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Education

1989 Habilitation in Modern History, University of Bielefeld
1982 PhD, University of Bielefeld
1977 First Degree, Humanities, University of Bielefeld
1971–1977 History and Social Sciences studies, Universities of Bielefeld and
 Münster, London School of Economics and Political Science
1971 A Levels (Abitur)

Career

2008– Scientific Member of the Max Planck Society
2008–2024 Director at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin
2003–2007 Professor of German History Yale University, USA
1997–2003 Professor of History, University of Bielefeld
1992–1997 Professor of Modern History, University of Konstanz
1991–1992 Professor of Modern History, Free University Berlin

Scholarships, Fellowships, Visiting Professorships, Honours & Awards

- 2020 Sigmund-Freud-Preis für wissenschaftliche Prosa (Prize for Academic Prose), German Academy for Language and Literature
- 2020 Ernst-Hellmut-Vits-Prize, Universitätsgesellschaft Münster
- 2018 Honorary doctorate, University of Tampere (Finland)
- 2016 The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 2013 Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences, London
- 2009 Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
(2020–2023: Member of the Council)
- 2008 Honorary professor, Free University Berlin
- 2004 Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
(2020–2023: Member of the Presidium)
- 2004–2005 Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin
- 2003 Visiting Professor, Maison des Sciences de l' Homme, Paris
- 2003 Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna
- 2002 Visiting Professor, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA
- 2000/2001 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, USA
- 1998 Leibniz Award, German Research Foundation
- 1997 Visiting Professor, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1989–1990 Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin
- 1989 Habilitation Scholarship, German Research Foundation
- 1979–1981 Doctoral Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
- 1972–1978 Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation

Academic Activities

Boards of Trustees

- 2023– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Historisches Kolleg
- 2023– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Forum Transregionale Studien
- 2021– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation German-Israeli Future Forum
- 2018– Member of the Board of Trustees of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel

- 2016–2025 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Körber Foundation
- 2015–2023 Member of the University Council Konstanz (2016–2020: Chair)
- 2013–2018 Member of the Board of Governors of the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF)
- 2013–2016 Member of the Advisory Board for 'Bildung und Kultur' (Education and Culture) of the Deutsche Bahn Foundation
- 2012–2017 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Deutsches Hygiene Museum, Dresden
- 2010–2014 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance, Berlin
- 2007–2013 Member of the Board of Trustees of the Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam
- 2007–2012 Member of the Board of Governors, Jacobs University, Bremen
- 2000–2003 Member of the Board of Trustees of the German National Academic Foundation

Scientific Advisory Boards

- 2025– Member of the Transdisciplinary Council of the U FEEL project (Framework for Exploring Emotions and Universality in International Law), Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
- 2025– Member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of „Adapt! Preparing societies for future crises“
- 2021– Member of the Advisory Board of the Research Initiative “ConTrust: Trust in Conflict – Political Life under Conditions of Uncertainty“ (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)
- 2017–2025 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies
- 2017–2019 Member of the Advisory Board of “Deutschlandjahr (Year of Germany) USA” 2018/2019 of the Federal Foreign Office, Goethe-Institut and BDI
- 2016– Member of the Advisory Board Liberal Education / Studium Individuale, Leuphana Lüneburg University
- 2012–2014 Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin
- 2011–2019 Member of the Advisory Board of the German Historical Institute, Washington DC (since November 2016: Chair)
- 2011–2017 Member of the Advisory Board of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for the History and Theory of Biography, Vienna
- 2009–2015 Member of the International Advisory Board of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- 2008–2022 Member of the Board of Advisors of the Einstein Forum, Potsdam
- 2008–2013 Member of the Advisory Board of the Dahlem Konferenzen, Free University Berlin
- 2003– Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna
- 2000–2009 Member of the Advisory Board of the International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam
- 1999–2002 Member of the Baden-Württemberg Federal State Research Council
- 1998–2001 Member of the Advisory Board, Goethe Institute
- 1997–2009 Member of the Advisory Board, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld

Research Funding Agencies

- 2023– President of the Max Weber Foundation
- 2016–2017 Luxemburg National Research Fund - PRIDE
- 2014–2017 Chair of the Scientific Council of the Max Planck Society
- 2012–2017 European Research Council, Panel Member
- 2012–2014 Deputy Chairperson of the Scientific Council of the Max Planck Society
- 2000–2006 Member of the Nomination Committee of the German Research Foundation for the Leibniz Prize Programme
- 1999–2003 Mentor, German National Academic Foundation
- 1998–2000 Member of the German-American Academic Council
- 1996–2000 Panel expert for Modern History at the German Research Foundation

Other Professional Activities

- 2016–2026 Member of the Council of the Society for the History of Emotions
- 2012–2020 Spokesperson and Principal Investigator of the International Max Planck Research School for Moral Economies of Modern Societies
- 2009–2012 Member of the Selection committee of the American Academy in Berlin
- 2001–2003 Head of the DFG-funded research group „Politics as Communication in History“, University of Bielefeld
- 1996–1998 Member of the Executive Committee of the German Historians' Association
- 1990–2022 Member of the Arbeitskreis für moderne Sozialgeschichte

Editorial Boards (Journals / Book series)

- 2009–2023 Co-editor and Managing Director of *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*
2011– Co-editor of *Emotions in History* (Oxford University Press)

Scientific Advisory Boards (Journals)

- 2018– Emotions and Society
2016– Sensibilités. Histoire, Critique & Sciences Sociales
2014– Historical Journal
2013–2019 Body Politics
2005– Journal of Modern History
2004 Journal of Contemporary History
2003– European Studies Review
2002–2020 International Review of Social History
1990– L'Homme. Zeitschrift für Feministische Geschichtswissenschaft
1990–1999 Genèses. Science Sociales et Histoire

Research Interests

- Modern Social, Political and Cultural History,
- History of Emotions,
- Gender History

Selected literature (English only)

- Honour and humiliation: Emotional economies of war and defeat. *Nations and Nationalism*, 2025. Advance online publication.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.13089>
- Writing the history of emotions: Concepts and practices, economies and politics. London: Bloomsbury 2024.
- Together with Pahl, K. M. (Eds.). (2023 [2024]). Revisiting the history of emotions [Themenheft]. *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 49(1).
- Together with Kounine, L. (2023). Institutions and subjectivities. *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 49(1), 2023 [2024], pp. 27–46.
<https://doi.org/10.13109/gege.2023.49.1.27>
- Together with Pahl, K. M. Revisiting the history of emotions: An introduction. *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 49(1), 2023 [2024] S. 7–26.
<https://doi.org/10.13109/gege.2023.49.1.7>

- Barua, R., Lämmert, S., Sarioğlu, E., & Wambach, J. (2024). Intellectual journeys towards emotions: A conversation among feminist scholars [Ute Frevert, Chitra Joshi, Lynn M. Thomas and Valerie Walkerdine]. *Past & Present*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pastj/gtae005>
- The power of emotions: A history of Germany from 1900 to the present. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2023.
- Emotional styles in postwar German politics. In K. Larres, H. Moroff, & R. Wittlinger (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of German politics* (pp. 33–44). Oxford: Oxford University Press 2022.
- Together with Pahl, K. M. et al. *Feeling political: Emotions and institutions since 1789*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan 2022. [Open Access] <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-89858-8>
- Affect theory and history of emotions. *Bloomsbury History: Theory and Method Article* London: Bloomsbury 2021, (Retrieved October 18, 2021, <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350970878.069>).
- Humiliation and modernity: Ongoing practices, changing sensibilities. *Cultural History*, 10(2), 2021, 282–289. <https://doi.org/10.3366/cult.2021.0249> (*Book Forum: Ute Frevert's The Politics of Humiliation* (pp. 262-289) with further contributions by Sharon Crozier-De Rosa, Lucy Noakes, and David Nash)
- The history of humiliation points to the future of human dignity. *Psyche*, 20 January 2021. <https://psyche.co/ideas/the-history-of-humiliation-points-to-the-future-of-human-dignity>
- Together with Osterkamp, E., & Stock, G. (Eds.). *Women in European academies: From Patronae Scientiarum to Path-Breakers*. Berlin: De Gruyter 2021.
- *The politics of humiliation: A modern history*. (A. Bresnahan, trans.). Oxford: Oxford University Press 2020.
- The emotional language of flowers. In D. Hillard, H. Lempa, & R. Spinney (Eds.), *Feelings materialized: Emotions, bodies, and things in Germany, 1500-1950* (pp. 202–221). New York: Berghahn Books 2020.
- Emotions in times of war: Private and public, individual and collective. In C. Langhamer, L. Noakes, & C. Siebrecht (Eds.), *Total war: An emotional history* (pp. 21–39). Oxford: Oxford University Press 2020.
- Gender orders and disorders. In J. Breuilly (Ed.), *Nineteenth-century Germany: Politics, culture and society 1780-1918* (2nd ed., pp. 279-304). London: Bloomsbury Academic 2020.
- Prevention speech 2018: Violence and radicalism, past and present. In: C. Heinzelmann & E. Marks (Eds.), *International perspectives of crime prevention 11: Contributions from the 12th Annual International Forum 2018 within the German Congress on Crime Prevention and from the International Conference on Prevention of Violence and Extremism (PV&E)*. Mönchengladbach: Forum Verlag Godesberg 2020, pp. 125-129.

- Diplomats: Kneeling and the protocol of humiliation. In B. Gammerl, P. Nielsen, & M. Pernau (Eds.), *Encounters with emotions: Negotiating cultural differences since early modernity* (pp. 133-159). New York: Berghahn 2019.
- In public: Emotional politics. In S. Bromhall, J. W. Davidson, A. Lynch (Series Eds.), & S. J. Matt (Vol. Ed.), *A cultural history of the emotions: Vol. 5. A cultural history of the emotions in the age of romanticism, revolution and empire (1780-1920)* (pp. 157-174). London: Bloomsbury 2019.
- (Ed.), *Moral economies (Geschichte und Gesellschaft: Sonderheft No. 26)*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2019.
- *Moral economies, present and past: Social practices and intellectual controversies*. In U. Frevert (Ed.), *Moral economies (Geschichte und Gesellschaft: Sonderheft No. 26)* (pp. 13-43). Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2019.
- 'Hans in Luck' or the moral economy of happiness in the modern age. *History of European Ideas*, 45, 2019, 363-376. doi:10.1080/01916599.2018.1534448. Reprinted In E. Skidelsky (Ed.), *Moral concepts and their history* (pp. 4-17). Abingdon: Routledge 2022.
- Comment: History of emotions. In M. Tamm & P. Burke, *Debating new approaches to history* (pp. 202-207). London: Bloomsbury Academic 2019.
- Historicizing emotions. *Emotion Researcher: ISRE's Sourcebook for Research on Emotion and Affect 2018*. Retrieved March 14, 2018, from <http://emotionresearcher.com/historicizing-emotions/>
- The history of emotions. In L. Feldman Barrett, M. Lewis, & J. M. Haviland-Jones (Eds.), *Handbook of emotions* (4th ed., pp. 49-65). New York: Guilford Press 2016.
- Empathy in the theatre of horror, or civilizing the human heart. In A. Assmann & I. Detmers (Eds.), *Empathy and its limits* (pp. 79-99). Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan 2016.
- Faith, love, hate: The national socialist politics of emotions, pp. 479-486, 588-589, by W. Nerdinger & H.-G. Hockerts, eds., Munich: Beck 2015.
- The history of a European Nation. In S. Colvin & M. Taplin (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of German politics & culture* (pp. 3-19). Abingdon: Routledge 2015.
- Together with Eitler, P. et al. *Learning how to feel: Children's literature and emotional socialization, 1870-1970*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2014.
- Together with Scheer, M. et al. *Emotional lexicons: Continuity and change in the vocabulary of feeling 1700-2000*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2014.
- Passions, preferences, and animal spirits: How does Homo Oeconomicus cope with emotions? In F. Biess & D. M. Gross (Eds.), *Science and emotions after 1945: A transatlantic perspective* (pp. 300-317). Chicago: University of Chicago Press 2014.

- Honour and /or /as Passion: Historical trajectories of legal defenses. *Rechtsgeschichte - Legal History*, 22, 2014, pp. 245-255.
- The modern history of emotions: A research center in Berlin. *Cuadernos de Historia Contemporánea*, 36, 2014, pp. 31-55.
doi:10.5209/rev_CHCO.2014.v36.46681
- Wartime emotions: Honour, shame, and the ecstasy of sacrifice. In U. Daniel et al., (Eds.), *1914-1918-online: International Encyclopedia of the First World War*. Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin 2014. doi:10.15463/ie1418.10409
- *Emotions in history - Lost and found*. Budapest: Central European University Press 2011.
- Jewish hearts and minds? Feelings of belonging and political choices among East German intellectuals. *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook*, 56, 2011, pp. 353-384.
- Trust as work. In J. Kocka (Ed.), *Work in a modern society: The German historical experience in comparative perspective* (pp. 93-108). New York: Berghahn 2010.
- Conflicting memories and emotions: Germany West, East and united. In W. Petritsch & V. Dzihic (Eds.), *Conflict and memory: Bridging past and future in [South East] Europe* (pp. 99-110). Baden-Baden: Nomos-Verlags-Gesellschaft 2010.
- German conceptions of war, masculinity, and femininity in the long nineteenth century. In S. Colvin & H. Watanabe O'Kelly (Eds.), *Women and death: Vol. 2. Warlike women in the German literary and cultural imagination since 1500* (pp. 169-185). Rochester, NY: Camden House 2009.
- Honor and Gender in the Outbreak of WWI. In H. Afflerbach, & D. Stevenson (Eds.), *An Improbable War? The Outbreak of World War I and European Political Culture before 1914*. New York 2007.
- *A nation in barracks: Modern Germany, military conscription and civil society*. Oxford: Berg 2004.
- *Men of honour: A social and cultural history of the duel*. Cambridge: Polity Press 1995.
- *Women in German history: From Bourgeois emancipation to sexual liberation*. Oxford: Berg 1988.