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## ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- since 05/2013      **Ph.D. course Social and Cultural Anthropology**, University of Vienna (maternity leave for 24 months between 03/2016 and 05/2018)
- 03/2012            **Magistra (M.A.) in Social and Cultural Anthropology** (with distinction), Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
- 03/2006 – 03/2012    B.A. and M.A. course in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
- 03 – 06/2010        **Russian philology**, Kuban State University Krasnodar, Russian Federation  
and 02 – 06/2009

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology of architecture, art, materiality, infrastructure, nations and nationalities, museums, curating, exhibitions and exhibition-making; regions: Siberia, Russian Federation and beyond

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS

- since 04/2019      University of Vienna, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, FWF (Austrian Science Fund) pre-doctoral researcher for the project „Configurations of remoteness“
- 06/2013 – 04/2019    University of Vienna, Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Predoctoral University assistant

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS

- 11/2012 – 06/2013    Sigmund-Freud-Gymnasium Vienna, teacher for arts
- 04/2012 – 05/2013    Deutsch-Akademie Vienna, teacher for German as a foreign language
- 01/2012 – 02/2012    International Organization for Migration, Vienna, internship

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- since 2013 Ph.D. project: “Constructing buildings, constructing identities – contemporary Sakha architecture”. Fieldwork in the Sakha Republic (Yakutiya). Supported by the FWF (Austrian Science Fund), University of Vienna, North Eastern Federal University Yakutsk
- since 2015 Predoctoral collaborator: „Configurations of Remoteness“, PI Prof. Peter Schweitzer; Fieldwork in the Sakha Republic (Yakutiya) <https://core.univie.ac.at/>; <https://lifeofbam.com/>
- 2010 – 2012 M.A. project: „Between space and place: street art and place-making in the urban space of Krasnodar“. Fieldwork in Krasnodar (Russian Federation)

## VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS, WORKSHOPS & Ph.D. SCHOOLS

- 09/2018 University of Vienna, 4th Vienna Ethnography Laboratory “Infrastructures: Imagination, Materiality, Process”
- 08/2015 European University Saint Petersburg, Ph.D. summer school “FENOR – Field experiences in the Russian North”
- 03/2015 Aarhus University, Ph.D. workshop “Infrastructures – Entanglements of materiality and sociality in urban life”
- 02 – 03/2014 European University Saint Petersburg, visiting Ph.D. scholar

## SELECTED TALKS

- 09/2018 University of Vienna, 4th Vienna Ethnography Laboratory “Infrastructures: Imagination, Materiality, Process”, paper: “The entrance to the republic: How a train station became an example for contemporary Sakha architecture”
- 08/2018 University of Stockholm, 15th EASA Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology, “Waiting for the train: How a Siberian village prepares for infrastructural futures”
- 01/2016 University of Vienna, CORE international workshop “Infrastructure in the Arctic (and Elsewhere) as a Social and Ecological Challenge”, “And what comes next? Perceiving and negotiating the materialization of infrastructure in a Siberian village”, paper presentation
- 11/2015 Austrian Polar Research Institute, First Central European Polar Meeting, “How the railroad reshapes a village in Eastern Siberia”, paper presentation
- 10/2015 North Eastern Federal University Yakutsk, „Social and cultural anthropological studies on infrastructure” (in Russian), public lecture
- 08/2015 European University Saint Petersburg, Annual Meeting of the National Science Foundation Research Coordination Network “Arctic-FROST”, “The development of railroad infrastructure in the Sakha Republic: ecology, symbolism and sociality”, paper and presentation

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 (with Schweitzer, Peter; Povoroznyuk, Olga). Beyond wilderness: towards an anthropology of infrastructure and the built environment in the Russian North. In: *The Polar Journal* Vol.7(1), p. 58-85.
- 2016 Zeitgenössische Sakha-Architektur im Kontext eines kulturellen „Revivals“ Mitteilungen der Anthropologischen Gesellschaft in Wien. (Contemporary Sakha architecture in the context of a cultural revival). In: *Mitteilungen der Anthropologischen Gesellschaft in Wien (MAGW)* Vol. 146, p. 145-158.
- 2015 Appropriation of urban space: street art and taboo in a Northern Caucasian City (text in Russian language). In: *The Analyticon* Vol. 11(83). <http://theanalyticon.com/?p=7145&lang=ru#more-7145>

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- 2015 – 2020 Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Configurations of ‘Remoteness’ (CoRe). PI Prof. Peter Schweitzer. <https://core.univie.ac.at/>
- 2015 KWA scholarship by the University of Vienna (for research abroad)

## TEACHING

- 03 – 06/2019 Architecture: Approaches in social and cultural anthropology
- 03 – 06/2019 Participation in lecture series „INSOWI: Current Social Issues and Sociological Aspects“
- 10/18 – 01/19 Academic writing for Social and Cultural Anthropologists, seminar for Bachelor students, University of Vienna
- 10/14 – 01/15 Academic writing for Social and Cultural Anthropologists, seminar for Bachelor students, University of Vienna
- 03 – 06/2015 Academic writing for Social and Cultural Anthropologists, seminar for Bachelor students, University of Vienna

## AFFILIATIONS

- APECS Austria Association of Polar Early Career Scientists
- APRI Austrian Polar Research Institute
- EASA European Association of Social Anthropologists
- ENMOTE Environment/Mobility/Technology Research, University of Vienna
- IASSA International Association of Arctic Social Sciences
- NEFU YAKUTSK North Eastern Federal University Yakutsk

## LANGUAGES

English (proficient), French (basic), German (native), Russian (proficient, c1 certificate), Sakha (beginner)

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