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**Research Interests** Anthropology of translocal and global China, digital infrastructures, China in Switzerland, migration, agriculture, technology, knowledge and skill, food, gender, work

### Current Positions and Affiliations

Since 08/2022 Guest Researcher, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Konstanz  
Since 02/2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of History, University of Zurich  
Since 02/2019 Associated Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich

### Education

09/2012 – 05/2018 **University of Zurich**  
Ph.D. in Social Anthropology  
Thesis: “Paddy field bound: Chinese rice farmers’ strategies of farmland resource protection in rural-urban migration, 1980s to 2010s”  
04/2003 – 06/2009 **Freie Universität Berlin**  
M.A. (Magister Artium) in Social Anthropology and Sinology (double major)  
Thesis: “*Mala tang* – Everyday strategies of rural migrants in urban Shanghai”  
08/2006 – 04/2008 **Shanghai Jiaotong University**  
Chinese language study and field research  
08/2005 – 08/2005 **Beijing Language and Culture University**  
Chinese language study, one-month intensive course  
09/2004 – 04/2005 **Università La Sapienza, Rome**  
Study of Sinology  
04/2002 – 10/2005 **Humboldt-Universität of Berlin**  
Study of Cultural Studies and Italian, intermediate examination (“Zwischenprüfung”)

### Academic Appointments

02/2022 – 07/2022 **University of Bern, Department of Linguistics**  
Guest Lecturer in Chinese Society and Culture  
Since 08/2020 **University of Zurich, Department of History**  
Postdoctoral Researcher  
SNSF (Swiss National Science Foundation)-funded project “Digital Entanglements”  
02/2019 – 07/2020 **University of Zurich, Department of History in collaboration with Collegium Helveticum/ETH**  
Postdoctoral Researcher  
SNSF-funded pilot project “Digital Infrastructures”  
02/2012 – 01/2019 Reduced working pensum (average working percentage 55%) due to child care obligations  
08/2018 – 01/2019 **University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies**  
Research Associate & BA Studies Coordinator  
05/2015 – 04/2017 **Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich**  
PI and Doctoral Researcher  
SNSF-funded project “Skills in Migration”

02/2012 – 06/2018 **Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich**  
Research and Teaching Assistant

12/2014 – 05/2015 Maternity leave

10/2011 – 02/2012 Maternity leave

### Employment Outside of Academia

05/2010 – 10/2011 **German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Beijing**  
Advisor and Applied Researcher

10/2009 – 04/2010 **German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Beijing**  
Programme Management and Public Relations Intern

09/2008 – 09/2010 **Goethe Institute, Berlin, and other institutions**  
Accompanying Officer and Interpreter (Chinese/German/English)

11/2000 – 11/2001 **Associazione Rieti Immigrant, NGO, Rieti/Italy**  
European Voluntary Service, Intercultural Mediator for Refugees

### Fellowships and Awards (Selection)

Since 08/2022 Visiting Researcher at the University of Konstanz, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

2023 SAGW Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences travel grant (CHF 1000.-)

2022 University of Bern “Excellent Evaluation Result” teaching award (13 out of 184 evaluated classes received this award)

2021 SNSF Flexibility Grant (ca. CHF 56,800.-)

2020 SNSF Publication Grant (ca. CHF 8,000.-)

2020 SNSF Flexibility Grant (ca. CHF 6,650.-)

2020 Nominated by the president of the University of Zurich for a fellowship at the WEF Global Future Council (one nomination per university)

2019 Mercator Award 2019, shortlisted (one nomination per faculty)

2015 – 2017 SNSF Marie Heim-Vögtlin Grant, project “Skills in migration: Everyday life strategies of Chinese rice farmers” (ca. CHF 190,000.-)

2014 Fellowship at Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, supported by the UZH Gender Equality Department (ca. CHF 600.-)

2010 – 2011 Field research grant of the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich for field research in China (CHF 4,000.-)

2006 – 2008 DAAD grant, project “Women and migration in China: A qualitative field study about female rural migrant workers in the city” (ca. EUR 9,000.-; successfully extended to a second year)

2004 – 2005 Erasmus scholarship (ca. EUR 2,000.-)

### Publications

#### Books

Kaufmann, Lena. 2021. *Rural-Urban Migration and Agro-Technological Change in Post-Reform China*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.  
<https://www.aup.nl/en/series/new-mobilities-in-asia> (open access)  
(Reviewed in *China Information* 36 (1) 2022; *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* 40 (2) 2022).

Kaufmann, Lena. 2011. *Mala tang – Alltagsstrategien Ländlicher Migranten in Shanghai* [*Mala tang – Everyday strategies of rural migrants in Shanghai*]. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.  
(Reviewed in *China Review International* 19 (4) 2012).

#### Articles

(peer reviewed)

Kaufmann, Lena. In press. “‘Today There are Ploughing Machines, That’s Quicker!’: The Transformation of Agricultural Working Knowledge in Post-Reform China.” *Schweizerisches Jahrbuch für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte / Annuaire Suisse d’histoire économique et sociale* 2022.

Kaufmann, Lena. 2016. "Everyday Strategies of Rural Migrants: Assembling Skills in Malatang Production." *Journal of Chinese Dietary Culture* 12 (2): 63–112.  
<https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-127411>

Kaufmann, Lena. 2015. "Between Rice and Road: Chinese Rice Farmers' Strategies to Preserve Home Resources in a Migration Context." *Tsantsa* 20 (2015): 152–57.  
<https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-114183>

**Working Paper**  
(peer reviewed)

Kaufmann, Lena. 2019. "Staying Behind, Moving On: Women, Technology and Migration in Contemporary Rural China," *ZANTHRO* Zurich Anthropology Working Papers 8: 1–20.  
<https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-174358>

**Book reviews**

Kaufmann, Lena. 2021. "Review of Prototype Nation: China and the Contested Promise of Innovation, Silvia M. Lindtner, Princeton, NJ, and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2020." *The China Quarterly* 246: 602–603.  
<https://www.doi.org/10.1017/S0305741021000291>

Kaufmann, Lena. 2016. "Review of Rice: Global Networks and New Histories, Bray, Francesca / Coclanis, Peter A. / Fields-Black, Edda L. / Schäfer, Dagmar, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015." *Asiatische Studien – Études Asiatiques* 70 (4): 1433–43.  
<https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-135110>

**Book chapters**

Kaufmann, Lena. 2020. "Altdorf – Shanghai – Shenzhen – Liebfeld: Swiss-Chinese Entanglements in Digital Infrastructures." In *Swiss Connections: In Search of a Digital Nation*, edited by Monika Dommann, Hannes Rickli, and Max Stadler. Zurich: Lars Müller Publishers.  
<https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-190620>  
(The Most Beautiful German Books Award 2021; The Most Beautiful Swiss Books Award 2020. Book and related exhibition reviewed in Swiss media such as NZZ; SRF Tagesschau, 14/11/2020; WOZ 08/04/2021).

Flitsch, Mareile, Lena Kaufmann, and Karin von Niederhäusern. 2014. "Palm Wine in the Tropical Belt: On Palm Juice Tappers and Palm Wine Mugs." In *Drinking Skills*, edited by Mareile Flitsch, 158–199. Sulgen: Benteli and Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich.

**Other (online resources, public outreach articles)**

NowHere Media and Lena Kaufmann. 2022. "Behind the Scenes." Audio-visual contribution to the online publication of "Planet Digital." Zurich: Museum of Design.  
<https://www.planetdigital.ch/en/project/behind-the-scenes>

Kaufmann, Lena. 2022. "Rural Chinese Cycle Between Mechanization and Migration." *Sixth Tone*, 27 April 2022.  
[https://www.sixthtone.com/news/1010225/rural-chinese-cycle-between-mechanization-and-migration?source=chanel\\_broad](https://www.sixthtone.com/news/1010225/rural-chinese-cycle-between-mechanization-and-migration?source=chanel_broad)

Kaufmann, Lena. 2021. "Prefiguring China's Digital Silk Road to Europe: Connecting Switzerland." Transformations: Downstream Effects of the BRI blog, Belt and Road in Global Perspective at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto.  
<https://munkschool.utoronto.ca/beltandroad/blog/>

Kaufmann, Lena. 2021. "Everyday strategies between the Chinese countryside and the city." In *China in our Memories (Volume III)*, edited by the Chinese Embassy in Switzerland in view of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic relations between China and Switzerland (German, English and Chinese translations).  
<http://www.rtdesign.cn/memories/2021/index.html>

Kaufmann, Lena. 2009. "Haibao und die alte chinesische Scheiderin: Alltag in Zeiten der Expo [Haibao and the Old Chinese Seamstress: Everyday Life in Times of the Expo]." *Das neue China* 3 (2009): 36–37.

Kaufmann, Lena. 2008. "Zwischen Malatang und Frühlingsfest: Eine Fallstudie [Between Malatang and Spring Festival: A Case Study]." *Cargo* 28: 24–27.

Kaufmann, Lena. 2007. "Familie Wu und das Malatang-Métier [The Wu Family and the Malatang Métier]." *Das neue China* 3 (2007): 33–35.

Kaufmann, Lena. 2007. "Die vorübergehende Heimat der 'Nummer Sechs': Leben in einem Shanghaier Massagesalon [The Temporary Home of 'Number Six': Life in a Shanghai Massage Parlour]." *Das neue China* 1 (2007): 13–14.

<b>Accepted Special Issue proposal</b>	Dommann, Monika and Lena Kaufmann, eds. Forthcoming. Zwischen Archiv und Feld: Ethnologische Zeitgeschichte [Between Archive and Field: Anthropological Contemporary History]. Accepted, interdisciplinary Special Issue Proposal for <i>Studies in Contemporary History</i> , including my contribution to the introduction, to one chapter on Sino-Swiss entanglements in digital infrastructures, and one interview with Gabrielle Hecht and Brian Larkin.
<b>Submitted manuscripts</b>	Kaufmann, Lena. "China's Digital Silk Road to Europe: Connecting Switzerland." Submitted as book chapter for <i>Seeing the Belt and Road Initiative: The Politics of (In)Visibility</i> , edited by Edward Schatz and Rachel Silvey, submitted 10/2021, currently under peer review.  Kaufmann, Lena. "Chinese Industry-Science Collaborations in Switzerland: Entanglements of Economic, Political and Scientific Interests." Article submitted for the Special Issue "Science and Foreign Policy in Contemporary China", edited by Anna L. Ahlers and Trym Eiterjord, submitted 12/2022.
<b>Manuscripts in preparation</b>	Kaufmann, Lena, and Niklaus Remund. "Global Entanglements: Historical and Ethnographic Perspectives on Swiss-Chinese Economic Collaborations." Article for a Special Issue on the interdisciplinary dialogue between contemporary history and social anthropology.  Kaufmann, Lena. "The Farming-Migration Nexus in China." Chapter for the book <i>[Within China.s]: Ethnographic Explorations</i> , , edited by Christof Lammer, Marco Lazzarotti, and Jean-Baptiste Pettier.  Pablo Ampuero-Ruiz, Simon Rowedder, Lena Kaufmann, and Susanne Brandtstädter. "Global China(s): Iterations of China in the Academic Production of Estudios Americanos and Southeast Asian Studies." Chapter for the book <i>China Multiple: Un/Doing Ethnographic Regions in Anthropology</i> , edited by Christof Lammer, Marco Lazzarotti, and Jean-Baptiste Pettier.
<b>Consultancies</b>	
2010	"Gender and Work in Rural China." Background study for the project 'Economic Reconstruction in Earthquake Areas', commissioned by the German Society for International Cooperation. Beijing: GIZ.
2010	"Gender and Income Generation: Inventory of International Best Practices." Background study for the project 'Economic Reconstruction in Earthquake Areas', commissioned by the German Society for International Cooperation. Beijing: GIZ.
<b>Field Research</b>	
Since 04/2019	Field research on Sino-Swiss digital infrastructures, Switzerland (in total 12 m.)
07-08/2018 & 12/2010	Exploratory field research on Chinese migrants in Congo-Brazzaville (1 m.)
02/2014	Field research on palm wine tapping in Congo-Brazzaville for the exhibition "Drinking Skills" at the Ethnographic Museum, University of Zurich (1/2 m.)
11/2010 – 06/2011	Field research on farming and migration in Hunan Province and Shanghai, China (7 m.)
04/2007 – 04/2008	Field research on migrant strategies in Shanghai and Anhui Province, China (12 m.)
<b>Teaching</b>	
<i>University of Bern</i>	
Spring term 2022	Chinese Society in Transition, interdisciplinary (BA)
<i>University of Zurich</i>	
Autumn term 2021	Observing the Past & Present: Cultural Anthropology and Contemporary History in Dialogue, interdisciplinary co-teaching with Monika Dommann (BA)
Autumn term 2018	Chinese in Africa (BA)
Autumn term 2017	Scientific working methods for anthropologists (BA)
Spring term 2014	Methods of ethnographic field research (BA)

Autumn term 2013	China's Green Revolution (BA & MA)
Autumn term 2013	Scientific working methods for anthropologists (BA)
Spring term 2013	Methods of ethnographic field research (BA)
Autumn term 2012	Whose perspective? An introduction to farmers' everyday strategies (BA & MA)
Autumn term 2012	Scientific working methods for anthropologists (BA)
Spring term 2012	Methods of ethnographic field research (MA)
Spring term 2012	Methods of ethnographic field research (BA)

### **Thesis Supervision and Examination**

2022	Iulia Moscanu, "Museums as factors of well-being – A salutogenic enquiry into the museum experience from the visitors' perspectives." BA thesis, University of Zurich (first supervisor).
2020	Monique Stéphanie Bolli, "Liminality, Ephemerality and Marginality with Impact Makerspaces in the Chinese Urban Fabric: Shanghai, Shenzhen, Beijing, and Addis Ababa." PhD thesis, EPFL, Lausanne (external examiner).
2019	Chiara Andreoli, "Die Situation des Rätoromanischen in der Schweiz: Sprachaktivismus am Beispiel des Jugendvereins der GiuRu." BA thesis, University of Zurich (first supervisor).
Since 02/2012	Supervision of more than 250 term papers related to teaching activity

### **Panel, Workshop and Colloquium Organisation**

09/2023	Workshop "Chinese Migration and Technology", China in Europe Research Network (CHERN), 09/2023, University of Amsterdam.
Spring term 2023	RG China(s) Colloquium of the German Anthropological Association, monthly, online, with Gil Hizi.
04/2023	Interdisciplinary workshop on anthropological contemporary history with Monika Dommann, 04/2023, University of Zurich.
12/2022	DFG Scientific Network Anthropology and China(s): The Politics of the Anthropology of China(s), 3rd Conference, with Madlen Kobi and Verena La Mela, 15–17/12/2022, University of Zurich.
11/2022	Interdisciplinary public panel discussion "Academia quo vadis? – Fast science or slow science", CareerElixier women's peer mentoring group, with Lea Stahel and Vera Hampel, 23/11/2022, University of Zurich.
11/2021	Interdisciplinary workshop "Designing your (academic) career", CareerElixier women's peer mentoring group, with Natasha Wunsch, 25/11/2021, University of Zurich.
01/10/2021	Workshop "Seismic China – Environmental Shifts and Radical Reorientations in China-World Relationships", with Charlotte Bruckermann and Jean-Baptiste Pettier, accepted for the German Anthropological Association conference 2021 in Bremen (online).
10/2020	Workshop "How to become a professor", CareerElixier women's peer mentoring group, with Violetta Splitter and Natasha Wunsch, Zurich, 22/10/2020.
10/2017	Workshop "Mobility and belonging: Chinese responses", biennial conference of the German Anthropological Association, with Marco Lazzarotti and Verena Zimmermann, Berlin, 4–7/10/2017.
Spring term 2014	Seminar Colloquium of the Department of Social Anthropology of the University of Zurich.
11/2013	Panel "Current (Swiss) contributions to Chinese anthropology", annual conference of the Swiss Ethnological Society, with Madlen Kobi, Sion, 7–9/11/2013.

## Outreach Activities

- 10/02/2022 – 06/06/2022 *Exhibition project:*  
Immersive audio walk on transnational digital infrastructures as part of the exhibition “Planet Digital”, in collaboration with NowHere Media at the Zurich Museum für Gestaltung.  
<https://www.planetdigital.ch/en/project/behind-the-scenes>
- 02/12/2021 *Radio feature:*  
Interview with me on “Submarine cables – lifelines of the information society” for the programme “Radiowissen” (“Radio knowledge”) at the public radio station Bayern 2, Munich. (in German)  
<https://www.br.de/mediathek/podcast/iq-wissenschaft-und-forschung/unterseekabel-lebensadern-der-informationsgesellschaft/1844032>
- 02/12/2021 *Podcast:*  
Network of Research on Chinese Education Mobilities “Meet the Author” Podcast #12 on Rural-Urban Migration and Agro-Technological Change in Post-Reform China, with Cora Lingling Xu, Durham University.  
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ys-yjeAHuL8>  
Audio: [https://anchor.fm/nrcem-meettheauthor/episodes/Episode-12-Rural-urban-migration-and-the-argo-technological-change-in-China\\_Interview-with-Dr-Lena-Kaufmann-e1b540n](https://anchor.fm/nrcem-meettheauthor/episodes/Episode-12-Rural-urban-migration-and-the-argo-technological-change-in-China_Interview-with-Dr-Lena-Kaufmann-e1b540n)
- 15/10/2021 *Podcast:*  
Sci-Tech Asia Network TechnoViews Podcast #12 on Rural-Urban Migration and Agro-Technological Change in Post-Reform China, with Joseph Bosco, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Washington University in St Louis University of Washington  
<https://rss.com/podcasts/technoviews/296380/>
- 17/09/2021 *Blog and newsletter entry:*  
Kaufmann, Lena. 2021. Research Highlight “Rural-Urban Migration and Agro-Technological Change in Post-Reform China”, Network of Research on Chinese Education Mobilities, <https://chineseeducationmobilities.com/2021/09/17/rural-urban-migration-and-agro-technological-change-in-post-reform-china/>
- 25/08/2021 *Interview:*  
Interview with me on rural-urban migration and agro-technological change in China for the Regional Group China of the German Anthropological Association.  
<https://ethnologiechinas.org/2021/08/25/interview-lena-kaufmann-rural-urban-migration/>
- 30/10/2020 – 12/12/2020 *Interview & exhibition panel:*  
Interview with me & exhibition panel about my research on Swiss-Chinese entanglements in digital infrastructures shown at the exhibition “The Wired Nation – Landscape, Architecture, Infrastructure” at ETH/Collegium Helveticum.
- 20/06/2014 – 06/09/2015 *Exhibition:*  
Co-curator of the exhibition “Drinking Skills.” Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich
- 20/06/2014 – 06/09/2015 *Movie documentation for exhibition:*  
Movie documentation on palm wine tapping in Lukanga, Congo-Brazzaville (10 min.) for the exhibition “Drinking Skills”. Zurich: Ethnographic Museum, with Jean Pierre Miahouakana.

## Invited Talks

- 05/2023 “The Anthropology of Technology and Skill in China.” University of Fribourg, Department of Social Sciences, Seminar The Anthropology of China, 03/05/2023.
- 11/2022 “Swiss-Chinese Entanglements in Digital Infrastructures.” University of Basel, Department of Media Studies, Seminar Netzwerke/Networks, 29/11/2022.
- 09/2022 “The Agriculture-Migration Nexus in China: A Socio-Technical Perspective on Land Use.” Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies and ThinkChina, 22/09/2022, University of Copenhagen (**invited keynote**).  
Recording: <https://www.thinkchina.ku.dk/news/new-thinkchina-video-the-agricultural-migration-nexus-in-china/>
- 04/2022 “China's Digital Silk Road to Switzerland: Materiality, Actors and Narratives.” Department of Social Anthropology, 26/04/2022, University of Lucerne.

- 04/2022 “Agriculture and Rural-Urban Migration in China: A Socio-Technical Perspective on Land Use.” Centre for research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations (CEIFO), University of Stockholm, 11/04/2022 (online).
- 03/2022 “Land-use Strategies in a Migration Context.” Guest lecture in the seminar Introduction to the Anthropology of China in Transnational Contexts, ISEK – Anthropology, University of Zurich, 16/03/2022.
- 02/2022 “Reports from the Field.” Berlin SinoCareers Forum #2 of the Berlin Contemporary China Network, the Institute of Chinese Studies of Freie Universität Berlin, and the Institute of Asian and African Studies of Humboldt-University of Berlin, 18/02/2022 (online).
- 11/2021 “China’s Digital Silk Road to Europe: Connecting Switzerland.” Sinophone Borderlands, Palacký University, Olomouc, 15/11/2021 (online).
- 09/2021 “China in My Memory: Everyday Life Strategies between Rural and Urban Areas in China.” Chinese Embassy in Switzerland, Education Section, 70th anniversary of Sino-Swiss diplomatic relations, 25/09/2021, Bern (online).
- 07/2021 “Rural-Urban Migration and Agro-Technological Transformation in Post-Reform China.” Rurban China Lunch lecture series, 05/07/2021, Technical University Berlin (online in German). Recording: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6\\_MWiAsfDA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6_MWiAsfDA)
- 04/2021 “The Agriculture-Migration Nexus in China: A View from the Field.” Sci-Tech Asia Virtual Seminar, 27/04/2021, Universities of Coimbra, Macau and Hong Kong (online). Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INueUZFE8h4>
- 04/2021 “Rural China in Transition: Chinese Thinking in Practice.” MAS Applied History seminar How China thinks: From Confucius to Xi Jinping, 23/04/2021, University of Zurich.
- 04/2021 “Methodological Reflections on Swiss-Chinese Entanglements in Digital Infrastructures.” Digital Anthropology Practicum seminar, University of Zurich, 21/03/2021 (online).
- 03/2021 “The Agriculture-Migration Nexus in China: A View from the Field.” Department of Architecture and Design seminar Prosperous Lishui, 25/03/2021, Politecnico di Torino (online).
- 03/2021 “China’s Digital Silk Road to Switzerland From an On-the-ground Perspective: Some ethnographic-Historical Reflections About Discourses and Practices.” EU COST Action China in Europe Network, WG II Webinar, 12/03/2021, University of Amsterdam (online).
- 11/2020 Conference chair, workshop “Wired China: Digital Media and Online Culture”, organised by Jessica Imbach and Justyna Jaguscik, 27/11/2020, University of Zurich (online).
- 11/2020 “Gynocentric technologies.”, Guest lecture in the seminar Material culture, practical knowledge and art, 25/11/2020, Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich (online).
- 03/2020 “Sino-Swiss Entanglements in Digital Infrastructures: Methodological Reflections.” Guest lecture in the seminar Transnational Perspectives on the Anthropology of China, 04/03/2020, Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich.
- 03/2020 “China – past & present: From Oracle Bones to Digitalization.” Scientific outreach presentation and discussion with elementary school students and teachers, 03/03/2020, Alpen School, Wallisellen.
- 01/2014 “Agricultural Deskillling: Simply a Loss of Skills?” Presentation at the Research Group Artefacts, Action and Knowledge, 29/01/2014, Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- 10/2013 “Alltagsstrategien chinesischer Reisbauern.” Seminar Colloquium of the Department of Anthropology, 07/10/2013, University of Zurich.
- 10/2012 “Nudelsuppe und Betriebsgeheimnis: Alltagsstrategien ländlicher Migranten in Shanghai.” Ethnological Café of the Ethnological Club Zurich, 07/10/2012, Lebewohlfabrik.

## Conference Papers

- 04/2023 “Global Entanglements: Historical and Ethnographic Perspectives on Swiss-Chinese Economic Collaborations.” With Niklaus Remund, workshop Between Field and Archive, 18/04/2023, University of Zurich.

- 03/2023 “Fields and Families: A socio-technical perspective on the Agriculture-Migration Nexus in China.” Paper accepted for the American Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, 16-19/03/2023, Boston.
- 11/2022 “Researching Contested Companies: Methodological and Ethical Questions.” SEG/SSE annual conference, workshop Anthropology and Business, 11/11/2022, University of Neuchâtel.
- 09/2022 “The Digitalization of Agriculture in China: Continuities, Changes and Research Methods.” Modernizing Rural China workshop and network meeting, 23/09/2022, Mols Laboratory, Ebeltoft, Denmark.
- 08/2022 “Re-Inventing China(s) in Regional Studies: An Anthropological Approach.” with Pablo Ampuero-Ruiz, Cheryl Schmitz & Susanne Brandtstädter, DFG Scientific Network Anthropology and China(s): Co-Constructions of Ethnographic and Academic Regions, 2nd Conference 03/08/2022, University of Heidelberg.
- 05/2022 “Chinese Digital Infrastructures in Switzerland: Entanglements of Economic, Political and Scientific Interests.” Workshop Global Interference? Science and Foreign Policy Interactions in China, 20/05/2022, Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Berlin.
- 08/2021 “Linking Farm Chemicals and Migration: A Socio-Technical Perspective on the Practical Hurdles to an ‘Ecological Civilization’ in China.” European Association of Chinese Studies EACS 2021 Conference, Panel ‘Practices and imaginaries of “ecological civilization” in contemporary China’, 24/08/2021, University of Leipzig (online).
- 06/2021 “China’s Digital Silk Road to Europe: Connecting Switzerland.” Conference Conceptualizing the “Belt and Road Initiative” and its Effects, 14/06/2021, University of Toronto (online).
- 04/2021 “Oral Knowledge in Contemporary Rural China: Transmitting and Negotiating Farming Knowledge through Proverbs.” Annual conference of the Swiss Anthropological Association, Workshop The Social Fabric of ‘Traditional Culture’ in the People’s Republic of China: Dynamic Articulation, Domestic Policy and Soft Power, 24/04/2021, Ascona (online).
- 03/2021 “Rethinking Mobility and Immobility through Sino-Swiss Entanglements in Digital Infrastructures.” Paper accepted for Conference Entangled Im/Mobilities: Perspectives from the Humanities and Social Sciences, Mobile Cultures and Societies, 18-20/03/2021, University of Vienna (online).
- 01/2021 ““Today There Are Ploughing Machines, That’s Quicker!”: The transformation of rice farming knowledge in China, 1960s to 2010s.” Panel ‘Technology and Organisation’, Annual Conference of the Swiss Society for Economic and Social History, 29/01/2021, University of Bern (online).
- 12/2018 “Dealing with Precarity: Chinese Rice Farmers’ Strategies for Protecting Their Farmland Resources in Rural-Urban Migration.” Workshop Precarity and opportunity: Understanding the cultural rationales and social implications of economic transformations, 14/12/2018, University of Zurich.
- 10/2018 “About Gendered Materialities of Translocal Households in Rural China.” Workshop Reproductive Labour and Gynocentric Technologies in East Asia, 1800s-2000s”, 13/10/2018, Smith College, Northampton, USA.
- 08/2018 “The Permanence of Fields and Skills in a Chinese Rural-Urban Farming Community of Practice.” 15th EASA biennial conference, 17/08/2018, University of Stockholm.
- 07/2017 “Paddy Field Bound: The Reluctant Transformation of Vernacular Knowledge at the Moment of Technological Transition and Rural-to-Urban Migration in China.” Workshop China and Chinas: The Many Faces of the Nation State, 27/07/2017, University of Cologne.
- 03/2017 “Im Dilemma: Bäuerliche Strategien der Landressourcenbewahrung zwischen Herkunftsort und Migration in der VR China der 1980er bis 2010er.” China AG annual meeting, 11/03/2017, University of Leipzig.
- 04/2016 “Kompetente Akteure zwischen Reis und Reise: Alltagsstrategien chinesischer Bauern im Migrationskontext.” 8th Swiss Meeting of Young Asianists and Orientalists, 29/04/2016, Puidoux.
- 11/2015 ““She Cooks Fast and She Calculates Fast’: Understanding Processes of (Chinese Rural-Urban) Migration and the Creation of Well-being Through the Lens of Skilled Agents.” SEG/SSE annual conference, 13/11/2015, University of Bern.



- 11/2015 “Skills in Migration: Everyday Strategies of Chinese Rice Farmers.” SUZ/IPZ/IPMZ/ISEK Interdisciplinary PhD-Colloquium for Social Sciences, 05/11/2015, University of Zurich.
- 10/2015 “Zwischen Reis und Reise: Agrartechnologischer Wandel, Migration und Kompetenz(verlust) in einem Hunaner Dorf.” GAA biennial conference, 02/10/2015, Marburg.
- 11/2013 “Alltagsstrategien chinesischer Reisbauern.” Poster presentation, 3rd Networking Day for researchers doing qualitative research, 11/11/2013, University of Zurich.
- 11/2013 “Chinese Anthropology in Switzerland: Introduction to the Panel ‘Current (Swiss) Contributions to Chinese Anthropology’.” SEG/SSE annual conference, 09/11/2013, Sion.

## Academic Service and Honorary Activities

- Since 09/2020 Editorial Board Member at *ZANTHRO* – Zurich Anthropology Working Papers
- Since 12/2019 Peer mentor and workshop organiser in the women’s peer mentoring Group CareerElixir, University of Zurich, Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- Since 10/2021 Spokesperson of the German Anthropological Association Regional Group China
- 07/2019 – 09/2021 Deputy Spokesperson of the German Anthropological Association Regional Group China
- 09/2015 – 01/2019 Member of the “Mittelbau Grant Commission”, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich
- 09/2016 – 08/2017 Representative of the academic teaching and research staff, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich
- 05/2017 – 06/2018 & 02/2012 – 04/2015 Member of the Curriculum, Teaching Planning and Bologna Reform commissions, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich

## Memberships

- Since 07/2021 DFG, German Research Foundation Network Anthropology and China(s)
- Since 07/2021 URBANI[XX], German-Chinese Alumni Network Urbanization and Urban Development
- Since 02/2021 DSI, Digital Society Initiative of the University of Zurich
- Since 11/2020 CHERN, EU Cost Action China in Europe Research Network
- Since 11/2020 NRCEM, Network for Research into Chinese Education Mobilities
- Since 01/2018 EASA, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Anthropology & Mobility Network
- Since 03/2017 China AG, Working Group of Young China Scholars
- Since 09/2015 GAA, German Anthropological Association, founding member of Regional Group China
- Since 09/2013 SAA, Swiss Anthropological Association
- Since 09/2012 EVZ, Anthropological Club Zurich

## Manuscript Reviews

*Journal of International Development; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Asiatische Studien – Études Asiatiques* (2 reviews); *Children & Society; European Journal of East Asian Studies* (3 reviews); *Tsantsa – Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association*

## Languages

German	native
English	fluent
Italian	fluent
Chinese	advanced, fluent in everyday context
French	good
Latin	written

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