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## CURRENT POSITION

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- since 2015                    **University of Zurich**  
Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies  
Oberassistentin (Senior Researcher and Lecturer)
- since 2016                    **Center “History of Knowledge,” Zurich**  
Associate Member

## EDUCATION

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- 2015                            **University of Heidelberg**  
Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.) in Anthropology
- 2011 – 2012                    **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**  
Centre for the Study of Social Systems  
Affiliated Research Student
- 2010 – 2011                    **New York University**  
Department of Anthropology  
Fulbright Fellow
- 2009                            **University of Heidelberg**  
Magistra Artium (MA) in Anthropology, Geography, and  
Educational Science
- 2004 – 2005                    **University of Delhi**  
Miranda House College  
Exchange Student
- 2002 – 2004                    **University of Muenster**  
Studies in Anthropology, Geography, and Communication Science

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2014 – 2015                    **University of Zurich**  
Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies  
Assistentin (Researcher and Lecturer)
- 2014                            **University of Frankfurt**  
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology  
Assistentin (Research Associate)
- 2014                            **University of Chicago**  
International Studies Program  
Visiting Lecturer
- 2011 – 2013                    **University of Heidelberg**  
Institute of Anthropology  
Adjunct Lecturer (Lehraufträge)
- 2009 – 2012                    **University of Heidelberg**  
Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe”  
Member of the Research Project “Making India a Global Health  
Care Destination”

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2018                    **University of Oxford**  
School of Global and Area Studies  
CSASP Fellowship
- 2016                    **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**  
Institute of Advanced Study  
Research Fellowship
- 2014                    **University of Chicago**  
International Studies Program  
Prize Lectureship
- 2014                    **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**  
Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health  
AROGYAM Fellowship
- 2013                    **University of Edinburgh**  
School of Social and Political Science  
AROGYAM Fellowship
- 2010 – 2011           **New York University**  
Department of Anthropology  
Fulbright Fellowship
- 2010                    **University of Heidelberg**  
MA Thesis Award from the South Asia Institute

## PROJECTS AND FIELDWORK

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- since 2017            **Visions of the Social: The Transformation of State Planning in Postcolonial India**  
Habilitation Research (so far, 3 months of fieldwork)  
Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Ambizione Grant, starting in 2019)
- 2015 – 2017           **The Transnational Commodity Chain of a Pharmaceutical**  
Post-doctoral Research (5 months of fieldwork)  
Funded by the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences and the Indian Council of Social Science Research
- 2010 – 2014           **Reproductive Medicine in India**  
Doctoral Research (18 months of fieldwork)  
Funded by the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe,” University of Heidelberg
- 2011                    **In Vitro Fertilization in Germany**  
Comparative Research (1 month of fieldwork)
- 2007                    **Childbirth and Reproductive Health in Ladakh**  
Research for the MA thesis (2 months of fieldwork)  
Funded by the Germany Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2003                    **El Jubeo del Cuy – A Healing Ritual in Peru**  
Research Seminar at the University of Muenster (1 month of fieldwork)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

- In preparation      Substantial Relations: Making Global Reproductive Medicine in Postcolonial India.
- 2015                      (Re-)production: An Ethnography of In-Vitro Fertilization in India. University of Heidelberg.
- 2011                      Where Lhas Cannot See It: Geburt in Ladakh - Zwischen lokalen Praktiken, Biomedizin und Biopolitik. Berlin: Weißensee Verlag.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Accepted                When Time Stretches: Waiting and In Vitro Fertilization in India. *Collection Puruṣārtha*
- 2018                      Suitable Substances: How Biobanks (Re)Store Biologicals. *New Genetics and Society* 37(4): 319-337.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14636778.2018.1546572>
- 2016                      Innovations ‘Out of Place’: Controversies Over IVF Beginnings in India Between 1978 and 2005. *Medical Anthropology* 35(1): 73-89.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01459740.2015.1094066>
- 2008                      Home or Hospital Delivery? The Perception and Use of Biomedicine in a Rural Village in Ladakh. *Ladakh Studies* 23: 12-19.

### Others

- 2018                      Hormones (Introduction to Correspondences). *Cultural Anthropology Website*.  
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1512-hormones>
- 2018                      (ed.) Hormones. Correspondences Session. *Cultural Anthropology Website*. <https://culanth.org/conversations/29-correspondences>
- 2011                      Invited Book Review: Pinto, Sarah. Where There Is No Midwife. Birth and Loss in Rural India. *Anthropos* 106.2011.1.

## THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

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- 2019                      **Swiss National Science Foundation**  
Ambizione Grant: “Visions of the Social: The Transformation of State Planning in Postcolonial India”
- 2018                      **Swiss National Science Foundation**  
Research visit to the University of Oxford: “Contemporary Approaches to the State in South Asia”
- 2018                      **GRC Travel Grant**  
“Bengali Summer School” at the South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg
- 2017                      **Swiss National Science Foundation**  
Scientific conference: “Fringe Science and Threadbare Knowledge” (in cooperation with Johannes Quack)

- 2015 **Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences**  
Research Project: “Dynamics of Well-Being” (in cooperation with  
Burton Cleetus, Harish Naraindas, and Johannes Quack)
- 2010 **Fulbright Program**  
Fulbright Fellowship at New York University
- 2009 **Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”**  
PhD Scholarship at the University of Heidelberg
- 2007 **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**  
Grant for a research project in Ladakh, India
- 2004 **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)**  
Grant for studies at the University of Delhi

## TEACHING

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### University of Zurich, Faculty of Medicine

- ST 2019 Global Health (with Frédéric Vagneron)

### University of Zurich, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies

- ST 2019 How Things are Rendered Calculable: An Anthropology of Metrics  
(BA)
- ST 2018 Anthropology of the State (MA)
- ST 2018 History of Anthropology (BA, Tutorial)
- AT 2017 Introduction to Anthropology (BA, Lecture Series, with Annuska  
Derks, Peter Finke, Mareile Flitsch)
- AT 2017 Key Concepts in Anthropology (BA, Lecture Series, with Annuska  
Derks, Peter Finke, Mareile Flitsch)
- ST 2017 Religion, Ethics, Knowledge & Fieldwork: A Masterclass with  
Michael Lambek (MA, with Johannes Quack)
- ST 2017 Fieldtrip to India: Data Analysis and Ethnographic Writing (BA and  
MA)
- AT 2016 Student Fieldtrip to North India (BA and MA, with Julia Eckert,  
Johannes Quack, and Anna-Lena Wolf)
- ST 2016 India Through ‘Indian’ Scholars (BA and MA)
- AT 2015 Contemporary South Asia (BA, with Johannes Quack)
- AT 2015 The Ontological Turn (BA)
- ST 2015 Science under Scrutiny: Its Production and Its Products (BA)
- AT 2014 Introduction to Medical Anthropology (BA)

### University of Chicago, International Studies Program

- ST 2014 Glocal Journeys: The Production and Circulation of Science and  
Medicine (BA)

## **New York University, Department of Anthropology**

ST 2011 Medical Anthropology (BA, Course Assistant for Rayna Rapp)

## **University of Heidelberg, Institute of Anthropology**

ST 2013 Relatedness Reconsidered: Theoretical Approaches To and Beyond Kinship (MA)

ST 2013 Medical Anthropology Meets Biology: Examining Life Sciences, Medical Technologies, and Lively Substances (MA)

WT 2012/2013 Anthropology of Biomedicine (MA)

ST 2012 Grouping, Looping, Instituting: From A (NT) to Z (izek) (BA, with Jürgen Schaflechner)

ST 2011 Scrutinizing the Nature/Culture Dichotomy: Approaches in Social Anthropology and Science Studies (BA, with Eva Ambos)

## **University of Heidelberg, Institute of Public Health**

2012 and 2013 Several short courses for MA students in 2012 and 2013 on Medical Anthropology, Reproductive Health, and Ethnographic Research Methods

## SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

2019 MA Thesis of Nicole Ahoya (with Johannes Quack)  
The Role of Private Healthcare Managers within the Shifting Health Ecosystem in Kenya

2018 BA Thesis of Marcela Gisler  
Hymen Reconstruction in Switzerland

2018 BA Thesis of Kendra Bättscher  
Gifts in Buddhist India

2018 BA Thesis of Jürg Bühler  
Experiencing Natural Phenomena: The Swiss Science Center Technorama

2017 BA Thesis of Judith Locher  
Reproductive Technologies in Egypt and Lebanon

2017 BA Thesis of Sarah Schiesser  
Agent Orange and its Impact on Reproduction in Vietnam

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Invited Lectures**

2018 ANSO Seminar, The Graduate Institute Geneva  
*From Urine to Ampoule: The Commodity Chain of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin between India and Europe*  
08.05.2018

2018 Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Bayreuth  
*Race as Risk? 'Race' and 'ethnicity' in medical research and clinical practice in India*

- 17.04.2018
- 2018 Workshop at Fordham University, NYC “Interrogating the Intersections of Race and Reproduction in Medicine, Science, and Technology”  
*Race as Risk? Race and ethnicity in medical research and clinical practice in India.*  
14.02.-16.02.2018
- 2017 Colloquium, DFG Graduate School „Innovationsgesellschaft heute: Die reflexive Herstellung des Neuen,” TU Berlin  
*Innovations Postcolonial: The Making of IVF in India*  
07.11.2017
- 2017 Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Lucerne  
*Surprising Relations: The Untimely Commodity Chain of a Pharmaceutical*  
03.05.2017
- 2016 General Seminar, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta  
*Producing Reproductive Medicine: A Hormone and its Transnational Commodity Chain*  
02.12.2016
- 2016 Colloquium, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
*The Making of a Pharmaceutical: hCG and its Transnational Trajectory*  
22.09.2016
- 2016 Colloquium, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
*Messengers: Reading Transnational Relations between India and Europe Through the Trajectory of Biological Material*  
14.09.2016
- 2016 Colloquium, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bern  
*Observing Things You Cannot See? Practices of Knowing in Embryology Laboratories in Delhi*  
03.05.2016
- 2016 Winter Research Methodology Workshop at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati “Negotiations & Assertions. Engaging with Political Realities in Contemporary South Asia”  
*Innovations ‘Out of Place’: IVF Beginnings in India and Politics of Knowledge Production*  
07.01.2016
- 2014 Colloquium, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich  
*Out of Place: Contestations over In Vitro Fertilization Experiments in India between 1978 and 2005*  
07.10.2014
- 2012 Seminar Series at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris “Globalization and Biomedical Technologies: Circulation, Appropriation and Diversion”  
*Bemixt and Between: The Circulation of Gametes in Indian Fertility Clinics*  
11.12.2012

2012 Medical Anthropology Forum, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg  
*Biomedical Lives: Doing Fieldwork on In Vitro Fertilization in Delhi*  
11.07.2012

### Conference Papers

- 2018 Workshop at the University of Zurich “The Politics and Ethics of Life in South Asia”  
*Embryo Engagements*  
22.06.2018
- 2017 Workshop at UZH and ETH Zurich “Fringe Science and Threadbare Knowledge”  
*Textures and Transformations*  
22.06.-23.06.2017
- 2017 Workshop at the Center “History of Knowledge” at UZH and ETH Zurich “The Emergence and Dissolution of (Medical) Knowledge: Uncertainty and Openness”  
*The Interdependence of Movement and Stabilization*  
31.05.2017
- 2017 Conference at the University of Basel “Transfigurationen: Medizin Macht Gesellschaft Macht Medizin”  
*The Making of a Pharmaceutical: hCG and its Transnational Trajectory between India and Europe*  
17.02-18.02.2017
- 2016 Conference at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris “Biobanques: Quelles Reconfigurations Pour Le Vivant? Approches Interdisciplinaires et Comparatives”  
*(Re-)storing Reproductive Substances: Biobanks as Transformative Spaces in IVF Hospitals in India*  
12.05.-13.05.2016
- 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Denver  
*The Body in Action: Socio-material Engagements in In Vitro Fertilization Hospitals in India*  
11.11.-14.11.2015
- 2015 Workshop at the University of Zurich “Was ist Medizin? Perspektiven aus den Medical Humanities”  
*(Medizin) UND (Kultur) in der Ethnologie*  
05.11.2015  
with Janina Kehr
- 2014 European Conference on South Asian Studies, Zurich  
*Spaces of Evidence: Early IVF Experiments in India*  
23.07.-26.07.2014
- 2013 Joint Conference at the University of Tarragona “Encounters and Engagements. Creating New Agendas for Medical Anthropology”  
*Somatic Stories: Bodily Encounters in IVF Clinics in India*  
12.06.-14.06.2013
- 2013 Mainzer Symposium der Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften  
“Praktiken & ihre Körper. Was für ein Artefakt ist der Leib?”

*Endocrine Tales: Communicating With and Through Bodies in IVF Clinics in India*

25.04.-27.04.2013

- 2012 Conference at the University of Copenhagen “Selective Reproductive Technologies – Routes of Routinisation and Globalization”  
*‘Good’ Embryos: Technologies of Selection in IVF Laboratories*  
13.12-15.12.2012
- 2012 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco  
*Blurring In Vivo/ In Vitro Boundaries: The Extension of the Body in IVF Clinics in India*  
14.11.-18.11.2012
- 2011 Annual Conference of the Cluster “Asia and Europe,” Heidelberg  
*Biovalue. The Case of IVF in India*  
05.10.-07.10.2011
- 2011 Annual Medical Anthropology Young Scholars Meeting, Warsaw  
*Technologies in Circulation: Assisted Reproduction in India*  
13.06.-14.06.2011
- 2011 AAS-ICAS Joint Conference, Honolulu  
*Embryo Ethnographies. The Social Life of Gametes and Embryos*  
31.03.- 03.04.2011
- 2010 European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Bonn  
*Transnational Reproductive Care in India. Reflections of an Intended Mother*  
26.07.-29.07.2010
- 2009 Conference of the German Anthropological Association, Frankfurt  
*Home or Hospital? Negotiating Childbirth in Rural Ladakh*  
30.09.-03.10.2009
- 2009 Annual Conference of the Working Group Ethnomedicine at the University of Heidelberg  
*Zwischen Haus- und Krankenhausgeburt – eine ethnologische Perspektive auf Geburt in Ladak*  
04.12.-06.12.2009

**Poster Presentation**

- 2016 World Congress of the International Federation of Fertility Societies, New Delhi  
*Self-Reported Experiences of In Vitro Fertilization Patients In Urban India – A Qualitative Study*  
21.09.-25.09.2016

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PANELS

- 2018 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Anthropological Association  
*Knowledge (Trans-)formations in Anthropology*  
22.11.-23.11.2018  
with Annuska Derks, Olivia Killias, and Johannes Quack



- 2018 Workshop at the University of Zurich  
*The Politics and Ethics of Life in South Asia*  
22.06.2018
- 2017 Workshop at the University of Zurich  
*Writing Spaces: Creative Writing for Anthropologists*  
20.11.-21.11.2017  
with Anne Breubeck
- 2017 Conference at the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich  
*Fringe Science and Threadbare Knowledge*  
22.06.-23.06.2017  
with Harald Fischer-Tiné, Bernhard Schär, and Johannes Quack
- 2017 Workshop for the Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology  
*?-graphy*  
06.06.-09.06.2017  
with Johannes Quack
- 2017 Conference at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
*Approaching Biographies, Life-Histories, and Self Narratives: Transdisciplinary Perspectives from India and Europe*  
30.01.-01.02.2017  
with Burton Cleetus, Harish Naraindas, and Johannes Quack
- 2016 Workshop at the University of Zurich  
*Research in Teams and Reciprocal Anthropology*  
30.05.2016  
with Johannes Quack
- 2016 Workshop at the University of Zurich  
*How to Get Published: PhD and Post-Doc Workshop on Publication Strategies*  
10.03.2016  
with Stefan Leins
- 2015/ 2017 Coordination of the *Colloquium* (Ethnologiekolloquium) of the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich  
Autumn Term 2015 and 2017
- 2014 Panel at the European Conference on South Asian Studies  
*Practices of Proof in South Asia: The Production, Negotiation and Use of Evidence in Medicine and Healing*  
23.07.-26.07.2014  
with William Sax
- 2011 Panel at the Annual Conference of the Cluster “Asia and Europe”  
*Travelling Technologies, Tracing Transculturality: Paradigm Shifts in Science, Medicine and Society*  
05.10.-07.10.2011  
with William Sax and Sinjini Mukherjee

#### ACADEMIC AND HONORARY ACTIVITIES

- 2017 Member of the Bologna Commission at the Department of Social Anthropology
- since 2016 Member of the Editorial Board of “ZANTRO” (Zurich Anthropology Working Papers), University of Zurich

- since 2016 Member of the Working Groups “Medical Humanities” and “Knowledge and Economy” at the Center “History of Knowledge,” UZH and ETH Zurich
- since 2016 Representative of the academic teaching and research staff in the Senate of the University of Zurich
- since 2015 Representative of the academic teaching and research staff in the Gender Equality Commission of the University of Zurich
- since 2015 Board member of the “Association of the Academic Teaching and Research Staff of the University of Zurich” (VAUZ)
- 2015 – 2016 Representative of the academic teaching and research staff at the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich
- 2015 Co-founder of the “South Asia Forum,” University of Zurich (with Johannes Quack)
- 2003 – 2006 Member of the “Association of Students” (Fachverein) at the Department of Anthropology at the Universities of Muenster and Heidelberg