### CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **EDUCATION**

Since 2014 MA student at the Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna Supervisors Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter Schweitzer, Dr. Gertrude Saxinger 1999 Maaistra philosophiae at the University of Vienna Thesis on popular religious belief in the Moscow State in the 16th-17th century 10/1998 - 01/1999 Research at Moscow State University and the Russian State Library for diploma thesis with a short term grant from the University of Vienna Study of Russian and Eastern European History and Russian Philology and Literature, 1990 - 1999

parallel to my studies I worked

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Themes: Anthropology of nature, space, resources, extractive industries, frontier studies,

infrastructure, mobility, ecology, human-animal relations, economic anthropology,

indigenous studies

Regions: Russian/Siberian North, Circumpolar regions

Master Thesis (work in

progress)

Old paths and new roads. Transformations of landscapes and lifeways at the

Siberian resource frontier (working title)

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Since 2014 Configurations of Remoteness (CoRe): Entanglements of Humans Transportation Infrastructure in the Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM) Region

> Research project at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna; funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Project initiator Univ.-Prof.

Dr. Peter Schweitzer

Student collaborator in Component B on the topic inclusion and exclusion from mobility and transport networks, led by Dr. Gertrude Saxinger

Collection and analyses of data, conducting fieldwork, producing content for CoRe website and portal "Life of BAM"

05/2018 - 06/2018 University course Field practice Siberia, led by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter Schweitzer and

postdoctoral researcher Olga Povoroznyuk

Short-term fieldwork along the Baykal-Amur Magistrale in Ust'-Kut, Severobaikal'sk,

Kholodnoye, Chara, Tynda, Pervomayskoye as well as Chita

Research interest: Transformation of taiga in resource frontier, social and cultural significance of forest and taiga, space, diversity of Siberian regions and identities

Fieldwork:

02/2018 - 03/2018 Fieldwork for the project Configurations of Remoteness (CoRe) and my MA project

Field site: Tokma, Katangskyy district, Irkutskaya Oblast', Eastern Siberia

09/2016 - 10/2016 Fieldwork for the project Configurations of Remoteness (CoRe) and my MA project

Field sites: Tokma, Ust'-Kut, Verchnemarkovo, Niya and Zvezdnyy in Katanaskyy and

Ust'-Kutskiy districts, Irkutskaya Oblast', Eastern Siberia

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

2007 - 2011

ACADEMIC EXPERIE	
07/2015	Autonomously organized and conducted <b>fieldwork</b> in the <b>Republic of Komi and the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District</b> in the Russian Federation Field sites: "oil city" Usinsk, "coal city" Vorkuta and "gas city" Salechard
	Participated in an environmentalist's training camp "Oil spill control in Komi region"
	Research interest: social and cultural implications of different natural resources resource course, indigenous rights, civil society, mono-towns, post-socialism
	Conferences, Presentations:
05/2018	VI International Conference of Young Scholars of Siberia "Rhytms, Structures and Roads of Contemporary Siberia", Irkutsk, Listvyanka May 2018
	Paper presentation "Old paths and new roads. Transformations of landscapes and lifeways at the Siberian resource frontier"
04/2016	University course <b>Conference organization by and with students: 3<sup>rd</sup> ISA-Forum of Sociology</b>
	Lecture on public communication and media work in academia
09/2015	Eleventh International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS XI organized by the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology and other major anthropological institutions in Austria
	Presentation on public communication and media work in academia
	Member of the Student Organizing Committee, working group for public communication and media work. Conceptualizing, writing and disseminating media materials, liaising with journalists, interviewing, reporting on the conference for different print media
MEMBERSHIPS	
since 2015	Working Group Arctic and Subarctic
since 2015	Austrian Polar Research Institute
EMPLOYMENT	
since 2012	Interkulturelles Zentrum
	<b>Project Manager</b> working in the field of strengthening civil society and inclusion of vulnerable children and youth in educational systems and local communities with a regional focus on the Caucasus region, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe
	Responsible for full project cycle: proposal writing, monitoring, -reporting; fundraising, facilitating meetings, designing trainings, organizing symposia, maintaining relationship with a diverse range of stakeholders and audience

Projects: Caucasus Network for Children (2015-date), Educators for an equitable society (2016, 2018-2019), Treffpunkt Kaukasus (2013-2015), a series of discussion rounds and networking between civil society and commercial enterprises; UNAOC Youth Event (2013), etc.

### Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)

**Program Manager** of the **Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies**, a postgraduate Master Program of IDM and the University of Vienna

Development of the academic program for Module I "History and Balkan Studies", recruitment of lecturers and students, co-ordination of the program, organization of the lectures, liaised with national and international partner institutions, public relations on the program

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JOURNALISM, EDITING	
2015, 2016	<b>Trainer</b> in journalism and media work for communication officers from NGO from the Caucasus region
2012 - 2015	<b>Freelance Journalist</b> publishing in Südwind Magazin, Falter Heureka, Info Europa Writing on different topics with a regional focus on the post-Soviet space
2011, 2012	<ul> <li>Editor of magazines:</li> <li>Bedrohte Völker of the Society for Threatened Peoples; I was responsible for the relaunch of the magazine</li> <li>Info Europa Spezial of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe</li> </ul>
2001 - 2006	<b>Foreign Correspondent for South Eastern Europe</b> for daily Austrian newspaper Die Presse; partly also for Tages Anzeiger (CH), Rheinischer Merkur (D) and other newspapers
	Based in Belgrade, Serbia, I was reporting on different areas of interest, first and foremost politics as well as economy and social issues from Bulgaria, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia
2007	<b>Researcher and Co-author</b> of the study "The cost of non-Europe. Textile towns and the future of Serbia" by the European Stability Initiative (ESI)
1999 - 2001	<b>Journalist</b> for <b>Die Presse</b> I participated in a journalistic training course, started in the national news desk before moving on to the foreign desk

## OTHER ACTIVITIES (VOLUNTEERING)

2010 - 2013	<b>Election Observer</b> short term observations in Azerbaijan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan; long term observations in the Republic of Moldova
2011	<b>Trainer</b> in human rights for children and youth for the Balkan Peace Park project in North Albania
	Further Training
2010, 2011	Al Academy (Vienna), Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR, Burg Schlaining) Human Rights workshops; Training on confict transformation within the International Civilian Peace-Keeping and Peace-Building Training Program (IPT)

## LANGUAGES

- German native speaker
- English advanced
- Russian advanced
- Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian once advanced, now basic

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Computer Knowledge MS Office, MAXQDA, Endnote

Different Content Management Systems

Other Full, clean driving licence (Class B)