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Curriculum vitae:

Personal data:

Born 1964 in Vienna (Austria), Austrian citizenship

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School education:

1982 school leaving certificate from Gymnasium Stockerau in Lower Austria

1974 – 1982 Gymnasium Stockerau

1970 – 1974 Primary school in Stockerau

Academic education:

Since 2000 PhD-course at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (Hungary) at the Department of Inner Asian Studies (Research topic: *Social significance and functions of traditional sport competitions among the Buryats*, Supervisor: Prof. György Kara

1999 – 2000 Training to teach German as a foreign language at the University of Vienna 2000
Finished studies at the University of Vienna, MA-thesis: *History and traditional Culture of the Buryats*

Since 1989 Study sojourns and working- and field research-trips in the Russian Federation (mainly in Buryatia), the Ukraine and Great Britain

1988 – 1997 Studies of Russian, Buryat, Khalkha and Classical Mongolian in Vienna, Brno (Czech Republic), Donetsk (Ukraine), Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Irkutsk and Ulan-Ude

1984 – 2000 Studies in ethnology (social and cultural anthropology) as main subject and in linguistics, sociology, history, philosophy and physical anthropology as subsidiary subjects at the University of Vienna, MA degree awarded 2000

1982 – 1984 Studies in biology at the University of Vienna.

Language skills:

German (native speaker)

Russian (professional)

English (professional)

Hungarian, Buryat, Mongolian and Classical Mongolian (basic knowledge)

Fields of scientific interest:

Regional priorities:

Ethnography and social anthropology of Siberia, Central und Eastern Asia and Eastern Europe

Special subject: History and Culture of the Baikal region

Thematic priorities:

Physical and mental culture (sports, art, literature, music), history, religions, languages, processes of social transformations, migration processes

Academic teaching and lecturing:

Since 2005 Teaching about Buryat culture, history and migration features at the Institute of Cultural and Social Anthropology of the University of Vienna

2000 – 2006 Teacher of Austrian literature, culture and history at the Berzsényi Dániel Teacher Training College in Szombathely in Hungary

International Presentations:

- *Reiten, Ringen und Bogenschießen – die traditionellen Sportwettkämpfe in der Mongolei, Burjatien,*

- Tuva und Kalmückien und ihre gesellschaftliche Relevanz im Vergleich (Horse Racing, Wrestling and Archery –The societal significance of traditional sport competitions in Mongolia, Buryatia, Tuva and Kalmykia in comparison)*; held June 9, 2006 at the “Symposium: 800 Jahre Mongolisches Weltreich - Beiträge aus der österreichischen Mongolen-Forschung (800 years Mongolian Empire – Contributions of Austrian Researchers) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna
- *Kickboxing, break dance and pop music versus wrestling, round dance and folk music? Popular culture in Buriatiia today*, held October 9, 2004 at the conference „Generation P in the Tundra“ in Tartu
 - *Buriats’ Surkharban: Present and Past*, held December 18, 2003 at the Department of Inner Asian Studies of the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
 - *Where Going Back Is a Step Forward – The revival of tradition in sports as a way towards solving problems in post-Soviet Buriatia?*, held November 16, 2003 at the Conference “ ‘Everything is still before you’: being young in Siberia today” at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle/Saale
 - *The Peculiar Significance of the Erdeni-yin tobči for the Mongolian Historiography*; held December 12, 2002 at the Department of Inner Asian Studies of the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
 - *Surharban Depicted: An Analytical Double View*; held June 26, 2002 together with M.-Katharina Lang at the 45th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference (PIAC) in Budapest
 - *About the Conversion to Buddhism of the Eastern Mongols with Special Remarks About this Process Among the Buryats*; held December 4, 2001 at the Department of Inner Asian Studies of the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
 - *Sport in Sibirien (Sports in Siberia)*; held December 17, 1998 at the Institute for Ethnology, Cultural and Social Anthropology of the University of Vienna
 - *Die Wettkämpfe bei den Burjaten - Indigener Sport in Sibirien (The Competitions of the Buryats – Indigenous sports in Siberia)* ; held May 6, 1998 at the Institute for Ethnology, Cultural- and Social Anthropology of the University of Vienna
 - *Национальный праздник «Сурхарбан» у бурят (The Buryats’ National Holiday “Surkharban”)* ; held August 25, 1997 at the international symposium «Бурят-Монголы накануне III тысячелетия (Buryat-Mongols on the Eve of the 3rd Millennium)» in Ulan-Ude.

Field research sojourns:

June – August 2005:

Research sojourn in Mirnyj (Yakutia) invited by the organisation of the Buryat community of the town, research trip to Tuva, studies in the libraries of Ulan-Ude, trip to Kachug district in the Irkutsk region to the northernmost Buryat settlements.

June – August 2004:

Sixth field research sojourn in Buryatia: Invited by the Russian Academy of Sciences studies in libraries, consultations with Buryat and Russian colleagues, observation of the Republic’s main traditional Surkharban holiday, trip to the Aginsk Buryat autonomous district in the Chita region and documentation of Buddhist *Majdar* celebrations, trip to Old Believers’ settlements in Bichura district.

July and August 2003:

Fifth field research sojourn in Buryatia: Studies in libraries, journeys to several districts of Buryatia and the Irkutsk region, observation and documentation of two traditional Surkharban holidays, consultations with sports organisers.

June and July 2001:

Fourth field research sojourn in Buryatia: Studies in libraries and archives, journeys to several districts of Buryatia, observation and documentation of a traditional Surkharban holiday in Edermeg in the Kizhinga district.

January 2001:

Third field research sojourn in Buryatia: Collecting material about the dissertation’s theme, consultations with Russian and Buryat colleagues.

June- August 1997:

Second field research sojourn in Buryatia: Further studies in libraries, journeys, observations and improving of the knowledge of Buryat language.

May - August 1996:

First field research sojourn in Buryatia, invited by the Buryat Academy of Sciences: Trips to several districts of Buryatia, studies in the libraries of Ulan-Ude, observation and documentation of traditional sport holidays (Surkharbans) and other religious and magic rituals; Buryat language studies.

September 1994:

First research trip to the Baikal region: Attendance at a Russian language course in Irkutsk and consultations with Russian colleagues about research possibilities about Buryat history and culture.

Grants:

Summer 2007:

“MOEL”-grant of the Austrian Science Community for a three-month field-research in Buryatia, Mongolia and Tuva for collecting material for comparative studies of the traditional sport competitions in these countries;

2000 – 2006:

Post graduate lecturer grant of the „Österreich-Kooperation (Austria-Cooperation)“ for teaching at the Berzsenyi Dániel Teacher Training College in Szombathely in Hungary;

June - August 1997:

Dr. Franz Josef Mayer-Gunthof – grant for learning rarely studied and difficult languages as additional financial support for the research journey to Buryatia for attending Buryat language lessons;

February - May 1997:

ERASMUS-grant for a three-month research sojourn at the University of Cambridge, invited by Dr. Caroline Humphrey of the Inner Asia Studies Unit of the Department of Social Anthropology;

1995 - 1996:

Full-year grant within the framework of the cultural cooperation agreement between Austria and the Russian Federation for research on the topic of the master thesis at the Saint Petersburg State University;

July and August 1994:

“Sommersprachkursstipendium“ (Grant for attending a language course during the summer vacation) of the Federal Ministry for Higher Education of Austria for the participation in the summer seminar for Russian language at the Lomonosov-University of Moscow;

Related occupations and other activities :

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| Since 2005 | Chairman of the registered society <i>Verein Österreich-Osteuropa – Verein zur Förderung wissenschaftlicher, kultureller und sozialer Kontakte (Austria-Eastern Europe – Society for the promotion of scientific, cultural and social contacts)</i> |
| Since 2001 | Organiser of readings of Austrian writers and poets in Szombathely (20 events yet). |
| Since 2000 | Lecturer of German language and Austrian History and Culture at the Berzsenyi Dániel Teacher Training College in Szombathely. |
| 1999 – 2000 | Work at the Museum for Ethnology in Vienna, concerned with the digital photo storing program of the museum’s collection. |
| Since 1993 | Regular work as studies and training counsellor at the annual study information fare "Best" in Vienna and occasionally for the labour exchange job information centres in Vienna. |
| 1986 – 1995 | Work on various archaeological excavations in Austria and Russia. |
| Since 1985 | Performances as trombone player in various bands, playing gigs in Austria and other European countries, as well as solo concerts and compositions, most of which have been broadcast and published on several records and CDs. |