

## Curriculum Vitae

**Dr. Bernhard Leitner, MA**Born on 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1984 in AustriaContact: [bernhard.leitner@univie.ac.at](mailto:bernhard.leitner@univie.ac.at), tel.: +43 (0) 650 3050709**Education**


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5 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022	Doctor of Philosophy (with honours), <b>University of Vienna</b> Title of Dissertation: A Question of Nerves? On the Emergence of a Neuropsychiatric Thought-Style in Austria and Japan circa 1900
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2013	Master of Arts (with honours) in Japanese studies, <b>University of Vienna</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2010	Bachelor of Arts (with honours) in Japanese studies, <b>University of Vienna</b>
2006 – 2010	Studies in Japanese studies and philosophy at the <b>University of Vienna</b>
2002 – 2006	Studies in chemistry at the <b>Technical University of Vienna</b>

**Positions, Scholarships and Awards**


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Since Nov. 2024	Postdoctoral Researcher at Ethics, Historical Collections and the History of Medicine, <b>Medical University of Vienna</b>
Feb. 2024	Visiting Scholar at the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, <b>University of Cambridge</b>
Nov. 2023 – Oct. 2024	Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Asian and North African Studies, <b>Ca' Foscari University of Venice</b>
Feb. 2023 – Sept. 2023	Lecturer at the Department of East Asian Studies, <b>University of Vienna</b>
Oct. 2022 – Jan. 2023	Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the <b>IFK</b> (International Research Centre for Cultural Studies)
Apr. – Sept. 2022	Soon-Young Kim Fellow in the History of East Asian Science and Technology at <b>Needham Research Institute</b> , Cambridge UK
2020 – 2022	Assistant at the Department of East Asian Studies, <b>University of Vienna</b>
Nov. 2019	<b>Toshiba International Foundation</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Essay Contest Prize
Apr. – Jul. 2018	Visiting Doctoral Candidate at the Munich Centre for Technology in Society, <b>Technical University of Munich</b>
Feb. – Mar. 2018	Visiting Fellow at the Department of the History of Science, <b>Harvard University</b>
Nov. – Dec. 2017	Visiting Fellow at <b>Needham Research Institute</b> , Cambridge UK
2016 – 2018	Junior Fellow at the <b>IFK</b> (International Research Centre for Cultural Studies)
2015	<b>Toshiba International Foundation</b> Fellow
2013 – 2016	Uni:docs Fellow at the <b>University of Vienna</b>
2009 – 2010	Joint-Study-scholarship at the <b>Tokyo Metropolitan University</b>
2006 – 2013	Assistant at the University Library of the <b>Medical University of Vienna</b>

**Academic Activities (selection)**

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Feb. 2024	<b>Needham Research Institute</b> Seminar: „Neuroanatomically Speaking: Reassessing Anatomy in Korea under Japanese Rule”, <b>Cambridge (UK)</b>
Aug. 2023	16 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia: “Keijō Imperial Brain Science - The Colonial Legacy of Viennese Neurology and Psychiatry in East Asia”, <b>Goethe University Frankfurt</b>
Sept. 2022	British Association for Japanese Studies Conference: “Circulation – Selection – Exclusion: Knowledge Production in Brain Research and Comparative Anatomy between Habsburg Austria, the Japanese Empire and Colonial Korea in the first Half of the 20th Century”, <b>University of Manchester</b>
May 2022	<b>Needham Research Institute</b> Seminar: “Colonial Brains – Tracing neuro-psychiatric research through the Habsburg and Japanese Empires to Korea”
Aug. 2021	16 <sup>th</sup> European Association of Japanese Studies Conference: “Gauging brains – Academic bias and circulation of neuroanatomical knowledge between Habsburg Austria and Japan circa 1900”, <b>Ghent University</b>
Apr. 2021	Joint Atlantic Seminar in East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine: “The Dissemination of Critical Brains – Comparative Anatomy between Habsburg Austria and the Japanese Empire in the early 20th Century”, <b>Johns Hopkins University</b>
Oct. 2019	Empire of Circulation. Habsburg Knowledge in its Global Setting: “Meiji Brains: On Circulation and Exclusion of Neurological Knowledge between Vienna and Tokyo”, <b>Austrian Academy of Sciences</b>
June 2019	Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences: “The Search/Surge of the Insane – The Legal Confinement of Mentally Ill and Emerging Psychiatric Discourse in Early 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Japan”, <b>University of British Columbia</b>
May 2019	History of Medicine Lecture Series: “Tacit Nerves: Neuroscientific knowledge production in the Habsburg and Japanese Empires”, <b>University of Saskatchewan</b>
Nov. 2017	Twentieth Century Think Tank: “Neuro-Empire: Rise of a Medical-Scientific Discipline in Modern Japan” at the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, <b>University of Cambridge</b>
Oct. 2017	“Frühe Netzwerke von Psychiatrie und Neurologie zwischen Tokyo und Wien (1900)” at the international conference of the workgroup for history of philosophy, medicine and sociology of the <b>Austrian Academy of Sciences</b>
Feb. 2017	Guest Lecture “A Question of Nerves – Psychiatry and Neurology between Tokyo and Vienna circa 1900” hosted by the Clinical Institute of Neurology, held at the Josephinum, <b>Medical University of Vienna</b>
Sept. 2016	Medicine and Modernity in the Long 19 <sup>th</sup> Century: “The Mirror Stage of Pathology: Trajectories of Psychiatric Concepts in the Making of Modern Japan”, <b>University of Oxford</b>
Apr. 2016	Research Workshop “Medicine in Modern Japan”: “Science, Scientists or Nations? Reflections on Medical Knowledge Transfer in Modern Japan”, <b>Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge</b>

- Nov. 2015 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Japanese Society for the History of Psychiatry: “The History of Japanese Psychiatry at the Neurological Institute of the University of Vienna” [in Japanese], **Shinjuku Park Tower Tokyo**
- July 2015 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia: “Matter Over Mind – On Neurological Psychiatry and the Absence of Freud in Japanese Medical Academia”, **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales**
- June 2015 11<sup>th</sup> EAJS Workshop for Doctoral Students, **University of Edinburgh**
- May 2015 Poster: “Transnational Collectives and the Birth of Neurology – Neurological Journal Literature in the Formation of Japanese Psychiatry” at “Working with 19th-Century Medical and Health Periodicals”, **University of Oxford**
- Mar. 2015 Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference: “Laboratory Vienna-Tokyo – On the Emergence of a Psychiatric Thought-Style in Austria and Japan”, **Chicago Sheraton**
- Sept. 2014 97<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the German Society for the History of Medicine, Science and Technology: “Der wilde Samurai aus München und der Edelmann aus Wien – Wissenschaftliche Kooperationen zwischen München, Wien und Tokyo in der Psychiatrie und Neurologie um 1900”, **Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich**
- Aug. 2014 14<sup>th</sup> European Association of Japanese Studies Conference: “The World View of Japanese Psychiatry”, **University of Ljubljana**

## Publications

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- “Meiji Brains – On Circulation and Exclusion of Neurological Knowledge between Vienna and Tokyo”, Franz Fillafer and Johannes Feichtinger (eds.): *Empire of Circulation – Habsburg Knowledge in its Global Setting*, (2024) [submitted and accepted].
- “A Nobleman of Neurology meets a Father of Psychiatry – Viennese Neurological Networks in the Making of Psychiatric Elites in Japan”, Aleksandra Kobiljski and Nicolas Fieve (eds.): *Professional Elites of Modern Japan*, Paris: Collège de France (2024) [in print].
- “Geschlecht, ‚Rasse‘ und Gehirn – Vergleichende hirnanatomische Forschung am Neurologischen Institut in Wien um 1900“, *Medizinhistorisches Journal* vol. 58/3 (2023), pp. 162-190.
- “Psychiatrie und Neurologie zwischen Wien und Tokyo – Zur Rolle eines transnationalen Netzwerkes in der Entwicklung der akademischen Medizin in Japan circa 1900“, Daniela Angetter et al (eds.): *Strukturen und Netzwerke – Medizin und Wissenschaft in Wien 1848-1955*, Göttingen: Vienna University Press / V&R unipress (2018), pp. 533-554.
- “Zum Transfer von Psychiatrie – Narrative, Termini und transkulturelle Psychiatrie in Japan“, *NTM Zeitschrift für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin* vol. 22/3 (2014), pp. 163-180.
- “For Body, Mind and the Nation: An Archaeology of Modern Japanese Psychiatry“, *Vienna Journal of East Asian Studies* vol. 5 (2014), pp. 111-138.
- “Aufschreibesystem und absoluter Geist – Eine Shirō’sche Impression“, *Quarber Merkur* vol. 114 (2013), pp. 79-99.
- “Durch den Spiegel und was Nishida dort fand. Zur politischen Dimension des Anderen im Werk Nishida Kitarōs – Ein Spiel in fünf Akten“, *MINIKOMI: Austrian Journal of Japanese Studies* vol. 81 (2011), pp. 5-14.

## Outreach and Science Communication

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Interview for the article „[Wiener Denkfabriken](#)“ in *Ärzte Woche* Nr. 17, (27.04.2023)

Interview for *Wien Museum Magazin* article [“Der Wiener Arzt Ferdinand Adalbert Junker von Langeegg”](#) (2022)

Organizer of the [u:japan online lecture series](#) at the Department of East Asian Studies – Japanese Studies at **University of Vienna** (2020-2022)

“Transnationale Denkkollektive und die Geburt der Neurologie“ [“Transnational Thought-Collectives and the Birth of Neurology“]: special issue, *neurologisch – Fachmagazin für Neurologie* (2020)

Public lecture: “Reine Nervensache? Psychiatrie und Neurologie zwischen Wien und Tokyo circa 1900“ [“A Question of Nerves? Psychiatry and Neurology between Vienna and Tokyo circa 1900“], **IWK** (Institut für Wissenschaft und Kunst) Wien (2019)

Online Essay: [“Overcoming Japanese Studies – Or on the Advantage and Disadvantage of Japanese Studies for Academia”](#), **Toshiba International Foundation** Essay Contest (2019)

Dinner speech at **O Hanami – 120 Jahre Daiichi Sankyo** (pharma company 120 years anniversary celebration): “Neurologie zwischen Österreich und Japan“ [“Neurology between Austria and Japan“] at congress Schladming (2019)

Poster at the exhibition [“Nervig”](#) (featured at the *Lange Nacht der Forschung*): [“Transnationale Denkkollektive und die Geburt der Neurologie”](#) [“Transnational Thought-Collectives and the Birth of Neurology“], at **Gabriele Possanner Institut für interdisziplinäre Forschung** (2018)

Guest contribution for **science.orf.at**: [“Ein Labor geht um die Welt”](#) [“A Laboratory’s Journey through the World“] (2017)

Editor of *MINIKOMI: Austrian Journal of Japanese Studies* (2015-2017)

## Teaching Experience (Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna)

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2024	“Methods in East Asian History” “Science Communication”
2023	“National Identity in East Asia – Nationalism in China and Japan from a historical perspective” “u:japan Lectureise: A guided exercise for the lecture series on contemporary research in Japanese studies” “Basic training in research and paper writing II”
2021	“Intercultural communication”
2013/2015/2019-2024	“Academic writing in Japanese studies”
2014-2015	“Science and technology in the making of modern Japan”
2013/2014/2020/2021	“Basic training in research and paper writing I”
2013/2020	“Introduction to Japanese studies”

## Professional Memberships

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**AAJ** (Akademischer Arbeitskreis Japan [Austrian Japan-Society for Science and Art])

**EAJS** (European Association for Japanese Studies)

**GWMT** (Gesellschaft für die Geschichte der Wissenschaften, der Medizin und der Technik [Society for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology])

History of Medicine and Medical/Health Humanities Research Group, **Austrian Academy of Sciences**

**ISHEASTM** (International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine)

**Nihon Seishin-igaku-shi Gakkai** [Japanese Society for the History of Psychiatry]