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EDUCATION

- 2014 Dr.phil. with distinction, Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
 Thesis: "Contemporary Meanings of Female Circumcision/ Female Genital Mutilation (FC/FGM) in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso"
- 2005 Mag. phil., Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
 Thesis: "Menstruation and menarche – Ethnological study on the transfer of knowledge and feelings about menstruation between mothers and daughters with academic education in Vienna"

EMPLOYMENT & PROJECTS

- 02/19 - SoNAR-Global: A Global Social Sciences Network for Infectious Threats and Antimicrobial Resistance; Unit Medical Anthropology and Global Health, Dept. of Social Medicine and Preventive Health, Center for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna; lead researcher
- 01/17 - Permanent staff, Dept. of General Practice and Family Medicine, Center for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna; research and teaching
- 01/16 - 02/17 EUR-HUMAN - European Refugees Human Movement and Advisory Network, Project assistant, Dept. of General Practice and Family Medicine, Center for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna
- 06/ 15 - 10/15 Consultant for World Health Organization, WHO Ebola Response, Liberia
- 01/15 - 05/15 Consultant for Doctors without Borders, MSF Austria; Publication support for evaluation reports on Swaziland HIV/TB decentralized programmes of MSF-OCG
- 05/13 - 12/13 Part-time consultant for the HURAPRIM project (after personal move to Canada)
- 05/13 - 11/14 Personal year (based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)
- 03/13 - 06/13 External lecturer, Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
- 05/11 - 04/13 HURAPRIM - Human Resources for Primary Health Care in Africa (EU FP7-Africa-2010), Project assistant, Department of General Practice and Family Medicine, Centre for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna
- 03/11 - 05/11 External lecturer, Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
- 03/11- 05/11 Doctors without Borders, MSF Austria, Researcher, Rapid Rural Appraisal in Massakory, northern Chad (RUTF program)

- 10/07 - 10/10 Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
DOC-team project funded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW):
“Female genital mutilation and aesthetic plastic surgery as normalizing practices – an empirical research project as contribution to a theoretical debate“
- 1997 - 2006 Amnesty International Austria, internship; Dep. of Political Sciences, Univ. of Vienna, teaching assistant; Jet2web Internet Services GmbH, editorial assistant; Ludwig-Boltzmann Institute for Medical Sociology, administrative assistant; Motorola Austria, personal assistant

FIELDWORK AND ACADEMIC STAYS ABROAD

- Consultancy/ Fieldwork for WHO, Liberia, 06/15-10/15
- Fieldwork, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, 03/15-04/15
- Academic Visitor, University of Alberta, Department of Anthropology, 09/13-02/15
- Fieldwork, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, 11/11-01/12
- Fieldwork, Massakory, Chad, 04/11
- Visiting Doctoral Student, University of Toronto, Dep. of Anthropology, 09/09-03/10
- Fieldwork, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, 04/08-03/09

HONORS

- Veronika-Fialka-Moser-Diversity Award (Category: Teaching) 2017
- DOC-team grant of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), 2007 to 2010, € 87.000, - per team-member
- Dissemination travel fund of the University of Vienna, 2009, for participation in the conference “Medical Anthropology at the Intersections”, Yale University (September 24 - 27, 2009)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- EASA - European Association of Social Anthropologists
- OEG - Austrian Society for Ethnomedicine
- AGEM - German Society for Medical Anthropology (secretary 2010-2013)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German (native speaker)
- English very good; TOEFL ibt 115/120 (2015)
- French (good)
- Dioula (basic language proficiency)

REVIEWER FOR

- American Anthropologist
- Culture, Health, and Sexuality
- Reproductive Health Matters
- Human Resources for Health

PUBLICATIONS

Jirovsky, Elena; Hoffmann, Kathryn; Mayrhuber, Elisabeth et al. 2018. Development and evaluation of a web-based capacity building course for primary healthcare providers in the EUR-HUMAN project. *Global Health Action*, 11:1, DOI: [10.1080/16549716.2018.1547080](https://doi.org/10.1080/16549716.2018.1547080)

Jirovsky, Elena. 2018. "If you can afford it, you can do it" - Deliberations of people in Burkina Faso on clitoral reconstruction after female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). In: Griffin, Gabriele; Jordal, Malin (eds.): *Body, Migration, Re/constructive Surgeries: Making the Gendered Body in a Globalized World*. Routledge Online.

Kutalek, Ruth; **Jirovsky, Elena;** Grabovac, Igor. 2018. "From macro- to microfactors in health: Social science approaches in research on sexually transmitted infections." *PLoS Med* 15 (1):e1002490. doi: doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002490.

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Mechili EA, Angelaki A, Petelos E, Sifaki-Pistolla D, Chatzea VE, Dowrick C, Hoffmann K, **Jirovsky E** et al. Compassionate care provision: an immense need during the refugee crisis: Lessons learned from a European capacity-building project. *Journal of Compassionate Health Care*. 2018; 5:2. DOI 10.1186/s40639-018-0045-7.

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Schaffler, Yvonne; Ramirez Castillo, Nora; **Jirovsky, Elena.** 2017. „Das Warten bringt uns wirklich um“: Gesundheitliche und psychologische Aspekte von Flucht und Leben im Exil. In: Susanne Binder & Gebhard Fartacek (Hg.): *Facetten von Flucht aus dem Nahen und Mittleren Osten*. Facultas, Wien: pp. 227-250.

Hoffmann, Kathryn; van Bijnen, Evelien M. E.; George, Aaron; Kutalek, Ruth; **Jirovsky, Elena;** Wojczewski, Silvia; Maier, Manfred. 2015. Associations between the prevalence of influenza vaccination and patient's knowledge about antibiotics. *BMC Public Health* 15 (1).

Jirovsky, Elena; Kathryn Hoffmann; Manfred Maier; Ruth Kutalek. 2015. "Why should I have come here?" - a qualitative investigation of migration reasons and experiences of health workers from sub-Saharan Africa in Austria. *BMC Health Services Research* 15:74. DOI: 10.1186/s12913-015-0737-z.

Poppe, Annelien; **Elena Jirovsky;** Claire Blacklock; Pallavi Laxmikanth; Shabir Moosa; Jan De Maeseneer; Ruth Kutalek and Wim Peersman. 2014. Why Sub-Saharan African health workers migrate to European countries that do not actively recruit: a qualitative study post migration. *Global Health Action* 7:24071.

Dorneles de Andrade, Daniela; **Elena Jirovsky;** Sara Paloni. 2011. Normalized bodies? Interdisciplinary perspectives on the current social and cultural significance of female genital mutilation/circumcision in Burkina Faso and cosmetic surgery in Brazil. In: del Pozo, Alba; Alba Serrano (eds.). *La piel en la palestra: estudios corporales II*. EdiUOC , Barcelona: pp. 415-427.

Jirovsky, Elena, and Eva-Maria Knoll. 2011. Lustvoll? Sexualität im Schnittfeld. Bericht zum Workshop 1 der 6. Tage der Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie, Wien, 22.-23. April 2010. *Curare* 34(4):348.

Jirovsky, Elena. Views of women and men in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, on three forms of female genital modification. 2010. *Reproductive Health Matters* 18(35): pp. 84-93.

Dorneles de Andrade, Daniela; **Elena Jirovsky**; Sara Paloni. 2010. Kosmetische Eingriffe und weibliche Genitalverstümmelung - Betrachtungen zu körpermanipulativen Praktiken aus interdisziplinärer Perspektive. In: Borkenhagen, Ada; Elmar Brähler (eds.). Intimmodifikationen. Psychosozial Verlag, Gießen: pp. 167-181.

Jirovsky, Elena; Eva-Maria Knoll, Aurelia Weikert (ed.). 2010. Lustvoll? – Sexualität im Schnittfeld. Austrian Studies in Social Anthropology. Sondernummer KSA-Tage 2010.

Jirovsky, Elena. ‚Ideal-Frauen‘ durch Soziale Kontrolle/Selbstkontrolle: FGM/C als eine Form unter vielen. 2010. In: Jirovsky, Elena; Eva-Maria Knoll; Aurelia Weikert (eds.) Lustvoll? –Sexualität im Schnittfeld. Austrian Studies in Social Anthropology, Sondernummer KSA-Tage 2010.

Jirovsky, Elena. Eine natürliche Angelegenheit – Ethnologische Untersuchungen zum Erleben von Menstruation und Menarche von Frauen in Wien. 2006. Austrian Studies in Social Anthropology, 2.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Experiencing female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in terms of violence - does only migration change the perception? 15th EASA Biennial Conference. Staying, Moving, Settling. Stockholm, 14.8 - 17.8.2018

Narratives on genital modification practices in Burkina Faso - anthropological reflections in the context of exploring the current meaning of FGM/C. EASA Medical Anthropology Network 2017, Biannual Conference Network Meeting; Bodies in Transition. Power, Knowledge and Medical Anthropology. Lissabon, 5.7.-7.7.2017

Transfigurations of meaning: current views on the cut female body in Burkina Faso. Transfigurationen/medizin macht gesellschaft macht medizin, Basel, 17.-18. Februar 2017

FGM/C as a health concern - lay people's views on the bodily practice in Burkina Faso. Conference Management and prevention of FGM/C. Geneva, March 13, 2017.

Sichtweisen von Frauen auf der Flucht auf die Gesundheitsversorgung in Österreich - Was sind ihre Erfahrungen und Bedürfnisse? Interdisziplinäre Konferenz Flucht aus Frauenperspektive - bleibt die Gesundheit auf der Strecke?. Büro für Frauengesundheit und Gesundheitsziele, MA24. Wiener Rathaus, Festsaal, October 18, 2016.

Popular Views on Ebola in the Aftermath of the Epidemic and their Effects on Health Care in Liberia - Insights from Applied Medical Anthropological Research. MAGic2015: Anthropology and Global Health: interrogating theory, policy and practice. University of Sussex, September 9-11, 2015.

Lokale Effekte globalen Engagements - Aktuelle Ergebnisse zur Bedeutung von weiblicher Beschneidung /Genitalverstümmelung in Bobo-Dioulasso/Burkina Faso. Anthropologische Gesellschaft Wien/ Viennese Anthropological Society. Naturhistorisches Museum Wien/ Natural History Museum, November 12, 2014.

« Qui va me soigner ? » Conditions de vie précaires et problèmes de santé en milieu urbain au Burkina Faso. Science et terrains de recherche en crise. Environnement et Urbanité, théorie et pratique (Contributions d'Afrique et d'Europe). Atelier Interdisciplinaire. Institut Français de Vienne, January 30-31, 2014.

Transnational advocacy networks, global assemblages, and their local readings – The example of campaigns against FC/FC in Burkina Faso. Encounters and Engagements - EASA Medical Anthropology Network and AAA Society for Medical Anthropology, Conference. Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona/ Spain, June 12-14, 2013.

Über das ontologische Konzept der Kultur und die „Nicht Orte der Kultur“ in der globalen Gesellschaft. Together with Marie-France Chevron. Wa(h)re Kultur?, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde/ German Anthropological Association, Conference. University of Vienna, September 14-17, 2011.

„Ideal-Frauen“ durch Soziale Kontrolle/Selbstkontrolle: FGM/C als eine Form unter vielen. 6th Days of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, Conference. University of Vienna, April 22-23, 2010.

Beyond judgement? – Local and global significations of female genital alteration. Cosmetic Cultures, Conference. Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Leeds, June 24 - 26, 2009.

POSTER

A medical focus in campaigns against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) seems not to be enough... – a social anthropologist's perspective on an illegal body practice in Burkina Faso. SMA - Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity. Yale University, September 24 - 27, 2009.

WORKSHOPS

Über das ontologische Konzept der Kultur und die „Nicht Orte“ der Kultur in der globalen Gesellschaft. With Marie-France Chevron. Wa(h)re Kultur?, Annual Conference, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde/ German Anthropological Association. University of Vienna, September 14-17, 2011.

Lustvoll? Sexualität im Schnittpunkt. With Eva-Maria Knoll and Aurelia Weikert. 6th Days of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, Annual Conference. University of Vienna, April 22-23, 2010.

Praktiken die „unter die Haut gehen“ - Weibliche Genitalverstümmelung (FGM), kosmetische Chirurgie und andere Körperpraktiken. With Daniela Dorneles de Andrade and Sara Paloni. 5th Days of Social- and Cultural Anthropology. University of Vienna, April 23-24, 2009.

SEMINARS AND LECTURES

“Cultural Anthropology: The Politics of Health and Disease,” Seminar, Webster University Vienna, Spring Term II, 2019.

“Weibliche Genitalverstümmelung (FGM) aus medizinanthropologischer Perspektive,” Block 15: Sexualität und Reproduktion, Vorlesung, Medizinische Universität Wien (seit 2017)

“Ethnomedizinische Aspekte von Alter, Sterben und Tod,” Block 22/23: Von den Gesundheitsbedürfnissen der Gesellschaft zu klinischen Implikationen, Kleingruppenseminar, Medizinische Universität Wien (seit 2016)

“Applied Medical Anthropology: the politics of illness and inequality” (together with Ruth Kutalek); Seminar undergraduate level (in German), Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, 2013

“Are aesthetic plastic surgery and female circumcision comparable? Interdisciplinary perspectives on two current body practices” (together with Daniela Dorneles de Andrade); Lecture Series: “Autonomy and Assimilation in (multicultural) societies”, Dep. for Global Studies, Karl-Franzens-University Graz, and “Constraint Freedoms”, Dep. for International Development, University of Vienna, 2011

“Markets, weddings, telenovelas and mopeds – women and gender relations in West African cities” (together with Marie-France Chevron); Seminar graduate level, Department of Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, 2011

“Genital transformations – interdisciplinary perspectives on female circumcision/mutilation” (together with Dorneles de Andrade and Paloni); Lecture series: Body regimes and gender; Dep. for Gender Research, University of Vienna, 2009