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Education, Awards and Scholarships

Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Max Weber Programme at the European University Institute, Florence. 2009-present

Ph.D. in History, Bielefeld University. Thesis on “Politics and Consumption in the Weimar Republic” under the supervision of Prof. Heinz-Gerhard Haupt, submitted in August 2009, dissertation defense in November 2009

Doctoral Research Scholarship (four years) awarded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). 2004-2008

Doctoral Research Grant for the European University Institute (four years) awarded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). 2004 (declined for DFG award)

Staatsexamen in History and Philosophy (awarded a prize for the best degree 2003), Bielefeld University. Grade: “sehr gut” (1,1). July 2003

Graduate Scholarship at the Johns Hopkins University (one year) awarded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). 1998-1999

Abitur (A-levels) in History, English, Mathematics, Philosophy, Gymnasium Löhne. Grade: “sehr gut“ (1,1). 1993

Professional and Academic Experience

Research Fellow, Collaborative Research Centre “Das Politische als Kommunikationsraum in der Geschichte“ [The Political as Communicative Space in History], Bielefeld University. 2004-2009

Visiting Research Student at the European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization. Autumn Term 2005

Assistant Editor of “Geschichte und Gesellschaft“ [among the leading historical journals in Germany]. 2002-2004

Assistant Researcher, Department of History, Bielefeld University, under the supervision of Prof. Hans-Ulrich Wehler. 2001-2002

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Bielefeld University. 1999-2002

Graduate Student at the Johns Hopkins University, Department of History, Baltimore, MD.
1998-1999

Publications

Die Konsumgesellschaft in Deutschland 1890-1990: Ein Handbuch [Consumer society in Germany, 1890-1990: a handbook], edited with Heinz-Gerhard Haupt, Frankfurt/M.: Campus Verlag 2009

“Das Janusgesicht der Weimarer Konsumpolitik“ [The Janus face of consumer politics in the Weimar Republic], in H. G. Haupt and C. Torp (eds.), *Die Konsumgesellschaft in Deutschland 1890-1990: Ein Handbuch*, Frankfurt/M.: Campus Verlag 2009

“Konsum als politisches Problem. Konsumpolitische Ordnungsentwürfe in der Weimarer Republik“ [Consumption as a political problem. Visions of consumer society in the Weimar Republic], in: J. Lamla and S. Neckel (eds), *Politisierte Konsum – konsumierte Politik*, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag 2006, pp. 41-65

Conference Papers and Presentations (selection from the last four years)

Der demokratische Paternalismus der Weimarer Konsumpolitik [Democratic paternalism in Weimar politics of consumption]. Paper presented at the Research Seminar hosted by C. Nonn, Heinrich-Heine University, Düsseldorf, 23 June 2009

“Große Erwartungen. Konsumpolitik in der Zwischenkriegszeit“ [Great expectations. consumer politics in interwar Germany]. Paper presented at the Research Seminar hosted by W. Hardtwig, Humboldt University, Berlin, 22 May 2007

“Approaches to a transnational history of consumption”. Discussant at the Conference *The history of consumption in a comparative and transnational perspective*, European University Institute, Florence, 24 – 25 November 2006

“The notion of America’s soft power and Europe’s alleged backwardness”. Discussant at the book presentation of *Irresistible empire. America’s advance through twentieth-century Europe* by V. de Grazia, European University Institute, Florence, 26 October 2005

“Konsum als politisches Problem. Historisch und konzeptionell“ [Consumption as a political problem – histories and concepts]. Keynote speech at *Politicized consumption – consumed politics. Conference of the Sektion Politische Soziologie and the AG Konsumsoziologie (German Sociological Association)*, Justus-Liebig University, Giessen, 3 – 4 June 2005

“Political visions of consumer society in Weimar Germany”. Paper presented at *Knowing consumers. Actors, images, identities in modern history. International conference at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research*, Bielefeld, 26 – 28 February 2004
(download: <http://www.consume.bbk.ac.uk/news/knowconsumer.html>)

Teaching Experience

“Die Mittelschichten nach 1945” [The middle classes after 1945], Bielefeld University, Spring 2008

“Empire und Imperialismus. Theoretische Perspektiven der transnationalen Geschichte” [Empire and imperialism. Theoretical perspectives in transnational history], Bielefeld University, Autumn 2007

“Die Entstehung der deutschen Konsumgesellschaft, 1890-1945“ [The development of consumer society in Germany, 1890-1945], Bielefeld University, Autumn 2006

Languages

German (native)

English (fluent)

Italian (upper intermediate)

French (reading knowledge)

References

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