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- Oct. 2020-present **Lecturer and Research Assistant**, Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University (JGU), Mainz (DE).
- Jan.-Apr. 2023 **GAES (DAAD) Scholarship Recipient for PhD Research abroad.** Archival research, interviews, and course assistance at the DKI Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu (US).
- Oct. 2022-Jan. 2023 **GAES (DAAD) Scholarship Recipient for PhD Research abroad.** Archival research and interviews at various institutions in Tōkyō (ex.: Sasakawa Foundation, National Defense Academy) and Kyōto (ex.: American Studies Dept. Dōshisha University), Japan.
- Sep. 2020 **Master of Arts (M.A.)**, Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE). Thesis: *"The US, Journalism and the Japanese Censorship System."*
- Feb.-July 2019 **Exchange Program** at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Kaohsiung (TW).
- Dec. 2017 **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**, Department of Political Science, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE). Thesis: *"The One-China Policy in Sino-American Relationship: The Distribution of Power in the Asia-Pacific Region and Its Implications for the Taiwan Strait Issue."*
- Mar.-July 2016 **East Asia Studies Program** at Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya (JP).
- Mar. 2014-Feb. 2015 **Exchange Program** at Dōshisha University in Kyōto (JP), Intensive Language Course Program Japanese.
- Sept. 2002-Mar. 2011 Attended Emanuel-Felke-High School Bad Sobernheim (DE). Completed **Abitur** (university-entrance diploma).

FURTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- May 2023 **Guest Lecture** at the Institute of American and Canadian Studies at Sophia University, Tōkyō (JP). **Title:** Geographical Imagination and Territoriality in Maritime Spaces: U.S. Foreign Policy and Challenges in the Pacific.”
- May 2023 **Guest Lecture** at the English Department of Keio University, Tōkyō (JP). **Title:** “Creating Narratives of National Identity: The Utilization of Collective Memory in U.S. Foreign Policy.”
- Apr. 2023 **Guest Lecture** at the International Institute of American Studies, Dōshisha University, Kyōto (JP). **Title:** “U.S. Foreign Policy and Maritime Spaces: Territorial Interpretations of the Pacific.”
- Apr. 2023 **Guest Lecture** at the Japan Coast Guard Academy (海上保安大学校), Kure (JP). **Title:** Maritime Security Challenges in the Pacific: The Issue of Interrelations between Gray-Zone Activities, Territorial Interpretation, and IUU Fishing.”
- Feb. 2021-Apr. 2023 **Internship/Research Fellowship** at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu (US).
- Oct. 2022 **ASANOR Conference** *Appalling Ocean, Verdant Land: America and the Sea* in Bodø, Norway. **Paper Title:** “From ‘Manifest Destiny’ to a ‘Free and Open Indo-Pacific’: U.S. National Identity and the Conceptualization of Oceanic Spaces.”
- Feb.-Mar. 2022 Research Trip to Honolulu, Hawai'i at the DKI Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. **Independent Research.**
- Mar.-Apr./Sep.-Oct. 2018 **Tutor and Advisor** at the International Office, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
- June-July 2017 **Internship** at the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Tōkyō (JP).
- Oct. 2015-Feb. 2016 **Part-time Interviewer** at IFAK Institute GmbH & Co. Market and Social Research, Frankfurt Airport (DE).
- Sep.-Oct. 2012 **Internship** at the German Bundestag and Electoral Ward Office of Fritz Rudolf Körper (member of the Bundestag, 17th legislative period).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & FURTHER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Feb.-Mar. 2023	Course: Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC 23-1). Assistance in preparation and execution: Maritime Security Track. DKIAPCSS (US).
Feb. 2023	Workshop: “Adapting Alliances, Partnerships, and Regional Security Architecture.” Assistance in preparation and execution. DKIAPCSS (US).
Jan. 2023	Workshop: “Strengthening Shared Understanding Among the Partners in the Blue Pacific and Pacific Islands.” Assistance in preparation and execution. DKIAPCSS (US).
Apr.-July 2022	Introductory Seminar: Imagining the Indo-Pacific – U.S. Regional Vision and Politics. Lecturer. / Cultural Studies I: Introduction to American History. Lecturer.
Oct. 2021-Feb. 2022	Introductory Seminar: Transpacific American Studies. Lecturer.
Apr.-July 2021	Cultural Studies I: Introduction to American History. Lecturer.
Aug. 2021	Participation as student in the course “Changing Security and Hybrid Threats” at the Summer School of the University of Jyväskylä (FIN/online).
July 2021	Participation as intern in the Comprehensive Maritime Security Cooperation (CMSC 21-1) Course at DKIAPCSS (US).
Apr. 2021	Participation in webinar: American Sea Power Project. U.S. Naval Institute (US).
Feb. 2021	Participation as intern in the Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (IPOC 21-1) at DKIAPCSS (US).
June 2019	Study Trip “EU Foreign Policy” to Hanoi (VN), dialogue and meetings with delegates of the European Union to Vietnam and members of the Institute of European Studies at the Vietnam Academy of Social Science.
Jan. 2019	Assistance in Panel Discussion: “Fake News! The Media debate in the United States,” DFG Research Group “Undoing Differences,” Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
Oct. 2017-Feb. 2019	Tutor Project Japan, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
Apr.-July 2016	German Teaching Assistant at Kwansai Gakuin University, Nishinomiya (JP).

PUBLICATIONS & EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE

- 2018 *"The Print Press Elite and the Government: How Independent Journalism in Japan Is Restrained by the Collaboration of the State and Information Cartels."* **Working Paper** for: Transnational Periodical Cultures, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
- 2018 *"A New Modern History of East Asia."* Eckhardt Fuchs/Tokushi Kasahara/Sven Saaler (eds). **Editorial Assistance.**
- 2017 *"Routledge Handbook of Modern Japanese History."* Sven Saaler/Christopher A.W. Szpilman (eds.). **Editorial Assistance.**

LANGUAGES

- English: **Fluent** in speaking and writing.
- Japanese: **Advanced knowledge.** Fluent in daily situations, reading and writing of simple texts, advanced knowledge regarding the use of polite forms.
- Chinese: **Basic knowledge in Mandarin speaking/ Taiwanese writing.** Daily situational expressions, reading and writing of simple texts.
- Spanish: **Basic knowledge.** Daily situational expressions, reading and writing of simple texts.
- French: **Basic knowledge.** Daily situational expressions, reading and writing of simple texts.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & POINTS OF INTEREST

- PC Skills Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- 2018-2021 College Sports Parkourtrainer
- July-Aug. 2016 Volunteer at the Tsudoi Summercamps Ashinaga, Tōkyō and Ōzu (JP).
- Aug. 2014 Peace Study & Homestay Program Hatsukaichi (JP).
- Aug.-Sept. 2012 Intensive Language Course Arabic in Wardaniyeh (LB).
- Oct. 2009 Educational Trip to Lebanon.