



## Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Position

Director of the Institute for Global European Studies, Professor of  
Global European Studies, Universität Basel

June 2023-

### Previous Academic Positions

- Deputy Head of the College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham 2021-2023
- Interim Head of the College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham Jan.-Sept. 2022
- Professor of Modern History, University of Birmingham 2009-present
- Reader in Modern History, University of Birmingham 2007-9
- Senior Lecturer in Modern History, University of Birmingham 2003-7
- Lecturer in Modern History, University of Birmingham 1998-2003
- Lecturer in German History, University of Liverpool 1996-1997

### Education

- University College London, PhD, History 1998
- University of Maryland, MA, History 1994
- Freie Universität Berlin, Postgraduate Scholarship 1993-1994
- Eastern Mennonite College (Virginia), BA, History/Biology (double major) 1991

### Fellowships, Prizes, Awards

- Vincent Wright Chair, Sciences-Po Paris (6-month appointment) 2021
- George Louis Beer Prize (American Historical Association) for  
*Ecology and Power in the Age of Empire* (Oxford, 2017) 2018
- Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship 2018-2021
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship 2018
- Professeur invité, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris-II) 2008-9
- Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin 2002-3, 2006
- J. Walter Thompson Fellowship, Duke University 2002
- Social Science Research Council Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin 1997-8

## **1. RESEARCH**

### **Principal Interests**

- Global and European environmental history
- History of imperialism, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries
- Mass media, politics, popular culture, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries
- 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-century Germany: political/social/cultural history

### **Research Funding**

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| • PI, BA Network Grant, 'Commodities of Empire', 2021-24            | £15,000   |
| • Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship, 2018-2021                   | £179,312  |
| • National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2018            | \$50,400  |
| • British Academy Small Research Grants, 2006, 2010-13              | £6,600    |
| • Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, 2002-3, 2006                   | €42,000   |
| • AHRC Research Leave Grant, 2006                                   | £14,000   |
| • AHRB Grant, 'Comparing the German Unifications', 2000-2002 (co-I) | £155,625  |
| • Nuffield Foundation Research Grant, 2001-2002                     | £5,000    |
| • Nuffield Foundation Research Grant, 2000                          | £4,000    |
| • Social Science Research Council Berlin Fellowship, 1997-1998      | DM 38,000 |
| • German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Grant, 1996      | DM 10,000 |
| • British Overseas Research Student Award, 1995-1998                | £13,500   |

### **PhD/MRes Students**

#### *PhD Supervision*

- Haixing Wang, SUSTech-UoBirmingham collaborative PhD scholarship, 2022-
- Gemma Jennings, AHRC M3C Doctoral Studentship, 2016-present.
- Jenny Price, ESRC Joint Doctoral Studentship (co-supervision with Jan Palmowski, Univ. of Warwick), 2015-20 (successfully completed).
- Tara Windsor, AHRC Doctoral Studentship, 2008-2012 (successfully completed).
- Patrick Longson, AHRC Doctoral Studentship, 2010-14 (successfully completed).

#### *MPhil/MRes Supervision (8 successfully completed)*

- Carola Westermeier, Richard Shakespeare, Martin Theaker, Nick da Costa, Claire Turnbull, Sarah Richards, Dean Luke, David Perks

### **PhD Examination**

#### *External Examiner*

- PhD Monash University (Australia), Joanna Wen Ching Lee, Nov. 2019.
- PhD Carleton University (Canada), Sean Eedy, Sept. 2016.
- PhD Cambridge University, Mark Miller, Sept. 2012.

- PhD European University Institute, Florence, Norman Domeier, Oct. 2009.
- PhD University of York, Felix Schulz, March 2006.
- PhD University of Sussex, Adrian Webb, June 2004.

*Internal Examiner* (University of Birmingham)

- PhD, Richard Fieldhouse (May 2023).
- PhD, Marco Fasiolo (Dec. 2016).
- PhD, Andrew Jones (July 2014).
- PhD, Ree Ann Vaughan (July 2008).
- PhD, Caroline Gay (April 2005).
- PhD, Deborah Wagener (Sept. 2002).
- PhD, Ben Shepherd (Sept. 2000).

**Research Mentoring, Sponsorship (current)**

- Advisory Board: ERC Starting Project '(Post)Colonial Cattle Frontiers: Capitalism, Science and Empire in Southern and Central Africa, 1890s-1970s', 2023-28 (Dr. Samuël Coghe, Univ. Ghent)
- Advisory Board: ERC Starting Project 'Environmental Histories of Resource Extraction in Africa: Understanding Cultural and Political Responses to Environmental Transformation', 2022-27 (Dr. Iva Peša, Univ. of Groningen)
- Advisory Board: AHRC Project 'The New Nuclear Imperialism: Science, Diplomacy and Power in the British Empire', 2021-2023 (Dr Christopher Hill, Univ. of South Wales).
- Advisory Board: AHRC Project 'Blood and Treasure: The Social and Cultural History of Money during the First World War', 2020-23 (Dr Jonathan Boff, Univ. of Birmingham).

**Organization/Co-organization of Conferences, Workshops, Panels**

- Conference: Commodities of Empire International Workshop, York, July 2023.
- Conference: Commodities of Empire International Workshop, Berlin, July 2022.
- Conference Panel: 'Time and Tide: Seasonality and Water History in Global Perspective': European Society for Environmental History, Bristol, July 2022.
- Workshop: 'Extractive Industries and the Environment', Oxford University: Dec. 2019.
- Conference Roundtable: European Society for Environmental History, 'Writing the environmental history of modern Europe', Versailles, July 2017.
- Conference Panel: American Society for Environmental History, 'The Environmental History of International Development', Chicago, Mar. 2017
- Conference Panel: European Society for Environmental History, 'Commodity Frontiers in Global Perspective', Munich, July 2013.
- Conference: 'Heritage and Modernity: Historical Preservation in Global Perspective', Brighton, June 2012, supported by Past & Present Society.
- Conference: German History Society Annual Conference, co-organizer, Manchester, Sept. 2010.
- Workshop: 'Environment and Politics in Europe', Univ. of Birmingham, Nov. 2009
- Workshop: 'Germany in Africa, Africa in Germany', German Historical Institute London, Oct.

2008.

- Conference: 'Pleasure, Power and Everyday Life under National Socialism', German Historical Institute Paris, Sept. 2007.
- Conference: 'The Two German Unifications: A Comparative Analysis', European Research Institute, University of Birmingham, Sept. 2002.

### **Lectures, Conference Papers, Workshops (last ten years)**

- University of Warsaw, Global History Seminar, 'The Plumbing of Empire: Sanitary Systems, Adaptation, and Opposition in Global Perspective', May 2023.
- Technische Universität München, conference on 'Evidence Regimes in Contemporary Knowledge Societies', 'Fishing for Evidence: The Emergence of MSY and the Depletion of Marine Resources', Apr. 2023.
- Keynote Lecture: Conference 'Resources and their Substitutes: Natural Surrogates and Synthetic Competitors in World History', Harvard, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, June 2022.
- Keynote lecture: Workshop 'Deep Roots: Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Past, Present and Future of Commodity Frontiers and the Countryside': 'Time, Space, and Specialization: A Global Perspective on Socio-Ecological Commodity Frontiers', Wageningen University, May 2022.
- Historical Association (Plymouth), 'The Nature of Imperial Trade: Ecology and Exchange in Europe's Empires', Oct. 2021.
- Universität Freiburg, 'A World of Goods: Ecology and Exchange in Europe's Empires', workshop on Empires, Environments, Institutions, Oct. 2021.
- Sciences-Po Paris, Seminar 'La matière du politique': 'Underwater Empire: European Colonialism and the Exploitation of Aquatic Environments', Feb. 2021.
- Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Seminar on World History: 'The Nature of Imperial Trade: Ecology and Exchange in Europe's Empires', Nov. 2020.
- Workshop on 'Extractive Industries and the Environment', Oxford University: 'Mining, Empire and Environment in Southeast Asia', Dec. 2019.
- University of Bristol History Seminar: 'Colonial Power and the Re-making of Aquatic Environments', Nov. 2019.
- IISH, Amsterdam, 'Nature, Labour, and the Making of Ecological Peripheries', Oct. 2019.
- EHESS, Paris, EURHO Conference, 'Ecological Thinking and Agricultural Development in Colonial Africa', Sept. 2019.
- Workshop on 'Knowledge, Materiality, and Environment in Transpacific Histories of Oceanic Transformation', Berlin, April 2019.
- Invited keynote lecture 'The Nature of Trans-imperialism', conference on 'Trans-imperial Cooperation and Transfers in the Age of Colonial Globalization', Universität Erfurt, Mar. 2018.
- 'Ecology and Exchange in Europe's Empires', combined Global History and Economic History Seminars, Cambridge University, Jan. 2018.
- Lecture for a conference on publicity/propaganda in inter-war Europe: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 15-16 Nov. 2017.
- 'Ecology and the Multiple Frontiers of Colonial Africa's Copperbelt', Mining and Environmental Change in African History Workshop, St Antony's College Oxford, Nov. 2017.
- Paper at conference on 'Trans-imperial History in a Global Age', Freie Universität Berlin, 15-16 Sept. 2017.

- Paper at ESEH conference, Zagreb, speaker on a roundtable on 'Writing the environmental history of modern Europe', and commentator for a panel on empire and environmental knowledge, July 2017.
- American Society for Environmental History Conference, Chicago, Mar. 2017: Speaker at roundtable on the environmental history of overseas development
- Workshop on Economic and Environmental History, Kings College Cambridge, Feb. 2017: one of four invited speakers at one-day workshop
- School of Advanced Studies, London, Conference on Commodity Frontiers, 2016: 'The Twin Frontiers of Colonial Africa's Copperbelt'
- ESEH Congress, Versailles, 2015: 'The Great War, Strategic Resources and Environment in Europe's Empires'
- Oxford, Modern History Seminar, 2015: 'Plantation Imperialism, the Smallholder Challenge, and the Transformation of the Twentieth-Century Cocoa Economy'
- Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2014, conference on 'Economic Development and the Anthropocene: Perspectives on Asia and Africa'
- École Normale Supérieure, European Congress on World and Global History, 2014, 'Commodity frontier zones in colonial Southeast Asia, 19th-20th centuries'
- World Congress of Environmental History, Guimaraes, Portugal, 2014, 'Empire of Rubber: Hevea Plantations and Smallholders in Colonial Southeast Asia',
- ESEH Congress, Munich, 2013: 'Peripheral Centre: Minerals and Environmental Imperialism in Colonial Central Africa'

## **2. TEACHING**

### **BA Modules**

- Imperialism and the Global Environment
- International Development in the Twentieth Century
- The Making of the Modern World, 1850-2000
- Eye of the Storm: Europe Between the World Wars
- Queen Europe: The Comparative History of Europe in the Modern Era
- The Challenge of Modernity: Germany 1870-1933
- National Socialism and German Society
- The Politics of 'Mass Culture'
- History of European Integration

### **Masters Modules**

- Prosperity as Global Project: The History of International Development
- Globalization since 1945
- Mass Society and Modernity, 1890-45
- Nation-State and Nationalism in Modern Europe
- Historical Methods

### **3. LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Academic Leadership/Management (University of Birmingham)**

- Interim Head of the College of Arts and Law, Feb.-Sept. 2022.
- Deputy Head of the College of Arts and Law, Sept. 2021-Jan. 2022, Oct. 2022-May 2023.
- Head of the School of History and Cultures, 2012-17.
- Head of the History Department, 2010-2012.
- Deputy Head, School of History and Cultures, 2008-2012.
- Deputy Head, Dept. of Modern History, 2007-2008.
- Director, Centre for Modern and Contemporary History, 2008-10.

#### **Institutional Service (University of Birmingham)**

- University Council, 2016-2020.
- Strategy, Planning and Resources Committee, 2016-2020.
- Nominations Committee, 2012-18.
- University Senate, 2012-17, 2022.
- College of Arts and Law Promotion Committee, 2013-17, 2021-.
- Chair: University Museums, Collections, and Performances Committee, 2022-3.
- College of Social Sciences Promotion Committee, 2017-18.
- Review of College of Arts and Law Professional Services, 2017.
- Review of College of Social Sciences Professional Services, 2016.
- Review of Modern Languages, 2012.
- Chair, Review of African Studies, 2010-11.
- International League Table Working Group, 2016-17.
- Professional Services Transition Group, 2014-15.
- National Student Survey Working Group, 2013-14.
- Director, Centre for Modern and Contemporary History, 2008-10.
- Director, Centre for Modern European History, 2006-8.

#### **International and National Service in the Humanities/History**

- Academy of Finland: Principal Grant Review Panel (History), 2018-present.
- Research Council of Norway: Principal Grant Review Panel (History), 2016-19.
- Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Grant Review, 2018-19.
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant Review, 2022.
- Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Fellowship Review, 2022.
- External consultant for History Department at University of Newcastle, 2017-18.
- External consultant for research impact ('valorisatie') for History faculty, Universiteit Utrecht, 2017.
- Reviewer for senior/professorial promotions at UK universities: Oxford University, Cambridge University, Loughborough University, Aston University, Liverpool University.

- Tenure/professorship reviewer for US and Canadian universities: University of Arizona, CUNY, Virginia Tech, Waterloo.
- Arts and Humanities Research Council, Peer Review College, 2012-16 (Gold Award 2015).
- Research scholarship reviewer: Research Foundation Flanders, Wageningen School of Social Sciences.
- Editorial Board, *History, Culture, Modernity*, 2012-present.
- Referee/reviewer, CENDARI project, (FU-Berlin, TC Dublin), 2012-present.
- Conseil scientifique: 'La Grande Guerre des magazines illustrés': international conference organized by OPIIM, LabSIC, MSH-Paris Nord, Université de Paris-XIII, 2012.
- Grant Reviewer for AHRC, ESRC, British Academy, Leverhulme Trust.

I have frequently reviewed manuscripts for various publishers and journals: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Palgrave, Longman, Manchester University Press, Berghahn, Ohio University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Global History*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Contemporary European History*, *History of Technology*, *German History*, *Past & Present Supplement*, *Environmental History*.

### **Membership of Professional Associations, Centres**

- American Historical Association, 2017-.
- European Society for Environmental History, 2010-.
- American Society for Environmental History, 2016-.
- German History Society, Executive Committee, 2007-2011.
- Centre for Modern and Contemporary History, 2008- (Director 2008-10).
- Birmingham Seminar for Environmental Humanities, 2015-.

### **Languages**

- English
- German
- French
- Dutch (reading)