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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 Born: 24 June, 1975; Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)
 Family status: Married, two daughters (10 and 12)
 Language skills: native German, excellent English and Italian, excellent (passive) Latin, good French and (passive) Ancient Greek, rudiments of Russian
 Websites: www.pezworkshop.org; www.republicofletters.net; www.oegel8.org

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

(Early) modern European history; auxiliary sciences of history; history of science and scholarship; digital humanities; monastic and church history; republic of letters; history of historiography (including 19th and 20th centuries); Austrian, German and Italian history; history of Rock'n'Roll.

EDUCATION

1993–2004: Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz (A):

Mag. phil. in History (minor subject: Italian Philology) with distinction, 1999.
 Thesis: “Die italienische Korrespondenz des Freiherrn Josef von Hammer-Purgstall” (advisor: Prof. Höflechner).

Dr. phil. in History, 2004. Dissertation: “Studien zu Herkunft und Bildungsweg von Bernhard Pez OSB vor 1709” (advisor: Prof. Höflechner).

1998–2001: Postgraduate education at the Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna (A): MAS (Historical Research and Archival Sciences).

2007–2014: frequentation of the basic program in (group) psychotherapy of the ÖAGG

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2002–2003: Archivist at the Austrian Television Archives (ORF), Vienna (A).

2002–2007: Archivist and historian of the “Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Österreichs”, Vienna (A).

2004–2008: Project assistant, FWF Project “The correspondence of B. and H. Pez (1709–

¹ The use of the term “Privatdozent” as adopted at the University of Vienna is equivalent to its Swiss counterpart: A “Privatdozent” has the permanent right (and obligation) to teach on a remunerated basis. – The equivalence of the term with Anglo-American “adjunct” or “associate professor” is stated by wikipedia, and the University of Vienna’s official guidelines translate “Dozent” as “associate professor”.

1715)” (FWF P-16940), Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna (A).

2010–2012: Director of a historical sub-section of ProVision Project “Dealing with Divine Creation” (FWF PRV500012) at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (A, as sub-contractor).

2008–2014: PI, Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Start Project “Monastic Enlightenment and the Benedictine Republic of Letters” (among the best-funded and high-competition funding schemes in Austria, similar to ERC StG; FWF Y-390) at the University of Vienna (A), Department of History, and the Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna (A).

2015, Contractor (Austrian Institute of Historical Research): census of the correspondence of Gottfried Bessel; (University of Vienna): organization of an assessment workshop related to the digital transcription tool Transkribus.

CURRENT POSITION (Jan 2016– c. December 2020)

PI, FWF Stand-Alone Project “Benedictines, Church Reform and the State in Austria, 1720–1740”, University of Vienna (P-28016).

PI, FWF Stand-Alone Project “The Oriental Outpost of the Republic of Letters. Sebastian Tegnagel (d. 1636), the Imperial Library in Vienna, and Knowledge about the Orient”, University of Vienna (P-30511).

Universitätsassistent, University of Vienna, Department of History.

Privatdozent (adjunct professor), following Habilitation at the University of Vienna in May 2016 (*venia legendi* Modern History).

FELLOWSHIPS

Sep 1995–Jun 1996: Università degli Studi, Pisa (I; Erasmus).

Sep 1996–Jun 1997: Università degli Studi, Torino (I).

Apr–May, Oct 2003: Herzog-August-Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel (D).

Mar–Jun 2006: Institut Historique Allemand, Paris (F).

Jan–Apr 2015: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (USA; IAS Membership).

Apr–July 2015: Stanford University (USA; Fulbright Scholars Program).

INVITED LECTURES AND PAPERS (SELECTED)

2012, March: Lecture series “History of Scholarship”, Warburg Institute, London (UK): “‘Scholastic Trifles’ vs. ‘Salubrious Criticism’: on the Scholarly Dimension of the German Benedictines’ Struggle for Educational Reform in the Early 18th Century.”

2012, October: “Austrian History Lecture”, University College, Dublin (IE): “Was there a ‘Monastic Enlightenment’ in Austria and Southern Germany?”

2013, July: Guest lecture at the Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung, Halle (D): “Aufklärung im Kloster – oder doch nicht? Wissenschafts- und ideengeschichtliche Zugänge zur oberdeutschen Ordensgelehrsamkeit.”

2014, April: Keynote speech at the international conference “Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World”, Vienna (A).

2014, May: Conference “Let There Be Enlightenment”, University of Stanford/CA (USA): “What Would an Austrian Monk around 1720 Associate with ‘Light’?”

2015, April: Lecture at the Center for Austrian Studies / Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of St. Paul/Minneapolis/MN (USA).

2016, November: Talk at the celebratory conference “Leibniz heute lesen”, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften Wien (A): “Leibniz verlässt Wien, ohne eine Akademie gegründet zu haben. Was nachher geschah.“

2016, December: Guest lecture at the “Séminaire de recherché: Nouveaux chantiers de l’histoire moderne”, Université Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne (F).

2017, November: Guest lecture at the Jour fixe of Sonderforschungsbereich 980, „Episteme in Bewegung“, Freie Universität Berlin (D).

2018, February: Talk at the “Tercentenary Workshop” on Maria Theresa, Queen’s College, Oxford (UK).

[Invited, 2019, November: Keynote at the conference, “Clerici sunt cives.” Die Kirche in Bedrängnis: Akteure, Strukturen und Diskurse im Aufgeklärten Absolutismus der Habsburgermonarchie, 1749–1792, Brixen (IT)].

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2005: Franz-Stephan-Preis der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts.

2005: Anerkennungspreis für Wissenschaft des Landes Niederösterreich.

2007: FWF Start Award.

2014: Awarded Honorary Fulbright Award for a stay at the University of Stanford/CA (USA) in 2015.

2014: Awarded Membership for the second term 2014/5 at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton/NJ (USA).

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Peer review for: Brill Publishers, Leiden (NL); Grantová agentura České republiky (Czech Science Foundation), Prague (CZ); Journal of Religious History, Sydney (AUS), Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken, Rome (D/IT); Intellectual History Review, Oxford (UK); Integrated College Reference System (UK); Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt (D); Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (CH).

Membership: Centro per la ricerca sugli epistolari del settecento, Verona (I, Comitato Scientifico); Austrian Society for the History of Science (A; Steering Committee); AG Praemonstratensia (DE); Advisory board of Sjuttonhundrat: Nordic Yearbook for Eighteenth-century Studies (SE).

Chair of the Austrian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

Editor, “Das achtzehnte Jahrhundert und Österreich. Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts“; co-editor, „Schriftenreihe der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts.“

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)

Der Standard / Newspaper (19.05.2009): Kritisches Denken in Mönchskutten

Ö1 / Radio (Salzburger Nachtstudio, 11.03.2015): Geist und Geister der Alma Mater Rudolfina. Die Universität Wien wird 650 Jahre alt (Intervention)

Ö1 / Radio (Dimensionen, 11.11.2016): Leibniz in Wien (Interview)

FUNDED PROJECTS ABOVE €100.000 (also co-authored, with year of approval)

2003: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “The correspondence of B. and H. Pez (1709–1715)” (P-16940) [co-authored, submitted by Prof. Winfried Stelzer].

2007: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Start Project “Monastic Enlightenment and the Benedictine Republic of Letters” (Y-390).

2013: COST Action IS1310 “Reassembling the Republic of Letters” [co-authored, submitted by Prof. Howard Hotson].

2015: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “Benedictines, Church Reform and the State in Austria, 1720–1740” (P-28016).

2017: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “The Oriental Outpost of the Republic of Letters” (P-30511).

2018: Austrian Academy of Sciences / Go!DigitalNext Generation: “Nuns and Monks. Prosopographical Interfaces” [co-authored, submitted by Irene Rabl].

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PARTNERS, INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2004–2008: Member of the DFG Research Network “Historiographieggeschichte”, based at the University of Erfurt, and chaired by Susanne Rau.

2011–2014: Associate Member of the DFG Research Network “Learned Polemics”, based at the Humboldt-Universität Berlin, and the University of Giessen, chaired by Kai Bremer and Carlos Spoerhase.

2014–2018: Vice Chair – under Chair Howard Hotson, Oxford (UK) – of COST Action IS1310 “Reassembling the Republic of Letters 1500-1800. A Digital Framework for Multi-Lateral Collaboration on Europe’s Intellectual History”.

Since 2014 (with an interruption in 2015): Erasmus / mobility coordinator (Italy) for the Department of History; member of the review board for non-EU applications, University of Vienna (A). Member of research focus groups “Digital Humanities”, “History of Science”, “Text & Edition”, University of Vienna (A).

Since 2017: Member of “Kompetenznetzwerk Digitale Editionen” (KONDE), chaired by the Zentrum für Informationsmodellierung, University of Graz (A).

Since 2018: Member of the Research Group “History of Human Rights and Democracy” at the University of Vienna (A).