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Summary of Qualifications

- + Over 20 years of research experience in South and Inner Asia
- + Leadership experience (institute director, PI of international interdisciplinary projects)
- + Grant acquisition record of >2m EUR (incl. ERC, MSCA, FWF, Fulbright, Wenner Gren)
- + Widely cited publication output in highly ranked journals and publishing houses
- + Media exposure in Austrian and international newspapers
- + Strong commitment to teaching, advising, mentoring, reviewing, and evaluating

Areas of Interest | Expertise

Sociocultural and medical anthropology, history of medicine, postcolonial theory
Pharmaceutical assemblages, humanitarianism from below, Asian medical industries
India, Tibet, Mongolia, Himalayas, China, Buryatia
Sowa Rigpa (Tibetan, Mongolian and Himalayan medicine), Ayurveda, TCM

Academic Education | Degrees

- 2022 Venia docendi (Habilitation) in Sociocultural Anthropology, U Vienna, Austria
- 2010 PhD in Medical Anthropology, University of California, San Francisco & Berkeley
- 2002 Mag.phil. in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2000 MSc program in Medical Anthropology, Brunel University, London, UK (participated)

Academic Employment

- 2023- Deputy Director, Institute for Social Anthropology, ÖAW
- 2019-2023 Acting Director, Institute for Social Anthropology, ÖAW
- 2014-2019 Research Group Leader, Institute for Social Anthropology, ÖAW
- 2011-2013 Marie Curie International Incoming Fellow, Institute for Social Anthropology, ÖAW
- 2008-2010 Associated Researcher, Institute for Social Anthropology, ÖAW
- 2005-2010 Research Fellow, French Institute of Pondicherry
- 2002-2004 Associated Researcher, Wittgenstein Research Center, ÖAW
- 2001-2010 Research Fellow, Nomad RSI

Awards | Scholarships (selection, since 2000)

- 2021 Eurasia Pacific Uninet Grant (EPU 06/2020 – TMVM21)
- 2013 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant (336932 RATIMED)
- 2013 Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Stand-alone research project (P 25997-G15)
- 2011 EU Marie Skłodowska Curie International Incoming Fellowship

2009	Austrian Ministry of Science & Research Mobility Grant
2008	Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Stand-alone research project (P 20589-G15)
2007	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2004-07	UCSF Graduate Dean's Health Science Fellowship (every year)
2005	Qayum Foundation Grant for exploratory research in India
2005	Land Steiermark State Grant for postgraduate studies in the USA
2004	Austrian Ministry of Science Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies Abroad
2004	Fulbright Scholarship for postgraduate studies in the USA
2001	University of Vienna and Land Steiermark Research Grants
2000	ERASMUS Scholarship for Brunel University, London

Teaching | Mentoring

Since 2012, regular teaching of graduate and undergraduate courses and seminars at the University of Vienna (Dept of Social & Cultural Anthropology, Dept of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies) and the Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies (Dept of Sowa Rigpa), on:

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Fundamental Texts and Theory in Sociocultural Anthropology
- Anthropology of Tibet and the Himalaya
- Society, Culture and Politics in the Tibetan Exile
- Anthropology of Asian Medical Traditions
- Anthropology of Tibetan Medicine
- Sex and Gender in Tibetan Medicine

Since 2014, regular mentoring and supervising of MA and PhD students and postdoc researchers: as institute (deputy) director (PhD and postdoc mentoring, grant proposal advisor), ERC project leader (postdoc supervision and mentoring), Marie Skłodowska Curie co-supervisor, MA examiner (University of Vienna), PhD co-supervisor (University of Vienna), and interdisciplinary postdoc mentor (Austrian Academy of Sciences).

Academic Service

Associate Editor (since 2016)

Asian Medicine – Journal of the IASTAM

Editorial Board Member (since 2018)

J-AIM Journal of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine

Book Reviews Board Member (since 2018)

EASTS East Asian Science, Technology & Society

Executive Council Member (since 2015)

WFCMS | World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies | Tibetan Medicine Committee

Advisory Council Member (since 2013)

IASTAM | International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine

Founding Member & Co-Organizer (since 2012)

Wiener Dialoge der Medizinanthropologie | Vienna Dialogues in Medical Anthropology

Regular peer/book reviews, including:

Amsterdam University Press, Indiana University Press

American Ethnologist, Current Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Medicine Anthropology Theory (MAT), Urban Studies, China Perspectives, South East Asia Research, European Journal of Integrative Medicine (EUJIM), Comparative Studies in Society and History (CSSH), Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry, East Asian Science, Technology and Society (EASTS), Asian Medicine, Himalaya, Journal of Refugee Studies, Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology, Women's Studies International Forum, Traditional Medicine & Modern Medicine

Evaluation Experience

- 2020-24 Expert evaluator and rapporteur, European Commission (REA)
Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship Applications
- Since 2018 Project reviewer for US National Science Foundation (NSF) and
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Academic Consultancy

- 2025 *WHO Benchmarks for the Training of Traditional Tibetan Medicine.*
> general advice + detailed inputs in Annex 8
- 2014 *Rubin Museum of Art exhibition "Bodies in Balance"*
> interactive section on contemporary Tibetan medicine in India
- 2011 *Bißwanger-Heim, T. & E. Ernst (2011) Asiatische Heilkunde: Tradition, Anwendung,
Heilsversprechen – Eine Bestandsaufnahme. Berlin: Stiftung Warentest, 263 pages.*
> sections on Tibetan medicine