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Higher Education

- 1992 *D.Phil* in Social Anthropology at the University of Vienna, title of the *D.Phil* thesis:
The Hidden Valley of the Artemisia. Minor: Tibetan and Buddhist Studies
- 1980-1992 Studies in Social Anthropology at the Institute for Cultural and Social Anthropology
(University of Vienna) and Studies in Tibetology at the Institute for Tibetan and
Buddhist Studies (University of Vienna)

Professional activity

- 2013-current Director of Studies (Human, Social and Political Sc.) Pembroke College Cambridge
- 2012-2015 Director, Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit, Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Cambridge
- 2005-2013 Senior Research Associate, Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit,
- 2000- 2005 Senior Assistant in Research with Teaching Obligations, Department of Social
Anthropology University of Cambridge
- 1998-2001 Lecturer, Institute for Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna
- 1992-2000 Researcher on Projects funded by the Austrian Science Fund

Fellowships and honours

- 2010-current General Secretary of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS)
- 2004-current Member of the editorial board of *Inner Asia*
- 2003-2014 Member of the editorial board of the *Journal of the International Association for
Tibetan Studies* (JIATS)
- 2008 Academic editor, British Academy
- 1992-2004 Member, Commission for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Research Projects (selection)

- 2010-2015 Co-Investigator and Senior Research Associate, AHRC Research Project
“Transforming Technologies and Buddhist Book Culture: the Introduction of Printing
and Digital Text Reproduction in Tibetan Societies”
- 2013-2015 Coordinator of Marie Curie Fellowship “Tibetan Book Evolution and Technology”
for Michela Clemente
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator on ESRC Impact Acceleration Account Grant “Communicating
cultural knowledge of environmental change in collaboration with schools, local
communities and NGOs”
- 2011-2015 Co-Investigator on HEIF Grant
- 2010-2011 Founding member of the research network “Climate Histories: Communicating
Cultural Knowledge of Environmental Change” supported by the UK Arts and
Humanities Research Council and hosted by the University of Cambridge.
- 2005-2010 Senior Research Associate, AHRC Research Project “A Tibetan woman-lama and her
reincarnations: a study of the bSam-sdings rDor-je Phag-mo (15th-21st Century)”
- [1992-2010 several grants from the AHRC, the British Academy, the Austrian Science Fund, the
Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Italian Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche]

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2013 *Buddha's Word – The Life of Books in Tibet and beyond*, catalogue of the exhibition at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (jointly authored and edited with Mark Elliot and Michela Clemente)
- 2007 *When a Woman becomes a Religious Dynasty: the Samding Dorje Phagmo of Tibet*, New York: Columbia University Press
- 2000 *dBa' bzhed: the Royal Edict Concerning the Bringing of Buddhas's Doctrine to Tibet* (translation and facsimile edition jointly published by the Austrian Academy of Science and the Tibetan Academy of Social Sciences). With Pasang Wangdu. Vienna:Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
- 1997 *Feast of Miracles. The Life and the Tradition of Bodong Chole Namgyal (1375/6-1451A.D.) according to the Tibetan texts "Feast of Miracles" and "The Lamp Illuminating the History of Bodong*. With Pasang Wangdu, Marlies Kornfeld and Christian Jahoda. Porong Pema Chöding Editions
- 1996 Ngag dbang skal ldan rgya mtsho *Shel dkar chos 'byung. History of the 'White Crystal'. Religion and Politics of Southern La stod* (translation and facsimile edition jointly published by the Austrian Academy of Science and the Tibetan Academy of Social Sciences). With Pasang Wangdu in co-operation with Guntram Hazod. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften

Edited volumes

- 2016 (in press) (co-editorship with Peter Kornicki and Franz-Karl Erhard) *Printing as an Agent of Change in Tibet and beyond*. Leiden:Brill
- 2012 (co-editorship with S. Hugh-Jones) *Terrain, revue d'ethnologie europenne* , vol.59, (special issue "L' objet livre")
- 2012 (co-editorship) *Inner Asia*, vol. 14, Special Issue on the Younghusband Mission to Tibet
- 2010 *Ancient Treasures, New Discoveries*, co-edition with Karma Phuntsho, volume of the Proceedings of the 11th Symposium of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Bonn:Zentralasiatisches Seminar.
- 2008 *Inner Asia* vol 10, n. 2, co-edition with Robert Barnett, special issue on " Cadres and Discourse in Late Socialism" (with the proceedings of a conference organised by MIASU, British Academy, East Asian Institute Columbia University, University of California, CRASSH).
- 2007 *The Mongolia-Tibet Interface*, co-edition with U Bulag, volume of the proceedings of the 9th Symposium of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Brill:Leiden
- 2002a *Inner Asia* (ed.) vol.4 n.2, special issue on the Tibet-Mongolia Interface
- 2002 *Territory and Identity in Tibet and the Himalaya* co-edition with K Buffetrille, volume of the proceedings of the 9th Symposium of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Brill:Leiden

2001 *Koerper, Religion und Macht -Sozialanthropologie der Geschlechterbeziehungen* (Bodies, Religion and Power - Social Anthropology of Gender Relations).With U. Davis-Sulikowski, A. Gingrich and J. Helbling) Frankfurt/New York:Campus

Articles

2016 (in press) "Tibetan women as patrons of printing and innovation" (co-editorship with Peter Kornicki and Franz-Karl Erhard) *Printing as an Agent of Change in Tibet and beyond*. Leiden:Brill

2016 (in press) "Connected and disconnected memoryscapes of the Antigorio Valley: a village under water and a WWII massacre on a cableway". *Modern Italy*

2015 "The honour of the snow-mountains is the snow: Tibetan livelihoods in a changing climate" in Huggel,C, Carey, M, Clague, J,Kaab, J (eds)*The High-Mountain Cryosphere -Environmental Changes and Human Risks*.Cambridge:CUP

2015 "Sacred Books in a Digital Age: a cross-cultural look from the heart of Asia to South America" (co-authorship with S. Hugh-Jones) in: J. Leach and L.Wilson (eds) *Subversion, Conversion, Development: Public Interests in ICT*. MIT

2014 "Women as Patrons and Innovators:from Cambridge to Tibet and back" in *The Martlet –Magazine of Pembroke Alumni*

2014 "Patronage and Printing Innovation in Fifteenth-Century Tibet" In *Patronage as Politics in South Asia*. Ed. Anastasia Piliawsky, Cambridge/New Delhi:Cambridge University Press.

2014 "Tibetan Buddhist Books in a Digital Age T. Jansen, T. Klein,C Meyer (eds) *Globalization and the Making of Religious Modernity in China*. Leiden:Brill

2012 "Deciding the future in the Land of Snow: Tibet as an arena for conflicting knowledge and policies", in K. Hastrup (ed.) *The Social Life of Climate Models* London: Routledge.

2012 "Communicating Climate: Proxies, Processes, Politics". *Current Anthropology*, April, 53, 2, 226-244 (lead author in forum article resulting from the conference "Climate Histories: Communicating Cultural Knowledge of Environmental Change" January 21-22, CRASSH, University of Cambridge).

2012 "Quand le livre devient relique – Les textes tibetains entre culture bouddhique et transformations technologiques", *Terrain, revue d'ethnologie europenne* (special issue on the book as artifact), vol.59, 18-39.

2012. "Holy Books as ritual objects and vessels of teaching in the era of the 'further spread of the doctrine (*bstan pa yang dar*)'" in Buffetrille, K(ed.) *The Trasformation of Rituals in Contemporary Tibet*. Leiden:Brill.

2012 "The Younghusband- Waddell collection and its people: the social life of Tibetan books gathered in a late- colonial enterprise" *Inner Asia*, vol. 14.

2010 "Chos kyi sgron ma's life and the Bo dong pa tradition: discovery and innovative creativity in Buddhist revival" in H Diemberger and Karma Phuntsho (eds) *Ancient*

- Treasures, New Discoveries*, published in the Proceedings of the 11th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Bonn
- 2008 “The Twelfth Dorje Phagmo of Tibet, female cadre and ‘living Buddha’: a political paradox?” In *Inner Asia* vol 10, 2, 153-169
- 2007a “Leaders, Names and Festivals: the management of tradition in the Mongolian-Tibetan borderlands”, in Bulag U and Diemberger H (eds) *The Mongolia-Tibet Interface*. Brill:Leiden
- 2007b “Padmasambhava’s unfinished job: the subjugation of local deities as described in the *dBa’ bzhed* in light of contemporary practices of spirit possession” in *Pramānakīrtih, Papers Dedicated to Ernst Steinkellner on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*. Vienna: Arbeitskreis für Tibetische und Buddhistische Studies, Universität Wien
- 2006 “Faith, Nation and Gender Politics: Three Women Rulers in the Mongolian–Tibetan Borderlands“, in Sneath (ed.), *States of Mind: Power, Place and the Subject in Inner Asia*. Bellingham (WA): Western Washington University
- 2005 “Female oracles in modern Tibet” in J. Gyatso and H. Havnevik (eds.): *Women of Tibet*. New York: Columbia University Press
- 2004 *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, review of Karl-Heinz Everding *Das Königreich Mang yul Gung thang, Königtum und Herrschaftsgewalt im Tibet des 13.-17. Jahrhunderts*, 27, vol. 25/26, 213-217
- 2002a “Tashi Tsering: The Last Queen of ‘Sogpo’ (Henan)” (together with Yangdon Dhondup), in: *Inner Asia*, vol.4.n.2, 197-224
- 2002b „Die beseelte Landschaft: Natur, Kosmologie und Gesellschaft im tibetischen Kulturraum am Beispiel der Khumbo Ostnepal“ in A. Gingrich, E. Mader (eds): *Metamorphosen der Natur*. Vienna: Bohlau
- 1998 a “The Horseman in Red. On Sacred Mountains of La stod Lho (Southern Tibet)” in A. M. Blondeau (ed.): *Tibetan Mountain Deities, Their Cults and Representations*. Papers Presented at a Panel of the 7th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Graz 1995 (PIATS Graz 1995 Vol. VI). Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
- 1998 b “Montagnes sacrées, os des ancêtres, sang maternel - le corps humain dans une communauté tibétaine du Nepal (les Khumbo)” in M. Godelier and M. Panoff (eds.): *La production du corps*. Paris: Editions des archives contemporaines
- 1997a “Animal Sacrifices and Mountain Deities in Southern Tibet – Mythology, Rituals and Politics”. With Guntram Hazod. In S. Karmay and P. Sagant (eds.): *Les habitants du toit du monde. Volume in Honour of Alexander Macdonald*. Paris: Société d’Ethnologie, Nanterre
- 1997b “Frauen zwischen ‘Ähnlichkeit’ und ‘Differenz’- Herausforderungen anthropologischer Praxis” in G. Schein and S. Strasser (eds.): *Intersections. Feministische Anthropologie zu Geschlecht, Kultur und Sexualität*. Vienna: Milena Verlag
- 1997c “The Hidden Valley of the Artemisia: On Himalayan Communities and their Sacred Landscape” in A.W. Macdonald (ed.): *Mandala and Landscape*. New-Delhi: D.K. Printworld

- 1996a “Political and Religious Aspects of Mountain Cults in the Hidden Valley of Khenbalung – Tradition, Decline and Revitalization” in A. M. Blondeau and E. Steinkellner (eds.): *Reflections of the Mountain*. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
- 1994a “Machig Zhama’s Recovery. Traces of Ancient History and Myth in the South Tibetan Landscape of Kharta and Phadrug”. With Guntram Hazod. In *The Tibet Journal*, vol. XIX, No. 4, Winter, 1994, 23-45
- 1994b “Beyul Khenbalung - a Hidden Valley in the Tibetan Tradition between Past and Present” in *Atti della 1st Ev-K2-CNR Scientific Conference, Milano 10. –11. April 1992*. Roma: Direzione Generale delle Relazioni Culturali del Ministero degli Affari Esteri
- 1994c “Mountain Deities, Ancestral Bones and Sacred Weapons” in P. Kvaerne (ed.): *Tibetan Studies: Proceedings of the 6th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Faegernes 1992*. Oslo: The Institute for Comparative Research in Human Culture
- 1993a “Khenbalung, ein ‘verborgenes Tal’ Tibets im internationalen Machtspiel” in T. Filliz, A. Gingrich, G. Rasuly-Paleczek (eds.): *Kultur, Identität und Macht*. Frankfurt: Verlag für Interkulturelle Kommunikation
- 1993b “Gangla Tshechu Beyul Khenbalung: Pilgrimage to Hidden Valleys, Sacred Mountains and Springs of Life Water in Southern Tibet and Eastern Nepal” in C. Ramble and M. Brauen (eds): *Anthropology of Tibet and the Himalaya*. Zürich: Museum für Völkerkunde
- 1993c “Blood, Sperm, Soul and the Mountain” in T. Del Valle (ed.): *Gendered Anthropology*. London: Routledge
- 1992a “Lovanga [*Lo 'bangs pa?*] Lama and Lhava [*Lha bon*]: Historical Background Syncretism and Social Relevance of Religious Traditions among the Khumbo (East-Nepal)” in S. Ihara and Z. Yamaguchi (eds.): *Tibetan Studies: Proceedings of the 5th Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies Narita (Japan) 1989*. Narita: Naritasan Shinshoji
- 1991 “Lhakama [*lha-bka'-ma*] and Khandroma [*mkha'-'gro-ma*]: The Sacred Ladies of Beyul Khenbalung [*sbas-yul mkhan-pa-lung*]”, E. Steinkellner (ed.): *Tibetan History and Language*. Vienna: Arbeitskreis für Tibetische und Buddhistische Studien
- 1989a “On the Labour Division by Gender among the Khumbo, East Nepal”. With Christian Schicklgruber in *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, Tomus XLIII, Fasciculi 2-3
- 1989b “Pholha and Yullha among the Khumbo, North-eastern Nepal. The Contradiction between Residence and Descent and its Expression in Religion”. With Christian Schicklgruber. In A. Gingrich, S. Haas, S. Haas, G. Paleczek (eds.): *Kinship, Social Change and Evolution. Wiener Beiträge zur Ethnologie und Anthropologie*, Bd.5. Vienna: Verlag Ferdinand Berger and Söhne
- 1989c “Mutterwort und Vaterfolge: Frauen und Männer machen Gesellschaft - das Beispiel der Khumbo”. With Guntram Hazod and Christian Schicklgruber. Arbeitsgruppe Ethnologie Wien (ed.): *Von fremden Frauen*. Frankfurt/Main: Surkamp
- 1988 “Preliminary Report on Use of Architecture among the Khumbo, East Nepal”. With Christian Schicklgruber. In H. Uebach, J. L. Panglung (eds.): *Tibetan Studies:*

Proceedings of the 4th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Schloss Hohenkammer – Munich 1985. Munich: Bayrische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Kommission für Zentralasiatische Studien.

Exhibitions, digital publications, television and film

2013-2014 *Buddha's Word – The Life of Books in Tibet and beyond* – exhibition at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (co-curated with Mark Elliot and Michela Clemente)

Website: A Tibetan Woman Lama and Her Reincarnations

<http://www.innerasiaresearch.org/woman%20lama/index.html>

Website: Tibetan and Mongolian Rare Books and Manuscripts Project

http://www.innerasiaresearch.org/T_Msite/tmindex.html

2006 Researcher and consultant for *China*, Documentary by Jonathan Lewis, BBC 2

1999 Member of Jury, Trento International Film Festival

1987 “Tashigang – Ein tibetisches Dorf zwischen Menschenwelt und Goetterwelt” (script and anthropological advice) for 2 hours documentary for the Austrian Television (ORF)

Interviews and consultancies for Italian, Swiss and German televisions