Jun.-Prof. Dr. Maria Sulimma | Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Since Oct. 2022	Jun.-Prof. of North American Literature and Cultural Studies Department of English, University of Freiburg
Dec. 2018-Sept. 2022	Postdoctoral Researcher in Research Group “Scripts for Postindustrial Urban Futures: American Models, Transatlantic Interventions” (Volkswagen Foundation), University of Duisburg-Essen
April-Sept. 2018	Lecturer at Department of Culture, John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
Oct. 2016-March 2017	Faculty Member, Department of Culture, John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
Oct. 2013-Sept. 2016	Research Coordinator of the Research Unit “Popular Seriality: Aesthetics and Practice” (DFG- German Research Foundation), Freie Universität Berlin
April 2012-Sept. 2013	Lecturer in American Studies Program at the English Department, University of Göttingen

EDUCATION

July 2018 (Defense: Nov. 28, 2018)	Dissertation at John F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin Thesis: “Serial Gender, Gendered Serialities: Practices of US-American Television Narratives in the 21st Century” Advisors: Prof. Dr. Frank Kelleter (FU Berlin), Prof. Dr. Katja Kanzler (Leipzig), Grade: Summa Cum Laude
April 2012	Magistra Artium in Political Science and English Philology at Georg-August-University Göttingen Thesis: „Die anderen Ministerpräsidenten: Auswirkungen von Geschlecht in der Berufspolitik durch printmediale Berichterstattung“ Advisors: Prof. Dr. Andrea Bührmann (Göttingen), Dr. Holger Zapf (Göttingen), Grade: 1,0
2005-2012	Undergraduate and Graduate Studies at Georg-August-University Göttingen and Marmara Üniversitesi, Istanbul (Turkey)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

April 2024	Margarete von Wrangell Junior Professor Programme
October 2023-July 2024	Fellowship at the FRIAS Institute for Advanced Studies, Freiburg

June 2022	Fulbright American Studies Award 2022 (in recognition for outstanding research in the field of American Studies)
July 2019	Rolf Kentner-Dissertation Prize for Best American Studies Dissertation in 2019
Sept. 2018	Fulbright American Studies Institute: “Love and Rage: The 1960s and Contemporary U.S. Culture and Politics,” San Francisco State University (USA)
April 2017-March 2018	Elsa Neumann-Dissertation Scholarship of the State of Berlin

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

Since summer 2023	Co-organizer with Eva von Contzen of Litcult Colloquium
June 2025	Co-organized with Kathleen Loock: Graduate Student Conference “Feminism and Popular Culture: Narratives, Practices, Politics”
Feb. 2025	Co-organized with Eva von Contzen and Anne Rüggemeier: DFG-Rundgespräch „The Future of the English Major: Anglistik und Amerikanistik in Deutschland: Eine kritische Bestandsaufnahme“
June 2024	Organizer of International Conference “Gentrification Imaginaries: Stories of Urban Transformations and Displacement,” University of Freiburg/FRIAS
April 2024	Co-organized with Christian Mair: Symposium “Latinx Visual Cultures and Postindustrial Cities,” University of Freiburg/FRIAS
Nov. 2023	Co-organized with Eva von Contzen and Fachschaft Englisches Seminar: Theme Week “Queer Perseverance?: Exploring the Kaleidoscope of LGBTQIA+ Representation and Expression” (University of Freiburg)
Aug. 2023	Co-organized with Lena Mattheis: Int. Conference “Queer (Second) Cities” (University of Freiburg and the University of Surrey / Online)
Sept. 2023	Co-organized with Lena Mattheis: Int. Symposium of the Association of Literary Urban Studies (ALUS): “Early Career Paths: Interdisciplinary and International Perspectives” (Online)
June 2023	Organizer of Workshop “Videographic Criticism,” University of Freiburg
Sept. 2021	Co-Organization of conference “Transatlantic Rust Belts - Scripting Urban Future(s)” of University Alliance Ruhr, Wayne State University, and University of California, Santa Barbara in Detroit
March 2021	Co-Organization of the Spring Academy RUDESA 2021: Grounding American Studies of the University Duisburg-Essen and Radboud University Nijmegen (with Prof. Dr. Frank Mehring and Prof. Dr. Barbara Buchenau)
Nov. 2020	Co-Organization of the interdisciplinary Symposium “Scripts, Scapes und Situierte Normativität“ of the research groups “City Scripts” and “New Travel-New Media“ of the University of Freiburg (with Dr. Anna Sennefelder)
July 2018	Co-organization of Student Symposium “Postfeminism(s) in Popular Culture” with Dr. Kathleen Loock, Berlin

June 2016	Co-organization of international conference “Seriality, Seriality, Seriality: The Many Lives of a Field that isn't One” with Prof. Dr. Frank Kelleter, Berlin

ACADEMIC SERVICE

since Sept. 2023	Elected member of the faculty council, philological faculty, University of Freiburg
since Sept. 2023	Member of the Editorial Board of the *Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik* / A Quarterly of Language, Literature and Culture
since Sept. 2023	Book Review Editor of the *Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik* / A Quarterly of Language, Literature and Culture
since Oct. 2022	Board member of the Association of Literary Urban Studies / ALUS

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- Research Unit “Popular Seriality - Aesthetics and Practice”
- Research Group “City Scripts / Scripts for Postindustrial Urban Futures: American Models, Transatlantic Interventions”

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Literary Urban Studies (ALUS)
- Environmental Humanities Freiburg
- Fachgesellschaft Geschlechter Studien (FG Gender)
- Network Fringe Urban Narratives: Peripheries, Identities, Intersections (FRINGE)
- German Association for American Studies (DGfA)
- Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS)
- The International Society for the Study of Narrative (ISSN)

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