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Summary: General research interest

My principle research interest is the role of technologies (in particular information and communication technologies - ICTs) in the use for health care delivery. The ethnographic data of my research comes from (bio)medical contexts in South Africa and more recently from Rwanda. My research can be seen at the intersection of Social Anthropology (in particular medical and political anthropology) and Science and Technology Studies and focuses on the various *translations* that these technologies provoke (e.g. the production of new figurations, expectations and creative adaptations).

Education

2010-present	**PhD candiate in Social Anthropology** Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
	Working titel thesis: "Information and Communication Technologies, Medical Data Production and the Politics of Global Health in Rwanda"
2005-2010	**MA (Magister) Social Anthropology, Psychology, Linguistics** Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
	MA thesis on "Rendering Technology – Re-Building South Africa's health system through information and communication technologies".
2004-2005	German Studies, Art History and Folk Studies Friedrich Schiller University Jena
1999-2002	A Levels at Staatliche Berufsbildende Schule Rudolstadt (Major Economy and Mathematics)

Professional experiences & Schoolarships

April 2011-present	**Junior Lecturer and Researcher** at the Institute for Social Anthropology, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Employed by the DFG (German Research Foundation) Priority Program 1448: Adaptation and Creativity in Africa
Oct 2010 - Mar 2011	**Start Up Grant** – Graduate School Society and Culture in Motion, Martin Luther University Halle/Wittenberg

Oct 2006 – Sep 2010	**Student assistant** - Max Planck Fellow Group Law, Organisation, Science and Technology (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle).
2007 (3 months)	**Project Coordinator** - Coordinator of Teaching activities at the Communnity Centre Casa Azul, Belo Horizonte (Brazil).
2002-2004 (16 months)	**Teacher -** Teaching all subjects at the street children school 'Learn to Live' in Cape Town (South Africa).

Research Activities (Fieldwork, language courses, conferences, workshops)

2011

Fieldwork   *Fieldwork in Medical Data Infrastructures in Rwanda (July-recent)*

Pre-Study for PhD on Information and Communication Technologies, Medical Data Production and the Politics of Global Health in Rwanda (1 month, March 2011)

2010

Papers given   *Adapting a revolution – Creativity and the deployment of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for health care in Rwanda.* Conference: EASST010, Trento (2 Sep 2010).
Doing an Anthropology of ICT. Technologies and the Production of Order and Disorder Conference: "Online PhD Kolloquium" (12 May 2010).
Translating Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in African contexts: Interventions, Transformations and Revolutions in Rwanda. Conference: "ICT: Africa's Revolutionary Tools for the 21st Century?" University of Edinburgh. (4 – 5 May 2010)

Warum ich Technologie untersuche. Für eine Ethnologie der Wissenschaft und Technik. Conference: "7. Ethnologie Symposium der Studierenden", University of Zürich (22 – 25 Apr 2010).

Connecting Africa. African Connections. Africa's engagement with information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their role for development – the case of telemedicine in South Africa. Conference: "ICT and Development - Research Voices from Africa", Makerere University, Uganda (22 – 23 Mar 2010).

Heroes in the making: A global perspective on representations and perceptions of African Football players. Conference: "Visualizing the Game. Global Perspectives on Football in Africa", University of Basel (28 – 30 Jan 2010).

Language course   *French Intensive Course,* Alliance Française Toulouse (29 Nov – 22 Dec 2010).

2009

Papers given   Images and Imaginaries - Telemedicine and therapeutic domination in South Africa. Workshop: "LOST – Annual Workshop", Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (18 – 20 Jun 2009).

2008

Papers given   *In Search of Cipangu – Expectations and the shaping of Telemedicine in South Africa.* Conference: "Med-e-Tel", Luxembourg. (16 – 18 Apr 2008)

Telemedicine and the perpetuation of linkages. Workshop: "LOST – Annual Workshop", Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (15 –22 Jun 2008).

2007

Organiser   Workshop: Knowledge Diversity and Power. (Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology of the University of Stellenbosch) (6 Feb 2007).

Papers given   *In Search of Cipangu – Expectations and the shaping of Telemedicine in South Africa.* Workshop: "Knowledge Diversity and Power", University of Stellenbosch. (6 Feb 2007).

Fieldwork   Fieldwork on the role of information and communication technologies for health care in South Africa (Cape Town, Guguletu, Grabouw) (October 07 – March 08).

Publications

2010   with Jan Cherlet & Andreas Mitzschke 2010. *About the Sense and Nonsense of a 'Development' Label.* EASST Review 29 (3): 5-6.

Connecting Africa. African Connections. Africa's engagement with information and communication technologies (ICTs) and their role for development – the case of telemedicine in South Africa. Conference Proceedings: "ICT and Development - Research Voices from Africa", Makerere University, Uganda.

2008   Fleisch. *Cargo - Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 28: 45-47.

2007   Wie Einführungen einführen oder Was Ethnologie wirklich ist. *Cargo - Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 27: 52-53.

Professional qualifications

Responsibilities

Editor of the CARGO – Zeitschrift für Ethnologie 2006-2010
Editing 4 issues (27, 28, 29, 30, 31) of the German student journal CARGO (print).

Coordinator of AG Visual Anthropology (Halle) 2008-present
Founder and coordinator of the student group Visual Anthropology at the Seminar for Social Anthropology (MLU-Halle). This included regular film screening as well as workshop sessions and film production.

Student representative at the Seminar for Social Anthropology 2006-2009
During a period of almost 4 years I had different tasks within the student representative group at the Seminar for Social Anthropology such as spokesperson, treasurer and member of the commission for a new professorship.

Memberships

EASA (European Association of Social Anthropology)
4S (Society for Socil Studies of Science)
EASST (European Association of Science and Technology Studies)
DGV (German Anthropological Association)
Goethe Society (Weimar)
Ethnographic Society (Berlin)
AG Visual Anthropology (Halle)

Languages

German (mother tongue)
English (fluent)
Portuguese (intermediate)
French (good)
Spanish (reading knowledge)
isiXhosa & Kinyarwanda (basic knowledge)

References

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