

Lindsay Vogt

Curriculum Vitae

Oberassistentin (Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer) – January 2020-present

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2019 (Dec)
Dissertation: *New Water in New India: How Does IT Sector Philanthropy Re-Cast Water and Citizenship?*
Committee: Casey Walsh (co-chair), Mary Hancock (co-chair), Lisa Parks
- M.A. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010
- B.A. Anthropology & English with honors, The Ohio State University, 2005
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PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 Vogt, Lindsay. “Water, Modern and Multiple: Enriching the idea of water through enumeration amidst water scarcity in Bengaluru.” Special issue, *Water Alternatives*, 14(1): 97-116.
- 2021 Vogt, Lindsay and Casey Walsh, eds. “Introduction: Parsing the politics of singular and multiple waters.” Special issue, *Water Alternatives*, 14(1): 1-11.

Book Chapters

- 2016 Hahn, Tomie, Louise Campbell, **Lindsay Vogt**, Simon Rose, George Blake, Catherine Lee, Sherrie Tucker, Francois Mouillot, Jovana Milovic, Pete Williams. “Banding Encounters: embodied practices in improvisation” in *Negotiated Moments: Improvisation, Sound, and Subjectivity*. Ellen Waterman & Gillian Siddall, eds. Durham: Duke University Press.

Manuscripts in Submission

- n.d. Vogt, Lindsay. “Waters of a Corporation: A lake, an aquifer, and the watery archives of one high-tech firm’s CSR” in collected volume. Hemangini Gupta & Smriti Srinivas, eds. (*Collected volume is currently under review*)
- n.d. Vogt, Lindsay. “Elites Invoking the Commons: The techno-utopias of the Indian National Knowledge Portals.” Special issue (accepted), *Critique of Anthropology*. (*Status: Accepted with minor revisions March 2024; resubmitted June 2024*)

Manuscripts in Preparation

- n.d. Vogt, Lindsay. *New Water in New India: How Does IT-Sector Philanthropy Re-Cast Water and Citizenship?* (*Book manuscript – based on doctoral dissertation, in revision*)
- n.d. Vogt, Lindsay. *Trauma in the Matriline: Intercorporeality and Care across Four Generations* (*Book manuscript – based on ethnographic and autoethnographic research, writing currently in progress*)
- n.d. Vogt, Lindsay. “Corporate but Not: A shady spot in capitalism or the philanthropic trust as vocational

refuge in India's liberalized economy" (*journal article*)

Book Reviews

- 2020 Vogt, Lindsay. Review of *River Dialogues*, by Georgina Drew and *Hydropolitics*, by Christine Folch, 2019." *Environment and Society*, volume 11: 159-62.

Web-Based Publications

- 2016 Vogt, Lindsay & Jessica Bray. "The Future is There Looking Back at Us." *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review Online*, <https://polarjournal.org/2016-virtual-edition-introduction/>
- 2011 Vogt, Lindsay. "The Virtual Reality: Exploring Graduate Student Use Patterns of the UCSB Library." Ethnographic Report.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MYkkipAFIG15nZb8fbGllCGLN35820Z_OZu_ooHZgWI/edit?hl=en&authkey=COW88vsG&pli=1. (link is broken; please request paper if interested)

Interviews

- 2011 Dwivedi, Gaurav. Interview by **Lindsay Vogt**. The India Water Portal. YouTube, Dec 8.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb77XCLwpLAQ8sAzx2FUlwjkSTli41Ngk>.
- 2011 Joy, KJ. Interview by **Lindsay Vogt**. The India Water Portal. YouTube, Nov 16.
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb77XCLwpLASUPpyp65gbi_A-ihVtp319.
- 2011 Patkar, Medha. Interviews by **Lindsay Vogt** and Jinda Sandbhor. The India Water Portal. YouTube, Nov 11 and 18.
<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb77XCLwpLAT55rLdLBOLWaaRu3BI1tPw>.

Documentary Film

- 2012 Vogt, Lindsay, dir. *Confluence and Revolt: Voices from Four Contemporary Water Conflicts* in

Artist Book

- 2007 Vogt, Lindsay. *Six Pomegranate Seeds into January*. Available at [Red Book: 6 Pomegranate Seeds into January - YouTube](#)
Archived in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, The Ohio State University.
Exhibited at the 24th Annual Small Images show, Atkinson Gallery, Santa Barbara, California, 2009.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Swiss National Science Foundation, Scientific Exchanges Grant with co-PIs Dr. Katyayani Dalmia and Dr. Alexios Tsigkas (declined – program was relocated from Colombo to Kathmandu due to political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka in May 2022, funds could not be used due to sudden change in venue)
- 2022 Leading House South Asia (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Symposia and Workshops Grant with co-PIs Dr. Katyayani Dalmia and Dr. Alexios Tsigkas
- 2021 Graduate Campus (UZH), Graduate Campus Grant with co-PIs Dr. Stefan Binder and PhD Candidate Banhishikha Ghosh
- 2021 Junior Researcher's Grant Commission (ISEK, UZH), Junior Researcher's Grant
- 2019 Mittelbau Grant Commission (ISEK, UZH), Mittelbau Grant
- 2016 Association for Political and Legal Anthropology and *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, Digital Editorial Fellowship
- 2015 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2015 University of California Santa Barbara Graduate Division Stipend Award
- 2014 Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life – Steve and Barbara Mendell Graduate Fellowship in Cultural Literacy
- 2014 UC, Santa Barbara Graduate Division – Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fellowship

- 2014 University of California Santa Barbara Department of Anthropology Sociocultural Graduate Student Research Grant
- 2014 American Institute of Indian Studies – summer foreign language support
- 2013 University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Anthropology Summer Award
- 2012 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara, Research Focus Group Grant with Co-PIs Professor Mary Hancock (Anthropology) and Professor David Novak (Music)
- 2011 U.S. Dept of Education – Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
- 2011 University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Anthropology Summer Award
- 2010 University of Guelph – Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice Bursary
- 2009 University of California, Santa Barbara Luce Environmental Science to Solutions Fellowship

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Imagistic Outgrowths: Disturbing the Poetics and Conventions of Ethnography via Photography,” Department of Architecture and Urban Design at ETH Zurich (Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich), November 15.
- 2022 “Elites Invoking the Commons: The techno-utopias of the Indian National Knowledge Portals” at the Special Workshop on “Common(ing) Struggles,” University of St. Gallen, May 2-4.
- 2019 “When Tech Runs High but the Water Runs Out: Corporate Power and the Paradoxes of Capitalism in Bangalore” at the Ethnokolloquium of the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies at the University of Zurich, April 16.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences/Symposia Organized

- 2022 Dialogue on Teaching 2022: Race and Racism in the UZH Social Anthropology Curriculum, held at the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, November 2. Co organized with Dr. Juliane Neuhaus and Dr. Werner Hertzog.
- 2022 Ethnographies of Contemporary South Asia: Touchpoints Between Ethics and Politics, Lecture and Workshop Series, held at the University of Zurich. Co-organized with Dr. Stefan Binder and Doctoral Candidate Banhishikha Ghosh
 - Special Workshop on The Self as Public Archive: Autotheory / Autoethnography / Autofiction with Dr. Omar Kasmani (Freie Universität Berlin), October 10-11.
 - Public Lecture by Dr. Omar Kasmani, “Queer Companions: On Coming Close to Saints in Pakistan,” Oct 10.
 - Special Workshop on Queer Cultures in South Asia, Storytelling, and Conversations between Cinema and Ethnography with Filmmakers Jawad Sharif and Syeda Kashmala, September 23-24.
 - Film Screening of *Natari* (dir. Jawad Sharif) at Kino Riffraff, Zürich, September 23.
 - Special Workshop on Waxing and Waning Life, with Prof. Bhrigupati Singh (Anthropology, Ashoka University & Psychiatry & Carney Institute for Brain Science, Brown University) and Dr. Megnaa Mehtta (University of Sheffield), May 10-11
 - Lecture by Prof. Bhrigupati Singh, “What is an Ethnographic Interview? Thoughts at the Intersection of Anthropology and Psychiatry in Contemporary South Asia,” May 10.
 - Special Workshop on Viral Sexualities, with Reader Paul Boyce (Anthropology & Sexuality Studies, University of Sussex), April 24-25.
 - Lecture by Reader Paul Boyce, “Viral Sexualities: Global Health Problems with Context, Culture, and Sexualities,” April 25.
 - Lecture by Prof. Surinder Singh Jodkha (Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University), “Neoliberal Democracies and Rural Futures: Making Sense of the Farmers’ Movements in India 2020-21,” March 9.

- 2022 South Asian Intersections: Identity, Difference and Postcolonial Trajectories Conference held at the University of Zurich and online, June 13-17 (Sri Lankan time zone to facilitate participation of South Asia-based attendees).
- Prof. Sharika Thiranagama (Anthropology, Stanford University), “Between Sri Lanka and India: Cross Region Research”
 - Prof. John Rogers (American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies), “Caste in Colonial Sri Lanka and India”
 - Prof. Kalinga Tudor Silva (Sociology, University of Peradeniya), “Ethnicity, Caste, and Identity Issues”
 - Journalist Rabia Mehmood, “Religious Minorities and Identities in Pakistan”
 - Dr. Hasini Hapthanthri (History & Anthropology, Columbia University & International Centre for Ethnic Studies), “Polonnaruwa: Politics of Discovery, Interpretation and Representation”
 - Prof. Harshana Rambukwella (English, Open University of Sri Lanka), “Sinhala Nationalism, Indigeneity and Authenticity in 19th and 20th Century Sri Lanka: A Brief Introduction”
 - Prof. Amen Jaffer (Anthropology, Lahore University of Management Sciences), “Urban Religiosity in South Asian Worlds”
 - Artist Abdul Halik Azeez, “This City is Full of [Amazing] Crap: Ephemera as Evidence”
 - Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj (History, Columbia University), “The History and Counter-History of Bengali Identity”
- 2012 Beyond Utopia: Crisis, Values, and the Politics of Nature, Conference held at the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara, March 1-3 – Co-Organized with Dr. Casey Walsh and Dr. Constanza Parra.
- 2011-13 Cultural Anthropology Collective, UC Santa Barbara, monthly.

Panels Organized and Chaired

- 2023 “Recycling Infrastructures in Cambodia. Circularity, Waste, and Urban Life in Phnom Penh,” book discussion with Dr. Kathrin Eitel at the Ethnokolloquium of the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies at the University of Zurich, May 30 (discussant). Available as podcast at <https://open.spotify.com/episode/7aV3EXQCT1ee14FwedgDJs?si=f769314ec99b4555>.
- 2021 “Humans and Animals: A conversation and debate with Prof. Naisargi Davé (Anthropology, University of Toronto) and Prof. Hans-Johann Glock (Philosophy, University of Zurich)” in the Interdisciplinary Lecture Series, “Was ist der Mensch?” (What is the human?), University of Zurich, October 26 (organizer and discussant).
- 2019 “Five Years of Swachh Bharat: A retrospective on caste, power and governance through the lens of sanitation” at the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 16-20 (co-chaired with Jen Barr).
- 2018 “Expanding the Anthropology of Water: Aquatic Politics and their Extra-State Lives (Parts I & II)” at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Jose, California, November 14-18.
- 2013 Mediations of Ethnography: Research Proposal Workshop, Special Session with Guest Tom Boellstorff during the Mediations of Ethnography Workshop held at the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara, May 3.

Papers Presented

- 2024 “The Impulse to Photograph ‘Every Ass.’ Permission, license, and other productive tensions in a photography-driven ethnography of river swimming in Switzerland” at the Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropology in Barcelona, Spain, July 23-26.

- 2024 “Ridiculous epistemologies and absurdist lexicons: An invitation to reimagine political ecology’s most basic epistemic gestures” at the 3rd Biennial Conference of POLLEN Political Ecology Network at the University of Lund in Lund, Sweden, June 12-14.
- 2023 “Every Ass On the Letten: Leisure and intimacy along the Limmat River” at Human-Environmental Relations Interest Group, University of Zurich, September 25.
- 2022 “Bucket List Item / A Fishing Trip: Reflections on a moment of shared vitality in the face of terminal illness” at the Special Workshop on Waxing and Waning Life with Prof. Bhrigupati Singh (Brown University and Ashoka University) held at the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, May 10-11.
- 2019 “Calling all Psychologists, Trainers, and Market Specialists: Development as a Culture Industry” at the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 16-20.
- 2018 “When Tech Runs High but the Water Runs Out: Corporate Power and the Paradoxes of Capitalism in Bangalore” at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Jose, California, November 14-18.
- 2018 “Liberalization’s Patrons? Wealth, Mythic Capital, and Philanthropy within India’s Tech Sector” at the 47th Annual Conference on South Asia, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 11-14.
- 2017 “Futurists and their Nostalgias: Urban Water Memories and National Development in Bangalore’s Tech Philanthropy Scene” at the Annual Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, March 30-April 1.
- 2017 “Portals and Platforms: Digital Modes of Development in the Indian Water Sector” at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 28-April 2.
- 2016 “Becoming Moral, Becoming Sovereign by Way of the Body: Insights from the Life & Politics of Mahatma Gandhi” at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-20.
- 2016 “From London to the Birla House: Insights from Affect Theory & Endocrinology on the Roles of Daily Bodily Practice in the Life & Politics of Gandhi” at the 45th Annual Conference on South Asia, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 20-23.
- 2015 “‘Toilets are the New Schools:’ Remaking Citizenry and the Developmental Field through India’s Swachh Bharat Program” at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, Colorado, November 18-22.
- 2015 “The Rise (and Fall?) of the National Knowledge Portal Concept in India” at “NGOographies,” the 2nd Meeting of the NGO and Non-Profits Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, Colorado, November 17-18.
- 2015 “Tales of Contemporary Remediation and Conversion: Selling the Idea of the Toilet to 700 Million People” at the 44th Annual Conference on South Asia, at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct 22-25.
- 2015 “Corporate but Not: NGOs, CSR, and Hiding Out in the Shade-Spots of Capitalism” at the Bangalore Research Network Workshop, August 1.

- 2014 “आई. सी. टी.स. भारतीय पानी क्षेत्र में” (“ICTs in the Indian Water Sector,” presentation given in Hindi) at the 3rd मीडिया चौपाल: नादियाँ (Media Workshop: Rivers), National Institute of Mass Communication, Jawaharlal Nehru University, October 11-12.
- 2013 “Tweets and Programmers: Water, Technologies of Power, and New Engineering in Bangalore” at the 3rd Annual Anthropology UCSB Graduate Student Symposium, May 31.
- 2012 “Where is the Utopia Here? A Synthesis of Anthropological Theories of Value in Contemporary Environmental Debate” as a Panel Discussant at Beyond Utopia: Crisis, Values, and the Socialities of Nature, March 1-3.
- 2010 “Modeling Nature: Restriction, Space, and the Emergent Water Cultures Along a Southern California River” at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21.
- 2010 “Making Moves in Nature: The Body and Improvising the Human-Water Relationship Along a Southern California River” at the “Improvisational Bodies” conference for Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice, University of Guelph, September 9-12.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Certificate in College & University Teaching (conferred 2017, University of California, Santa Barbara)

University of Zurich, Lecturer

Anthropology of Water (Spring 2020, Autumn 2024)

Doing Ethnography (Spring 2022)

Digital Anthropology Practicum (Spring 2021)

Love, Tech, and Trash: Ethnographies of Contemporary India (Autumn 2021)

Regional seminar: Anthropology of the United States (Autumn 2024)

South Asian Intersections Summer School (Summer 2022) – featured on *research.swiss* at [South Asian Interactions - Research Swiss](#)

Working with Anthropological Texts (Autumn 2023)

Emory University, Teaching Associate

Anthropology of Water (Spring 2018)

University of California, Santa Barbara, Teaching Associate

Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (Summer 2016)

University of California, Santa Barbara, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (Winter 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Winter 2014, Fall 2015)

Myth, Ritual, and Symbol (Summer 2010, Fall 2013)

Globalization in Asian/America (Spring 2013)

Environmental Ethics (Winter 2011, Winter 2012, Winter 2013)

History of Human Environmental Impact (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

Introduction to Archaeology (Summer 2012)

Introduction to Physical Anthropology (Fall 2009)

Major Works of European Literature: Renaissance to Neoclassical Periods (Winter 2009)

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Mentorship/Student Research Supervision

Bachelor's Theses

- Aurora Marina Luppi, "The Thing-Power of PET Bottled Water: A Look into its Socio-Material Life," Department of Social Anthropology & Cultural Studies (ISEK), University of Zurich – Supervisor, Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- Alessia Truninger, "TikTok – The Silver Lining for Swiss Teenagers During the Covid-19 Pandemic: TikTok as a Third Space for Teenagers," Department of Social Anthropology & Cultural Studies (ISEK), University of Zurich – Supervisor, Spring 2021
- Philip Oeltjen, "How eco-friendly are eco-brands?," Department of Social Anthropology & Cultural Studies (ISEK), University of Zurich – Supervisor, Autumn 2022

Undergraduate and Master's Research Assistants

- Laura Bianca Andrey (Anthropology, Bachelor's student), Fall 2023-present
- Enya Fritschy (Anthropology, Bachelor's student), Fall 2023-present
- Joane Marner (Anthropology, Master's student), Winter-Spring 2020
- Julian Büchler (Anthropology, Bachelor's student), Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Jessica Michel (Anthropology, Bachelor's student) Fall 2019-Winter 2020
- Ariella Strauss (Anthropology, Master's student), Fall 2019-Winter 2020
- Alyssa Marceno (Anthropology & Psychology, Bachelor's student), Fall 2015-Spring 2016
- Karina Lopez (Anthropology, Bachelor's student), Fall 2015-Winter 2016
- Jason Barajas (Communication Studies, Bachelor's student), Fall 2015
- Andrea Negrete (undecided, Bachelor's student), Fall 2015
- Isaac Zakaria (Chemistry, Bachelor's student), Fall 2015

PhD-Student Mentees

- Banhishikha Ghosh (Sociocultural Anthropology), January 2020-December 2021
- Mareike Scherer (Sociocultural Anthropology), January 2020-March 2022

ART INSTALLATIONS

- Woodstrup, Bart, Curtis Bahn, Jayeeta Chowdhury, **Lindsay Vogt**. Under the Saraswati River. Projections of digital photographs (Woodstrup and Vogt), sitar (Bahn), and voice (Chowdhury) performance. 2013 Digital Dome at the Institute of American Indian Art, Currents 2013 Santa Fe International New Media Festival, Santa Fe, NM
- 2012 The Arts Converge, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2012 Private Screening, Her Excellency Suvra Mukherjee, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, India

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- End-of-Life Doula Certificate from University of Vermont, Larner College of Medicine, 2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2010 UCSB Library, University of California Santa Barbara (Feb-Oct)
- 2011 Anthropology Department, University of California Santa Barbara (Feb-June)
- 2011 Communication Studies Department, University of California Santa Barbara (Feb-Apr)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, Digital Editorial Fellow (2016)
- American Anthropological Association, RACE Project – Outreach Volunteer (2008)

DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Association of Junior Researchers (VAUZ, UZH) – Representative (Ethnologie/ISEK, 2021-2023)

South Asia Forum (UZH) – Coordinator (2020-2022)
Chair Quack Website (UZH) – Revision Coordinator (along with Anne Kukuczka, 2019-2021)
Chair Quack Student Assistants (UZH) – Coordinator (2019-2020, 2023-2024)
Anthropology Graduate Student Symposium (UCSB) – Co-Organizer (with Lauren Smyth and Carmen Hove in 2016 and Anne Pisor in 2013)
Cultural Anthropology Collective (Monthly Symposium, UCSB) – Co-Organizer (2011-2013)
Anthropology Graduate Student Association (UCSB) – Secretary (2008-09)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Association of Political and Legal Anthropology, Society for Applied Anthropology, Association of Asian Studies

LANGUAGES

Hindi: Advanced reading, writing, speaking, comprehension

German: High-Intermediate (level B2) reading, writing, speaking, comprehension

Goethe-Zertifikat B1 (July 2023): Reading 93/100; Listening 87/100; Writing 87/100; Speaking 83/100

Spanish: Intermediate comprehension, speaking, reading, writing