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Curriculum Vitae

Seminar für Alte Geschichte, R. 1290
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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2018–pres. Assistant Professor | Akademische Rätin a. Z.
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany
Seminar für Alte Geschichte

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. Ancient History
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany
Supervisors: Josef Wiesehöfer (Kiel), Miguel John Versluys (Leiden)
Date of defence: 27.11.2018
Summa cum laude

2014 M.A. (Research) Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies
Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Cum laude

2012 B.A. Language and Cultural Studies
Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming (in press). “Bactria in Early Hellenistic Times and the Question of ‘Alexandrian Legacy’.” In *The Ancient Near Eastern Legacy and Alexander vs. Alexander’s Legacy to the World. Proceedings of the 13th Melammu Symposium, Wrocław, 13–16 May 2019*, edited by K. Nawotka and A. Wojciechowska. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.

Forthcoming (in press). “Western, Eastern, Both, or Neither? A Community of Practice Perspective on Religious Syncretism in Hellenistic Bactria.” In *Ritual Matters: Archaeology and Religion in Hellenistic Central Asia. Proceedings of The Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network, Berlin 2–4 November 2017*, edited by G. Lindström. Prague: Studia Hercynia.

2022. *Eurasian Localisms. Towards a Translocal Approach to Hellenism and Inbetweenness in Central Eurasia, Third to First Centuries BCE*. Oriens et Occidens 41. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.

2022 (with J. Wiesehöfer). “An Empire of Graeco-Bactrians and Indo-Greeks?” In *Empires to Be Remembered*, edited by M. Gehler and R. Rollinger, 273–297. Universal- und Kulturhistorische Studien. Studies in Universal and Cultural History. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

2021. "Globalization Beyond the Silk Road: Writing Global History of Ancient Economies." In *Handbook of Ancient Afro-Eurasian Economies. Vol. 2: Local, Regional, and Imperial Economies*, edited by S. von Reden, 7–28. Berlin: De Gruyter.
2021. "[Review of] PAYNE, R.E. and R. KING (eds.) — The Limits of Empire in Ancient Afghanistan. Rule and Resistance in the Hindu Kush, circa 600 BCE-600 CE. (Classica et Orientalia 24). Verlag Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, 2020. (24,5 cm, XXI, 271). ISBN 978-3-447-11453-0. ISSN2190-3638. € 68,-." *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 78 (5-6): 711–716.
2020. "Globalization and Interpreting Visual Culture." In *The Graeco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek Worlds*, edited by R. Mairs, 553–569. London/New York: Routledge.
2018. "Ai Khanum in the Face of Eurasian Globalisation: A Translocal Approach to a Contested Site in Hellenistic Bactria." *Ancient West & East* 17: 161–186.
2015. "Maanvrouwe Aan de Oxus: Baktrisch Ai Khanum als Casus voor Globalisering in de Oudheid [Lady Moon on the Oxus. Bactrian Ai Khanum as a Case for Ancient Globalization]." *Tijdschrift voor Mediterrane Archeologie* 54: 34–40.

In preparation:

- Forthcoming. "Connections to the East: Central and West Asia." In *The Routledge Handbook of the Archaeology of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, edited by C.E. Barrett. London/New York: Routledge.
- Forthcoming. "A Global Revolution in Central Asia? Material Claims to Eurasian Localism in the Second Century BCE." In *A Global Revolution? Objects and Change in Afro-Eurasia in the Final Centuries BCE*, edited by M.J. Versluys. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Forthcoming. "Globalization, Inbetweenness, and the Study of Frontier Zones in Ancient Afro-Eurasia: A Postcolonial Endeavour." In *Handbook of Ancient Afro-Eurasian Economies. Vol. 3*, edited by S. von Reden. Berlin: De Gruyter
- Forthcoming. "The Power to Impress or Impressing to Power? Kingship Representation in Warring Bactria." In *Gleich, nur anders? Monarchische Repräsentation im Hellenismus zwischen Angleichung und Abgrenzung. The Same but Different? Monarchical Representation in the Hellenistic World between Assimilation and Differentiation*, edited by C. Michels, A. Lichtenberger, and H. Beck.

ACADEMIC HONOURS

- 2019 (with L. Morris). DFG Research Funding for an International Scientific Event. Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Bonn. Allowance granted for the conference Entangled Pasts and Presents: Temporal Interactions and Knowledge Production in the Study of Hellenistic Central Asia, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, 24–26 March 2022 (planned for 2020, postponed to 2022).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2021–pres. Nederlands Archeologisch Historisch Genootschap [Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society] (NAHG)
- 2019–pres. Committee Member, Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network (HCARN)

INVITED TALKS

2019. "Rethinking Central Asian Hellenism". Seminar Diversities of doing Greek. Leiden Universiteit, the Netherlands, 28 February 2019.

- 2017. "What is Greek in Central Eurasia?". Seminar Hellenism in Eurasia. Leiden Universiteit, the Netherlands, 16 February 2017.
- 2016. "Lady Moon on the Oxus. Hellenism, Bactrianism, or Otherwise? A Globalization Approach to a Contested Site in Central Asia". The Utrecht Seminar in Ancient History and Classical Civilization. Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands, 24 February 2016.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2022. "Baktrien im postkolonialen Diskurs." Jahrestagung des Deutschen Archäologen-Verbandes e.V. Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 17–19 June.
- 2022. "Places and Placedness of Others: Colonial Geographies of the North and the East." Postcolonial Perspectives on Global Antiquities. Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany, 19–20 May.
- 2022. "The Entanglements of Inbetweenness: Connecting Legacies and Methods of Meaning in the Study of Hellenistic Central Asia." Entangled Pasts and Presents: Temporal Interactions and Knowledge Production in the Study of Hellenistic Central Asia. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, 24–26 March.
- 2022. "A Hellenistic Revolution in Central Asia? Material Claims to Eurasian Localism in the Second Century BCE." A Hellenistic Revolution? Objects and Change in Afro-Eurasia from the 3rd to 1st centuries BCE. Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut Rome (KNIR), Italy, 17–18 March.
- 2022. "Power to impress or impressing to power? Clues to kingship representation in warring Bactria." Gleich, nur anders? Monarchische Repräsentation im Hellenismus zwischen Angleichung und Abgrenzung. The Same, but Different? Monarchical Representation in the Hellenistic World Between Assimilation and Differentiation. Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany, 9–11 March.
- 2019. "Bactria in Early Hellenistic Times and the Question of 'Alexandrian Legacy'." 13th Melammu Symposium: The Ancient Near Eastern Legacy and Alexander vs. Alexander's Legacy to the World. University of Wrocław, Poland, 13–16 May.
- 2018 (with A. Ribeiro). "Is It Greek? Reconsidering Social Space in Ai Khanum". Central European Theoretical Archaeology Group: The Production of Space. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, 8–9 October.
- 2017. "Western, Eastern, Both, or Neither? A Community of Practice Perspective on Religious Syncretism in Hellenistic Bactria". 2nd Hellenistic Central Asia Research Colloquium: Ritual Matters – Archaeology and Religion in Hellenistic Central Asia, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin, Germany, 2–4 November.
- 2017. "Sum or Synergy? Promises and Pitfalls of Communities of Practice in Relation to Hellenism". Communities of Practice, Communities of Style: Towards Praxis. Leiden Universiteit, The Netherlands, 7 February.
- 2016. "Translocal Locals in Hellenistic Eurasia: Thoughts on Hellenism and Identification in Ai Khanum and Babylon". Inaugural Meeting of the Central Asian Seminar Group: The Archaeology and Heritage of Central Asia. University College, London, UK, 10 December.
- 2016. "De- and Reculturalizing Culture? Thoughts on Hybridization Forms in Architecture in South Central Asia". 8th World Archaeological Congress. Doshisha University Kyoto, Japan, 28 Augustus – 2 September.
- 2016. "Think Global Act Local? Cultural Strategies in Hellenistic Central Asia". Inaugural Colloquium of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network: Hellenistic Central Asia: Current Research, New Directions. University of Reading, UK, 15–17 April.

- 2016. "Hellenism in the Face of Eurasian Globalization: A Question of Means and Ends". CRASIS Master Class Hellenism: Interaction, Translation and Culture Transfer. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands, 11 February.
- 2016. "Lady Moon on the Oxus. Hellenism, Bactrianism, or Otherwise? A Globalization Approach to a Contested Site in Ancient Central Asia". TMA Symposium Interconnectivity: People and Ideas. Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands, 28–29 January.
- 2015. "The Eurasian Locality: Bactria, Ai Khanum, and the Creation of Glocal Meaning". Walter de Gruyter Seminar: Local Responses to Global Change in the Ancient World. Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 3–5 October.
- 2015. "Cultural Codes and Regional Display. Theoretical Considerations on Cross-cultural Interactions in Ancient Bactria (1st cent. BCE – 1 cent. CE)". East and West: Comparing Methodological Approaches. Università di Padova and Università degli studi di Verona, Italy, 16–17 March.

CONFERENCE AND LECTURE SERIES ORGANIZATION

- 2022 (with L. Morris). Entangled Pasts and Presents: Temporal Interactions and Knowledge Production in the Study of Hellenistic Central Asia. Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, 24–26 March.
- 2021–2022 (with L. Morris, R. Mairs, G. Lindström, and L. Stančo). Ancient Central Asia and Beyond. Online Lecture Series. Zoom, 20 January 2021–23 February.
- 2017 (with L.E. Yang, J. Wiesehöfer, and H.-R. Bork) International Workshop. The Rise and Fall: Environmental Factors in the Socio-Cultural Changes of the Ancient Silk Road Area. Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel/Graduate School Human Development in Landscapes, Kiel, 28–29 September.

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2019. "Cultural Inbetweenness Across Central Eurasia: Paradoxes of Hellenism and the Search for a New Approach." Freiburg Ancient Central Asia Seminar (FrACAS), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, 9 December.

TEACHING

2018–pres.: 9 Proseminare, 4 Übungen (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)

Proseminare:

Distant Worlds and Stranger Things: Geographical Imaginations in the Ancient World/*Ferne Orte und fremde Dingen: Geographische Vorstellungen in der Antike* (WS22/23, bilingual)
 Between Hellas and Asia: History and Archaeology of Central Asia/*Zwischen Hellas und Asien: Geschichte und Archäologie Zentralasiens* (SS22, bilingual)
 Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (WS21/22)
 Ancient Persia: Empires of Iran Throughout Antiquity (SS21, online)
 Blurred Lines: Boundaries and Transgression in the Ancient World (WS20/21, online)
 Ancient Beings: Ethnicity, Diversity, and Identity in the Ancient Greek World (SS20, online)
 Of Scythians and Amazons: Eurasian Nomads Between Myth and Reality (WS19/20)
 Alexander the Great: From Great Man History to Narrative Traditions (SS19)
 Greeks in Asia: Approaching the History and Archaeology of Hellenistic Central Asia (WS18/19).

Übungen:
 Globalizing Classics (SS22)
 Classics and Orientalism (SS21, online)
 Geek(ish): Hellenism and the Hellenization Debate (SS20, online)
 Betwixt and Between: Inbetweenness and Centrality in Antiquity and Beyond (SS19).

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2022 External Reviewer and Member of the Opposition Committee.
 PhD Candidate: L. Kruijer, *The assembled palace of Samosata. Object Vibrancy in 1st Century BCE Commagene*, Leiden Universiteit, Faculty of Archaeology. Date of defence: 24 May.
 2021–pres. Editor of *TALANTA: Peer-reviewed Journal for the Study of Antiquity* (with D. Burgersdijk and P. Houten).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Freiburg Seminar für Alte Geschichte
 2020–pres. Coordination Wissenschaftliche Hilfskräfte (student assistants)
 2019–pres. Coordination Ancient History Colloquium
 2019–pres. Library Liaison Officer
 2019–pres. Coordination PONS Exchange Programme of German Universities
 2018–pres. Financial Administration for the ERC Project “BaSaR – Beyond the Silk Road: Economic Development, Frontier Zones and Inter-Imperiality in the Afro-Eurasian World Region, 300 BCE to 300 CE”
 2018–2019 Coordination Erasmus+
 Kiel Graduate School ‘Human Development in Landscapes’
 2016–2017 Bi-weekly Colloquium Panel Member
 2016 Grant Proposal Board Member
 2015–2016 Organizer and Facilitator of the Theory Discussion Group

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2021 Podcast Interview “Ai Khanum: A Greek City in Afghanistan?” Podcast The Ancients, hosted by T. Hughes, 14 October.
 2021 Public Lecture during the Week of the Classics in the Netherlands: “Meer dan Hellenisme in het Oosten. Transcultureel Bactrië in Postkoloniaal Perspectief” [More than Hellenism in the East: Transcultural Bactria in a postcolonial perspective], hosted by the Rijksmuseum voor Oudheden, Leiden, the Netherlands, 9 April.

OTHER

2016 Archaeological Field Work, Torbulok, Tajikistan. Participation in the DAI Project ‘Torbulok, a newly discovered sanctuary in the Hellenistic East’, directed by G. Lindström. September–October.
 2014 Intern Assistant Curator, Airborne Museum Hartenstein, Oosterbeek, the Netherlands. April–October.
 2011–2012 Intern Assistant Editor, Brill Publishing, Leiden, the Netherlands. September–February.