

Degrees

- 2/2014 Ph.D., University of Konstanz (*summa cum laude*)
 9/2006 Diploma, European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder (*I, I*)
 7/2000 Abitur, Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium Kiel

Employment

- 1/2018–present Research Fellow, German Historical Institute Washington, DC
 2/2020–present Associate member of the International Laboratory “Russia’s Regions in Historical Perspective” at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow
 3/2019–present Member of the Max Weber Foundation Pacific Network
 10/2016–12/2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit, University of Cambridge, Darwin College Postdoctoral Research Affiliate
 4/2014–12/2017 Senior Lecturer (Akademischer Rat) of Russian and Asian Studies at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
 2/2014–12/2017 Associate member of the Research Group “Global Processes” at the University of Konstanz
 7/2017 Visiting professor, Slavic-Eurasian Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo
 2/2013–2/2015 Associate member of the North Asian Borders Network based at the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit (University of Cambridge)
 10/2009–3/2014 Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) of East Asian History at the University of Freiburg
 11/2008–7/2012 Associate member of the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context” at the University of Heidelberg

Education

- 11/2008–2/2014 Dissertation research on the history of the Sino-Russian border, University of Konstanz (academic advisors: Jürgen Osterhammel and Karl Schlögel)
 9/2006–7/2007 Tsinghua University Beijing, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Study
 10/2001–9/2006 Viadrina European University Frankfurt/Oder, History and Cultural Studies
 8/2005–5/2006 University of California at Berkeley, Department of History
 9/2004–6/2005 Heilongjiang University Harbin (China), Department of Chinese as a Foreign Language

2/2003–7/2003 Kazan’ State University (Russia), Department of History and Department of Russian as a Foreign Language

Professional experiences

2003–present Independent author for German language newspapers
 10/2008–2/2009 Producer for WDR television
 10/2006–4/2007 Traineeships at the ARD television studio and the dpa office in Beijing
 8/2000–9/2001 Civil service at the NGO “Memorial” in Moscow
 8/1997–7/1998 High school exchange student in Częstochowa (Poland)

Academic awards

3/2015 Klaus Mehnert-Dissertation Award of the German Association for East European Studies
 12/2014 Dissertation Award for the best PhD-thesis in History at the University of Konstanz (awarded by Konstanz County)
 5/2002 Winner of the First German-Russian University Essay Contest

Grants and fellowships

7/2019 Funding for German translation of *Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border*, 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
 2013–2014 Research grant for fieldwork in China and Russia, “Grenzgänger” Grant, Robert Bosch Foundation and Literarisches Colloquium Berlin
 2008–2011 Various research and conference grants, Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context,” University of Heidelberg
 2008–2011 Dissertation writing grant, Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context,” University of Heidelberg (declined)
 8/2010–10/2010 Archival research grant, German Historical Institute Moscow
 11/2007–9/2009 Dissertation writing grant, German National Academic Foundation
 8/2007–9/2007 Research grant for fieldwork in China, Haniel Foundation
 9/2006–7/2007 IUP study abroad graduate scholarship, UC Berkeley
 8/2003–9/2006 Study scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
 8/2005–5/2006 Study abroad graduate scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

- 9/2004–6/2005 Hölderlin study abroad scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
- 2/2003–7/2003 Study abroad undergraduate scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Co-organized conferences, workshops and conference panels

- 11/2019 Panel “Global Oceanic Encounters in the Twentieth Century:” A Series of Two Roundtables at the ASEES Annual Convention in San Francisco
- 7/2019 Panel “China’s Environmental Impacts in the Asia-Pacific: Discourses, Representations and Practices in the Russian Far East and South East Asia,” 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden, 18 July 2019
- 3/2019 Conference “Entangling the Pacific & Atlantic Worlds: A Symposium Commemorating Helmut Schmidt,” UC Berkeley (German Historical Institute Washington, DC, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius)
- 4/2016 Roundtables “China Without: A Series of Two Roundtables on Modern Chinese History Using Archives and Resources outside China, Taiwan, and Japan,” Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 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,” Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 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)
- 5/2013 Conference “Overseas Chinese and the modernization of China” in Xiamen (China) (Xiamen University, Max Weber Foundation Bonn, University of Freiburg, Xiamen Overseas Chinese Museum)
- 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)

Membership in professional organizations

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

German Association for Eastern European Research (DGO)

German Historical Association (VDH)

German Historical Association for Eastern European History (VOH)

Professional service

- Reviewer: *Ab Imperio, Eurasia Border Review, Historical Research, Inner Asia, Itinerario, Journal of World History, Revolutionary Russia, Rossiia i ATR, University of Hawaii, University of Toronto Press*
- 2017–2018 International reviewer for the National Center of Science and Technology Evaluation Kazakhstan
- 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)

Language proficiencies

German: native

English: excellent reading, speaking and writing

Russian: excellent reading and speaking, good writing

Chinese: good reading and speaking, fair writing

Polish: good reading, fair speaking and writing

French: fair reading

Books

Der lange Schatten der Imperien: Menschen und Orte in Nordostasien [*The Long Shadow of Empires: People and Places in Northeast Asia*] (forthcoming with C.H. Beck in 2021)

Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border (Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute), Princeton: Princeton University Press 2020 (376 pages)

German translation: in preparation; Russian translation: in preparation (Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie)

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 (264 pages)

Reviewed in: *Berliner China-Hefte*, vol. 38 (2010); *Comparativ*, vol. 20, no. 3 (2010); *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, 25.6.2010; *H-HistGeog & H-Net*, October 2009; *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 20.11.2008; *osteuropa*, vol. 61, no. 4 (2011); *Russian Review*, vol. 69, no. 4 (2010); *sehpunkte*, vol. 12, no. 12 (2012); *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, 3.11.2008

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]

Zeichen der Zeit: Europas Osten in Fernost [*Signs of the times: Europe's East in Far East*], special issue of *osteuropa*, vol. 65, no. 5-6 (2015) [with Andreas Renner, Manfred Sapper and Volker Weichsel]

Stille Revolutionen: Die Neuformierung der Welt seit 1989 [*Silent revolutions: The world since 1989*], Frankfurt: Campus, 2013 [with Katharina Kucher and Gregor Thum]

“Unsere Insel:” *Sowjetische Identitätsstiftung auf Sachalin nach 1945* [“Our Island:” *Soviet identity-building on Sakhalin after 1945*], Berlin: be.bra, 2013

Borders in imperial times: Daily life and urban spaces in Northeast Asia, special issue of *Comparativ*, vol. 22, no. 5 (2012) [with Frank Grüner and Susanne Hohler]

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

“Is it really all about Japan? The production of historical narratives in memorials in China's Northeast”, in: *Twentieth-Century China* (forthcoming in 2021)

“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: “Nepriimimyi protivnik: Sozdanie obraza vruga 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: “Druzhiba po prikazu: Sovetsko-kitaiskoe prigranich’e v 1950-1960 gg.,” in: *Rossiiia i ATR*, no. 98/4 (2017), pp. 106-124

“Mapping Manchuria Station: Crossing borders into the ‘yellow land’,” in: *Comparativ*, vol. 22, no. 5 (2012), pp. 87-105

“Borders in imperial times: Daily life and urban spaces in Northeast Asia,” in: *Comparativ*, vol. 22, no. 5 (2012), pp. 7-13 [with Frank Grüner and Susanne Hohler]

Articles in non-refereed journals

“A Chinese Plague: Sinophobic Discourses in Vladivostok, San Francisco, and Singapore,” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 2019, no. 64, pp. 75-92

“Deutschland ja, Hitler nein: Klaus Mehnerts Kriegsjahre am Pazifik [Germany – Yes, Hitler – No: Klaus Mehnert’s War Years in the Pacific],” in: *osteuropa*, vol. 67, no. 1-2 (2017), pp. 13-26.

“Adidas statt Stacheldraht: Die Öffnung der sowjetisch-chinesischen Grenze [Adidas instead of barbed wire: The opening of the Soviet-Chinese border],” in: *osteuropa*, vol. 65, no. 5-6 (2015), pp. 49-65

“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

“Stalins vergessene Opfer? Opferverbände in Litauen und (Ost-)Deutschland [Stalin’s forgotten victims? Victims’ associations in Lithuania and (East) Germany],” in: *osteuroopa*, vol. 54, no. 8 (2004), pp. 86-96

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, sukurin 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

“Sakhalin – eto ne tol’ko Chekhov: Itogi studencheskoi ekskursii [Sakhalin is more than just Chekhov: Results of a student field trip],” in: *Vestnik Sakhalinskogo Muzeia*, no. 20 (2013), pp. 87-91 [with Igor Zaday]

“Einleitung [Introduction],” in: *“Unsere Insel:” Sowjetische Identitätsstiftung auf Sachalin nach 1945*, Berlin: be.bra, 2013, pp. 9-32

“Ein Wartburg auf Sachalin [A Wartburg on Sakhalin],” in: *Stille Revolutionen: Die Neuformierung der Welt seit 1989*, Frankfurt: Campus, 2013, pp. 71-79

“Die Welt formiert sich neu: Eine Einleitung [Reshaping of the world: An introduction]” in: *Stille Revolutionen: Die Neuformierung der Welt seit 1989*, Frankfurt: Campus, 2013, pp. 13-16 [with Katharina Kucher and Gregor Thum]

“Der betrunkene Kosake: Schmuggel im sino-russischen Grenzland (circa 1860-1930) [The drunken Cossack: Smuggling in the Sino-Russian borderland (ca. 1860-1930)],” in: Martin Aust (ed.): *Globalisierung imperial und sozialistisch: Russland und die Sowjetunion in der Globalgeschichte 1851-1991*, Frankfurt: Campus, 2013, pp. 301-329

“Gaps in the fence: Negotiating grassroots relations in the Sino-Soviet borderlands (1983-1993),” in: Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Segupta, Susmita Bhattacharya (eds.): *Eurasia twenty years after*, Delhi: Shipra, 2012, pp. 445-463

“Grenzüberschreitungen und transkulturelle Prozesse im städtischen Raum: Der Fall der mandschurischen Stadt Harbin 1898-1949 [Border crossings and transcultural processes in urban spaces: The case of the Manchurian city of Harbin 1898-1949],” in: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Historischer Forschungseinrichtungen (ed.): *Jahrbuch der Historischen Forschung*, München: Oldenbourg 2008, pp. 91-101 [with Frank Grüner, Susanne Hohler and Yuan Xin]

“Breslau und die architektonische Moderne: Die Jahrhunderthalle” / “Wrocław i modernizm w architekturze: Hala Ludowa [Modern architecture in Wrocław: The Centennial Hall],” in: Philipp Ther et al. (eds.): *Das Polnische Breslau als europäische Metropole: Erinnerung und Geschichtspolitik aus dem Blickwinkel der Oral History*, Wrocław: ATUT 2005, pp. 208-44 [with Olga Tomicka and Bernd Vogenbeck]

Online publications

“Kurilenkonflikt [Kuril Islands dispute],” in: *DEKODER*, February 2019, URL: <https://www.dekoder.org/de/gnose/kurilenkonflikt-seerecht-japan-russland>

“Unheimliche Freunde: China und Russland [Scary Friends: China and Russia],” in: *Zeitgeschichte-online*, March 2018, URL: <http://www.zeitgeschichte-online.de/thema/unheimliche-freunde-china-und-russland> (reprint in: <http://www.bpb.de/internationales/europa/russland/269059/china>)

“Über Grenzen [Across Borders],” in: Goethe Institute, September 2017, URL: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/ru/en/kul/sup/gre/aus/21092557.html>

Review essay

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

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

Book reviews

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

Conference reports

Helpless Imperialists: Imperial failure, radicalization, and violence. 14.-16.1.2010, FRIAS, Freiburg, in: *H-Soz-u-Kult* 2010

Global challenge and regional response: Early 20th century Northeast China and Harbin: Their social, cultural, economic and political encounters with the world. 17.-20.6.2009, Harbin, China, in: *H-Soz-u-Kult* 2009; *GHI Washington Bulletin* 2009, no. 45, pp. 108-113 [with Susanne Hohler]

Selected newspaper articles

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

“Landpartie ins Minenfeld,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 12.5.2017

“Die Grenze der Blumenmädchen,” in: *die tageszeitung*, 27.1.2016

“Das chinesische Phantom,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 17.10.2015

“Der alte Mann und das Museum,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 8.9.2015

“Ich, der Spion,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 20.5.2015

“Auf dem Dampfross in die Mandschurei,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 11.7.2014

“Das Staatsgebiet wird abgegrenzt,” in: *Welt-Sichten*, 2014, no. 5, pp. 12-17

“Kein himmlischer Frieden,” in: *ZEIT Geschichte*, 2012, no. 1, pp. 50-51

“Der Blick hinaus aufs Meer,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 3.10.2011

“Die Chiffre 9/18,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 16.9.2011

“Am Amur, wie ein Fisch im Wasser,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 18.4.2011 (shortlisted for n-ost Reportagepreis 2012)

“Imperiale Konkurrenz,” in: *Damals*, 2011, no. 1, pp. 26-30

“Auf nach Asien,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 20.8.2010

“Peking und Moskau proben den Krieg,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 3.3.2009

“Schnapsbrenner, Klempner, Lebenskünstler,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 2.3.2009

“Bonjour Tristesse,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 3.11.2008 (shortlisted for n-ost Reportagepreis 2008)

“Die Harmonie der zwei Klassen,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 25.3.2008

“Der lebende Buddha,” in: *Freitag*, 19.1.2008, *Jüdische Zeitung*, 1.2008

“Jenseits des Steppenhügels,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 26.10.2007

“Stadt im Umbruch,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 20.10.2007

“Der Traum der Zelter vom Beton,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 21.7.2007

- “Die lange Reise der Händlerin Surderdene,” in: *Frankfurter Rundschau*, 26.4.2007, *Der Tagesspiegel*, 13.6.2007
- “Aufbruch: Wie ein Deutscher in China eine Stadt baut,” in: *ZEIT Campus*, 4.2007
- “Tante Frosja lebt nicht mehr,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 18.4.2007
- “Langer Marsch. Die Olympischen Spiele 2008,” in: *Freitag*, 24.11.2006
- “Eine Stadt des Intellekts,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 20.2.2006
- “Verbrecherische Versuche am Menschen,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 14.1.2006
- “Eine Stadt der Sieger,” in: *Freitag*, 13.1.2006
- “Gerüche der Straße,” in: *die tageszeitung*, 12.11.2005, *Der Tagesspiegel*, 31.1.2006
- “Spontan geduldet,” in: *Freitag*, 22.4.2005
- “Täter und andere Opfer,” in: *Datum*, 4.2005
- “Ein berstender Modellbaukasten,” in: *Freitag*, 18.2.2005
- “Humboldt in Russland,” in: *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 22.11.2004
- “Strandgut auf Ziegenwerder,” in: *die tageszeitung*, 21.4.2004
- “Stellenweise Aprilschlamm,” in: *Freitag*, 25.4.2003

Selected media appearances

- Interview, in: “Tudorial: Coronavírus e xenofobia” (*Rádio BandNews FM*), 6.2.2020
- Interview, in: “Coronavírus: como o surto está espalhando também antigos preconceitos sobre a China e seus hábitos culturais” (*BBC Brazil*), 31.1.2020
- Interview with Alexander Kluge, in: *10vor11 (RTL)*, 17.11.2015
- Interview, in: *Vesti Sakhalin-Kurily (Rossiia 1)*, 5.6.2012
- “Rossiia i Kitai – glazami nemtsa,” *Zabaikal’skaia Magistral’*, 4.9.2008
- “Spion zwischen Riesen-Reichen,” *Märkische Oderzeitung*, 23.1.2008

Invited papers and selected public presentations

- Book talk “Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border,” Higher School of Economics, Moscow with live video streaming at the Pacific National University, Khabarovsk, and the Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, 26.2.2020
- 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 [Fears abroad – propaganda at home: Reflections on the yellow peril discourse in China],” keynote lecture at the conference “70 let KNR: Osobnosti 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 ASEES 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

“A Chinese Plague: Sinophobic discourses in Vladivostok, San Francisco and Singapore,” Conference: “Pacific Russia: Transnational and Transimperial Perspectives on Modern Northeast Asia,” Bielefeld University, 26.10.2018

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

Roundtable comment, Workshop “Migrant Knowledges: Concepts, Voices, Spaces,” University of California, Berkeley, 21.4.2018

“‘The Chinese Plague:’ Hygiene and Sinophobic sentiments in Vladivostok and San Francisco,” Conference “Russia’s North Pacific,” German Historical Institute Moscow, 30.3.2018

“The Past and Future of Sinophobia across the Pacific,” Workshop “New Silk Road and the Future of Regional Cooperation” on the Transsib near Birobidzhan (Russia), 19.9.2017

“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 [Frontier as an (open) border],” 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 [Vladivostok, Singapore, San Francisco. A comparative history of the Yellow Peril],” 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

- “Different shades of yellow: Anti-Chinese sentiments in San Francisco, Singapore and Vladivostok,” Darwin College Humanities Lunchtime Seminar, University of Cambridge, 24.1.2017
- “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
- “The Chinese are coming: Exploring the longest border in the world,” Panel discussion, Frankfurt Book Fair, 18.10.2015
- “Faces of Fear: The ‘yellow peril’ syndrome in the American West and Russian Far East,” ICCEES World Congress, Makuhari (Japan), 6.8.2015
- “‘The border is under lock and key:’ Material and ritualistic reaffirmations of the Manchurian-Soviet border during times of conflict,” Slavic-Eurasian Research Center Summer Symposium “Russia and Global History,” Hokkaido University, Sapporo (Japan), 31.7.2011
- “*Népszabadság, Neues Deutschland, Trybuna Ludu*: The nuances of reporting on China in Eastern block press,” Conference “Beyond the Kremlin’s Reach? Eastern Europe and China in the Cold War Era – Transfers and Entanglements” at the University of Leipzig, 1.7.2015
- “Schauplätze einer globalen Phobie: Die ‘gelbe Gefahr’ in Sibirien und Kalifornien,” Colloquia of Russian and Asian Studies (Andreas Renner) and East European History (Martin Schulze Wessel), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 23.6.2015
- “Fears abroad. Reflections on the ‘Yellow Peril’ discourse in China,” Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 29.3.2015
- “Millions in Millionka: A history of the Chinese in Vladivostok,” Conference “Emergent Trends on the China-Russia Border” at the University of Cambridge, 17.3.2015
- “Distant brothers: Engineering Sino-Soviet friendship in the borderlands,” International workshop “Sino-Russian Cross-border Dynamics in the Post-Soviet Era: New Conceptualizations, New Thinking, New Evaluation,” East China Normal University, Shanghai, 25.7.2014
- “New trends in Slavic and Eurasian Studies in Asia and Europe,” Round table presentation, 6th East Asian Conference on Slavic Eurasian Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, 27.6.2014
- “Land of Opportunities: Die Mandschurei in imperialen Raumvorstellungen,” Public lectures, Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig, 7.5.2014, Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of Bonn, 20.5.2014,

- “Ein leerer Raum (nur) soweit das Auge reicht: Imperiale Raumvorstellungen über die Mandschurei,” Conference “Leerer Raum: Raumbilder, Ordnungswille und Gewaltmobilisierung,” Hamburg Institute for Social Research, 14.2.2014
- “Where pragmatism prevailed over ideology: Sovietization on Sakhalin,” 4th Vilnius Symposium on late Soviet and Postsoviet Issues, 6.12.2013
- “How the Iron Horse conquered Manchuria: Russian and Japanese Railway Imperialism and Chinese Responses,” Public lecture, Center of Oriental Studies, Vilnius University, 5.12.2013
- “Railways and borders: The Transbaikal and Chinese Eastern Railways and the Sino-Russian border,” Presentation at the Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit at the University of Cambridge, 7.6.2013
- “Jenseits des Steppenhügels: Politische, ökonomische und kulturelle Grenzwerdungsprozesse am Beispiel der sino-russischen Grenze,” Colloquium of Professor Jürgen Osterhammel, University of Konstanz, 4.12.2012
- “Tokhtogo’s mission impossible: Secret diplomacy in the Sino-Russian borderlands at the eve of revolution,” 44th Annual ASEES Convention, New Orleans, 17.11.2012
- “Unsichtbarer Freund, unsichtbarer Feind: Kontakte im sino-sowjetischen Grenzland nach 1949,” Presentation at the Centre of Asia Studies University of University of Leipzig, 17.7.2012
- “‘Vasily’ of China and his Russian friends: Smugglers and their transcultural Identities,” 15th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, 30.3.2012
- “Scharmützel im Steppenland: Die Militarisierung der fernöstlichen Grenzen der UdSSR (ca. 1929-1945),” Colloquium of East European History (Jörg Baberowski), Humboldt University of Berlin, 14.12.2011
- “Epidemics and state borders: Quarantine and plague prevention in the Sino-Russian borderlands,” 43rd Annual ASEES Convention, Washington DC, 18.11.2011
- “Hinter Schloss und Riegel? Die Militarisierung des sowjetisch-chinesischen Grenzlands in den 1920er-1940er Jahren,” Colloquium of East European History (Frithjof Benjamin Schenk), University of Basel (Switzerland), 5.10.2011
- “Waijiao zhi wai: Ruhe xiezu Zhong Su bianjing de difang shi [Diplomacy and beyond: Writing a local history of the Sino-Soviet border],” Research Center for Chinese Borderland History and Geography, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 17.8.2011
- “Grassroots diplomacy: Negotiating bilateral relations in the Sino-Soviet borderlands in the 1980s,” Second GCOE-SRC Summer School “Eurasia Border Review. From Northeast Asia to Middle East,” Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University (Japan), 5.8.2011
- “Flüchtig mit 740 Schafen und 53 Kamelen: Nomadismus an der sino-russischen Steppengrenze zu Beginn des 20. Jahrhunderts,” Colloquium, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, University of Bremen, 12.7.2011
- “A very orderly friendship: The Sino-Soviet border under the alliance regime, 1950-1960,” Summer International Symposium “Alliances and borders in the making and unmaking of regional powers,” Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University (Japan), 7.7.2011
- “Steppennomadismus und imperiale Obrigkeit: Die sinorussische Grenze Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts,” Colloquium of East European History (Klaus Gestwa), Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, 30.5.2011

“Der betrunkene Kosake: Schmuggel im sino-russischen Grenzland (ca. 1860-1930),” Conference “Russland und die Sowjetunion global,” Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig, 14.5.2011

“Flucht aufs andere Ufer: Kosaken im russisch-chinesischen Grenzgebiet,” Annual Conference of the Verband der Osteuropahistoriker/innen “Osteuropäische Geschichte und Globalgeschichte,” Herder Institute, Marburg, 24.2.2011

“Negotiating new relations in the border settlements of Zabaikalsk and Manzhouli (1985-1995),” International conference “Twenty years after. 1991 in retrospect,” Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata (India), 17.2.2011

“Jenseits des Steppenhügels: Überlegungen zu einer regionalen Geschichte der sino-russischen Grenze,” Colloquium of East European History (Martin Schulze Wessel), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 31.1.2011

“Mapping Manchuria Station: Source reading and border crossing into the ‘yellow land’,” Conference: Daily life and urban spaces in Northeast Asian border towns, 1900 to 1950, University of Heidelberg, 25.11.2010

“Beyond the steppe hill: The making of the Sino-Russian border,” ICCEES World Congress, Stockholm, 29.7.2010

“Zoll und Schmuggel: Die russisch-chinesische Grenze zu Beginn des 20. Jahrhunderts,” Colloquium of East European History (Dietmar Neutatz), University of Freiburg, 1.6.2010

“Wo verläuft die Grenze? Schmuggel im sino-russischen Grenzland zu Beginn des 20. Jahrhunderts,” Colloquium, School of History, University of Bielefeld, 25.5.2010

“Is there a border? Smugglers and their protonational and transcultural identities,” Conference: Global challenge and regional response. Early 20th century Northeast China and Harbin. Their social, cultural, economic and political encounters with the world, Heilongjiang University Harbin (China), 18.6.2009

“Sino-Soviet split: a local perspective“, Conference: The crisis of socialist modernity. The Soviet Union, China and Yugoslavia in the 1970s, FRIAS Freiburg, 21.3.2009

“Von frontier zu border: Lokale Aspekte der Entstehung der sino-sowjetischen Grenze,” Colloquium of Sinology, University of Heidelberg, 31.10.2008