

**Work Experience**

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Since October 2025	Chair of European Regional History at the University of Duisburg-Essen
January 2013-September 2025	<p>Senior Fellow at the Leibniz Institute of European History, Mainz (DE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March 2022-January 2025: maternity leave</li> <li>▪ January 2019-February 2022: co-chair of the research unit 'Pluralisation and Marginality'</li> <li>▪ November 2013-April 2018: on leave as Principal Investigator of an Emmy Noether research group</li> </ul>
October 2017-February 2022	Guest lecturer at Bielefeld University, Faculty for History, Philosophy and Theology, Bielefeld (DE). Courses in English and German
April 2014-February 2016	Guest Lecturer at Johannes Gutenberg University, Faculty for History and Cultural Studies, Mainz (DE). Courses in English and German
March 2009-December 2012	Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer at Bielefeld University, Faculty for History, Philosophy and Theology, Bielefeld (DE). Courses in English and German

**Education**

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January 2025	<p>Habilitation in modern history at Bielefeld University, Faculty for History, Philosophy and Theology, Bielefeld (DE).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examining committee: Willibald Steinmetz, chair (Bielefeld University), Johannes Paulmann (Leibniz-Institute of European History), Henk te Velde (Leiden University (NL))</li> <li>▪ Thesis title: 'Catholic Crowd Action: The Violent Protest over Public Religion in Europe, 1864-1914'.</li> <li>▪ Lecture title: 'Das (nicht so) freie Wort: Über die Grenzen der Meinungsfreiheit im 20. Jahrhundert' [<i>(Not So) Free Speech: On the Limits of Freedom of Expression in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century</i>]</li> </ul>
February 2009	<p>Doctorate in history and civilization at the European University Institute, Florence (I). Degrees awarded by the EUI are ungraded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examining committee: Alan Forrest, chair (University of York (UK)), Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (EUI, supervisor), Wessel Krul (University of Groningen (NL)), Jay Winter (Yale University (USA))</li> <li>▪ Thesis title: 'Public Pantheons and Exemplary Men: a Journey in the European Imagination, c. 1790-1840'.</li> </ul>

August 2005	Master of Arts in History, with major in cultural history (cum laude): University of Amsterdam (NL). Dutch-language degree
June 2004	Master of Arts in European Studies, with major in cultural and political history (magna cum laude): KU Leuven (BE). English-language degree
May 2003	Bachelor of Arts, with majors in history, art history and political science (cum laude): University College Utrecht (NL). English-language degree

### **Fellowships**

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July 2013-June 2019	KADOC (Documentation and Research Centre for Religion, Culture and Society), Leuven (BE). Affiliated Fellow
September-December 2011	Harvard University / Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Cambridge (USA). Visiting Fellow
March-May 2008	Royal Netherlands Institute, Rome (I). Visiting Researcher
September-December 2007	University of York / Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies, York (UK). Visiting Researcher

### **Appointments and Awards**

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May 2025	Offer of the Chair for European Regional History at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Accepted
May 2025	Offer of the Chair for German and European History of the Nineteenth Century at the University of Hamburg. Declined
November 2013-May 2018	Principal Investigator of the Emmy Noether research group 'Battles over Belief: Religion and Violence in Catholic Europe, 1848-1914'
March 2015	Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart (DE): included in 'AcademiaNet: The Portal to Excellent Women Scientists' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nominated by the German Research Foundation</li> </ul>
October 2011	University Society of Bielefeld University: student nomination for the Karl Peter Grottemeyer Award for 'Excellence and Personal Commitment in Teaching'

### **Funding (total sum: €884,273)**

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August 2019	Publication Fund / Leibniz Foundation, Berlin (DE): €3,972 for the open access publication of <i>Glaubenskämpfe</i> .
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*Katholiken und Gewalt im 19. Jahrhundert* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019)

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| November 2013   | Emmy Noether Programme / German Research Foundation, Bonn (DE): €798,000. Personal funding for the research group 'Battles over Belief: Religion and Violence in Catholic Europe, 1848-1914' (BO 4105/1-1)                         |
| July 2012       | Junior Researchers' Fund / Bielefeld University, Bielefeld (DE): €10,000 for post-doctoral research  |
| March -May 2008 | Royal Netherlands Institute, Rome (I): accommodation   |
| September 2008  | European Commission, Brussels (BE): €19,670 for twelve-months of doctoral research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Due to earlier completion of the dissertation, funding for the last six months was returned</li> </ul> |
| September 2005  | Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC), The Hague (NL): €52,631 for thirty-six months of doctoral research  |

### Doctoral Supervision

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Remzi Çağatay Çakırlar, 'The French Radical Party and the Making of Kemalism (1901-1939)'. Defended at Leiden University (NL), in cooperation with École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (F) on 14 May 2025. Chair of the jury

Sara Mehlmer, 'Gewalt und Gewaltvermeidung zwischen Katholiken, Juden und Moslems in Spanisch-Nordafrika, 1859-1874' [*Violence and Avoiding Violence between Catholics, Jews and Muslims in Spanish Northern-Africa, 1859-1874*]. Defended at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz (DE) on 29 June 2023. Supervisor

Péter Tschet, 'Gewalt in der Kirche. Innerkatholische Konflikte im ländlichen Hinterland der österreichisch-ungarischen Küstenregion, 1890-1914' [*Violence in the Church. Intra-Catholic Conflicts in the Rural Hinterland of the Austrian-Hungarian Littoral, 1890-1914*]. Defended at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz (DE) on 8 April 2019. Supervisor

Mentor for visiting doctoral researchers financed under the Fellowship Program of the Leibniz Institute of European History, Mainz (DE): Saniye Al-Baghdadi (Ruhr University, Bochum (DE)), Robert Bernsee (Technical University, Darmstadt (DE)), Amerigo Caruso (University of the Saarland, Saarbrücken (DE)), Benedikt Fausch (Westphalian Wilhelm's University, Münster (DE)), Ignacio Garcia de Paso (European University Institute, Florence (I)), Johannes Gramlich (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (DE)), David Luginbühl (University of Zurich (CH)), Marco Omes (Scuola Nazionale Superiore, Pisa (I) / Sorbonne University, Paris (F)), Fabian Rausch (Albert Ludwig University, Freiburg (DE)).

### Organised conferences and lecture series (selection)

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| March 2020 | International conference 'Blasphemy and Violence: Interdependencies since 1760' |
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- Organised with Prof. David Nash (Oxford University (UK))
  - Funded by Liberas / Centre for the History of Liberalism and Freethought, Ghent (BE)
  
- December 2015

International workshop 'Homelands and Hostlands: Political Mobilisation among Migrant and Religious Communities in Europe and the Americas, 1848-1939'

  - Organised with Dr. Niall Whelehan (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (UK))
  - Funded by the German Research Foundation, Bonn (DE) and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of the European Commission, Brussels (BE)
  
- October 2014-November 2015

Public lecture series 'Religion und Gewalt: eine ambivalente Beziehung in Geschichte und Gegenwart' [*Religion and Violence: An Ambivalent Relationship in Past and Present*].

  - In cooperation with Johannes Gutenberg University, Institut Français, Erbacher Hof – Academy of the Mainz Diocese (all Mainz), Goethe University, Leibniz Institute – Peace Research Institute, Jewish Museum (all Frankfurt)
  - Jointly funded by the cooperating institutions and the German Research Foundation, Bonn (DE)
  
- November 2011

Workshop 'Religiöse Gewalt als politische Praxis in der europäischen Moderne' [*Religious Violence as Political Practice in Modern Europe*] at Bielefeld University (DE).

  - Funded by Bielefeld University, Bielefeld (DE)

#### **Other organisational and managerial activities (selection)**

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- Chair of the Culture Network of the European Social Science History Conference, an international conference organised by the International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam (NL)
- Expert and rapporteur for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of the European Commission, Brussels (BE)
- Reviewer (peer review of articles and book reviews) for *Cultural and Social History*, *The Journal of Modern History*, *European Review of History*, *German History*, *Historische Zeitschrift*, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, *Sehepunkte*, *Geschichte*, *Transnational*
- Researchers' representative on the appointment committee for the chair in Modern European History at the European University Institute / Robert Schumann Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence (I) as well as on the selection committee for doctoral students from the Benelux countries at the European University Institute, Florence (I)
- Founder and chair of 'UC Career: Humanities' at University College Utrecht, Utrecht (NL)

**Training: certificates**

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\* Certificates obtained from the Zentrum für Wissenschaftsmanagement [Center for Science & Research Management], Speyer (Germany).

- Forschungsprojekte steuern [*management of research projects*] – 2016
- Finanzmanagement [*finance and controlling*] – 2015
- Hochschuldidaktik [*didactics at university*] – 2015
- Führung: Leitungsrolle und Selbsteinschätzung [*leadership and self-evaluation*] – 2014

**Language skills (CEFR level)**

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- Dutch: native
- English: fluent (C2)
- German: fluent (C2)
- French: advanced (C1)
- Italian: intermediate (B2)