German Historical Institute Washington, DC)

3/2021      Panel “Missing Bridges: Russia, China and their shared border,” Annual Conference of the German Association for East European Studies [virtual]

11/2020      Roundtable “Periphery at the center: New research on Russia, China, and the Northeast Asian Frontier,” ASEEEES Annual Convention [virtual]

- 4/2016 Roundtable “China Without: A Series of Two Roundtables on Modern Chinese History Using Archives and Resources outside China, Taiwan, and Japan,” AAS Annual Conference, Seattle
- 8/2015 Panel “‘Yellow Peril’ – Anti-Asian Sentiments in a Comparative Perspective,” ICCEES World Congress, Makuhari (Japan)
- 7/2015 Workshop “Fear in History and Anthropology” in Munich (Graduate School for East and South East European Studies at the University of Munich / Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit, University of Cambridge)
- 7/2015 Conference “Beyond the Kremlin’s Reach? Eastern Europe and China in the Cold War Era” in Leipzig (GWZO, Universität Leipzig / Hungarian Academy of Sciences / Graduate School for East and South East European Studies at the University of Munich)
- 3/2015 Panel “The ‘Yellow Peril:’ Evolving Discourses in Global Perspective,” AAS Annual Conference, Chicago, 29.3.2015
- 7/2014 Workshop “Sovietizing the Periphery. A Comparative Approach” in Munich (Graduate School for East and South East European Studies at the University of Munich, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz-Preis Research Group “Global Processes” at the University of Konstanz)
- 11/2010 Conference “Daily life and urban spaces in Northeast Asian border towns, 1900 to 1950” in Heidelberg (Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context” at the University of Heidelberg)

### ***Invited papers and selected public presentations***

- Book talks “Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border,”  
 Barriers & Borders Seminar, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, and Columbia World Projects, Columbia University, 7.10.2021 [virtual]  
 IEPAS Annual Conference, 22.9.2021 [virtual]  
 History Department Research Seminar, Central European University Vienna, 25.5.2021 [virtual]  
 Central Asian Working Group, University of California, Berkeley, 29.4.2021 [virtual]  
 SciencesPo, Mondes communistes / Mondes soviétiques seminar, 25.3.2021 [virtual]  
 Modern China Lecture Series, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Boston, 22.9.2020 [virtual]  
 China-in-Asia Lecture Series, University of Oregon, 6.11.2020 [virtual]  
 Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 26.2.2020 [in Russian]
- “Sex and the city: Interracial intimacy in turn of the century Vladivostok,” Conference “The Russian Far East: Regional and transnational perspectives,” Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the RAS, Vladivostok, 31.3.2021 [virtual]
- “Die Chinesenstadt von Vladivostok aus russischer Sicht und im internationalen Vergleich,” Colloquium in Global History, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2.2.2021 [virtual]
- “Der kranke Chinese: Die dritte Pest-Pandemie in San Francisco und Wladiwostok,” Conference “Corona verstehen,” University of Innsbruck, 26.11.2020 [virtual]
- Roundtable “Periphery at the center: New research on Russia, China, and the Northeast Asian Frontier” ASEEES Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 7.11.2020 [virtual]

Roundtable "The Russian Far East: Forever Turning to Asia?" ASEEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, 26.11.2019

"Pacific Pathways of Knowledge: Chinese Migrants in Vladivostok, San Francisco, and Singapore (1880s-1930s)," ASEEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, 25.11.2019

General Commentator at the International Conference "Regions of Imperial Russia: Identities, Representations, Meanings," Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 21.-24.10.2019

"'Overcrowded and Unsanitary:' Sinophobic discourses in Vladivostok and Singapore," 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, 18.7.2019

"Faces of Fear: Anti-Chinese Sentiments from a Global Perspective," German Historical Institute Moscow, 22.6.2019

"Opaseniia za rubezhom – propaganda na rodinu: Razmyshleniia o diskurse o zheltoi opasnosti v Kitae," keynote lecture at the conference "70 let KNR: Osobennosti natsional'nogo i gosudarstvennogo stroitel'stva," Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnography of the Peoples of the Far East, Far Eastern Branch of the RAS, Vladivostok, 17.5.2019

"Different shades of Yellow: Sinophobic discourses in San Francisco, Singapore and Vladivostok, 1880s-1930s," University of Houston and Brazos Bookstore Houston, 7., 8.3.2019

Roundtable "Imagined Geographies II – Prostranstvo: The Vision of Space in Russian Culture," 50th Annual ASEEES Convention, Boston, 7.12.2018

"'Dreck, Gestank, Gedränge:' Die Chinesenstadt von Vladivostok aus russischer Sicht und im internationalen Vergleich," Colloquia of East European History (Klaus Gestwa, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen; Dietmar Neutatz, University of Freiburg; Jörg Baberowski, Humboldt University of Berlin), 29., 30., 31.10.2018

"Anti-Chinese sentiments in Pacific Port Cities," Research Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington DC, 30.5.2018

"'The Chinese Plague:' Hygiene and Sinophobic sentiments in Vladivostok and San Francisco," Conference "Russia's North Pacific," German Historical Institute Moscow, 30.3.2018

"From Friend to Foe: The Sino-Soviet border during the 1960s and 1970s," Slavic-Eurasian Research Center Summer Symposium "Northeast Asia's Faultline. One Hundred Years of Sino/Russian/Soviet Competitive Cooperation," Hokkaido University, Sapporo (Japan), 13.7.2017

"Herdsman, shunters, customs officers and the making of the Sino-Russian border," Workshop "Edgy states and boundary crossers: borders and borderlands in the 'Short Twentieth Century'," St Hugh's College, Oxford, 19.5.2017

"Frontir kak (otkrytaia) granitsa," Roundtable on the exhibition "Die Grenze" organized by Goethe-Institut and Krasnoyarsk Cultural-Historical Museum Complex, Krasnoyarsk (Russia), 18.5.2017

"Vladivostok, Singapur, San Frantsisko: Sravnitel'naia istoriia zheltoi opasnosti," Public lecture at the Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk (Russia), 18.5.2017

"Sinophobia in San Francisco, Singapore and Vladivostok," Conference "Pacific Journeys. World History at the Cross-Roads of the Pacific," Honolulu, 17.2.2017

"Same but different: Sinophobia in Vladivostok, San Francisco and Singapore," MIASU Research Seminar, University of Cambridge, 7.2.2017

"Many shades of yellow: Anti-Chinese sentiments in Vladivostok," 5th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network, Kathmandu (Nepal), 12.12.2016

“Sino-Soviet Relations and the Global Cold War,” 24. Berliner Colloquium zur Zeitgeschichte, 23.-24.9.2016

“On Modern Chinese History using Russian Archives and Resources,” Roundtable at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, 2.4.2016

“Rossiisko-kitaiskaia granitsa. Istoriia formirovaniia i sovremennoe sostoianie,” Public lecture at the Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, 25.3.2016

“Smugglers and train conductors: The rise and fall of different careers in the Sino-Soviet borderland,” InterAsia Connections Conference “Alternative Asias: Currents, Crossings, Connection” at Yale University, 26.2.2016

### ***Selected grants and fellowships***

7/2019	Funding for German translation of <i>Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border</i> , ZEIT-Stiftung
10/2016–9/2018	Postdoctoral Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2015–2016	Early-career development grant, Junior Researcher Fund, LMU Munich
2015–2017	Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grant for archival research in the United States, Great Britain, and Russia, Max Weber Foundation
2013–2015	Research grant for fieldwork in China, Isaac Newton Trust and ESRC
8/2010–10/2010	Archival research grant, German Historical Institute Moscow
11/2007–9/2009	Dissertation writing grant, German National Academic Foundation
8/2003–9/2006	Study scholarship, German National Academic Foundation