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## EDUCATION

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- Feb. 2015 – Dec. 2018 **PhD Studies in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**  
Title of PhD thesis: “‘No longer disabled’ – Temporalities of Disability and Aging in Switzerland”.
- Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2016 **Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, New York University**
- Sept. 2010 – Jan. 2013 **Master of Arts in Social Anthropology, English Literature and Linguistics, University of Zurich**  
Title of MA thesis: “‘Deaf People Use Them as Decorations’ – Hearing Differently and Use of Hearing Aids in Jinja & Kampala, Uganda”.
- Oct. 2006 – July 2010 **Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology, English Literature and Linguistics, University of Zurich**  
Including modules in History and Political Science

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- March 2016 – Aug. 2016 Assistant to the chair of Professor Flitsch, ISEK, Ethnographic Museum, University of Zurich
- Sept. 2014 – May 2015 External lecturer, Department of Social Work, Bern University of Applied Science
- May 2014 – Dec. 2014 Project Coordinator, Bureau for Equality of People with Disabilities, Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs
- April 2013 – Dec. 2013 Academic Intern, Bureau for Equality of People with Disabilities, Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs
- Sept. 2012 – Jan. 2015 Assistant to the chair of Professor Flitsch, Department of Social Anthropology, Ethnographic Museum, University of Zurich

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2019 Rickli, Francesca. Contradictory Articulations of citizenship via the (post)-polio body. *Citizenship Studies*. (forthcoming 2019).
- 2019 Rickli, Francesca. Old, disabled, successful? Transfigurations of aging with disabilities in Switzerland. *Medical Anthropology Theory*. (forthcoming 2019).
- 2017 Perler Laura and Francesca Rickli. „From Harry Potter to Jesus – A Transfigurative Conference Report“. *Blogpost on Somatosphere & Medizinanthropologie*. (2017).
- 2016 Rickli, Francesca. "‘No Longer Disabled’–Reflections on a Transitional Process Between Disability and Aging in Switzerland." *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal* 12. 2 & 3 (2016).
- 2012 Rickli, Francesca. "‘Deaf People Use Them as Decorations’: Hearing Differently and Use of Hearing Aids in Jinja & Kampala, Uganda", MA-Thesis. Unpublished.

**FIELDWORK**

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April 2015 – July 2016	Dissertation research on aging with a disability in Switzerland
Since 2012	Follow-up research on disability & technology/aging with a disability in Uganda (2 weeks/year)
June 2011 – Sept. 2011	Research for MA thesis on the use of hearing aids in Uganda

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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ST 2017 / AT 2017	<i>Exkursion Uganda</i> . Preparatory course and one-month long field trip with BA-students to Uganda, UZH
ST 2015/ AT 2014	<i>Behinderung und Gleichstellung</i> . Seminar on disability and equality, Department of Social Work, Bern University of Applied Science.
AT 2014	<i>Einführung in die Ethnologie 1: Grundlagenkurs</i> . Introductory course to academic working methods in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich.
ST 2014	<i>Einführung in die Ethnologie 2: Übungsgruppe Monographien</i> . Introductory course to academic working methods in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich.
AT 2013	<i>Einführung in die ethnologischen Disability Studies</i> . Seminar on Anthropological Disability Studies, University of Zurich.
ST 2013	<i>Praxismodul praktische ethnologische Arbeit</i> . Seminar on applied anthropological research, University of Zurich.

**HONORARY ACTIVITIES**

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Since 2017	Member of the ZANTHRO (Zurich Working Papers in Anthropology) editorial board
2017	Board member of the “Association of the Academic Teaching and Research Staff of the University of Zurich” (VAUZ)
2015-2016	Co-Representative of the Academic Teaching and research staff at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich.

**GRANTS**

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March 2015 – Jan. 2018	SNSF (Swiss National Science Foundation), DOC.ch, full scholarship for PhD students (competitive).
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**RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

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Since Jan. 2011	<i>Disability &amp; Technology</i> . Research group on the interlinking relationship between disability and technology in Uganda and Switzerland. - Biannual summer and winter school in Uganda or Switzerland - Contribution to third party funding proposals, r4D by the SNSF: “Disability & Technology in Uganda from Local and Global Perspectives”
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**ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE**

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October 2013	Co-organization of Medical Anthropology Switzerland (MAS) Symposium, “Enabling Disability and Processes of Learning”, University of Zurich
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## **SUPERVISION OF BA-THESES**

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- 2018
- Esther Mulamba. “‘Disability is not Inability’: Women with Physical Disabilities and Their Strategies of Self-Empowerment in Urban Kampala, Uganda”, BA Thesis, University of Zurich.
  - Katrin Schmid. “Tracing the Place: The Role of Mobility Assistive Technologies in the Wayfinding of Visually Impaired Adults in the Kampala Region of Uganda”, BA Thesis, University of Zurich. Awarded with the semester prize of the University of Zurich.
- 2016
- Manuela Circo. “Der Beitrag eines Vocational Training Centres für Menschen mit Behinderung in Morogoro, Tansania, zur Steigerung der gesellschaftlichen Sensibilisierung hinsichtlich des Behinderungsdiskurses”, BA Thesis, University of Zurich.
  - Meyer, Flavio. “Bereit für den Untergang: Vorstellungen von Zivilisationskollaps und gesellschaftliche Produktion von Unbewusstheit”, BA Thesis, University of Zurich.

## **LANGUAGES**

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German (native speaker), English (proficient), French (good command), Italian (basic communication skills), Ugandan Sign Language (basic communication skills), Luganda (basic communication skills), Shona (basic communication skills).