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Oct. 2020-present	<b>Lecturer and Research Assistant</b> , Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University (JGU), Mainz (DE). <b>Direct Exchange Coordinator</b> (Outbound), Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, JGU, Mainz, (DE).
June 2025-present	<b>Non-Resident Research Fellow</b> at the Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy (KIMS), Seoul (ROK).
April 2024	<b>IMH Scholarship Award Recipient for Research Paper.</b> "Reconsidering Geographical Understandings of Maritime Spaces: Centering Oceanian Perspectives on Security Issues in the Pacific" presented at the 9 <sup>th</sup> IMHA International Congress of Maritime History, Busan (ROK).
Jan.-Apr. 2023	<b>GAES (DAAD) Scholarship Recipient for PhD Research abroad.</b> 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	<b>GAES (DAAD) Scholarship Recipient for PhD Research abroad.</b> Archival research and interviews at various institutions in Tōkyō (ex.: Sasakawa Foundation, National Defense Academy) and Kyōto (ex.: American Studies Dept. Dōshisha University), Japan.
Sept. 2022-present	<b>Co-Founder</b> of the Transpacific Studies Network.
Oct. 2020-present	<b>PhD Candidate</b> , Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, JGU, Mainz (DE).
Sep. 2020	<b>Master of Arts (M.A.)</b> , Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE). Thesis: <i>"The US, Journalism and the Japanese Censorship System."</i>
Feb.-July 2019	<b>Exchange Program</b> at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Kaohsiung (TW).
Dec. 2017	<b>Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)</b> , Department of Political Science, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE). Thesis: <i>"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."</i>
Mar.-July 2016	<b>East Asia Studies Program</b> at Kwansei Gakuin University in Nishinomiya (JP).

Mar. 2014-Feb. 2015	<b>Exchange Program</b> at Dōshisha University in Kyōto (JP), Intensive Language Course Program Japanese.
Sept. 2002-Mar. 2011	Attended Emanuel-Felke-High School Bad Sobernheim (DE). Completed <b>Abitur</b> (university-entrance diploma).

## FURTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2025	<b>Workshop series</b> <i>Transpacific Literary Perspectives</i> . Workshop Topics & Instructors: “Talanoa as Decolonial Framework” (Ajani Burrell, Northern Marianas College)/ “Oceanic Genealogies, Storied Places, and Indigenous Epistemologies” (Kirsten Møllegaard, University of Hawai’i at Hilo)/ “Water Poetics in Aotearoa New Zealand” (Marine Berthiot, University of Lorraine). <b>Organization and Execution.</b>
May 2025	<b>Jeju Forum 2025.</b> Panel: <i>Enhancing Indo-Pacific Ocean Governance</i> organized by the Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy (KIMS). Jeju (ROK). <b>Panelist Speaker.</b>
May 2025	<b>Guest Lecture</b> at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, TP-Bridge Program, Tōkyō (JP). <b>Title:</b> “Environmental Security in the Pacific: Translation of Ocean Ontologies and Knowledge Systems into Ocean Governance.”
April 2025	<b>Roundtable Discussion.</b> “Ocean Governance and Environmental Security.” Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy, Seoul (ROK).
January 2025	<b>International Workshop on Climate Security in Asia-Pacific.</b> <i>Asia-Pacific Climate Security Project.</i> Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Institute for Future Initiatives University of Tokyo, and Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo (JP). <b>Title:</b> “Climate Security in the Pacific: Perspectives at the Intersection of Environmental Humanities & Critical Ocean Studies.”
November 2024	<b>NATO’s Future Seminar.</b> Workshop Topics: <i>Global (Bio)Security Architecture, Environmental Protection and NATO, Ukraine and NATO’s Future.</i> Youth Atlantic Treaty Association Germany, Berlin (DE).
September 2024	<b>Salzburg Global American Studies Program.</b> <i>Crossing the Pacific: The Asian American Experience in U.S. Society and Discourse.</i> Salzburg (AT). <b>Workshop Participation and Discussion Lead.</b>
September 2024	<b>3rd Indo-Pacific Security Conference.</b> <i>Navigating Troubled Waters.</i> Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg (DE). <b>Attendance only.</b>

August 2024	<b>9th IMHA International Congress of Maritime History</b> <i>Oceans: Local Mobility, Global Connectivity</i> , Busan (ROK). <b>Title:</b> "Reconsidering Geographical Understandings of Maritime Spaces: Centering Oceanian Perspectives on Security Issues in the Pacific."
Apr./May 2024	<b>Research Assistance</b> "European Participation in the Indo-Pacific" at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu (US).
Feb. 2024	<b>International Conference Transpacific Studies Network</b> (hybrid) <i>Transcending Boundaries – Interdisciplinary Insights in Transpacific Studies</i> , Mainz (DE). Joint <b>Organization and Execution</b> .
Nov. 2023	<b>33RD Annual Conference of the Postgraduate Forum</b> of the German Association for American Studies <i>Spaces of Affect in the Americas</i> , Hannover (DE). <b>Title:</b> "Perceptions of Space: The Effect of Socio-Political Geography on Foreign Policy in the Pacific."
May 2023	<b>Guest Lecture</b> at the Institute of American and Canadian Studies at Sophia University, Tōkyō (JP). <b>Title:</b> "Geographical Imagination and Territoriality in Maritime Spaces: U.S. Foreign Policy and Challenges in the Pacific."
May 2023	<b>Guest Lecture</b> at the English Department of Keio University, Tōkyō (JP). <b>Title:</b> "Creating Narratives of National Identity: The Utilization of Collective Memory in U.S. Foreign Policy."
Apr. 2023	<b>Guest Lecture</b> at the International Institute of American Studies, Dōshisha University, Kyōto (JP). <b>Title:</b> "U.S. Foreign Policy and Maritime Spaces: Territorial Interpretations of the Pacific."
Apr. 2023	<b>Guest Lecture</b> at the Japan Coast Guard Academy (海上保安大学校), Kure (JP). <b>Title:</b> Maritime Security Challenges in the Pacific: The Issue of Interrelations between Gray-Zone Activities, Territorial Interpretation, and IUU Fishing."
Feb. 2021-Apr. 2023	<b>Internship/Research Fellowship</b> at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu (US).
Oct. 2022	<b>ASANOR Conference</b> <i>Appalling Ocean, Verdant Land: America and the Sea</i> in Bodø, Norway. <b>Paper Title:</b> "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. <b>Independent Research</b> .
Mar.-Apr./Sep.-Oct. 2018	<b>Tutor and Advisor</b> at the International Office, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).

June-July 2017	<b>Internship</b> at the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Tōkyō (JP).
Oct. 2015-Feb. 2016	<b>Part-time Interviewer</b> at IFAK Institute GmbH & Co. Market and Social Research, Frankfurt Airport (DE).
Sep.-Oct. 2012	<b>Internship</b> at the German Bundestag and Electoral Ward Office of Fritz Rudolf Körper (member of the Bundestag, 17 <sup>th</sup> legislative period).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & FURTHER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Oct. 2024-Feb. 2025	<b>Seminar:</b> Waterways and U.S.-American Naval Imperialism. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE). / <b>Cultural Studies I:</b> Introduction to American History. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Apr.-July 2024	<b>Cultural Studies I:</b> Introduction to American History. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Oct. 2023-Feb. 2024	<b>Cultural Studies I:</b> Introduction to American History. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Feb.-Mar. 2023	<b>Course:</b> Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC 23-1). <b>Assistance</b> in preparation and execution: Maritime Security Track. DKIAPCSS (US).
Feb. 2023	<b>Workshop:</b> “Adapting Alliances, Partnerships, and Regional Security Architecture.” <b>Assistance</b> in preparation and execution. DKIAPCSS (US).
Jan. 2023	<b>Workshop:</b> “Strengthening Shared Understanding Among the Partners in the Blue Pacific and Pacific Islands.” <b>Assistance</b> in preparation and execution. DKIAPCSS (US).
Apr.-July 2022	<b>Introductory Seminar:</b> Imagining the Indo-Pacific – U.S. Regional Vision and Politics. <b>Lecturer.</b> / <b>Cultural Studies I:</b> Introduction to American History. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Oct. 2021-Feb. 2022	<b>Introductory Seminar:</b> Transpacific American Studies. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Apr.-July 2021	<b>Cultural Studies I:</b> Introduction to American History. <b>Lecturer.</b> Mainz University (DE).
Aug. 2021	Participation as <b>student</b> in the course “Changing Security and Hybrid Threats” at the Summer School of the University of Jyväskylä (FIN/online).

July 2021	Participation as <b>intern</b> in the Comprehensive Maritime Security Cooperation (CMSC 21-1) Course at DKIAPCSS (US).
Apr. 2021	Participation in <b>webinar</b> : American Sea Power Project. U.S. Naval Institute (US).
Feb. 2021	Participation as <b>intern</b> in the Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (IPOC 21-1) at DKIAPCSS (US).
June 2019	<b>Study Trip</b> "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	<b>Assistance</b> 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	<b>Tutor</b> Project Japan, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
Apr.-July 2016	<b>German Teaching Assistant</b> at Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya (JP).

## PUBLICATIONS & EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE

2024	"Strengthening Transregional Resilience and Sustainability: Compatibilities in Germany's Indo-Pacific Guidelines and Taiwan's New Southbound Policy." <i>Global Taiwan Brief</i> . Vol. 9, Issue 23. Global Taiwan Institute. Dec. 11, 2024. <a href="https://globaltaiwan.org/2024/12/compatibilities-in-germanys-indo-pacific-guidelines-and-taiwans-new-southbound-policy/">https://globaltaiwan.org/2024/12/compatibilities-in-germanys-indo-pacific-guidelines-and-taiwans-new-southbound-policy/</a>
2024	"Pacific Islands' Perspectives on Maritime Security Issues and Their Implications for Regional Ocean Governance in the Pacific." <i>KIMS Periscope No. 369</i> . Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy. Dec. 11, 2024. <a href="https://en.kims.or.kr/issuebrief/kims-periscope/peri369">https://en.kims.or.kr/issuebrief/kims-periscope/peri369</a>
2023	"Looking for Direction: Germany in the Indo-Pacific." <i>DKI APCSS Security Nexus</i> . Vol. 24-2023. DKI Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. Jul. 27, 2023. <a href="https://dkiapcss.edu/nexus_articles/looking-for-direction-germany-in-the-indo-pacific/">https://dkiapcss.edu/nexus_articles/looking-for-direction-germany-in-the-indo-pacific/</a>
2018	"The Print Press Elite and the Government: How Independent Journalism in Japan Is Restrained by the Collaboration of the State and Information Cartels." <b>Working Paper</b> for: Transnational Periodical Cultures, Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz (DE).
2018	<i>A New Modern History of East Asia</i> . Eckhardt Fuchs/Tokushi Kasahara/Sven Saaler (eds). <b>Editorial Assistance</b> .

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.

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).

Jan. 2023

Assistance Coach: Self-Defense Seminar, DRK FSJ Program, Worms (DE).

2018-2021

Coach: Parkour, AHS at JGU, Mainz (DE).

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, Wardaniyeh (LB).

Apr. 2012-2024

Jiu-Jitsu, Allgemeiner Hochschulsport (AHS) at Johannes Gutenberg-University (JGU), Mainz (DE).

Oct. 2009

Educational Trip to Lebanon.