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Fulltime Professional Academic Experience

15.03.2018-present:

Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- **Co-investigator (with Florian Coulmas) of research project** on language, migration and happiness of Chinese, Japanese, and Turkish communities in Germany. This project is fully funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG, Grant Number CO 100/13-1). My major inputs include grant proposal writing, and following the funding award, designing a multi-language survey to test correlations between language maintenance and happiness of migrants, as well as conducting qualitative follow-up interviews/observations and data analysis across Germany.
- **Publication of first research monograph** (single author peer-reviewed) on discourse and social hierarchy in Japan. Final manuscript submitted to De Gruyter: Contributions to the Sociology of Language Series. **Scheduled publication in autumn 2020.**
- **Publication of handbook chapter** (single author peer-reviewed) on language and social relations in Japan in Routledge Handbook of Japanese Sociolinguistics.
- **Co-editorship (with Florian Coulmas) of peer-reviewed Special Issue** on Language and Communication of Asian Diaspora Communities in the West, Journal of Asian Pacific Communication (John Benjamins). Solicited by the journal's chief editor Herbert Pierson.
- **Preparation of second research monograph** (single author) on language, migration and happiness based on results of the DFG research project. Book proposal accepted by **Routledge: Development Studies** and **publication contract signed.**

01.10.2017-28.02.2018:

Start-Up Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- Main activities: prepared for PhD defence, completed a month of follow-up data collection and analysis in Tokyo (Japan) for the writing and publication of my first research monograph.

Education

01.10.2014-30.09.2017:

Dr. phil (sociology and Japanese studies), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- Dissertation: *Understanding Japanese Society: An Ethnographic Study of the Discursive Construction of Hierarchy in Japanese School Clubs.*
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas (Director of the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, from 2004-2014)
- Fieldwork in Tokyo, Japan: 08.09.2015 – 27.05.2016
- Date of submission: 25.09.2017
- Date of defence and Dr. phil degree award: 19.01.2018
- **Final grade: Summa cum laude** (highest distinction, top 10-15% in Germany across all disciplines)

01.09.2012-17.06.2014:

Master of Arts (international relations), Sciences Po Paris, France.

- Date of MA degree award: 17.06.2014

01.09.2010-31.12.2010:

Exchange Semester, McGill University, Montréal, Canada.

- Intensive French language and literature courses.

01.04.2009-31.07.2012:

Bachelor of Arts (liberal arts/sociolinguistics), Waseda University Tokyo, Japan.

- Thesis: *Thoughts on Language Policies in Singapore with Cross-analysis of the Linguistic Scene in France: Questions of National Identity and Regional/Ethnic Languages* (written in French, graded “A+”).
- Date of BA degree award: 15.09.2012

Funding, Scholarships, and Awards

01.10.2019-30.03.2021:

Fellow, Mercator Foundation Global Young Faculty Programme, nominated by the University of Duisburg-Essen and selected by the committee of the Mercator Foundation. This scheme supports promising young researchers based in the Ruhr Metropolitan Region by offering opportunities to work with leading scientific and industry experts in the development of impactful social research. An individual research mobility budget of 5000€ is provided to each selected fellow.

01.10.2017-28.02.2018:

Start-Up Fellowship, merit-based fellowship funded by the German Research Foundation (*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*, DFG) and awarded by the Research Training Group “Risk and East Asia” (Duisburg-Essen).

01.10.2017:

Graduiertenkolleg Award, merit-based award by the Research Training Group “Risk and East Asia” (Duisburg-Essen) upon successful and satisfactory completion of dissertation within 36 months.

01.10.2014-30.09.2017:

Full PhD scholarship (including fieldwork grant), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

01.09.2012-17.06.2014:

Emile Boutmy Scholarship, awarded by Sciences Po Paris to non-EU students based on academic merit.

01.10.2009-31.03.2012:

Academic Excellence Award, nominated by Waseda University and awarded by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Publications

Wang, Zi (forthcoming) *Migration, Language and Happiness*, London: Routledge.

Coulmas, Florian and Wang, Zi (forthcoming). East Asian Migrants in Western Europe. *Journal of Asian Pacific Communication (JAPC) Special Issue: Language and Communication of Asian Diaspora Communities in the West*, Coulmas, Florian and Wang, Zi (eds.).

Wang, Zi (2020). Book Review of *Education in China: Philosophy, Politics and Culture*, by Ryan, Janette. *Asian Studies Review*.

Wang, Zi (2020). *The Discursive Construction of Hierarchy in Japanese Society: An Ethnographic Study of Secondary School Clubs*, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton. ISBN 978-1-5015-1862-1. [<https://www.degruyter.com/view/product/538518>]

Wang, Zi (2019). Language and Social Relations, in Heinrich, Patrick and Ohara, Yumiko (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Japanese Sociolinguistics*. London: Routledge, p. 235-247. ISBN 978-0-415-79027-7. [<https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Handbook-of-Japanese-Sociolinguistics-1st-Edition/Heinrich-Ohara/p/book/9780415790277>]

Wang, Zi (2018). Book review of *Being Young in Super-Aging Japan: Formative Events and Cultural Reactions*, by Heinrich, Patrick and Galan, Christian (ed.). *Contemporary Japan*. doi.org/10.1080/18692729.2018.1546111. [<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/18692729.2018.1546111>]

Wang, Zi (2018). *Understanding Japanese Society: An Ethnographic Study of the Discursive Construction of Hierarchy in Japanese School Clubs*, PhD Dissertation, Duisburg: University of Duisburg-Essen.

Wang, Zi (2017). Book review of *Schooling Selves: Autonomy, Interdependence, and Reform in Japanese Junior High Education*, by Cave, Peter, *Contemporary Japan* 29(1): 98-100. DOI:10.1080/18692729.2017.1281509. [<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/18692729.2017.1281509?af=R&journalCode=rcoj20>]

Wang, Zi (2015). Modernisation, Value Change, and Gender Inequality in Japan: Japanese Exceptionalism or Theoretical Inadequacy?, in Danilova, Elena et al (ed.) *Multi-faced Transformations: Challenges and Studies*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, p. 181-204. ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-8266-8.

Journal Editorship/Services

01.09.2018-present:

Special Issue Co-editor (with Florian Coulmas) of the peer-reviewed Journal of Asian Pacific Communication (JAPC), on Asian migrants and their language behaviour in Europe, published by John Benjamins.

Journal homepage: <https://www.jbe-platform.com/content/journals/15699838>.

On a sporadic basis:

Guest Reviewer of the peer-reviewed International Journal of the Sociology of Language, for single issues (edited by Florian Coulmas) and on topics such as language, ideology, national identity and multiculturalism in Singapore, published by De Gruyter.

Journal homepage: <https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/ijsl>.

Selected Teaching Experience

23.09.2019-04.10.2019:

Visiting Lecturer, Lille Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Lille), Lille, France

- Undergraduate seminar (designed by me) on “Social and International Relations of Japan” (3 ECTS), comprising 4 sessions covering social science research on and in Japan, education and school-work transition, foreign relations, and immigration to Japan/Japanese diaspora in Europe. Funded by the Erasmus + Teaching Staff Exchange Scheme.

06.05.2019-10.05.2019:

Visiting Lecturer, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Altinbas University, Istanbul, Turkey

- Conducted 8 hours of postgraduate-level teaching on Chinese diaspora's role in peace and conflict in Asia, migration and demographic change, as well as China-Taiwan issues from the sociology of international law perspective. Funded by the Erasmus + Teaching Staff Exchange Scheme.

01.10.2018-31.01.2019:

Seminar Instructor, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

- Led the weekly postgraduate seminar on "Work and Employment Relations in Japan", conducted weekly teaching on topics such as education and labour relations in Japan, advised students' works, graded students' presentations and seminar papers.

22.03.2018-30.03.2018 & 17.09.2018-26.09.2018:

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Asian and African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy

- Conducted multiple sessions of graduate teaching in Japanese sociolinguistics, contemporary Japanese society, and PhD workshops on area studies and research methods

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Asian Migrants' Language Maintenance in the Context of Host Country Language Ideology and Public Perception: The Case of Chinese and Japanese Communities in Germany, in panel *Asia in Europe: Ideologies, Public Perception, and Asian Communities' Heritage Language Practices in England, Germany, and Spain* (organised and chaired by me), 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), 16-19.07.2019, Leiden University, The Netherlands.

Understanding Migrants' Wellbeing: Reconceptualising Migration Research Through the Framework of Language and Happiness, 16th International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Annual Conference on *Conceptual and Methodological Approaches*, 26-28.06.2019, Malmö University, Sweden.

Exploring the Nexus between Language and Happiness in Migration Contexts, East Asia Net Workshop 2019, 25-27.04.2019, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Language, Migration, and Happiness: A Comparative Study of Subjective Well-Being (SWB) Across Three Communities in Germany, poster presentation, Migration, Social Transformation, and Education for Democratic Citizenship Conference, 27.08.2018, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany.

Corrupted Language? An Examination of Young Students' Strategies of (Im)Politeness and Identity Negotiations, in panel *Young Speakers of Japanese* (chaired by me), 15th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), 30.08.2017-02.09.2017, Lisbon, Portugal.

The Discursive Construction of Hierarchical Identities in Japanese School Club Activities, in panel *Discourse, Language and Identities in East Asian Contexts: Interdisciplinary Approaches and Insights* (organised by me), Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, 15-19.03.2017, Toronto, Canada.

The Construction of Seniority-based Hierarchical Relations in Secondary School Group Activities in Japan: A Critical Discourse Analytic Perspective, 6th International Conference on Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines (CADAAD), 05-07.09.2016, Catania, Italy.

Between Theoretical Inadequacy and Eclectic Paradigms: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Gender Inequality in Japan and Western Europe, Mid-term Conference “Gender Equality and Institutions” of the European Sociological Association’s (ESA) Research Network 33 – Women’s and Gender Studies, 16-17.10.2014, Naples, Italy.

From Liberal to “Reconcilable” Approach: Gender-based Discrimination in Employment and a Sociological Critique of State-Feminism in Japan, 8th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, 30.07.2013-01.08.2013, Prague, Czech Republic.

Overseas Fieldwork and Visiting Research Fellowships

01.01.2020-30.04.2020:

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Paris), France.

22.03.2018-30.03.2018:

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Asian and African Studies, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

09.02.2018-10.03.2018:

Follow-up fieldwork for dissertation publication, Tokyo, Japan.

01.12.2015-29.02.2016:

Visiting Fellow, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), Tokyo, Japan.

09.09.2015-27.05.2016:

Visiting Research Fellow, Graduate School of Education, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

08.09.2015-27.05.2016:

Dissertation field research in secondary schools in Tokyo, Japan.

18.06.2015-30.06.2015:

Visiting Researcher, Fondation France-Japon, L’Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France.

Languages

Mandarin Chinese: Native language

English: Native fluency

French: Fully functional (DALF C1 certificate)

German: Fully functional (Goethe C1 certificate)

Japanese: Functional (B2 equivalent)

Italian: Intermediate (B1 equivalent)

Spanish: Beginner (A2 equivalent)

Turkish: Beginner (A1 equivalent)