

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

2022: Certificate in Experiential Learning, Bard College & Open Society University Network (OSUN)
2003: CAS in Higher Education and Research Policy, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne
1992: PhD in Geography, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago. Dissertation on Qing China's environment and frontier policy. Supervisor: Prof. Paul Wheatley
1985: MA in East Asian Studies, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Paris (INALCO)
1984: BA in East Asian Studies, INALCO
1984: BA in Chinese Language and Literature, New Sorbonne University

Current Positions

Since 2025: Visiting Professor, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Hunan University of Science and Technology, Xiangtan
Since 2023: Head, Transition from Innovation to Sustainability Programs, Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Technopark, Zurich
Since 2020: Member, Social Transitions Research, Max Bergman Chair, Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel
Since 2017: Member, Society of Fellows, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich (RCC, LMU)
Since 2013: Member and Co-director (from 2013 to 2023), Environmental Humanities Switzerland, Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences (EH-CH, SAGUF, SCNAT)

Current Projects

Co-leader: "The Urban-Rural Bridge Proposal to UNESCO BRIDGES," with Hunan University of Science and Technology (HNUST)
Co-leader: "A Financial Instrument for Ecosystem Restoration," with Ecosystem Restoration Communities, Amsterdam (ERC)
Supervisor: Dr. Sakshi Chhabra's BML Munjal University project on inclusion policy and education in entrepreneurship
Supervisor: Dr. Neha Yadav's Swissuniversities project on climate anxiety and resilience in the Indian Himalayas

Past Positions

- 2024-25: Senior Research Fellow, Graduate Programs in Sustainability, Bard College & OSUN
- 2021-22: Visiting Professor, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Science Department, American University of Central Asia & OSUN
- 2020-21: Founding Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), Brac University & OSUN
- 2015-18: Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies (HPRS), SHSS, Nazarbayev University (NU)
- 2015-16: Founding Chair, HPRS Department, SHSS, NU
- 2013-23: Founding Co-director, EH-CH, SAGUF, SCNAT
- 2012-14: Senior Researcher, China Chair, SHSS, University of St. Gallen
- 2009-12: Visiting Professor, Institute of Oriental Studies, Stockholm University
- 2008-09: Associate Professor, School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham
- 2002-07: Senior Researcher, Institute for Cartography and Geo-information, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
- 1997-2002: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma
- 1995-97: Assistant Professor, School of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin
- 1994-95: Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley
- 1993-94: Postdoctoral researcher, Chair of Modern China, Collège de France

Honors and Awards

- 2023: Visiting Scholar, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich
- 2022: Impuls teaching award, University of Basel
- 2018: Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Bristol
- 2018: Visiting Scholar, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich
- 2017-18: Carson Fellow, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich
- 2011-12: Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, IEA Nantes
- 2007-08: Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, SCAS Uppsala
- 2006-07: GHS Fellow, Gerda Henkel Foundation, ETH Zurich
- 2002-04: SNF Researcher, Swiss National Science Foundation, ETH Zurich
- 1994-95: Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
- 1993-94: Chiang Ching-kuo Fellow, Collège de France
- 1990-92: Canon Fellow & Lavoisier Fellow, University of Tokyo
- 1989: Fulbright Fellow, Peking University (cancelled)
- 1988: Dumbarton Oaks Fellow, Harvard University
- 1986-92: PhD Fellow, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Publications

Book in progress: Proposal accepted by White Horse Press, Cambridge. Topic: Mapping climate stability in Inner Asia

Previous books: Published in Bern, Geneva, Honolulu, Leiden, London, Paris, and Shanghai

Articles: About 180 peer-reviewed book chapters, journal articles, and conference papers

Journals: Section Editor-in-chief, *MDPI Histories*; Editorial Board member, *MDPI Humanities*, etc.

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