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Curriculum Vitae

Born in Austria, 1984.
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Academic Appointments

Since 03/2021	Visiting Professor for Global History, University of Vienna
Since 09/2020	General Secretary of the International Conference of Labour and Social History (ITH)
2018–21	Lecturer in Global History, South Asian Studies and Development Studies at the University of Vienna
01–04/2020	Lecturer in International Relations at Webster Vienna Private University
03–06/2019	Visiting Professor for Economic and Social History, University of Vienna
2018	Staff at the Institute of Rural History, St. Pölten
2013–17	Research and Teaching Assistant at the Department for Economic and Social History, University of Vienna

Education

06/2018	Ph.D. in History, University of Vienna
2012–13	Hindi Language Studies at the Department for South Asian, Tibetan

and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna

2005–10 Magister (equivalent to BA and MA) in Development Studies,
University of Vienna

Fellowships

03–07/2014 Visiting Scholar at the Department of History, New York University
(NYU)

2012–13 Junior Fellow at the *Internationales Forschungszentrum Kultur-*
wissenschaften (IFK), Kunstuniversität Linz, Vienna

Academic Memberships

2014–present Founding member of the *Agrarian Studies Group*, University of
Vienna

2013–present Member of the research cluster *Global Studies*, University of Vienna

2013–present Member of the research cluster *Economy and Society*, University of
Vienna

Awards

Michael Mitterauer–Preis 2019, for best Monograph

Theodor Körner Preis 2013

Publications

Monograph:

The Peasant Production of Opium in Nineteenth-Century India. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2019.

<https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004385184>

Edited Volume:

Working the Land. Labour Relations in Global Agriculture, ca. 1500–2020. Under contract with Brill.
Series editor: Marcel van der Linden. Anticipated publication date: October 2021.

Articles (peer-reviewed):

“Der Anbau von Schlafmohn bringt mir Verluste ein.’ Warum indische Bauern trotzdem Opium produzierten.” *Historische Anthropologie*, 25, no. 2 (2017), 233–57. <https://doi.org/10.7788/ha-2017-0206>

“Bürokratie und Koloniale Herrschaft. Das Opium Departement in Britisch Indien.” Under review, *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften*.

Review:

Review of *A Local History of Global Capital. Jute and Peasant Life in the Bengal Delta*, by Tariq Omar Ali. Princeton University Press, 2018, 272pp. *Historia Agraria* 78 (2019): 49–52.

<https://doi.org/10.26882/histagrar.078r08b>

Other:

“Kapitalismus in Aktion. Sven Beckert im Gespräch mit Rolf Bauer und Ernst Langthaler.“ *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften*, 39, no. 3 (2019), 171–181.

Conference Presentations / Invited Lectures

‘Famines in Colonial India. A Comparative Historical Analysis.’ Paper presented at the Social and Economic History Seminar, *Utrecht University*, 28.11.2019.

‘The Nature and Causes of Famines in 19th Century India.’ Paper presented at the Workshop on South Asian Economic History, *London School of Economics and Political Science*, 20.05.2019.

‘The Peasant Production of Opium in 19th Century India.’ Paper presented at the *World Economic History Congress in Boston*, 03.08.2018.

‘The Bengal Opium Monopoly.’ Paper presented at the Alcohol and Drugs History Society Conference, *Utrecht University*, 25.06.2017

‘Contract Choice Theory in Colonial Bihar.’ Paper presented at the *Rural History Conference in Girona*, Spain, 10.09.2015

‘Agricultural Commercialization in Colonial India.’ Paper presented at the *Conference The Congress of Vienna and its Global Dimension in Vienna*, 19.09.2014

‘Opium, Empire and the Indian Peasant.’ Working paper presented at the South Asia Workshop, *New York University*, 11.04.2014

‘Why India was vulnerable to famines during British rule. Local power structures and “forced incorporation” into a world market.’ Paper presented at the *Rural History Conference in Bern*, 22.08.2013

Media

A BBC article about my book:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-49404024>

A Review of my book by Pseudoerasmus, via Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/pseudoerasmus/status/1169578181755572225>

Novelist Amitav Ghosh on my work, via Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/ghoshamitav/status/1162021494987403266>

A short radio feature (Ö1) about my book:

<https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20191010/573887/Laufen-Essen-Lesen>

An article about the book on ORF-online (Austrian broadcasting)

<https://science.orf.at/v2/stories/2992609/>

Newspaper article, written by:

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/meinungen/gastkommentare/882045_Wohin-geht-Indien.html

Newspaper article, written by:

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen_channel/wz_reflexionen/vermessungen/585749_Chinas-alte-Wunde.html

Portrait in Austrian Newspaper 'Der Standard':

<http://derstandard.at/1362108227572/Opium-fuer-das-Empire>

Interview on ORF-online (Austrian broadcasting):

<https://sciencev2.orf.at/stories/1714431/index.html>

Teaching at the University of Vienna

Spring 2021

SE *Disaster History of Modern South Asia* (MA South Asian Studies)

UE *Reading Course Global History* (MA Global History)

UE *Methods and Theories in Global History* (MA Global History)

SE *On the Nature and Causes of Famines* (MA Development Studies)

SE *Drugs and Empires* (MA Global Studies)

Winter 2020

VO *Sozialgeschichte des modernen Südasien, 18.-20. Jahrhundert*
(MA South Asian Studies)

	SE <i>Working the Land. Labour, Technology and the Environment in Global Agriculture</i> (MA Development Studies)
Spring 2020	VO <i>Internationale Entwicklung im historischen Kontext</i> (MA Development Studies)
	UE <i>Historische Methoden</i> (BA European Ethnology)
Winter 2019	UE <i>History Through the Eyes of Amitav Ghosh</i> (MA South Asian Studies and Global History)
	SE <i>Drugs and Empires</i> (MA Global Studies and Development Studies)
Spring 2019	SE <i>'Eating People is Wrong.' A Global History of Famines</i> (MA Global Studies and Development Studies)
	BA-PS <i>Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft Südasiens, 1600–1947</i> (BA History)
	BA-SE <i>Commodity Frontiers, ca. 1500–2000</i> (BA History)
	KU <i>Geschichtswissenschaftliche Arbeitstechniken und Archivkunde</i> (BA History)
Winter 2018	UE <i>Political Economy in Modern South Asia</i> (MA South Asian Studies)
	SE <i>Drugs and Empires</i> (MA Global Studies and Development Studies)
	KU <i>Geschichtswissenschaftliche Arbeitstechniken und Archivkunde</i> (BA History)
Winter 2016	BA-PS <i>Südasiens im langen 19. Jahrhundert</i> (BA History)
Spring 2016	SE <i>Drugs and Empires</i> (MA Global Studies and Development Studies)
Winter 2015	GR <i>Geschichte Südasiens, ca. 1700–1900</i> (BA History)
Spring 2015	GR <i>Kolonialismen</i> (BA History)
Winter 2014	GR <i>Indische Kolonialgeschichte</i> (BA History)