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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Citizenship: Swiss
- Languages: French, German and Italian (native); English (fluent)
- 2 daughters, born 19.11.2009 and 04.07.2011

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- International History, history of international organisations and NGOs, 19th and 20th century
- Global history of agriculture, rural development, and the environment 1920s-1960s
- Labour history, global history of slavery and abolition, 1800-present

CURRENT POSITION

Sep 2018- **Associate Professor in International History**
Present Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Sep 2015- **Assistant Professor in International History**
Sep 2018 Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Sep 2012- **Ambizione Research Fellow & Guest Lecturer in International History**
Sep 2015 Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Jul 2009- **Postdoctoral Fellow, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)**
Dec 2010 Modern European History Research Centre, University of Oxford

Oct 2008- **Postdoctoral Fellow, Carl Jasper Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies**
Jul 2011 Excellence Cluster Europe and Asia, University of Heidelberg

EDUCATION

Sep 2004- **University of Oxford, Lincoln College**
Feb 2008 **DPhil in Modern History**
Thesis Title: Humanitarian Imperialism. The Politics of Anti-Slavery Activism in the Interwar Years.
Committee: Jan-Georg Deutsch (Chair), John Darwin, Joe Miller

Sep 1996- **University of Berne, Switzerland**
Apr 2003 **Lic.Phil (MPhil), First class equivalent**
Modern History (Major), English and American Literature (Minor), Social Anthropology (Minor)

Sep 1999- **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**
Jun 2000 **MA courses in History and Social Anthropology of Africa and Asia**
Erasmus Exchange Student, 3 terms

PROJECT GRANTS & AWARDS

Jan 2025- Dec 2027	SNF Project Chemical Crossroads: Agrarian Transitions, Pesticide Controversies and International Governance, 1940-1970 (PI, project duration 36 months, CHF 534'628.- awarded Sep 2024)
Sep 2024- Sep 2026	Trans-Atlantic Platform– Project , Citizens of the World: Global Governance and Democratic Engagement in Past and Present, 2025-27 (co-applicant, Swiss part of the grant CHF 240'000 , awarded Aug 2024)
Nov 2022	Seed Grant IHEID , Progress Versus Precaution: International Organizations and the History of Pesticide Use Governance, 1940s to 1970s (CHF 6'500)
June 2021	EUI / IHEID Grant , Pesticides Towards an International History (CHF 10'000)
May 2018	Seed Grant, IHEID , Transforming the Global Countryside (CHF 7'500)
Sep 2012- Sep 2015	SNSF Ambizione Research Fellow , Grad. Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Research grant (CHF 380,000)
Jul 2009- Dec 2010	Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship , History Faculty, Oxford, Research, travel and conference grant (£ 40,000)
Oct 2008- Jun 2009	Postdoctoral Fellowship , Excellence Cluster 'Europe and Asia', University of Heidelberg, Research, travel and conference grant (EUR 39,000)
Feb 2007	Beit Fund , Travel and Research Grant, History Faculty, University of Oxford (£ 10,000)
Sep 2005- Jun 2006	Residing Fellow (Membro Scientifico) , Swiss Institute in Rome , 1 year accommodation and fellowship at the institute
Oct 2004- Sep 2007	Berrow Scholarship , Lincoln College, University of Oxford Full scholarship incl. overseas student tuition fees and maintenance grant

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Commission Doc Mobility (2021-onwards)
 IHEID Representative, Programme Doctoral en Histoire Contemporaine (CUSO 2015-ongoing)
 IHEID Representative, Comité d'Organisation Festival Histoire et Cité (2018- 2022)
 Organizer International History and Politics Forum, IHP Department IHEID (Jan 2022- Jun 2024)
 MINT Steering Committee, MINT Admissions (Fall 2016 -2019)
 Advisory Faculty, Centre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism (2023 onwards)
 Advisory Faculty, Global Governance Center, IHEID (2018 ongoing)
 Advisory Faculty, Center for International Environment Studies, IHEID (2018 ongoing)
 Advisory Faculty, Gender Centre, IHEID (2018 ongoing)

SEARCH COMMITTEES

Search Committee Member, Full Professor International History Du Bois chair IHEID (Autumn 2023)
 Search Committee Member, Ass. Professor International History Du Bois chair IHEID (Summer 2021)
 Search Committee Member, Ass. Professor International Economics IHEID (February 2016)
 Search Committee Member, Full Professor International History par appel IHEID (February 2016)
 Search Committee Member, Ass. Professor International History IHEID (September 2016)
 Search Committee, Secrétaire Général, Société Suisse d'Histoire, Bern (August 2019)
 Search Committee, Prof Ordinaire Histoire Moderne, Université de Fribourg (April 2023)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Board Member, Steering Committee, Documents Diplomatiques Suisses, from May 2024 onwards
 Board Member, Steering Committee, Dictionnaire historique de la Suisse (DHS) (2018 onwards)
 Board Member, Steering Committee, Swiss Historical Society (2015 -2021)

Referee

Journal of Global History; International History Review; Humanity; Social and Cultural History;
 Contemporary History; Contemporary European History; German History; Peace and Change;
 International Journal of History, Culture and Modernity; Agricultural History; New Global Studies;
 Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth Studies; Itinerario

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board Relations Internationales (May 2024 onwards)
 Chief Editor of Itinera, thematic supplement of the Swiss Historical Journal (2015-2020)

Reviews of book proposals & manuscripts

Columbia University Press
 Routledge (Book Proposals and Manuscripts)

Project evaluations

Swiss National Science Foundation
 ERC
 KV Leuven
 Leibniz Institut für Europäische Geschichte Mainz

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Jan 2025	In Preparation: Workshop History & Prosopography of International OrganizationsCentre for Digital Humanities and Multilateralism of the Geneva Graduate Institute (with D. Rodogno and G. Maillard)
Nov 2023	Organizer of 'Pesticides: Towards an International History Conference', EUI Florence (with C. Unger)
Oct 2019	Organizer Du Bois Conference Microcosms of Capitalism (IHEID Geneva) (with Carolyn Biltoft)
Apr 2019	Organizer Interdisciplinary Workshop: ' The Future of Food: Agriculture, Food Systems and Supply Chains in the Age of Climate Change ' (IHEID) (with Susanna Hecht)
Sep 2015-18	Co-Organizer of the Geneva History Seminar (UNIGE, IHEID, Paul Bairoch)
Aug 2014	Co-Organizer of international Conference ' FAO in Global Context ', Institute for European Global Studies, Basel (with Corinne Pernet)
May 2014	Co-Organizer of international Conference ' Governing the Rural in Interwar Europe ', Nijmegen University (with Liesbeth van de Grift)
Jun 2009	Co-Organizer of international Workshop ' Transnational Approaches to Agriculture, Food, Environment and Health ', Oxford (with Cornelia Knab)

INVITED TALKS (LAST 10 YEARS)

July 2024	Conference Civilized Savagery, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main
June 2024	Conference Developing the Rural, Roundtable Panelist, St Anthony's Oxford
April 2024	Conference Agriculture and the Production of the Global South, LMU, Munich
March 2024	Séminaire 'La matière du politique', Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po, Paris (together with C. Unger)
Nov 2023	Progress versus Precaution: Towards an International History of Pesticides, EUI, organizer
July 2023	Rural Modernities, Seventh European Congress on World and Global History, Leiden
May 2023	Forschungskolloquium Historisches Institut, University of Bern
March 2023	UN Roundtable Global Governance, UN Geneva, Discussant
Oct 2022	ILO Conference Networks of Labour, Rome ILO Office for Italy
Sep 2022	Histories of Capitalism in Europe and the World, Roundtable Discussant, IHEID
July 2022	Journée Suisses d'Histoire UNIGE, 'Turning Points in Debating the Human -Environment Interaction'
June 2022	ACUNS Annual Meeting, Geneva, UN Round Table 'Evidence-Based Solutions for Global Challenges'
June 2022	European Rural History Conference, Uppsala 'Experts, Institutions and Networks'
Feb 2022	Seminar Series of the Società Italiana Storia del Lavoro (zoom)
Nov 2021	Rural History Forum, Kempten Austria (zoom)
Apr 2021	Paper Presentation, Centre of Environment Studies Seminar, IHEID Geneva (zoom)
Apr 2021	Discussant, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, Università di Bologna (zoom)
Nov 2020	Workshop Knowing How To Farm 2/2, Basel University (zoom)
Jul 2020	Workshop Managing the Land Conference, Berlin (zoom)
Oct 2019	Roundtable Panelist, Historicity of the Global, European University Institute, Basel
Oct 2019	Paper Presentation, Panel History of Science and Technology, Milan
Oct 2019	Microcosms of Global Capitalism, IHEID Geneva (organizer)
Jun 2029	Panel Agricultural Experimentations in the Age of Development, Schw. Geschichtstage Zürich (organizer)
Apr 2019	International Workshop on the Future of Food, IHEID Geneva (organizer)
Sep 2018	Trends in International History, University of Oxford
Jun 2018	Conference: Users in Technological History, Universität Bern
Dec 2017	Global Governance Colloquium, IHEID Geneva
Nov 2017	Kolloquium Neueste Geschichte, Universität Basel
Sep 2017	Rural History Conference, Leuven
Jun 2017	International Statistics Workshop, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies
Apr 2017	Environment Centre, IHEID Geneva
Nov 2016	Rural Development Conference, European Institute Florence
Jul 2016	Environment, Economies and Cultures of Expertise, Leibniz Institute, Mainz
Jul 2016	Conflict and Transformation in the Global Countryside, Ghent
Jun 2016	Panel 'Empowering the Peasant', Journées Suisses d'Histoire, Lausanne
Jun 2016	Comparative Rural History Network, Ghent
Mar 2016	Global History Seminar, University of Zurich & ETH
Sep 2015	Rural History Conference, Girona
May 2015	Production and Uses of Expertise by International Bureaucracies, Graduate Institute
May 2015	Séminaire Empires, ENS, Paris
Apr 2015	Histories of Human Rights Workshop, Lund
Nov 2014	Writing the International History of Rural Development, Munich
Nov 2014	Statistics and Policy-Making, EIB Basel
Nov 2014	Governing the World, Graduate Institute, Geneva
Aug 2014	FAO in a Global Context, International Workshop, EIB, Basel
May 2014	Governing the Rural, International Conference, Nijmegen
Apr 2014	Global History Workshop, Excellence Cluster, Heidelberg

TEACHING

Lectures & Seminars (14 weeks, MA level)

Social Justice: Past and Present (MINT; Spring 2024/2025)

Thinking Historically (IHP; Fall 2024 -)

Historiography and Historical Methods (IHP; Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

International Organizations and Global Narratives (IHP-PS; with A. Littoz-Monnet, Spring 2021, Fall 2019)

Agrarian Transformation and Mobilization: Land, Labour and Technology (MINT; Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)

Doctoral Seminar I (with Jussi Hanhimäki), (IHP; Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Doctoral Seminar II (with Jussi Hanhimäki), (IHP; Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

Agrarian Movements in a Global Perspective, (MINT; Fall 2015, Fall 2017)

History and Development, (IHP/MINT; Fall 2015, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Autumn 2020, Autumn 2024)

Social Mobilization: History, Culture, Power (MINT; with Isabelle Schulte-Tenckhoff, Spring 2015, 2016)

Humanitarians and Human Trafficking: The Global History of Slavery and Abolition, 1800-Present (IHP; MINT; Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024)

Other

Summer School 'Humanitarianism', Summer 2023

Exec. Edu: 'The Visual Politics of Humanitarian Advocacy', Advocacy in International Affairs, Summer 2023

Exec. Edu: 'Campaigning: Past, Present & Future', Advocacy in International Affairs, Spring 2016

Exec. Edu 'International Organizations and Social Movements in Food and Agriculture', Advocacy in International Affairs, Summer 2017

University of Oxford History Faculty, 2006-2009

Internationalism and Empire: Tutorials, Essay marking, supervision of BA & MA theses

Transnational History of Humanitarianism: Tutorials, Essay marking, supervision of BA & MA theses

Imperialism and Nationalism in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1650-2000: Weekly tutorials

Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, c. 1550-1850: Weekly tutorials

PHD SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

- Michele Sollai, Battling for Imperial Grain. The Transition to Rural Development in Ethiopia (1929-1956). (Director) Completed,
- Alexa Rae Burk, The International Federation of Food Workers and Global Unionism (Director). In Progress, tbc October 2024
- Margaux Guigal, Exploring Future Studies. Retracing the emergence and development of Prospective in France and abroad (1957-1990s). (Director) In Progress
- Henrique Brenner Gasparin, The Quest for Energy El Dorado: Towards a Panamazonian History of Oil Development (1950s-70s) (co-dr with Prof A. Acker). In Progress
- Richard Schweizer, International Lawyers and the Human Right to a Healthy Environment (co-dir Prof T. Schulz). In Progress

Supervision and Examination of Phd theses (continued)

- Urpi Sacco Chang, Ways of Being Indigenous Within the United Nations System: Indigenous Peruvian Participation (Second Reader), August 2024
- Simon Lobach, Aluminium in Amazonia: A Socio-Environmental History of an Industrial Complex in a Peopled Biome (1915-Present) (Second Reader), February 2024
- Larissa da Silva Araujo, Life Alternatives: Daily Praxis Among the Kayambi in Northern Ecuador (Second Reader), November 2023
- Severyan Dyakonov, Soviet Public Diplomacy in India during the Cold War, 1959-1965 (Second Reader), October 2022
- Amal Shahid, The Political Economy of Famine Relief: Labour, Colonialism, and Public Works in the North-Western Provinces of India, c. 1860-1920 (Second Reader), July 2022
- Paroma Ghose, 'Silence...On est en France' : A Rap History of the 'Other' in France, 1981-2012 (Second Reader), June 2020
- Lola Wilhelm, The Business of Development. Nestlé's Involvement in Agriculture, Public Health and Humanitarian Relief, 1880s-1970s (Second Reader), Oct 2019
- Aysha Shafik, Agricultural Change and Family Farming in the Punjab: the Chenab Colony 1892-1936 (Second Reader), Feb 2019
- Doina Anca Cretu, "For the Sake of an Ideal:" Romanian Nation-Building and American Foreign Assistance (1917-1940) (Second Reader), Sep 2018
- Lukas Schemper, Humanity Unprepared: International Organization and the Management of Natural Disaster (1921-1991) (Second Reader), Sep 2016
- Jaclyn Granick, Humanitarian Responses to Jewish Suffering abroad by American Jewish Organizations 1914-1929 (Second Reader), June 2015

External Jury Member

- Andrés Sarabia, The Food we are Not: How the Gendering of Global Food Policy Veiled Body Malleability (Bogota, 1990-2015), External Expert, Central European University, February 2023
- Verena Kröss, Becoming a Big Player: The World Bank in the 1960s and 70s, External Expert, Jakob's University Bremen, April 2020
- Véronique Plata, Une voie sociale pour le développement. Le Bureau international du travail et les débuts de la coopération technique (1919-1949), External Expert, University of Geneva, May 2016

MA Theses

- Supervision and examination of over 40 MA theses as Director and as Second Reader

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES & RESEARCH NETWORKS

Society for the History of Technology
 Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Geschichte, Bern
 History of International Organizations Group, Geneva
 Modern European History Research Centre, Oxford
 Contemporary International History Network, Oslo
 History of Rural Development Network, Jacobs University Bremen

PUBLICATIONS (all single authored unless specified otherwise)

Monographs

Cultivating Fields of Progress: Agriculture and the International Labour Organization, 1920s-1950s [In Press, Forthcoming February 2025, Oxford University Press].

Humanitarian Imperialism. The Politics of Anti-Slavery Activism, 1880-1940, Oxford Historical Monographs, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

Edited Volumes

Governing the Rural in Interwar Europe (London: Routledge, 2018) (Co-edited with Liesbeth van de Grift).

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

'Progress versus Precaution: International Organizations and the Use of Pesticides, 1940s-1970s' (co-authored with Corinna Unger), *Comparativ: Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und Vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung*, 32 (2022) Heft 6, S. 750–768.

'A Bed, and a Cover, and Possibly a Pillow: Improving the Living Conditions of Agricultural Workers in the Interwar Years', *Capitalism a Journal of History and Economics*, 3, 1 (2022): 136-159.

'From Reconstruction to Development: The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Conceptualization of Rural Welfare, 1945-1950', *International History Review*, 41, 2 (2019): 351-371.

'Revisiting the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): International Histories of Agriculture, Nutrition and Development' (co-authored with Corinne Pernet) *International History Review*, 41, 2 (2019): 345-350.

'Shaping the Future of Farming: The International Labour Organization and Agricultural Education in the Interwar Years', Special Issue, *Agricultural Review*, 65,2 (2017).

'Agriculture, American Expertise, and the Quest for Global Data: Leon Estabrook and the First World Agricultural Census of 1930', *Journal of Global History*, 11,1 (2016): 44-65.

'A New Target for International Social Reform. The International Labour Organisation and Working and Living Conditions in Agriculture in the Interwar Years', *Journal of Contemporary European History* 20,3 (2011): 307-329.

'Introduction: Transnational Networks in Agriculture, Food, and Health', (co-authored with Cornelia Knab), *Journal of Contemporary European History*, 20,3 (2011): 247-277

Edited Special Issues

Themed Section Confronting a Hungry World: The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization in a Historical Perspective, *International History Review*, 41, 2 (2019), (co-edited with Corinne Pernet)

Transnational Networks in Agriculture, Food, and Health', Special Issue of the *Journal of Contemporary European History*, 20,3 (2011), 247-277 (co-edited with Cornelia Knab).

Book chapters

'The Latest Developments in Agricultural Knowledge and Practice from the Outside World': UNRRA's Agricultural Rehabilitation Work in Italy in the Aftermaths of the Second World War' in Julia Tischler, Heinrich Hartmann eds., *Planting Seeds of Knowledge in an Agricultural World*, Berghahn, in Press, publication planned for autumn 2023).

'Experimenting with Scientific Management: New Approaches to Agricultural Labour in the Twentieth Century' (together with Carolyn Taratko) in Dietmar Müller, Liesbeth van de Grift and Corinna Unger (eds), *Living with the Land : Rural and Agricultural Actors in Twentieth Century Europe- A Handbook* (Berlin, De Gruyter 2023)

'Guardians of the Countryside: The Associated Countrywomen of the World ACWW and the Conceptualization of Rural Internationalism in the Interwar Years', in Ribi Forclaz and Van de Grift (eds.) *Governing the Rural in Interwar Europe* (London 2017).

'“The Breath of New Life”? British Anti-Slavery Activism and the League of Nations', in D. Laqua (ed.), *Internationalism Reconfigured: Transnational Ideas and Movements between the World Wars* (London, 2011).

In Preparation / Forthcoming

'Seeds and the Technopolitics of Environmental Reconfiguration in Wartime Relief Operations in Italy, 1945 -1947', in Ismay Milford, Corinna Unger and Iris Borowy eds, *Yearbook for the Global History of Development* (forthcoming De Gruyter 2025).

'Plantations, Paternalism, and Productivity: The ILO and the Formulation of Social Policy for 'Dependent Territories'', Special issue Paternalism, Hierarchies and the 'Standard of Civilization' edited by Joel Quirk, forthcoming *Review of International Studies* 2025

'Pesticides Past and Present: A Study in Reluctant Regulation', Special issue, edited together with Corinna Unger, in preparation for *Comparative Studies in History and Society*.

'Gendering and Economizing the Field: 'Female Expertise' and the International Political Economy of Agriculture, 1900- 1939', submitted to *Gender & History*, R & R

'Writing Agriculture Back into International History: A View from the Archives of international organizations', in preparation, to be submitted to *Past and Present*

'From European Farmworkers to Plantation workers in the Global South: The International Landworker Federation (ILF) and the Quest for Social Justice in Agriculture' , In preparation.