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EDUCATION

- Feb 2014 – Dec 2018 **PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
 Thesis: *Disability and Logics of Distribution in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement*
 (date of defense: 07/12/2018)
 1st supervisor: Mareile Flitsch, University of Zurich
 2nd supervisor: Susan Reynolds Whyte, University of Copenhagen
- Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 **Visiting Scholar at the Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen**
 SNSF Doc.Mobility fellowship
- Sep 2011 – Jan 2014 **Master of Arts in History & Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
 Title of MA thesis (in Social Anthropology): *'Out of the Shadows'? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda*
- Sep 2007 – Jul 2011 **Bachelor of Arts in History & Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
 Including modules in Political Science

EMPLOYMENT

- Feb 2018 – Jul 2018 **Assistant** at the ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich
- Aug 2017 – Jan 2018 **Adjunct instructor** at the ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich
- Feb 2017 – Jul 2017 **Adjunct instructor** at the ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich
- Feb 2014 – Jan 2017 **PhD candidate in SNSF project** 'Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development' (r4d): *Disability and Technology in Uganda from Local and Global Perspectives*, Ethnographic Museum, University of Zurich
- Sep 2012 – Jan 2014 **Junior researcher and teaching assistant** to the chair of Professor Flitsch, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Feb 2014 – Jan 2017 SNSF Project 'Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development' (r4d): *Disability and Technology in Uganda from Local and Global Perspectives* (competitive)

FELLOWSHIPS

- Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 Doc.mobility fellowship, University of Copenhagen: *Disability and Humanitarian Assistance – Negotiating Aid along Vulnerability Categories in Kyanwali Refugee Settlement* (competitive)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Feb 2018 – Jul 2018 *Einführung in die Ethnologie II: Methodenkurs*. Introductory anthropology methods course, University of Zurich.
- Jul 2017 – Aug 2017 *Disability and Technology in Uganda Field School*. Field School and exchange with students from the University of Zurich and Makerere University, Kampala
- Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 *Disability and Technology in Uganda*. Preparation and review seminar for field school, University of Zurich (block seminar)

- Aug 2014 – Jan 2015 *Behinderung in lokalen und globalen Kontexten*. Seminar on disability and development in Sub-Saharan Africa, University of Zurich
- Aug 2013 – Jan 2014 *Einführung in die ethnologischen Disability Studies*. Seminar on Anthropological Disability Studies, University of Zurich (as teaching assistant)
- Feb 2013 – Jul 2013 *Praxismodul praktische ethnologische Arbeit*. Seminar on applied anthropological research, University of Zurich (as teaching assistant)

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- Oct 2013 Co-organization Medical Anthropology Switzerland (MAS) Symposium 2013 'Enabling Disability and Processes of Learning', University of Zurich

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- May 2018 *When Aid Agencies Become Patrons. Disability, vulnerability and logics of distribution in a refugee settlement in Uganda*, Panel convenor *Moral Economies of Vulnerability*, Association for the anthropology of social change and development (APAD) International Conference: 'Migrations, Development and Citizenship' in Roskilde, Denmark
- Oct 2017 *'I'm also a Person with a Disability' – Claims and Complaints as Practices of Belonging in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement*, German Anthropological Association (GAA) Conference, Berlin
- Jun 2017 *Food for the 'Extremely Vulnerable': Questioning Categories and Revisiting Dependency*, 7th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) 'Urban Africa – Urban Africans', Basel
- May 2017 *Disability & Humanitarian Assistance: On the Significance of Food Aid*, 5th Africanist Graduate Forum, Copenhagen
- Nov 2015 *Unfolding Dynamics of Vulnerability Categories among People with Disabilities in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement*, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 'Familiar/Strange', Denver
- Sep 2013 *'Out of the Shadows'? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda*, De-colonizing Disability Theory I: Crippling Development Conference, Charles University, Prague
- Oct 2012 *Varying Conceptions of Disabilities and their Implication on the Use of Technologies – Dealing with Deafness and Epilepsy in Uganda*, Swiss Researching Africa Days, Berne (together with Francesca Rickli)

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Aug 2017 *Uganda's Refugee Policy for People with Disabilities*, Live talk on Prime Radio Uganda
- Jul 2017 *Food Aid for Refugees with Disabilities: Policies and Practices*, Dissemination of Disability and Technology Research Findings, Kampala, Uganda
- Dec 2016 *Skilling People with Disabilities: Reducing Environmental Barriers*, Annual Disability Forum on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Adjumani, Uganda
- Apr 2016 *Categorizing People with Disabilities: Opportunities and Challenges*, 3rd Stakeholder Dialogue on Disability and Research, Kampala, Uganda
- Sep 2012 *Dealing with Various and Multi-layered Perspectives on Epilepsy: The Impact of Sensitization on Knowledge and Practices in Kabale, Uganda*, Disability and Technology Research Results, Kampala, Uganda
- Aug 2012 *Talk Show on Epilepsy*, Radio 'Voice of Kigezi', Kabale, Uganda

PUBLICATIONS

- Mar 2018 *Discomfort, Complaints, and Claims. Conducting Fieldwork with Refugees with Disabilities.* Medicine Anthropology Theory, 29th of March, section ‚Dissertating‘.
- Sep 2018 ‚Inclusive WASH‘ *Contested Assumptions about Bodies and Personhood in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement.* Platypus: The CASTAC Blog. 18th of September, category ‚Disabling Technologies‘ (edited by Rebekah Cupitt).

UNPUBLISHED WORK

- Jan 2014 ‚*Out of the Shadows?* – *On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda.* MA thesis. Unpublished.

HONORARY ENGAGEMENTS

- Since Dec 2018 **Das Lamm**, activistst journalist online magazine
Freelance journalist
- Since Mar 2018 **Public Eye**, swiss-based development political NGO
Development and implementation of city tour ‚Nächster Halt Paradeplatz – Ein kritischer Stadtrundgang zum Finanzplatz Zürich‘
Support for diverse campaigns, especially the ‚Responsible Business Initiative‘ (Konzernverantwortungsinitiative)

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Language Skills German (native speaker), English (proficient), French (good command), Swahili (basic communication skills), Ugandan Sign Language (basic communication skills)
- Digital Competences Atlas.ti, Zotero, dedoose, Word, Power Point, Excel