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Academic Education

Doctor of science at University Zurich (UZH), June 2011. Thesis: Erlebnis Stadtpark: Alltägliche Raumkonstruktionen am Beispiel städtischer Grünräume, supervised by Dr. Elisabeth Bühler and Prof. Dr. Hans Elsasser.

Diploma in geography and social and economic history, 2005 at UZH. Thesis: Impacts of international labour migration on gender relations: A case study of Kalabang, Nepal.

Employment history including current position(s)

Since 03/2016	Kalaidos University of Applied Science, Department of Health Science/ Careum Research: Senior researcher (70%, permanent position) University of Zurich, Geography Department
2011 – 2016	Senior researcher at Economic Geography working group, University of Zurich (UZH) (6 months: 95%; otherwise: 25%)
2005 – 2011	Research assistant at Economic Geography working group, University of Zurich (UZH) (changing volumes: 40-60%)
2002 – 2005	Research assistant at the NCCR North-South, University of Zurich (UZH) (changing volumes: 25-40%)
2000 – 2002	Student assistant at the Office for Gender Equality UZH
1999 – 2006	Emergency response (night shift), Althersheim Oeggisbüel Thalwil

Institutional responsibilities

Lead of project teams in national and international interdisciplinary research projects; conceptual and operational **lead of the internal research colloquium**; mentoring **junior researchers**, provide peer feedback at the institute and in the wider scientific community (e.g. paper reviews for academic journals).

Approved research projects

2018 (6 months)	Global pathways and intimate trajectories to Indian traditional medicine Lead in acquisition and conduct, Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme for the Social Sciences (funded by the SERI), bridging grant, CHF 24,500.
2017 – 2019 (19 months)	Unterstützung für pflegende Angehörige beim Einstieg und in Notfallsituationen (Support of family caregivers at the beginning and in emergency cases), project G04 of the Federal funding programme ‚Support services for family caregivers‘ Substantial contribution in acquisition and lead of sub-team in conduct, with Prof. Dr. André Fringer, Fachhochschule St. Gallen, funded by the FOPH, CHF 230,000.
2016 – 2020 (48 months)	Internationale Bodenseehochschule (IBH) Living Lab ‘Active Assisted Living (AAL)’, sub-project 1 ‘Abbau von Barrieren’, 2 ‘Barrierefreier Tourismus Bodenseeraum’, 3 ‘Home Health Living Lab (HLL)’ and 4 ‚Technik im Quartier‘ Substantial contribution in acquisition and lead of sub-team in conduct, Interreg IV grant, EUR 3,520,454.
2015 – 2018 (30 months)	National and International Medical Mobility, Networks and Markets: The Constitution of Medical Tourism in Delhi, India Co-lead in acquisition and conduct, with Prof. Sunita Reddy, JNU New Delhi, Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme for the Social Sciences (funded by SERI), CHF 32,000.
2013 (6 months)	Gender Equality in Professorial Appointment Procedures, Federal Programme ‘Gender Equality’ Substantial contribution in acquisition and lead of sub-projects in conduction (Lead: Dr. Pam Alean-Kirkpatrick).
2011 – 2013 (26 months)	Nutzungsanalyse Hardaupark (Evaluation of the use of the public park Hardaupark) Lead in acquisition and conduct, on behalf of the municipality of Zurich, CHF 55,224.

Supervision of junior researchers at graduate and postgraduate level

Supervision of 7 master theses between 2008 and 2017 on issues of transnational health care (2017: Alwin Abegg, 2016: Nadja Imhof, 2015: Sarah Hartmann), urban studies (2014: Denis Batinic, 2012: Carole Signer, 2008: Tanja Schmid) and sustainable tourism (2011: Natalie Kramer) at the Geography Department (UZH).

Teaching activities (summary information)

Teaching of bachelor- and master seminars at Geography Department UZH and University of Applied Psychology FHNW in qualitative research methods, feminist theories, transnational healthcare, geographies of difference, labor markets between 2009 and 2016; single lessons on technologies for independent living at Kalaidos University (2016) and co-organization of Summer School ‘Gender & Space’ in 2018.

Memberships in panels, boards and individual scientific reviewing activities

Reviewed a total of 5 papers on issues of mobile patients and biomaterials for the following journals: Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Social Science and Medicine, Global Public Health, Language Policy, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

Guest editor for a special issue on therapeutic mobilities in Mobilities (journal), together with Margaret Walton-Roberts and Audrey Bochaton.

Active memberships in scientific societies, fellowships in renowned academies

'Bios–Technologies–Health', a network of health geographers; various specialty groups of the German Association for Geography (DGfG) and the Association of American Geographers (AAG), e.g. 'Medical and Health Geographies'.

Organisation of conferences

'Circulating patients, circulating biomaterials in the context of commodified health care', International workshop in Zurich, 24.11.2016, together with Sunita Reddy.

Prizes, awards, fellowships

2013 – 2015
(18 months)

SNF Postdoc Mobility Grant, sponsors: Prof. Dr. Lawrence Cohen, Medical Anthropology UCB, Prof. Dr. Sunita Reddy, Center for Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU, New Delhi, project title: *Emotional Geographies of International Medical Travel: Imaginations, Experiences and Performances of Care and Hospitality in the Context of Commercial Healthcare.*

2010
(2 weeks)

University of Zurich short-term international mentoring
Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Gillian Rose, Human Geography, Open University (Milton Keynes, UK)

Career breaks (provide justification)

No breaks, but never worked full time due to child care responsibilities (children are born in 2003 and 2005), see employment history.