

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2011 Habilitation (Venia legendi; Assoc. Prof.) Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna

1999 PhD with distinction in Social Anthropology (Ethnomedicine and Medical Anthropology), University of Vienna, 1999

1995 MA Social Anthropology (Ethnopharmacology), University of Vienna, 1995

Fields of Specialization

Medical Anthropology/Ethnomedicine, especially Anthropology of Infectious Diseases; Disaster Research, Community Engagement, Migration and Health, Ethnopharmacology; Qualitative Field Methods, Visual Anthropology

Region: Africa, Europe

Academic and Professional Posts

2011-present: Associate Professor at the Medical University of Vienna, Centre for Public Health.

2009-2011: Assistant Professor at the Medical University of Vienna, Centre for Public Health.

April-May 2018: Consultant World Health Organisation (WHO) in the Lassa fever emergency response, Nigeria (through GOARN)

May-July 2017: Consultant World Health Organisation (WHO) for the Ebola Viral Persistence Study, Sierra Leone

October-December 2014, March-June 2015, November 2015-March 2016: Consultant World Health Organisation (WHO) in the Ebola emergency response, Liberia

September-October 2014, May 2016: Visiting Professor at Gulu University, Uganda

2009-2015: Lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Campus Vienna

2002-2009, 2013: Lecturer at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna.

February-June 2006 Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Medical School, Department of Social Medicine

2001-2009: PostDoc (part-time) at the Medical University of Vienna, Institute for the History of Medicine, Department Ethnomedicine

1997-2001: Research Assistant (part-time) at the University of Vienna, Medical Faculty, Institute for the History of Medicine, Department Ethnomedicine

1995: Academic training at the Austrian Society for Ethnomedicine

Projects

Ongoing

2024-2027 Principal Investigator Horizon Europe project **Sonar-Cities**. Project coordinator: Institut Pasteur, France; 14 partner countries; **overall budget 4,1 Mio Euro; MedUniWien 379.000,-**, <https://sonar-cities.eu>

Completed

2022-2025 Principal Investigator: Horizon Europe project **ISIDORE** “Integrated Services for Infectious Disease Outbreak Research emergency”. Large scale EU infrastructure project with over 150 partners. <https://www.isidore-project.eu/>. **Overall budget 21 Mio Euros; MedUniWien 133.000;** <https://www.isidore-project.eu/>

2022-2023 Principal Investigator in the FFG funded initiative KIRAS initiative: **ROADS** to Health: Entscheidungsunterstützung für das Pandemiemanagement der Zukunft; consortium lead: AGES, Vienna; <https://www.ages.at/forschung/projekt-highlights/roads-to-health>.

2021-2023 Consortium lead in the FFG funded KIRAS initiative: **CAVE** “Community engagement and vulnerabilities in the response to epidemics”; **overall budget 549.205,- Euro; MedUniWien 150.000,-** <https://www.meduniwien.ac.at/web/forschung/projekte/cave/>

2020-2021 Co-Principal Investigator: WWTF Project in the Program “Covid19 Rapid Response”: “Risk factors and working situation of health workers in the Covid-19 epidemic” Together with Galateja Jordakieva, University Department of Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine; **overall budget MedUniWien 50.000,-** <https://www.wwtf.at/covid/index.php?ID=9804#O9804>

2019-2022 Principal Investigator: Horizon 2020 EU project SoNAR-Global. „A Global Social Science Network for Infectious Threats and Antimicrobial Resistance. Project coordinator: Institut Pasteur, France; 11 partner countries; **overall budget 4 Mio Euro; MedUniWien 374.000,-** <https://www.sonar-global.eu>

2017 Co-Principal Investigator: Qualitative process evaluation of the Ebola Viral Persistence Study in Sierra Leone. WHO Sierra Leone

2014-2017 Project partner: „ACRP6 - EthniCityHeat - KR13AC6K11022“, in cooperation with the University of Vienna and the Boku, *Full project funding through Climate and Energy Fund; overall budget 289.000 Euro; MedUniWien 64.000,-*

2016 Project advisor: EUR-HUMAN European Refugees – Human Movement and Advisory Network, Third Programme for the Union’s action in the field of health (2014-2020).

2012-2015 Project coordinator: “Master Course Medical Anthropology and International Health”, Gulu, Northern Uganda. *Full project funding through APPEAR, the Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development; overall budget 153.000,-*

2015-2016 Project coordinator: Health care workers and communities post-Ebola, WHO Liberia

2014-2016 Project coordinator: Psycho-social situation of Ebola survivors in Liberia, WHO Liberia

2011-2015 Project partner: EU-Project: Human Resources for African Primary Health Care. In cooperation with: University of Witwatersrand, South Africa; Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda; University of Botswana, Botswana; Ahfad University of Women, Sudan; University of Bamako, Mali; Aidemet Ngo, Mali; Oxford University, UK; Ghent University, Belgium (Coordinator). *Financed by the EU-Commission through the FP7-HEALTH.2010.3.4-1; overall budget: 3 Mio Euro; MUW 183.00,-*

September 2011-January 2012 Project lead: Implementing a “Master Course in Medical Anthropology and International Health,” in Gulu, Uganda. *Preparatory funding through the Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development APPEAR, overall budget 13.204,-*

2008-2009 Project lead: Geophagy: Collection and analyses of geophagic samples from Africa. *Supported by the Medical University Vienna, Austrian Agency for Health and Food*

Safety AGES, Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, United Kingdom.

January 2008- January 2009 Project lead: Access to health care among Turkish migrants in Vienna, supported by the *Hochschuljubiläumsstiftung Vienna*, **overall budget 5.000,-**

July 2006-2010: Aids project in Tanzania. “Tunza – Aids Project Njombe” Supporting people living with Aids, *supported by private donors, action medeor, and the Austrian Ethnomedical Society*, **overall budget 10.196,-**

February-June 2006: Medical anthropology: approaches in didactics and theory. Harvard Medical School, Department of Social Medicine, funded by *the Fulbright Commission*, **overall budget 7.500,-**

February 2005: Biodiversity and sacred forests in Unguja, Zanzibar

July/August 2004: Holy forests and traditional strategies of conserving biodiversity in Southwest Tanzania

December 2003: Organisation of “Hunting Food – Drinking Wine” International Conference of the Anthropology of Food, XIX Congress of the International Commission for the Anthropology of Food (ICAF) in Poysdorf, Austria, funded by the *Wenner-Gren Foundation, the Vienna International Airport, Lower Austria Culture and private sponsors*

September 2003: Ethnomedical paintings from Tanzania. Supported by the *Austrian Ethnomedical Society*.

2000-2002: Qualitative evaluation of the project: “Therapeutic Touch” among breast cancer patients in the Kaiser Franz Joseph Hospital in Vienna, funded by the *Felix Mandl Fonds*, Vienna

January-February 2000: Fieldwork in Tanzania „Reflections on previous research“

September 1998: Video documentation: Exorcism in Waliso, Ethiopia; indigenous use of gyrinids and dytiscids (Coleoptera, beetles) in Fitch, Ethiopia

October-December 1997: Ethnomedical fieldwork in Tanzania, granted by the *Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Culture, Austria*

December 1995-July 1996: Fieldwork in Southwest Tanzania on traditional medicine of the Bena with a grant of the *Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Culture* and a grant from the *City Council of Vienna*

Lectures and Seminars

Medical University of Vienna, Mandatory

807.XXX Globale Gesundheit. Kleingruppen im Block 22/23 Public Health, seit WS 2022

807.XXX Globale Gesundheit, Migration und Public Health. Block 22/23 Public Health, seit WS 2022

802.004 Thema 12 Medizinanthropologie und globale Gesundheit. Block 6. Der Mensch in Umwelt, Familie und Gesellschaft “Medical anthropology and global health”; since 2003

807.009 Kapitel 3: Ethnomedizin, Ethik und Interkulturalität. Vorlesung im Block 22/23 Public Health, 2014-2021

807.010 Ethnomedizinische Aspekte von Alter, Sterben, Tod. Kleingruppen im Block 22/23 Public Health, 2005-2021

851.028 „Medical Anthropology and Global Health“, Basic lecture PhD Program Public Health 1, since 2012 every SS

561655 “Ethnomedicine and cultural history” Clinical Block 11 “Heart, circulation, blood and vessels”, SS 2005-2013

Medical University of Vienna, Electives

851.101 “Global Health and Humanitarian Work”. Lecture series organized with Mina Lahlal, Simone Böll and national/international lecturers. WS 2017-2021

896.034 “Der Welten Schmerz – globale Aspekte von Schmerz”. In der Ringvorlesung: Leiden Männer anders? Mythen, Fakten, Erklärungsansätze zum Schmerzempfinden und Schmerzerleben von Frauen und Männern. Seit WS 2017-2022

896.035 “Diversity und Medizin: Kommunikation zwischen ÄrztInnen und PatientInnen, interkulturell betrachtet”. In der Ringvorlesung: Was ist schon normal? Ansätze für eine moderne, personenbezogene Medizin. WS 2014-2023

896.037 “Bekämpfung und Prävention von Epidemien in Ländern des Südens.” In der Ringvorlesung “Mehr Gesundheit für Alle? Auswirkungen von politischen Entscheidungen auf Frauen und Männer. SS 2018

510040 “Methods of ethnomedical fieldwork”, Medical University of Vienna, from 1998-2006

510051 “Ethnopharmacology and ethnobotany”, Medical University of Vienna, from 1999-2005

501887 “Medical Pluralism”, “Inequalities and health” within the lecture series “International Health” 2006

560101 “Special Study Module SSM1” SE Medical Anthropology (with Armin Prinz), 2003-2009

562873 “Special Study Module SSM2” SE Medical Anthropology (with Armin Prinz), 2005-2009

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562953 “Special Study Module SSM3” Project study Medical Anthropology to prepare the Master thesis in medicine, 2005-2024

501823 “Qualitative Methods”, 2000-2005

University of Vienna

695215, 240042 “Introduction into Ethnomedicine/Medical Anthropology”, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences (part of the module MAKOTRA) (with Bernhard Hadolt), 2002-2010

240082 “Inequalities and Health”, SE, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences (part of the module MAKOTRA) 2008

240041 “Health, Illness and Politics in Disadvantaged Countries”, SE, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences (part of the module MAKOTRA), (*in English*) 2008/2009

240160 “Applied Medical Anthropology: The politics of inequality and disease”, SE, Faculty of Social Sciences, (part of the module MAKOTRA) (with Mag. Elena Jirovsky) 2013

University of Innsbruck

“Qualitative fieldmethods“, within the University course „Community Health“, from 2002 to 2004 (*in English*)

University of Applied Sciences, Vienna

Master Program Occupational Therapy

L04.011 Qualitative methods, 2009, 2011, 2013

L04.009 Medical anthropology 2009, 2011

Master Program „Advanced Integrative Health Studies“

L25.010 Qualitative Methods. 2013/2014

L 25.011 Analysis of Qualitative Data (with Mag. Dr. Yvonne Schaffler), 2013/2014

PhD Theses completed

Jeleff Entschaff, Maren: Current topics of infectious diseases in Austria from social sciences and public health perspectives. Medical University of Vienna, 2023

Mukooza, Esther: Cause and illness experience of „nodding syndrome“ in Uganda: Local perceptions and implications for interventions. Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna.

PhD Theses in progress

Hübl, Lena: Yellow fever in Uganda: Local perceptions and socio-environmental factors. Medical University of Vienna.

Nnyombi, Aloysious: The social course of “Infant Dental Mutilation” among the Acholi in Northern Uganda. Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna.

Kundratitz, Viktoria: Beyond the biomedical: System mapping for knowledge inclusion in pandemic preparedness. Medical University of Vienna

Approbated MA and MD Theses

Spilauer, Carla: Konfliktpotentiale im Rahmen der Ersteinschätzung von Patient:innen in pädiatrischen Notfallambulanzen- Expert:inneninterviews mit Pflegepersonen. Medical University of Vienna, 2024.

Klocker, Ruth: Community engagement in clinical trials and the implementation of experimental Ebola vaccines in Sub-Saharan Africa. Medical University of Vienna, 2023.

Danesi, Thomas: Lebenswelten von Tuberkulose-PatientInnen – eine qualitative Interviewstudie. Medical University of Vienna, 2022.

Kudaliyanage, Serena Madushani: Soziale Situation und Lebenswelt von PatientInnen mit β -Thalassaemia major und deren Angehörigen. Medical University of Vienna, 2022

Nachtnebel, Sonja: Community participation and community engagement in the response to the Zika Virus-Outbreak in Latin America 2015-2019. A scoping review. Medical University of Vienna, 2021

Ecker, Franziska: Vaccine hesitancy among physicians. A qualitative study with a focus on the measles vaccine. Medical University of Vienna, 2020

Maurer, Valentin: Herausforderungen in der medizinischen Erst- und Notfallversorgung Schutzsuchender. Erfahrungen des Gesundheitspersonals aus Notunterkünften. Medical University of Vienna, 2020

Gribi, Janna: Vaccine Hesitancy am Beispiel der Masernimpfung in Österreich: eine qualitative Studie zur Meinung von Hebammen. Medical University of Vienna, 2019

Moser, Margerita: Vaccine Hesitancy am Beispiel der Masernimpfung in Österreich: eine qualitative Studie zur Meinung von Eltern. Medical University of Vienna, 2019

Gutkas, Karoline: Vaccine Hesitancy am Beispiel der Masernimpfung in Österreich: eine qualitative Studie zur Meinung von Expertinnen und Experten. Medical University of Vienna, 2019

Traugott, Marianna: Geophagy in India. Medical University of Vienna, 2017.

Hawliczek, Annelies: Children and their care in case of violence in Lusaka, Zambia. Medical University of Vienna, 2016.

Höllersberger, Carina: Essen im Kontext von Diabetes mellitus Typ 2 aus Sicht von DiätologInnen. Master thesis, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2016.

Reindl, Eva Maria: Sprachbarrieren im Gesundheitswesen. Medical University of Vienna, 2015.

Gahleitner, Edith: Mental health of survivors of domestic violence in rural Northern India. A qualitative, intersectional approach. Medical University of Vienna, 2014.

Hübl, Lena: Geophagy among pregnant women in Northern Uganda. Medical University of Vienna, 2014.

Güttl, Lukas: Geophagie im Norden Ugandas: Erfahrungen und Einschätzungen von Gesundheitspersonal in Gulu Town. Medical University of Vienna, 2014.

Leick, Stephan: Geophagie bei nicht-schwangeren Frauen und Männern im Norden Ugandas. Medical University of Vienna, 2014.

Schrempf, Katharina: Implications of task-shifting to mid-level health care workers: A solution to the human resource crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa? Medical University of Vienna, 2014.

Day, Courtney: Parental refusal of childhood vaccinations in Vienna, Austria: A qualitative exploration. Master thesis, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2013.

Ebner, Lisa: Der Zugang zum Gesundheitssystem für nicht krankenversicherte Kinder in Österreich. Diplomarbeit, Medical University of Vienna, 2013.

Miller, Stefan: Ebola in Uganda. Medizinanthropologische Aspekte humanitärer Hilfe. Diplomarbeit, Medical University of Vienna, 2013.

Von Maltitz, Thordis: Barrieren beim Zugang zum italienischen Gesundheitssystem für Roma. Diplomarbeit, Medical University of Vienna, 2013.

Unterguggenberger, Maria: Was ist grün? Eine explorative Studie über die Bedeutung psychiatrischer Diagnosen und deren Integration in den Alltag aus der Sicht von Betroffenen. Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2012

Schirmer, Eva: Light up your skin – light up your life? Verbreitung und Verwendung von hautaufhellenden Produkten in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand. University of Vienna, 2012

Haderer, Petra: Sprache und medizinische Qualität. Eine Analyse zu Auswirkungen von Sprachbarrieren auf die Qualität der Gesundheitsversorgung von MigrantInnen im Wiener Spitalswesen. (Language barriers and quality of care for migrants in Vienna) Master Thesis, Intercultural Studies, Danube University Krems, 2011.

Manousek, Matthias: Schulischer Stress und Leistungsdruck: Auswirkungen auf Gesundheit und Wohlbefinden bei Gymnasiasten zwischen 15 und 18 Jahren. Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, Fachhochschule FH Campus Wien, 2011

Dilsiz, Tayyibe: Übergewicht und Adipositas bei türkischen Migrantinnen. Medical University of Vienna, 2010.

Biyikli, Elif: Diabetes mellitus Typ 2 bei türkischen Migrantinnen. Medical University of Vienna, 2010.

Rotter, Kerstin: Transkulturelle Aspekte von Schmerz (Transcultural aspects of pain). Master Thesis, Intercultural Studies, Danube University Krems, 2010.

Seebacher, Simone: „Del VIH a una vida positiva“ Analyse alltäglicher Lebensbereiche HIV positiver Frauen im Großraum San Salvador. (Daily lifes of HIV positive women in San Salvador). Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2010.

Weber, Yasmin: Tschetschenische Asylwerberinnen und ihr Zugang zur Schwangerenvorsorge. Ethnomedizinische und strukturelle Aspekte. (Chechen asylum-seekers and their access to maternity care. Ethnomedical and structural aspects.) Medical University of Vienna, 2010.

Höfner, Uta: Tuberkulose in Dharamsala: Public Health Aspekte und ethnomedizinische Hintergründe der Tbc in der Exiltibetischen Gemeinschaft Nordindiens. (Tuberculosis in Dharamsala: Public health aspects and ethnomedical background of Tbc among exile Tibetans in North India). Medical University of Vienna, 2009.

Gahleitner, Werner: Home-Based HIV/Aids Care in Tansania. Soziale Netzwerke und kulturelle Aspekte in der Gesellschaft der Maasai im nördlichen Tansania. (Home-based HIV/Aids care in Tanzania. Social networks and cultural aspects among the Maasai in northern Tanzania). Nursing Sciences, University of Vienna, 2009.

König, Veronika: Transkulturelle Kompetenz in der Medizin. (Transcultural competence in medicine) Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2009.

Dressler, Dominique: Interkulturelle Kommunikation in der stationären Rehabilitation nach Unfällen. Erfahrungen und Ansichten der MitarbeiterInnen eines Rehabilitationszentrums zur Kommunikation mit PatientInnen mit Migrationshintergrund. (Intercultural communication in the rehabilitation after accidents. Experiences and views on the communication with migrant patients) Master thesis Intercultural Studies, Danube University Krems 2008.

Halbertschlager, Claudia: Mental health im Maasailand. Ergebnisse einer ethnomedizinischen Untersuchung über Besonderheiten psychischen Krankseins im nördlichen Tansania. (Mental health in Maasailand. Results of an ethnomedical study on the nature of psychic illnesses in northern Tanzania) Medical University of Vienna, 2008.

Haag, Alina: HIV Prävention und Familienplanung: Konzepte zu Risiken und Nutzen in Njombe und Bulongwa Distrikt, Tansania. (HIV prevention and family planning: concepts of risks and benefits in Njombe, Bulongwa District, Tanzania) Medical University of Vienna, 2008.

Cakan, Nursen: Türkische Migrantinnen und ihr Zugang zum Gesundheitssystem. (Turkish migrants and their access to health in Vienna) Medical University of Vienna, 2007

Mayer, Eva-Katharina: Soziales Schmerzmanagement bei der Geburt. Eine qualitative Studie mit Müttern und Hebammen in Wien. (Social aspects of pain management at birth. A qualitative study with mothers and midwives in Vienna) Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2005.

Wong, Evelyn: Schamanische Argillit Objekte der Südwest Küste. (Shamanic argillite carvings of the Southwest Coast) Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2005.

Menhart, Helmut: Heilpflanzen der Itzà, San José, Petén, Guatemala (Medicinal plants of the Itzà, San José, Petén, Guatemala). Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2005.

Schaffler, Yvonne: Besessenheit und Heilung in der Dominikanischen Republik. (Possession and healing in the Dominican Republic) Faculty for Human and Social Sciences, University of Vienna, 2004.

Reviewer for Research Institutions

2025 Swiss National Science Foundation

2022-2026 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Germany

2024 Science for Africa Foundation

2023 Fulbright Austria

2022 Theodor Körner Preis, Austria

2018 Medical Research Council, UK

Functions in Journals

2024 Reviewer for SSM Qualitative Research in Health

2014-2024 Reviewer for The European Journal of General Practice

2019-2024 Reviewer for BMJ Open

2023 Reviewer for The Lancet Planetary Health

2022 Reviewer for Journal of International Humanitarian Action

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2022 Reviewer for Journal of Migration and Health

2020 Reviewer for Bulletin of the World Health Organisation

2020 Reviewer for Environmental Research

2019-2020 Associate Editor for PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

2012-2019 Reviewer for PLoS One

2018 Reviewer for Global Mental Health

2017 Reviewer for PLoS Medicine

2017 Reviewer for Social Science and Medicine

2016 Reviewer for Global Public Health

2015/2016 Reviewer for American Journal of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

2015 Reviewer for Medical Education

2015 Reviewer for International Journal of Health Professions

2015, 2017 Guest Associate Editor for PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

2014 Reviewer for Medical Anthropology

2013 Reviewer for Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift

2013 Reviewer for International Journal of Behavioural and Healthcare Research (IJBHR)

Since 2005 Reviewer for the Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine,
<http://www.ethnobiomed.com/>

Since 2006 Editorial Board of Curare, Journal of Ethnomedicine and Transcultural Psychiatry, <http://www.agem-ethnomedizin.de/index.php/curare.html>

Consultancies and Assignments

2020-2024 Member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Technical Advisory Group on Behavioural Insights and Sciences for Health <https://www.who.int/departments/science-division/behavioural-insights/TAG-on-behavioural-insights-and-sciences-for-health-membership>

2020 COVID-19 Future Operations Clearing Board of the Austrian Federal Chancellery.
<https://futureoperations.at/beitragende/>

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2017 World Health Organisation (WHO) Resource Group on Community Engagement Framework Development

2016-2017 Chair of the Board of the Commission for Development Studies (KEF) at the OeAD <http://www.kef-research.at/en/about/board/>

2011-2016 Member of the Board of the Commission for Development Studies (KEF) at the OeAD

Since 2010 Consultancy Group “Diversity Management” at the Medical University of Vienna

2009-2013 President of the Austrian Ethnomedical Society

2009-2013 Consultancy Group „Staff Development“ at the Medical University of Vienna

2009 Intercultural working group of the Austrian Medical Chamber

Since 2006 co-opted Board member of the “Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ethnomedizin” (Working Group Ethnomedicine) <http://www.agem-ethnomedizin.de/index.php/home.html>

2003, 2002 Consultant for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture: evaluation of postgraduate candidates

2001 Consultant for the new module „Makotra“ (Medical Anthropology/Ethnomedicine) of the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna

2001-2015 Board member of the International Commission for the Anthropology of Food, European Section <http://erl.orn.mpg.de/~icaf/>

Since 1999 Board member of the Österreichische Ethnomedizinische Gesellschaft (Austrian Ethnomedical Society)

Media Activities

Ö1 „Im Gespräch“ am 29.11. 2024 Andreas Obrecht im Gespräch mit Medizinanthropologin Ruth Kutalek; <https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20241129/776590/Ruth-Kutalek-Medizinanthropologin>

Ö1 Punkt eins am 12.06.2020. Medizinanthropologie und die Bekämpfung von Epidemien. <https://oe1.orf.at/programm/20200612/601248/Was-sozialwissenschaftliches-Wissen-beitragt-und-warum-die-WHO-unverzichtbar-ist>

APA Science Corona Alltag: Medizinanthropologie und Epidemien https://science.apa.at/rubrik/natur_und_technik/CoronaAlltag_Medizinanthropologie_und_Epidemien/SCI_20200422_SCI87296249654266526

ORF 3 Politik live mit Ingrid Thurnher am 27.2.2020. Causa Corona: Stresstest für unser Gesundheitssystem? <https://tv.orf.at/orf3/stories/2999216/>

ORF 2 Thema spezial Coronavirus am 25.2.2020: "Ängste führen zu Hamsterkäufen und Anfeindungen" <https://tvthek.orf.at/profile/Thema/11523190/Thema-Spezial-Wie-gefaehrlich-ist-das-Coronavirus/14042821>

FFG Forum 2019, Missions – Auftrag für die Forschung
<https://www.ffg.at/ffgforum2019/stage2>

Diverses Medienecho zum Thema „**Geophagie**“ 12.2016:

<http://www.spiegel.de/gesundheit/ernaehrung/geophagie-warum-essen-menschen-erde-a-1125915.html>

<http://derstandard.at/2000048801686/Geophagie-Wenn-Erde-essen-zur-Sucht-wird>

http://science.apa.at/rubrik/medizin_und_biotech/Geophagie_Erde_essen_als_suchtartiges_Verhalten/SCI_20161205_SCI39451352233355444

<http://beforeitsnews.com/health/2016/12/geophagy-soil-eating-as-an-addictive-behaviour-2690897.html>

<http://www.ineffableisland.com/2016/12/geophagy-soil-eating-as-addictive.html>

<http://www.africa-live.de/tag/erde-essen/>

Interview „Tagespost“ „Was einer Hitzewelle tödliche Wucht verleiht“ 15.08.2015

Live-Radio broadcast Ö1 „Von Tag zu Tag“: Der beinahe gewonnene Kampf gegen Ebola. 24.07.2015 <http://oe1.orf.at/programm/409581>

Live-Radio broadcast Ö1 „Von Tag zu Tag“: Der Kampf gegen Ebola. 02.01.2015
<http://oe1.orf.at/programm/393504>

Kreuz und quer Studiodiskussion „Sinnloser Schmerz“ 23.09.2015

Live-Radio broadcast Ö1 OeAD Campusradio „Die Welt im Ohr“, „Von der Pflanzenheilkunde über die Hexerei zu Public Health“, über podcast verfügbar,
http://www.oead.at/oead/news/news_detail/EN/datum/2013/05/17/oead-campusradio-welt-im-ohrbr1752013-2000-2100-uhr/?no_cache=1&cHash=39c3ca16543ff97b14a0350f2beda6aa

Interview „Wiener Zeitung“ 10.5.2013 „Wenn das Herz wehtut“
http://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen_channel/wz_integration/gesellschaft/544820_Wenn-das-Herz-wehtut.html

Panel discussion on “Eating meat” <http://derstandard.at/1350259125243/Pro-Person-in-Oesterreich-70-Kilo-Fleisch-im-Jahr>

Geophagie. Der Standard
<http://derstandard.at/1289609014838/Ethnomedizin-Geophagie---das-Essen-von-Lehmerde>

Interview for the Austrian Radio ORF on “Mushrooms” (broadcasted 2011)

Interview for the Austrian Television “Kreuz und Quer”, (broadcasted 2009, 2012)

Interview for the Bavarian Radio on “Fly Agaric”, (broadcasted 2008)

Interview for the Austrian Radio ORF in „Von Tag zu Tag“ Radiodoctor, theme: „Ethnomedicine“ on 23.4.2001

Miscellaneous

2023 Leadership Curriculum, Medical University of Vienna

2022-2024 Mentor in the Program “Women Network Medicine” of the Medical University of Vienna

Member of WISIA Women in Science – an Interdisciplinary Association. <http://www.wisia.at>

Member of wnw-med Wissenschaftlerinnen Netzwerk Medizin. <https://wnw-med.meduniwien.ac.at>

Member of the think tank “Vaccine Safety Initiative”. <https://www.vi-vi.org>

2008-2010 Mentee in the Program “Women Network Medicine” of the Medical University of Vienna

Congresses and Scientific Presentations

„Wounded landscapes & the body: Vulnerabilities in extreme heat”. Conference: Inhabiting Wounded Landscapes and Environments: Interdisciplinary and Sensorial Explorations. Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology. 12 December 2025, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

“Mapping vulnerability and crisis communication”. 24. November 2025; in the Sonar Cities Webinar: How can we reach people with vulnerabilities in disasters?

“Medical anthropology, pandemics, and inequities”. Vienna, Kampala (Uganda), 2 December 2025 (virtual). Course on Health and Migration, supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, Republic of Austria.

„Sozialwissenschaften als essentielle Komponente von One Health.“ AGES One Health. Building Bridges. 3.+4. November 2025, Vienna;
https://akademie.ages.at/one_health_building_bridges-1/programm.html

“Partizipation durch Body Mapping – eine kreative Methode zur Erforschung von Vulnerabilität“. 9.-10. October 2025, OISzam Forum 2025: Gemeinsam Wissen schaffen. <https://ois.lbg.ac.at/ois-zam-forum/forum-2025/>

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