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## Qualification

### 2005

PhD – Bi-national doctorate in Social Anthropology (Cotutelle) at the Ludwig Maximilian Universität München and Università degli studi di Firenze

Topic: Du wirst keinen Ehemann nehmen! Fluchtheirat und die Bedeutung der Toten bei den Sinti Estraixaria. Tu non prenderai marito! La fuga e il significato dei morti fra i Sinti estraixaria. (You will not take a husband! Flight marriage and significance of the dead among Sinti Estraixaria)

First reviewers: Prof. Dr. Frank Heidemann and Prof. Dr. Leonardo Piasere

Second reviewers: Prof. Dr. Thomas Hauschild and Prof. Dr. Alessandro Simonicca

Grade thesis: Summa cum laude

Grade thesis defense: Summa cum laude

1999, 26.April Equipollenza alla laurea italiana in "Sociologia"/ decreto legislativo 16 aprile 1994, n.297.

### 1995

Master of Arts (Magister Artium , M.A.) in Ethnology, Philosophy and Modern History, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Topic: Analyse der Zigeunerforschung in Deutschland nach 1945 anhand der Theorie der Hierarchie von Louis Dumont

(Analysis of Gypsy-Research in Germany after 1945 with Reference to the Theory of Hierarchy by Louis Dumont)

Supervisor /reviewer: Prof. Dr. Georg Pfeffer

Grade: A (very good)

## **Current Focus on Research**

Romanies in Europe / Ethnography and Theory  
Anthropology of Institutions and Anthropology of the State  
History Research and Cultural Anthropology  
Applied Anthropology

## **Current Projects**

2011 - 2014

“The integrated Exclusion”. Processes of integration and exclusion of ethnically defined, marginalized groups in South Tyrol in view of national and European discourses of “Integration”. Ethnography of institutions.

2011 – 2012

„Sehen und gesehen werden“ (See and to be seen.) – Participatory photography with refugees of Central and West Africa. Project Sponsor: Benno-Barth-Stiftung

## **Lecturing**

Since 2006

Lecturer at the Institut für Ethnologie und Afrikanistik, Munich

Since 2006

Visiting Teacher at the Central European University CEU, Budapest

2009 – 2011

Lecturer at the Fakultät für Bildungswissenschaften – Freie Universität Bozen.

2002 – 2006

Lecturer for Cultural Anthropology at the Fachhochschule für Gesundheitsberufe „Claudiana“, Bozen

2001 – 2002

Cultrice della materia (extern evaluator), Social Anthropology at the Università di Firenze.

## **Field Studies**

2008

Field studies on processes of "Traditionalization" and gender construction using the example of the "Südtiroler Schützen" (South Tyrol Marksmen) (5 months)

2006/2007

Ethnographical research for the Social Services Department Bozen (6 months)

2006

Ethnography of political self-presentation of Romanies (2 months)

2000 – 2001

Field Studies on Italian schools with attention to concepts of childhood and interpretation of "School" by Sinti in North Italy (10 months)

1997 – 2000

Participating field studies in a Gypsy trailer park of Sinti Estraxaria in North Italy (36 months)

1992/1993

Field research with Hungarian Gabor Roma in Cluj Napoca (RO), (4 months)

## **Archive Research**

2006

Archive research on Adriano Colocci Vespucci; Fascist Researcher on Gypsies (Jesi city archives, Italy)

2001 – 2002

Archival research on begging and nomadism of North-Italian Sinti (Österreichisches Staatsarchiv, Wien; Stadtarchiv Villach; Südtiroler Landesarchiv, Bozen)

## **Memberships, Workgroups, Editorial Work**

Since 2011

Member of "European Academic Network in Romani Studies" (EU)

Since 2008

Member of EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists)

2008 – 2010

Workgroup "Women in Traditional Associations" – Südtiroler Landesarchiv und Institut für Geschichtswissenschaft, Innsbruck

2006 – 2010

Representative of Prof. Frank Heidemann (LMU Munich) at CEU Budapest in the context of "Marie Curie Research Program", Multi Disciplinary and Cross – National Approaches to Romany Studies – a Model for Europe".

Since 2006

Member of the editorial board "Romani Studies", Manchester (GB)

Since 2006  
Member of the "Gypsy Lore Society" (USA)

Since 2006  
Member of the Working Group History and Religion, Bozen (I)

2000 – 2005  
Member of "Seminario avanzato di studi culturali rom", University of Florence

## **Scholarships and Funding/grants**

2008  
Research representative of the Südtiroler Landesarchiv (South Tyrol Regional Archive) on "Frauen in Traditionsvereinen – Südtirols Schützen und ihre Marketenderinnen" (Women in traditional associations – South Tyrol's Marksmen and their camp followers), (12 months)

2006 – 2007  
Scholarship of the Thyssen-Stiftung, Köln, ref. "Integration als kulturelle Konstruktion. Eine ethnographische Untersuchung institutioneller Integrationskonzepte und ihrer Praxis am Beispiel der Roma und Sinti in einer öffentlichen Institution" (Integration as a form of cultural construction. An ethnographic study of institutional integration concepts and their practice using the example of Roma and Sinti in public institutions), (12 months)

2006  
Grant by Stiftung Südtiroler Sparkasse für "Adriano Colocci – Zigeunerforscher und italienischer Faschist." (Adriano Colocci; Researcher on Gypsies and Italian fascist)

2006  
Research assignment at the Fakultät für Bildungswissenschaft zu: „Romanies in Bozen. Politische Organisation und Partizipation“ (Romanies in Bolzano. Political organization and participation), Supervision: Prof. Dr. Walter Lorenz, (3 months)

2005  
Funding by Autonome Provinz Bozen, Amt für Kultur for „Sinti und Roma. Eine Spurensuche. ARUNDA 67“ (Sinti and Roma – A search for traces)

2002 – 2005  
PhD bursary of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Berlin (30 months)

2000 –2002  
Research assignment to the Università di Firenze on "The Education of the Gypsy Childhood in Europe.", (24 months)

1999  
Grant by Fondazione San Carlo, Modena for "Specializzazione in studi culturali" (Specialization in cultural studies.), (9 months)

1992  
ERASMUS-Scholarship for the University of Edinburgh, (9 months)

## Conferences

2011

« Tsiganes », « Nomades » : un malentendu européen. Colloque Paris:

Title: *Time and territory - these are the others. Ethnographic reflections on philosophical constructions.*

2011

Conference of the Gypsy Lore Society, Graz (A):

Title: *Field research, participation and ethics of research in the context of Romanies*

2010

European Parliament, Brussels: "Bringing academy and policy together to benefit Romany communities in Europe". Open Session of the EPP Working Group on Roma Inclusion.

Title: *Building sustainable communities from the inside out.*

2010

Universität Innsbruck: Lecture series and conference "Literatur- als Kulturwissenschaft: Romani und Traveller Studies. Identitäten im Wandel." (Literary studies as cultural science: Romani and traveller studies. Identity in change)

Title: *Gender im Alltag und Neutralität des Geschlechts im Sinnstiftungsprozess der Sinti von Südtirol aus ethnographischer Perspektive. (Gender in daily life and gender neutrality in the finding process of meaning of South Tyrol Sinti from an ethnographic perspective)*

2010

Association "heimat – Brixen, Bressanone, Persenon", Südtiroler Landesarchiv und Fakultät für Bildungswissenschaften, Brixen.

Title: *"Frauen als Zierde" Die Schützenmarketenderin zwischen Diskurs und Repräsentation zu Tradition und Geschlecht. (Women as ornament. Camp followers between discourse and representation towards tradition and gender)*

2010

Frauenmuseum Hittisau (A), Symposium: Reinheit und Reinigung. (Women's Museum Hittisau(A), symposium: Purity and Purification)

Title: *Sie wird zurückgesetzt und er wird zur Frau. Postnatale rituelle Handlungen im Kontext der Sinti und mögliche Interpretationsansätze. (She gets set apart and he becomes a woman. Postnatal rituals in context of Sinti and an approach to interpretation)*

2010

University College London. Seminar.

Title: *Marriage structures and death relations. A cultural discourse.*

2008

EASA Conference – Ljubljana. Organization of panel: Almut Schneider: *Ethnographies on adaptation and switching. Modern institutions in a cross-cultural perspective.*

2007

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde (German Society of Ethnology)

Conference in Halle (D)

Title: *Konzepte der Unsichtbarkeit und Stille aus historisch-ethnographischer Perspektive (Concepts of invisibility and silence from a historical and ethnographical perspective)*

2007

Freie Universität Bozen – Fakultät für Bildungswissenschaften. Conference: *Prozesse der Konstruktion autochthoner Identitäten in Südtirol – Beispiele deutscher, italienischer, ladinischer, jüdischer und sinti Identitätskonzepte in historischer und ethnologischer Perspektive. (Processes of autochthonous identity construction in South Tyrol – Examples of German, Italian, Ladin, Jewish and Sinti identity concepts in historical and ethnological perspective)*

Title: *Ich bin nicht groß. Multiple kulturellen Identitäten am Beispiel der Gründung eines Sinti-Vereines. (I am not big. Multiple cultural identity by taking the example of the foundation of a Sinti association)*

2007

Cusanus Akademie Brixen/Verein heimat – Brixen, Bressanone, Persenon

Title: *Die Vorstellung vom "Haus" der Romanies. Architektur im interkulturellen Vergleich. (The idea of a Romani „house“. Architecture in intercultural comparison)*

2006

Conference at the Freie Universität Bozen in cooperation with RAI, the chamber of journalists, social services department: "Soziales kommunizieren." (social communication / communicating social issues ???)

Workshop: *Der Herausgeber einer Kulturzeitschrift und eine Ethnologin dokumentieren die Entstehung von ARUNDA 67. (The editor of a culture magazine and an Ethnologist document the initiative and development of ARUNDA 67)*

2005

EHESS Paris/British Academy: European Roma. Resistance, Marginality and Integration.

Title: *Photography in a Sinti context. Representation of the self and images of the other.*

2005

EURAC, Bozen. Runder Tisch zu Sinti und Roma in Österreich und Italien. (Roundtable for Sinti and Roma in Austria and Italy)

Title: *Erbschaft und Besitz versus Respekt vor den Verstorbenen. Zwei kulturelle Konstruktionen im Alpenraum. (Heritage and property versus respect for the deceased. Two cultural constructs in the Alps.)*

2004

EHESS, Paris. "Groupe de travail d'anthropologie sociale comparative".

Title: *Flight marriage as a result of respect for the dead.*

2003

Post-graduate program "Travelling Cultures" of the Universität München and the International University in Venice:

Title: *Nomadic routes and its narration. Sinti in North Italy.*

2002

Universität Münster: "Anthropologie und soziale Praxis" (Anthropology and social practice)

Title: *Welche Rolle spielt die Anthropologie in der Kommunikation zwischen öffentlichen Institutionen und Romanies? (The role of Anthropology in communication between public institutions and Romani)*

2001

Università del Piemonte, Vercelli. "The Anthropology of Western societies. A closer look."

Title: *Sinti children in the school of the Gadze.*

2001

Università di Firenze. Research Group: Anthropologia Romaní.

Title: *How to understand the flight marriage of the Sinti?*

2001

Université Paris V. Project Operroma: Annual meeting of the research group.

Title: *Telling a fragmented story – or how to interpret invisibility?*

2001

University of Brunel/GB "Lunchtime seminar" of Adam Kuper.

Title: *"Farting" – a physical act of creating symbolic difference.*

2001

Goethe Forum, München. "Sinti, Roma, Gypsies. Geschichte und Gegenwart", (Sinti, Roma Gypsies. Past and Present)

Title: *Die Lehrerin Sabina. Ein pädagogisch improvisiertes Modell führt zu gelungener kultureller Integration im Klassenzimmer. (The teacher Sabina. An improvised educational model leads to successful cultural integration in the classroom)*

2000

Università di Firenze: Research group Antropologia Romaní.

Title: *Nomadic structures of the South Tyrol Sinti.*

2000

Universidad de Castellion: Annual meeting of the research group OPREROMA,

Title: *A project on Gypsy childhood and school. Which are the underlying values?*

1999

Annual meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society, Florence.

Title: *When we are really playing...! An ethnographic approach to Sinti music.*

## **Post Graduate Training, Supervision and Councelling of Public Institutions and NGOs in Italy and Abroad Since 1999**

Referee and scientific consultant with special focus on intercultural competences, Romani studies, Anthropology of child and adult education, interdisciplinary and intercultural connections.

## **International Consulting, Publications and Project Participation**

### **Since 1999**

Various consulting assignments with public and non-profit institutions on questions of the socio-economic integration of ethnically defined groups.

Conferences and publications, for example on “Women and professional care”, “Autonomous living”, discrimination, integration of Roma and Sinti with regard to a new job perspective.

Designing a documentation center “Romanies in Europe”, project supervision and publication of “Roma and Sinti traditional professions and their revitalization”.

## **Languages**

German: mother tongue

Italian: fluent in speech and writing, bilingualism certificate A (2005)

English: fluent in speech and writing, First Certificate (1988)

Romanès: fluent in speech and writing corresponding to the Giulio Soravia Writing-Standard

Dialect versions of Sinti Estraixaria, Sinti Eftavagaria and Sinti Teitsch

French: good knowledge

Urdu: basic knowledge, three term language certificate of a non-European language for Ethnology main studies in Berlin, language examination 1992.