

Curriculum Vitae

Current Position

March 2019 – Full Professor for Social Anthropology, Ilia State University, Georgia

Former Positions

February 2013 – Assistant Professor, Friedrich Schiller University, Germany,
January 2017 Caucasus Studies Programme [Akademischer Rat]

October 2010 – Lecturer, Friedrich Schiller University, Germany,
January 2013 Caucasus Studies Programme [wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter]

May 2009 – Visiting Professor, University of Campinas, Brazil, Department
April 2010 of Social Anthropology

February 2006 – Research Fellow (Post-Doc), Max Planck Institute for Social
September 2010 Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany

September 2005 – Lecturer, Tbilisi State University, Georgia, Department
January 2006 of Sociology

Academic Degrees

May 2012 Dr. phil. habil., Social Anthropology (*Ethnologie*), Martin Luther
University Halle/Wittenberg, Germany

November 2005 PhD in Social Anthropology (*Ethnologie*), University of Hamburg,
Germany

May 2000 MA in Social Anthropology (*Ethnologie*), University of Hamburg,
Germany

Research Interests

Politics, Religion, (Mis-)trust, Migration, Food, Methodology, Caucasus

Fieldwork

Stationary (One Year)

2006 – 2007 “Citizenship from Below“, Tusheti, Georgia

2002 – 2003 “Feasting“, Tbilisi, Georgia

Temporary

2023/24 “Russian and Georgian Hipsters“, Tbilisi, Georgia

June 2023 “Sacred Gardens“, Tusheti, Georgia

October 2022 “Sacred Gardens“, Pshavi, Georgia

April-October 2017 “Mistrust in Everyday Life“, Sukhum(i), Abkhazia

Spring 2016 “The Armenian Diaspora in Iranian Azerbaijan“, Tabriz, Iran

Summer 2015 “Muslim-Christian Relations“, Kakheti, Georgia

Summer 2014 “Jewish-Christian Relations“, Racha, Georgia

Summer 2013 “Contested Sacred Places“, Pankisi, Georgia

Spring 2013 “Contested Sacred Places“, Kabardino-Balkaria, Russian Federation

Summer 1997 “The Deserters’ Market in Transition“, Tbilisi, Georgia

Editor: Caucasus Survey (Journal)

Editorial Board: Cambridge Journal of Anthropology

Affiliated Researcher: Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (Ilia State University)

Academic Administration and Management

2021 – 2024: Preparation for Accreditation of MA Program “Socio-Cultural Anthropology” at Ilia State University, Georgia

2021 – : Preparation for Accreditation of MA Program “Caucasus, Black Sea and Eurasian Studies” at Ilia State University, Georgia

2014 – 2017: Managing Director of the Caucasus Studies Program at the FSU

Third-Party Funds

International Research Project CASCADE, funded by the European Commission (2014 – 2016), ~350.000€

International Research Project “„Transformation of Sacred Places, Pilgrimages and Conceptions of Hybridity in the Post-Soviet Caucasus“, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, ~250.000€

Project Leader

Work package “Migration, Mobilities and Poverty“ in the research project CASCADE, participation in the work packages “Local Economic and Social Developments in the Caucasus“ and “Religion and Politics“; fieldwork in Abkhazia; board member

“Transformation of Sacred Places, Pilgrimages and Conceptions of Hybridity in the Post-Soviet Caucasus“ (2013-2015), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation

Reviews

Grants: European Commission, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), National Science Centre Poland, Rustaveli Foundation (Georgian National Research Foundation), UNESCO / ICOMOS (Georgian Application for World Heritage Site)

Journals: American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Anthropological Theory, Slavic Review, Political Geography, Central Asian Survey, Caucasus Survey, Nation and Nationalism, Nationalities Papers, Nomadic Peoples, Journal of Refugee Studies, Journal of Extreme Anthropology, Anthropology and Humanism, Geopolitics, Sociologus, Laboratorium, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Europe-Asia Studies, Problems of Post-Communism, New Diversities, Centaurus, Entangled Religions, Contemporary Islam, Journal for Modern Jewish Studies, Medieval Worlds, Journal for Religion and Health, Anthropology of Food

Books: Berghahn, Palgrave Macmillan, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Grants

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Project “Gardens Otherwise and Elsewhere: A Historical and Ethnographic Study of Georgian Gardens“ (2023-2026)

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Visiting Researcher (March 2018)

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Project “State-Formation in Georgia after the Russo-Georgian War“ (2009-2012)

FAPESP, Visiting Professor at Unicamp University, Brazil (May 2009 – May 2010)

Open Society Foundation, Academic Fellowship Program (2004 – 2005)

University of Hamburg, PhD Scholarship (2001 – 2003)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Fieldwork Scholarship (2002, 2003), Scholarship for Language Training in Georgia (2001)

Center for the Study of Global Change der Universität Indiana (USA), Conference Scholarships (March 2005)

Consultant

“Fluid Mobilities for Cities in Transformation – Spatial Dynamics of *marshrutkas* in Central Asia and the Caucasus”. Research Project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and coordinated by the Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, Leipzig (2015 – 2018)

“Informal Markets and Trade in Central Asia and the Caucasus”. Research Project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and coordinated by the University of Tübingen (2015 – 2018)

“Documenting Dargi Languages in Daghestan – Shiri and Sanzhi”. Research Project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and coordinated by the University of Bamberg (2012 – 2017)

“The Revitalisation of Traditional Law in the Republic of Georgia”. Research Project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and coordinated by the University of Marburg (2009 – 2011)

Summer School for Stipend Holders of the Heinrich Böll Foundation (Regional Office South Caucasus), Bazaleti, Georgia, July 2013

Conferences Organized

“Mistrust, Mobilities, Insecurities”, 16-17.11.2016, Jena, Germany

“Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces: Pilgrims, Saints and Scholars in the Caucasus and Beyond” (with Typylma Darieva and Kevin Tuite), 9-10.10.2015, Jena, Germany

“Socialist Era Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia” (with Sergey Sokolovskiy), 23-24.4.2009, Halle/Saale, Germany

Panels Organized

“Nightmare Egalitarianism” (with Hans Steinmüller), EASA Conference 2022 (Belfast)
“Anthropology of Mistrust” (with Christian Giordano), EASA Conference 2016 (Milano)
“Socialist Era Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia” (with Sergey Sokolovskiy), 23-24.4.2009, Halle/Saale, Germany

Interviews

Radio: Ö1 “City Science Talk” (4.12.2019), Deutschlandfunk Kultur “Sein und Streit” (14.7.2019), RBB “Die Profis” (22.6.2019), WDR5 “Politikum” (20.6.2019); Ö1 “Schlag 1” (25.2.2019), WDR3 “Gutenbergs Welt” (1.9.2018)

TV: 3Sat “In 24 Stunden um die Welt” (2.12.2007)

Internet: Dialogue Across Boundaries (in Chinese) (2.6.2022), EuropeNow (10.9.2019), OpEd Eurasiaview (2.8.2018), East European Film Bulletin (14.10.2015)

Book: Constanze John: 40 Tage Georgien. Ostfilmen: Dumont 2018: 11, 117-23

Round Tables

“City Science Talk” (Vienna, 4.12.2019), „What’s Next for Eastern Europe?“ (FSU Jena, 25.6.2015), „Mountains, Blood and Oil – What is the Caucasus?“ (FSU Jena (31.1.2012)

Documentary

„Alaverdoba 2006“, Dato Kvachadze (director), Florian Mühlfried (author), Georgia 2007, 18min, versions in Georgian, English and German

Other Non-Academic Experience

Free-lance copywriter for BBDO Interone (advertising agency) (2005)

Copywriter and online-editor for Kabel New Media (internet agency) (2001 – 2002)

Musician and performer, project “Idee des Nordens”, CDs (1995, 1997)

Languages: German, English, French, Georgian

Publications

Books (Peer Reviewed)

Mistrust – A Global Perspective. Basingstoke: Palgrave Pivot 2019.

(Ed.) *Mistrust – Ethnographic Approximations*. Bielefeld: transcript 2018.

(Ed. with Tsypylma Darieva and Kevin Tuite) *Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces – Religious Pluralism in the Caucasus*. Oxford, New York: Berghahn 2018.

Being a State and States of Being in Highland Georgia. London, New York: Berghahn 2014.

Postsowjetische Feiern – Das Georgische Bankett im Wandel. Stuttgart: ibidem 2006.

Books

(Ed.) *Languages and Cultures of the Caucasus*. Wiesbaden: Reichert 2024.

Unherrschaft und Gegenherrschaft. Berlin: Matthes & Seitz 2022.

Misstrauen – Vom Wert eines Unwertes. Stuttgart: Reclam 2019. [Greek Translation: Nissos 2022, Georgian Translation: Ilia University Press 2023]

(Ed. with Sergey Sokolovskiy) *Exploring the Edge of Empire: Soviet Era Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia*. Münster: LIT 2012.

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Between Hospitality and Hostility – Russian Citizens in Georgia. *Anthropology Today* (39/3) 2023: 17-20.

(with Weronika Zmiejewski) When Distrust Meets Hope – Georgian Migrant Women in Greece. *Central and Eastern European Migration Review* 2022: 1-19.

Ungovernance and Spiritual Feudalism in Northeast Highland Georgia. *Caucasus Survey* (10) 2022: 25-42.

Suspicious Surfaces and Affective Mistrust in the South Caucasus. *Social Analysis* (65/3) 2021: 1-21.

The Spectrum of Mistrust. *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* (146) 2021: 201-218.

Denn sie wissen nicht, was sie tun – Ritualtheorie und die Frage der Intentionalität am Beispiel des Georgischen Banketts. *Anthropos* (110/1) 2015: 182-189.

Let's flow! Circular migration and transhumant mobility among the Tushetians of Georgia. *Caucasus Survey* (2/1-2) 2014: 1-13.

Citizenship Gone Wrong. *Citizenship Studies* (15/3-4) 2011: 353-366.

Citizenship at War – Passport and Nationality in the 2008 Russian-Georgian Conflict. *Anthropology Today* (26/2) 2010: 8-13. Portuguese Translation: *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais* (26/77) 2011: 15-24.

Von versteckten Schätzen in den Bergen und einem Staat, der kommt und geht. *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Working Paper* (92) 2007. Available online: <https://www.eth.mpg.de/cms/de/publications/working_papers/wp0092>.

Sharing the Same Blood – Culture and Cuisine in the Republic of Georgia. *Anthropology of Food* (S3) 2007. Available online: <<https://journals.openedition.org/aof/2342>>.

Articles

Herrschaftsmisstrauen vor COVID-19: Segmentäre Ordnungen in Georgien. *Kulturwissenschaftliche Zeitschrift* (16) (forthcoming).

A Field of Exception? Recordings from Prisoner of War Camps, World War I. *International Forum on Audio-Visual Research* (9) 2018: 183-191.

(with Tsypylma Darieva) Kontaktraum Kaukasus – Sprachen, Religionen, Völker und Kulturen. *Osteuropa* (9-11) 2015: 95-117.

(with Raschid Alikajew) Unheimliche Bedrohungen und heimliche Widerstände – Zur religiösen Situation in Kabardino-Balkarien. *Georgica* (37) 2016: 95-117.

A Taste of Mistrust. *Ab Imperio* (1) 2015: 63-68.

Religion, Reinheit und Radikalisierung in Georgien – Vom Ende des Alaverdoba-Festes in Georgien. *Osteuropa* (9-11) 2015: 587-598.

Akademische Selbstverstümmelung – Der Kaukasiologie an der Universität Jena droht das Aus. *Osteuropa* (3) 2015: 197-203. [Georgian Translation: *aravi* (7) 2016: 101-112]

Perspektiven der Wiener Kaukasusforschung – Johanna Stigler zum Gedenken. *ÖAW Arbeitspapiere zur Sozialanthropologie* (22) 2012. Available online: <<http://epub.oeaw.ac.at/wpsa22>>.

(mit Teona Mataradze) Leaving and Being Left Behind – Labour Migration in Georgia. *Caucasus Analytical Digest* (4) 2009. Available online: <<http://www.res.ethz.ch/analysis/cad/details.cfm?lng=en&id=98016>>.

Banquets, Grant-Eaters, and the Red Intelligentsia in Post-Soviet Georgia. *Central Eurasian Studies Review* (4/1) 2005: 16-19.

Das georgische Bankett – Eine kulturelle Reserve gegen die Globalisierung. *Journal für Ethnologie* (25) 2005. Available online: <http://www.journal-ethnologie.de/Deutsch/Schwerpunktthemen/Schwerpunktthemen_2005/Lokales_in_der_globalisierten_Welt/Das_georgische_Bankett/index.phtml>.

Die Kunst des Tischmeisters (tamadoba) – Eine männliche Domäne? *Georgica* (27) 2004: 51-72.

kartuli supris gaazrebis sak'itxisatvis [How to Understand the Georgian „supra“]. *ist'oriul-etnograpiuli sht'udiebi* [Historical and Ethnographic Studies] (7) 2004: 166-169. [in Georgian]

Pereosmyslenie Gruzinskogo „Supra“ [A New Interpretation of the Georgian „supra“], In: *Archeologija, Ètnologija i Fol'kloristika Kavkaza* [Archeological, Ethnological and Folklore Studies on the Caucasus] 2003: 233-235. [in Russian]

R. Bleichsteiners „Kaukasische Forschungen“. *Georgica* (24) 2002: 51-58.

Der Deserteurs-Markt in Tbilissi im Sommer 1997. *Amirani* (7) 2002: 57-63.

Gastrecht. *Ethnoscripts* (2/2) 2000: 81-85.

Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

Don't Trust, Don't Fear, Don't Ask. In: Mühlfried, Florian (Ed.): *Mistrust – Ethnographic Approximations*. Bielefeld: transcript 2018: 179-200.

Introduction. In: Mühlfried, Florian (Hrsg.): *Mistrust – Ethnographic Approximations*. Bielefeld: transcript 2018: 7-22.

Not Sharing the Sacra. In: Darieva, Tsypylma, Florian Mühlfried and Kevin Tuite (Eds.): *Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces – Religious Pluralism in the Caucasus*. Oxford, New York: Berghahn 2018: 150-176.

(with Tsypylma Darieva and Kevin Tuite) Introduction. In: Darieva, Tsypylma, Florian Mühlfried and Kevin Tuite (Hrsg.): *Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces – Religious Pluralism in the Caucasus*. Oxford, New York 2018: Berghahn: 1-18.

Chapters

Gruzinskoe zastol'e - sovetskii ritual? [The Georgian Banquet – A Soviet Ritual?]. In: Arkhipova, Aleksandra, Gabowitsch, Mischa and Aleksandr Fokin (Eds.): *Ot Il'yicha do magarycha: entsiklopediya sovetskikh ritualov* [From Ilyich to Magarych: An Encyclopedia of Late Soviet Rituals]. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe (forthcoming).

The Diplomatic and Military Relationship between Georgian Highlanders and the Russian Empire – From the 17th Century to the Present Day. In: Kahl, Tede and Ioana Aminiam Jazi (Eds.): *Ethno-Cultural Diversity in the Balkans and the Caucasus*. Vienna: Akademie der Wissenschaften 2023: 177-192.

(mit Peter Schweitzer) Kaukasus und Kommunismus – Die Abenteuer des Robert Bleichsteiner. In: Gingrich, Andre und Peter Rohrbacher (Hrsg.): *Völkerkunde zur NS-Zeit aus Wien (1938-1945)*. Vienna: Böhlau 2021: 657-676.

Caucasus Paradigms Revisited. In: Broers, Laurence and Galina Yemelianova (Eds.): *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*. London: Routledge 2020: 19-31.

sadghegrzelo [“Toast”]. In: Ledeneva, Alena, Anna Bailey, Sheelagh Barron, Elizabeth Teague and Constanza Curro (Hrsg.): *Encyclopaedia of Informality*. London: UCL Press 2018: 396-400, 417.

Esneklikten Katılığa: Son Dönemde Gürcistan-Rusya Sınırı [From Soft to Hard – The Georgian-Russian Border in the Past Decades]. In: Yılmaz, Altuğ (Hrsg.): *Mühürlü Kapı: Türkiye-Ermenistan Sınırının Geleceği* [Closed Gate: Perspectives on the Turkish-Armenian Border]. Istanbul: Hrant Dink Vakfı Yayınları [Hrant Dink Publishing House] 2017: 46-58.

Von versteckten Schätzen in den Bergen und einem Staat, der kommt und geht, In: Reineck, Natia and Ute Rieger (Eds.): *Kaukasiologie heute – Festschrift für Heinz Fähnrich*. Greiz: Buchverlag König 2016: 249-265.

(with Sergey Sokolovskiy) Introduction: Soviet Anthropology at the Empire's Edge. In: Mühlfried, Florian and Sergey Sokolovskiy (Eds.): *Exploring the Edge of Empire: Soviet Era Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia*. Münster: LIT 2012: 1-16.

Did Communism Matter? Settlement Policies from Above and Below in Highland Georgia. In: Tsitsishvili, Nino ((Ed.): *Cultural Paradigms and Political Change in the Caucasus*. Sarbrücken: Lambert 2010: 174-196.

Celebrating Identities in Post-Soviet Georgia. In: Darieva, Tsypylma and Wolfgang Kaschuba (Eds.): *Remaking Identities on the Margins of New Europe*. Frankfurt, New York: Campus 2007: 282-300.

Online Publications

Seing for a State: Policing the Border between Georgia and the Russian Federation. boundary (2) 2022. Available online: <<https://www.boundary2.org/2022/10/florian-muehlfried-seeing-for-a-state-policing-the-border-between-georgia-and-the-russian-federation/>>.

Am Ende des Vertrauens: Gedanken aus der Ethnologie zur "Zeitenwende". Soziopolis 2022. Available online: <<https://www.sociopolis.de/am-ende-des-vertrauens.html>>.

Moments of Mistrust in the South Caucasus: Observations from Abkhazia and Georgia. Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Regionalbüro Südkaukasus 2019. South Caucasus. Available online: <https://ge.boell.org/en/2018/12/03/moments-mistrust-south-caucasus> (2019)

Editorial. CASCADE Newsletter (7) 2017. Available online: <http://www.cascade-caucasus.eu/en_GB/newsletter>.

(with Ana Diakonidze) Marshrutki: *Public Transportation and the Fight against Corruption in Georgia*. Caucas Europenews 2006. Available online: <http://web.archive.org/web/20080820042008/http://www.caucas.com/home_eng/breve_contenu.php?id=268>.

Robert Bleichsteiners "Kaukasische Forschungen" – Ein kritischer Beitrag zur Ethnologie des Kaukasus. Magisterarbeit, Universität Hamburg 2000. Available online: <http://www.ethno-im-ns.uni-hamburg.de/download/muehlfried_ma_arbeit_bleichsteinerskaukasusforschung.pdf>.

Non-Academic Publications

Tuschetien entdecken – Ein Kultur- und Naturreiseführer für Georgien. Halle/Saale: Mitteldeutscher Verlag (forthcoming 2025).

Georgien wendet sich vom Westen ab. *Berliner Zeitung* 8.3.2023 online.

Unheimliche Gäste – Russische Staatsbürger in Georgien. *Berliner Zeitung* 5./6.3.2023: 26-27.

Über Unherrschaft. *Tagebuch* (9) 2021: 44-46.

Wie die Linke das Misstrauen verlor. *Tagebuch* (7/8) 2020: 10-11.

Vom Wert eines Unwertes – Das Prinzip Misstrauen. *Tagesspiegel* 22.2.2019: 22.

Reviews

Lazarev, Egor: *State-Building as Lawfare – Custom, Sharia, and State Law in Postwar Chechnya*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2023. In: *Social Anthropology* (forthcoming).

Greaber, David and David Wengrow: *The Dawn of Everything – A New History of Humanity*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2021. In: *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* (147) 2022: 215-218.

Greaber, David and David Wengrow: *Anfänge – Eine neue Geschichte der Menschheit*. Stuttgart: Klett Cotta 2021. In: *Tagebuch* (3) 2022: 50-51.

Graeber, David: *Anarchie – oder was?* Zürich: Diaphanes 2020. In: *Tagebuch* (2) 2021: 55-56.

Golowanow, Wassili: *Das Buch vom Kaspischen Meer*. Berlin: Matthes & Seitz 2019. In: *Gutenbergs Welt* (Radio Programme), WDR3, 4.5.2019.

Kartosia, Alexander und Eduard Schreiber (Hrsg.): *Zug nach Tbilissi – Ein Lesebuch*. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp. In: *Gutenbergs Welt* (Radio Programme), WDR3, 1.9.2018

Scott, Erik R.: *Familiar Strangers – The Georgian Diaspora and the Evolution of the Soviet Empire*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2017. In: *Caucasus Survey* (6/1) 2017: 83-85.

Frederiksen, Martin Demant: *Young Men, Time, and Boredom in the Republic of Georgia*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press 2013. In: *Caucasus Survey* (2/2) 2014: 98-99.

Jones, Stephen F. (Ed.): *War and Revolution in the Caucasus – Georgia Ablaze*. New York: Routledge 2011. In: *Osteuropa* (1) 2014: 153-154.

Zürcher, Christoph: *The Post-Soviet Wars – Rebellion, Ethnic Conflict, and Nationhood in the Caucasus*. New York, London: New York University Press 2007. In: *Osteuropa* (11) 2011: 136-137.

Grant, Bruce: *The Captive and the Gift – Cultural Histories of Sovereignty in Russia and the Caucasus*. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press 2009. In: *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* (134/2) 2010: 284-285.

Katz, Rebecca S.: *The Georgian Regime Crisis of 2003–2004 – A Case Study in Post-Soviet Media Representation of Politics, Crime and Corruption*. Stuttgart: ibidem-Verlag 2006. In: *Osteuropa* (11) 2008: 168-169.

Jusik, Julia: *Die Schule von Beslan – Das Wörterbuch des Schreckens*. Köln: DuMont 2006. In: *Osteuropa* (4) 2007: 175.

Tishkov, Valery: Chechnya – Life in a War-Torn Society. Berkeley et. al.: University of California Press 2004. In: *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* (130) 2005: 157-160.

Tschetschenien-Komitee: Tschetschenien – Die Hintergründe des blutigen Konfliktes. Kreuzlingen, München: Diederichs 2004. In: *Osteuropa* (2) 2005: 123-126.

Hann, Chris (Ed.): Postsozialismus – Transformationsprozesse in Europa und Asien aus ethnologischer Perspektive. Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2002. In: *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* (128) 2003: 337-340.

Presentations

Die bekümmerte und die unbekümmerte Masse. Conference *Elias Canetti egalitär*, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IfK), Vienna (Austria), March 2024

The Georgian-Russian Border: Perspectives from the Periphery, Lecture Series *Ethnografein*, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki (Greece), April 2024

Caucasus Paradigms Revised. *Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies*, Harvard University, February 2024

Misstrauen in der Zeitenwende. Annual Conference *German Society for Journalism and Communication Studies (DGJuK)*, Mannheim (Germany), December 2023 (keynote)

Citizenship: The Way Out? Forum of the Social Justice Center *Nationalism and Citizenship – Past, Present, Future, Tbilisi (Georgia)*, October 2023

Hospitality in Crisis: Russian Citizens in Georgia. Conference *Black Sea Studies: The Past, Present, and Future of a Region*, Batumi (Georgia), May 2023 and Conference *Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage*, Tbilisi (Georgia), June 2023

Mistrust: The Virtue of a Non-Virtue. *Institute for Advanced Studies*, Ilia State University (Georgia), March 2023

Ungovernance and Anti-Governance: Examples from the Caucasus. *Leibnitz-Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin* (Deutschland), March 2023

Herrschaftsmisstrauen vor COVID-19: Segmentäre Ordnungen in Georgien. *Konferenz Vertrauen, Krise, Katastrophe*, University Wuppertal (Germany), January 2023

Transitology Reversed: Revisiting the Paradigms of Researching the Caucasus. *Research Center for the History of Transformations (RECET)*, Vienna (Austria), December 2022

Do Metahumans Govern? Annual Conference *Working Group Lived Religion in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, Tbilisi (Georgia), June 2022 (keynote)

From Soviet to Capitalist Sovereignty: The Transformation of a Sacred Site in Highland Georgia. *University of Warsaw* (Poland), November 2022

Do Metahumans Govern? *Adam-Mickiewicz-Universität Posen*, November 2022

Mistrust: Ethnographic Approaches. Conference *Trust and Violence in Times of Conflict: Africa and Beyond*, Goethe University Frankfurt a. M. (Germany), February 2022

Ungovernance and Spiritual Feudalism in Northeast Highland Georgia. Institute for Social Anthropology, *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Vienna (Austria), October 2021 and *Work in Progress-Series of the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus*, Tbilisi (Georgia), March 2021

Capitalist Syncretism: Financial Sovereignty and the Appropriation of Sacred Sites in Highland Georgia. Conference *Mutual Becomings: Sacred Sites, Identities and Place Ma(r)king*, University of Frankfurt (Germany), September 2021

Mistrusting the Obvious: Facade Politics and their Responses in the South Caucasus. *University of Manchester* (Great Britain), February 2020

Citizenship Gone Wrong. *Ilia State University* (Georgia), May 2019

The Scale of Mistrust. *Ilia State University* (Georgia), May 2019

Moments of Mistrust in the South Caucasus. *Heinrich Böll Foundation South Caucasus*, Tbilisi (Georgia), December 2018; available online:
<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zm9FB1bJi9Q>>

In the Mistrust Machine: How Georgian Hospitality Works. *University of Bergen* (Norway), November 2018

Trusting Mistrust: Against the Grain of Social Anthropology. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Saale (Germany), October 2018

The Social Life of Mistrust, *Joint Central Asia / South Caucasus Projects Summer School*, Astana (Kazakhstan), September 2017 (keynote)

To Share or Not to Share: Is this the Question? *Summer Retreat* of the Institute for Social Anthropology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Kirchsschlag (Austria), May 2017 (keynote)

Mistrust and Fraud, Conference *Fraud, Fake and Make-Believe*, Frankfurt (Germany), December 2016

Researching the Caucasus: Prospects, Conference *Der Südkaukasus zwischen Konflikt und Kooperation*, Berlin (Germany), December 2016 (keynote)

Don't Trust, Don't Fear, Don't Ask, Conference *Mistrust, Mobilities, Insecurities*, Jena (Germany), November 2016

The Issue of Migration in the EU-Caucasus Relations, *Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union*, Brussels (Belgium), October 2016 (keynote)

Sharing and Not-Sharing beyond Public Transportation: A Perspective from Social Anthropology. Workshop *Fluid Mobilities in Cities of Transformation*, Gransee (Germany), July 2016 (keynote)

Banditen im Kaukasus Gestern und Heute, *Austrian Orient Society*, Vienna (Austria), January 2017 and *AnthroLab*, University of Marburg (Germany), May 2016

Is Trust a Precondition for Citizenship? *University of Aberdeen* (UK), March 2016

Modes of Mistrust in the Caucasus and Beyond, *University of Glasgow*, March 2016 and *London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)*, London (UK), November 2013

Not Sharing the Sacra, Conference *Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces: Pilgrims, Saints and Scholars in the Caucasus and Beyond*, Jena (Germany), October 2015

Military and Diplomatic Relations of Georgian Highlanders to the Georgian Kingdom and Russia – Examples from the 17th Century and their Implications for Today, Conference *Ethno-Cultural Diversity in the Balkans and the Caucasus*, Wien (Austria), March 2015

When Soft Turns Hard: The Georgian-Russian Border in the Past Decades, Conference of the Hrant Dink Society *Sealed Gate: Prospects of the Turkey-Armenia Border*, Ankara (Turkey), November 2014

Uncanny Threats and Secret Resistances: On the Religious Situation in Kabardino Balkaria (with Raschid Alikajew), Conference *Northern and Southern Caucasus in the European Neighbourhood*, Darmstadt (Germany), July 2014

Triple Winners and Simple Losers, *Annual Conference of the Association for the Studies of Nationalities (ASN)*, New York (USA), April 2014 and Conference „*The Caucasus and Central Asia, Twenty Years after Independences: Questioning the Notion of ‚South Countries‘*“, Almaty (Kazakhstan), August 2011

Das georgische Bankett als Spiegelbild der Gesellschaft. *Georgientag*, Technical University Chemnitz (Germany), January 2014

Transformations of Sacred Spaces, Pilgrimages and Conceptions of Hybridity in the Post-Soviet Caucasus, *Work in Progress-Series of the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus*, Tbilisi (Georgia), September 2013

Postsocialist Societies through the Lenses of Anthropology, *Summer School of the Heinrich Böll Foundation*, Bazaleti (Georgia), July 2013

Von dreifachen Gewinnern und einfachen Verlierern – Zirkuläre Migration im Kaukasus und der EU, *Austrian Orient Society*, Vienna (Austria), June 2013

Staatsbürgerschaft und andere politische Daseinsformen im Hochland von Georgien, *Humboldt University Berlin* (Germany), May 2013

People and Places of Exception, *Annual Conference of the American Anthropological Association (AAA)*, Montréal (Canada), November 2011

Johanna Stiglers Studien im Kontext der aktuellen Kaukasusforschung, *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Vienna (Austria), June 2011

Siedlungspolitik „von unten“ und „von oben“ im Hochland von Georgien, *Austrian Orient Society*, Vienna (Austria), January 2011

Reserved Citizens in a Landscape of Post, *Workshop „Anthropologies of the South Caucasus“*, New York (USA), April 2010

From Citizen to Subject, *University of Sao Paulo* (Brazil), April 2010

Being a State and States of Being, *Museu Nacional*, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), November 2009, and *Conference “Re-Thinking Citizenship”*, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*, Halle/Saale (Germany), November 2008

Citizenship at War. The State and It's Borders, Roundtable “20 Years Without Wall in Berlin” (with João de Pina-Cabral, Hauke Brunkhorst, Sebastião Nascimento), *Annual Meeting of the Brazilian National Association of Post-Graduation and Research in the Social Sciences (ANPOCS)*, Caxambu (Brazil), October 2009;
<<http://www.anpocs.org.br/portal/content/view/812/1/>>

Newborn Citizens in a Post-Soviet Landscape, *University of Brasília*, April 2010, *University of Sao Carlos* (Brazil), November 2009, and *Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)*, Ljubljana (Slovenia), August 2008

Of Hidden Treasures in the Hills and a State Coming and Going, *University of Campinas* (Brazil), April 2010, *Werkstatt Ethnologie*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology and Institute for Ethnology of Martin Luther University, Halle/Saale (Germany), December 2007

Introduction, *Conference “Socialist Era Anthropology in the Caucasus and Central Asia”*, Halle/Saale (Germany), April 2009

Discussant for Jarrett Zigon's “Moral Breakdown and the Ethical Demand: An Outline for an Anthropological Approach to the Study of Moralities,” *Werkstatt Ethnologie*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology and Institute for Ethnology of Martin Luther University, Halle/Saale (Germany), June 2006

Celebrating Identities in Post-Soviet Georgia, *Conference “Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations” of the Russian Academy of Sciences*, Moscow, (Russian Federation), June 2006

Post Socialist or Post-Post Socialist? Feasting in the Republic of Georgia, *VII. World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES)* Berlin (Germany), July 2005

Thinking Double – The Georgian Banquet and it's Fate, *Conference “Language, History and Identity in the Caucasus”*, Malmö (Sweden), June 2005

Post-Soviet Feasting—A Case Example from Georgia, *Conference of the Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies (Soyuz)*, Bloomington/Indiana (USA), March 2005, and *Conference of the British Association for Slavonic Studies (BASEES)*, Cambridge (UK), April 2005

The “True Academy”: Georgian Banquets and the Construction of National Identity, *Conference of the Central European Studies Society (CESS)*, Bloomington/Indiana (USA), October 2004

Culture and Cuisine in the Republic of Georgia, *Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)*, Vienna (Austria), September 2004

Feasting the Georgian Way, *Special Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)*, Warsaw (Poland), July 2004

Erinnerung als Widerstand – Bankette in Georgien, *Conference „Gemeinsame und getrennte Wege im (post)sozialistischen Europa“*, Berlin (Germany), July 2004

The *supra* reconsidered, *Conference “Closed Society and Open Society: Conflict and Dialogue” by the International Institute of Peoples of Caucasus (IIPC)*, Moscow (Russian Federation), November 2003

R. Bleichsteiner und der Rückzug in den Inneren Orient, *Biannual Conference of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde (DGfV)*, Göttingen (Germany), October 2001

Teaching and Supervision

(wt = winter term; SS = summer term; st = spring term, at = autumn term)

PhD Seminars

Ilia State University, Programme for Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Georgia)

Methods of Fieldwork (at 2022/23, st 2021, st 2020, at 2020/21)

Political Anthropology (st 2023)

Doctoral Seminar (st 2022)

Theories of Ritual and Performance (st 2019 and at 2019/20)

MA-Seminars

Ilia State University, Programme for Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Georgia)

Anthropological Approaches to Postsocialism (st 2021, 2020 and 2019)

Protest Movements (st 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020)

Egalitarian Societies (st 2021 and HS 2020/21)

Citizenship from Below in Post-Soviet Societies (at 2022/23, at 2020/21 and at 2019/20)

Trust and Mistrust in Social Sciences (at 2022/23 and st 2019)

Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany), Institute of Asian and African Studies

Der Kaukasus in ethnologischer Perspektive (wt 2018/19)

Friedrich Schiller University Jena (German), Caucasus Studies

Mit Migrant*innen Reden (st 2016)

Migration Verstehen (st 2014)

Auswertung von Feldforschungsdaten (wt 2014/15 and 2013/14)

Geschichte und Souveränität im Kaukasus (wt 2013/14)

Konflikte und Ethnizität im Kaukasus (st 2013)

Reiseberichte über den Kaukasus (st 2013 and wt 2013/14)

Methoden der Feldforschung (st 2013)

Postsozialismus (wt 2012/13 and wt 2014/15)

Sozialbanditen und Diebe im Gesetz (wt 2015/16)

Konfliktlinien und Soziale Inklusion im Kaukasus (wt 2014/15)

Die Religiöse Landschaft des Kaukasus (st 2014 and wt 2011/12)

Der Kaukasus vor der Haustür – Konflikt und Migration (st 2012)

Ethnizität und Ethnische Gruppen im Kaukasus (st 2011)

Gesellschaft, Kultur und Geschichte Georgiens (wt 2016/17)
Einführung in die Kaukasusstudien (wt 2014/15)
Geschichte des Kaukasus (wt 2010/11)

University Unicamp (Brazil), Institute of Social Anthropology
The Anthropology of Citizenship in Post-Totalitarian Societies (st 2009)

Tbilisi State University (Georgia), Institute of Sociology
Reading Anthropology (at 2005/06)
Doing Anthropology (st 2005/06)
The Social Life of Marshrutki (st 2006)

University of Hamburg (Germany), Institute of Islamic Studies
Methoden der Feldforschung (wt 2002/03)

University of Hamburg (Germany), Institute of Social Anthropology
Ethnographie des Kaukasus (wt 2001/02)

BA-Seminars

Iliia State University, Programme for Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Georgia)
Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology (st 2022, at 2021/2 and st 2021)

Friedrich Schiller University Jena (German), Caucasus Studies
Auswertung von Feldforschungsdaten (wt 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14)
Feldforschung im Kaukasus (wt 2016/17, st 2015, 2014 and 2013)
Migration aus dem Kaukasus (wt 2016/17)
Die Religiöse Landschaft des Kaukasus (st 2014)
Lachen über den Balkan und den Kaukasus: Filmkomödien im Vergleich” (st 2015;
joint seminar with the Institutes of Slavonic Studies and East European History)
Reiseberichte über den Kaukasus (st 2013)
Reiseberichte über Georgien (wt 2013/14)
Essen, Trinken, Feiern, Erinnern: Das Georgische Bankett (st 2016)
Einführung in die Kaukasusstudien (wt 2015/16, wt 2014/15)

Lectures

Friedrich Schiller University Jena (German), Caucasus Studies
Postsozialismus (wt 2012/13)
Migration und Mobilitäten (st 2016 and 2014)
Konflikte im Kaukasus (st 2015, 2013 and 2011)
Ethnologie des Kaukasus (wt 2014/15)
Organisierte Kriminalität im Kaukasus (wt 2015/16)
Der Georgische Staat in Vergangenheit und Gegenwart (wt 2013/14, 2011/12 and
2010/11)

University Unicamp (Brazil), Institute of Social Anthropology
The Anthropology of Citizenship in Post-Totalitarian Societies (st 2009/10)

Student Excursions

Fieldwork in Racha, Georgia (3 weeks in summer 2014)

Fieldwork in Pankisi, Georgia (3 weeks in summer 2013)

Summer Schools

DAAD Summer School "Faszination Kaukasus" in Tbilisi, Georgia, September 2013-2018
(6 times one week)

PhD Theses

Joseph Sparsbrod 2021: Everyday Life in Old Tbilisi: Emergence, Transformation, and the Application of Community in a Tourist Neighbourhood (first supervisor, Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Weronika Zmiejewski 2020: Georgian Women on the Move: Migration to Greece in Times of Crisis (first supervisor, Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

MA Theses

Hannah M. O'Sullivan 2023: Climate Justice and a Just Transition: the Challenges for Young People in Renewable Energy Communities in post-Paris Agreement Georgia (CEERES, Universität Glasgow)

Harold T. Chambers: Tactical Failures: Evolution of Modern Chechen Resistance (CEERES, Universität Glasgow)

Joseph Sparsbrod 2016: Narratives of an Old Tbilisi Neighbourhood (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Shorena Sikharulia 2014: Politische Präferenzen im Zwielficht. Deutschland, das Osmanische Reich und der Völkermord an den Armeniern (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Mildred Gebert 2014: Kaukasiologie in Jena. Gesamtentwicklung und Vergleich mit ausgewählten Regionalwissenschaften an Universitäten der ehemaligen DDR (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Alexander Rosenberger 2013 (Zweitbetreuer): Der Nagorno-Karabach Konflikt und seine politischen Allianzen. Eine empirisch-analytische Untersuchung der Beziehungsstrukturen in der Region (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Nina Asanovski 2012: Die politische Kultur in Südossetien unter Berücksichtigung der Nachbarn Russland und Georgien (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Nana Odeishelidze 2011: Der Konflikt um territoriale Ansprüche in den georgisch-ossetischen Beziehungen (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Sophia Boeschoten 2011: Brautraub im Kaukasus (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Maya Razmadze 2007: Nationalismus in Georgien aus ethnologischer Perspektive (second supervisor, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder))

BA Theses

Victor Sáez Sánchez 2017: Die Kraft des Wortes und das Gefühl der Zugehörigkeit. Ein Bericht über meinen Aufenthalt in Tbilisi (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Sebastian Härter 2012: Die Rolle Georgiens in "Gruzinskij Al' bom" von Andrej Bitov (second supervisor, Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

Current PhD Students (Ilia State University)

Mariam Shalvashvili: Doubting the State: The Political and Affective Role of Mistrust and Conspiracy Theories in Pankisi, Georgia

Dato Laghidze: The Kutaisi Airport Between Modernisation and Globalisation

Giorgi Khasaia: Stealing as Labour? Everyday Life of Georgian Thieves in the European Union

Lina Ghvinianidze: Impacts and Implications of Development Projects in Zemo Svaneti

External Supervisor: Viva of Constanza Curro (UCL London, January 2017, supervisors Prof. Alena Ledeneva and Dr. Ruth Mandel)

Supervision Erasmus+: Nick Baigent (University of Malmö), Tinatin Khomeriki (Ilia State University), Nana Mzhavanadze (Ilia State University)