

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### **Current Position:**

Postdoctoral Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute Florence, Italy  
(September 2009 - August 2010)

#### **Education:**

**PhD-student** at the Berlin School for Comparative European History at the Free University  
Berlin, Germany (April 2006 - August 2009)

Thesis Title: **Waiting, Hoping and Finally Driving: Cars and Socialism in the  
GDR, in Romania and in the Soviet Union (1956-1980)**

Defended successfully on 18.01.2010

**Master's Degree** (Magister Artium), Eberhard-Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany  
(completed March 2006)

Specialization: History and German Literature

**Bachelor's Degree**, Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca, Romania (completed July  
2000)

Specialization: German Philology and English Philology

#### **Employment:**

- Teaching assistant at the Institute for Eastern European History, University of Tübingen, Germany, 2003-2006
- Research assistant for Prof. Dr. Beyrau at the Institute for Eastern European History, University of Tübingen, Germany, September 2005 - March 2006

- Library assistant at the Institute for Eastern European History, University of Tübingen, Germany, March 2002- April 2006
- Teaching training for teachers (English and German), Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2000

### **Publications:**

#### **Articles:**

- Privat oder Staatlich? Automobile Konsumkultur in der Sowjetunion, der DDR und Rumänien [Private or State-run? Automobiles and Consumer Culture in the Soviet Union, the GDR and Romania], in: *Comparativ. Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und Vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung*, forthcoming 2010.
- The Road to Socialism Paved with Good Intentions: Automobile Culture in the Soviet Union, Romania, and the GDR during Détente, in: Lindenberger, Thomas (Ed.): *European Cold War Cultures. Perspectives on Societies in the East and in the West*, Berghahn Books, New York, forthcoming 2010.
- Sozialistische Volkswagen. *Trabant, Lada und Dacia* im Kalten Krieg [Socialist Volkswagen. The *Trabant, Lada* and *Dacia* during the Cold War], in: *Osteuropa*, 59 (2009), no.10, 167-183.
- The Wheels of Desire. Automobility Discourses in the Soviet Union, in: Kuhr-Korolev, Corinna (Ed.): *Towards Mobility. Varieties of Automobility in East and West*, Hannover 2009, 31-41.
- Krieg der Worte statt Krieg der Waffen. Der Menschenrechtsbegriff in der Sowjetunion unter Brežnev [War of Words not War of Weapons. The Human Rights Discourse in the Soviet Union under Brezhnev], in: *Archiv für Begriffsgeschichte*, 51 (2009), 197-208.

#### **Book reviews:**

- Siegelbaum, Lewis H.: *Cars for Comrades. The Life of the Soviet Automobile*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press 2008, in: *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 08.09.2008, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2008-3-142>>.

#### **Organized Workshops and Conferences:**

- “Socialism - From the Local to the Global”, Florence, forthcoming 19 April 2010
- “The Socialist Car”, Berlin, 13 - 14 June 2008, organized in cooperation with the Moscow German Historical Institute

- “Ruptures and Continuities in European History. Periodizations in History, Historiography and the History of Historiography”, Berlin, 24–26 April 2008. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference in the GRACEH series, in cooperation with the Central European University Budapest and the European University Institute Florence

### **Scholarships and Honours:**

- Institute for European History Fellow, Mainz, Germany, September 2008 - Mai 2009
- Hertie-Foundation Fellow, April 2006 - September 2009
- Research Fellow at the German Historical Institute (Moscow), February - April 2007
- Prize of the Foundation “Deutscher Widerstand. Die Stiftung des 20. Juli” for my Master’s thesis, December 2005
- Socrates Scholarship at the University of Tübingen, October 1998 - July 1999

### **Selected Presentations and Lectures:**

#### **2009**

- Lecture at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History of Transport Traffic and Mobility (T2M), Lucerne, 5-8 November 2009: “*Motorisation from Above. Building Cars and Creating Automobile Desires in Socialist Romania*”
- Lecture at the Annual Conference at the British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (BASEES), Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 28-30 March 2009: “*Cars and Socialism in the 1950s in the GDR and the Soviet Union*”
- Lecture at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe, SSEES, University College London, 18-20 February 2009: “*Chasing, Cruising, Crushing. Of Cars and People in Late Socialist Times*”
- Lecture at the Institute for European History at the University of Chemnitz, January 2009

#### **2008**

- Lecture at the meeting of the Culture and History of Eastern and Central Europe Working Group and the Russian History Working Group at the University of California, Berkeley, 25 November 2008: “*Waiting, Hoping and Finally Driving: Cars and Socialism in the Soviet Union, the GDR and Romania (1956-1980)*”

- Lecture at the National Convention of the American Association of the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia, 21-23 November 2008: *"A Good Buy - If You Can Get One. Purchasing Cars under Socialist Conditions"*
- Lecture at the Institute for European History at the University of Mainz, October 2008.
- Lecture at the Summer School "State, Society & Citizen – the Multilayered Historicity of the Welfare State", Helsinki, 21-26 August 2008. *"What is a Socialist Welfare State? Luxury, Basic Needs and Scarce Goods in Late Socialist Societies"*
- Lecture at the Centre Marc Bloch Berlin, February 2008

## **2007**

- Lecture at the Institute for Eastern European History at the University of Göttingen, November 2007
- Lecture at the Institute for Eastern European History at the University of Konstanz, October 2007
- Lecture at the Summer School "Cold War Technology", Chios and Izmir, 27 August – 1 September 2007: *"Waiting, Hoping and Finally Driving: Cars and Socialism in the Soviet Union, the GDR and Romania (1956-1980)"*
- Lecture at the Institute for Eastern European History at the University of Tübingen, July 2007
- Lecture at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tensions of Europe Conference, Rotterdam, 7-10 June 2007: *"The road to Socialism Paved with Good Intentions. Car Culture in the Soviet Union, the GDR and Romania"*
- Lecture at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of Cultural Technical Studies, Hamburg, 1-3 June 2007: *"Catching up - and Overtaking. Car and Socialism in the Soviet Union and Romania"*
- Lecture at the conference: European Cold War Cultures?, Potsdam, April 2007: *"Driving through the Cold War. Politics and Representations of Automobiles in the Soviet Union, the GDR and Romania during Détente"*
- Lecture at the conference: The Automobile Revolution: Automobile and Society since 1945, Moscow, February 2007: *"The Wheels of Desire. Cars as a Commodity in the Soviet Union"*

## **2006**

- Lecture at the Institute for Eastern European History at the University of Bielefeld, November 2006
- Lecture at the Institute for Eastern European History at the Humboldt University Berlin, December 2006

## 2005

- Lecture at the conference: L'analyse du discours en France and Allemagne, Paris, July 2005: *"Great power politics and resistance. The human rights discourse in the Soviet Union under Brezhnev"*, in: <http://www.johannes-angermueller.de/deutsch/ADFA/gatejel.pdf>.

## Languages:

- Fluent in written and spoken **Romanian** (mother tongue), **German** and **English**
- Advanced reading and spoken knowledge of **Russian** and **French**
- Basic knowledge of **Dutch** and **Italian**

## Referees:

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