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Married
Citizenship: Russian
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Main Focuses: Nineteenth-, Twentieth centuries and Contemporary Russian literature, Medical Humanities

Fields of research: Literature and Cultural Studies, Philosophy, Biomedical Ethics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ST.GALLEN

2023 – now Executive Director, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe
2019 – 2022 Scientific Assistant, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe
2018 – 2023 Early Career Researcher, Department for East European Studies

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ST.GALLEN

2018 – 2023 Ph.D. in Organization Studies and Cultural Theory
Thesis: The “Russkiy Mir” Foundation: Ideology, Goals and Network
Committee: Ulrich Schmid (supervisor), Carmen Scheide (co-supervisor)

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

2014 – 2017 M.A. in Eastern European Studies History and Media

RUSSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE HUMANITIES

2009 – 2014 Diploma in International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Die Stiftung “Russkij mir”: Ideologie, Ziele und Netzwerk [The “Russkij mir” Foundation: Ideology, Goals and Network]. (Köln, Wien: Böhlau Verlag, 2024). <https://www.vr-elibrary.de/doi/book/10.7788/9783412529758>

EDITED VOLUMES & SPECIAL ISSUES

Russian Conservatism, special issue *Euxeinos*, ed. by Alexander Meienberger, 13.35 (2023).

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

The Concept of the “Russkiy Mir”: History of the Concept and Ukraine, *Euxeinos* 13.35 (2023), 15-29. doi.org/10.55337/35.QLPT4607

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Michail Schischkin, in *Kritisches Lexikon zur fremdsprachigen Gegenwartsliteratur (KLfG)*, ed. by Sebastian Domsch, Annegret Heitmann, Irmela Hijiya-Kirschnereit, Thomas Klinkert, Barbara Winckler, Yvonne Pörzgen (München: Text + Kritik, 2024) pp. 1-16.

POPULAR ARTICLES & SHORTER PIECES

Editorial, *Euxeinos* 13.35 (2023) 3-7. doi.org/10.55337/35.XYVU1495

Vereinnahmungsversuche: Die Ukraine als Teil der «Russischen Welt» [Attempts at appropriation: Ukraine as part of the “Russian World”], *Religion & Gesellschaft in Ost und West*, October 2021, 18-19.

Mayonnaise. Quintessenz der russischen Küche. [Mayonnaise. Quintessence of Russian cuisine], Copernico, (15 December 2022), <https://www.copernico.eu/de/themenbeitraege/mayonnaise-quintessenz-der-russischen-kueche>

Über Juden, Gangster, Nutten und die Unterwelt von Warschau in den 1930er und 1940er Jahren [About Jews, gangsters, hookers and the underworld of Warsaw in the 1930s and 1940s], Pol-Int, (23 June 2022), <https://www.pol-int.org/de/wissenschaftsblog-polenstudien/ueber-juden-gangster-nutten-und-die-unterwelt-von-warschau>

«Die Russen müssen die Wahrheit akzeptieren. Wir haben versagt» [“The Russians must accept the truth. We have failed”], Neue Zürcher Zeitung, (17 May 2022), <https://www.nzz.ch/feuilleton/russlands-intelligenza-die-frage-von-schuld-und-verantwortung-ld.1682687?reduced=true>

Schaschlik [Shashlik], dekodeer, (1 June 2021), <https://www.dekodeer.org/de/gnose/schaschlik-tradition-grillen>

Kolbasa (Wurst) [Sausage], dekodeer, (22 December 2020), <https://www.dekodeer.org/de/gnose/kolbassa-sowjetische-wurst>

AWARDS

- 2020 Elected Spokesperson of the Young German Association for East European Studies (2020-2022)
- 2021 Elected Representative of the Swiss Academic Society for Eastern European Studies at the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (2021 – present)

GRANTS

- 2022 Writing Retreat Grant, Early Career Programme, *University of St.Gallen* (CHF 5'000)

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

(*) indicates keynotes (**) indicates invited talks (***) indicates conferences

- 2024 (***): Illness and Death in Vasjakina's Trilogy, *Annual AATSEEL Conferences, Las Vegas*
- 2022 (*): The Foundation Russkiy Mir and the Russian Soft Power, *University of Fribourg*
- 2021 (***): The Russian World as a concept of the Russian special path and its development after 1991, International Council for Central and East European Studies, *Concordia University*
- 2019 (***): The Russkiy Mir Foundation as an ideological network, Conference of Junior Scholars in the Field of East European Studies, *University of Bochum*
- 2018 (**): Emergence and development of the idea of the Russian World 1990-2007, *University of Bern*.
(***): The Concept of the Russian World, In-between, across, within: thinking borders in the Black sea region, *New Europe College, Bucharest*

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF ST.GALLEN

Undergraduate: Russian special path? Empire, invasion, isolation (2023)

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

Undergraduate: The food in the Russian Literature (2023), “Russkiy mir”: Ideology and Literature (2021), Discourses on peace and war in Russian culture (2019).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023 Co-Editor of the *Euxeinos*
- 2021 Co-Organizer Conference of Junior Scholars East European Studies, *University of Zurich*
- 2020 Co-Organizer Conference of Junior Scholars East European Studies, online
Co-Organizer Conference «Sieben Jahre nach dem Euromaidan: das Nachleben einer Revolution in Biografien und in der deutsch-ukrainischen Zusammenarbeit», online

LANGUAGES

Russian (distinguished), German (superior), English (advanced high) French (advanced mid), Czech (intermediate mid).

REFERENCES

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European Studies
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