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Professional experience

- 9/2024 – present: **Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer**, *University of Freiburg*
Research associate (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) in the Department of Chinese Studies
- 5/2024: **Visiting scholar**, *Columbia University New York*
Project title: “‘A world ruled by law’: Chinese internationalism and the predicament of semicolonial sovereignty, 1917-1931”; Host: Prof. Madeleine Zelin
- 1/2024 – 3/2024: **Postdoctoral research fellow**, *University of Tokyo*
Project title: “After internationalism: China, Japan, and the crisis of the interwar peace order, 1931-1937”; Host: Prof. Kawashima Shin
- 5/2023 – 7/2023: **Research fellow**, *University of Göttingen*
Project title: “Custodians of civilization: Overseas students, foreign advisors, and the rise of modern Asian statehood, 1882-1928”; Host: Prof. Dominic Sachsenmaier
- 4/2019 – 3/2022: **Research fellow**, *University of Cologne*
Employed in the doctoral program a.r.t.e.s. EUmanities, funded as part of the European Union’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- 10/2019 – 3/2021: **Research assistant** (honorary), *Chinese University of Hong Kong*
- 8/2018 – 3/2019: **Research assistant**, *University of Cologne*
Grant title: “Chinese fundamental rights jurisprudence: constitutional development under one-party rule”; Principal Investigator: Prof. Björn Ahl
- 5/2018 – 8/2018: **Freelance translator**, *University of Freiburg*
Translation of eight Chinese articles for Daniel Leese et al. (eds), *Das Strafrechtssystem der Volksrepublik China, Nomos*, 2019.
- 8/2017 – 10/2017: **Internship**, *German Federal Foreign Office*, DG for Culture and Communication
- 1/2016 – 12/2016: **Student assistant**, *University of Cologne*, Chair of Chinese Legal Culture
- 1/2014 – 8/2014: **Student assistant**, *University of Cologne*, Institute of East Asian Studies

Education and academic degrees

- 10/2018 – 7/2024: **Ph.D. in Chinese Studies**, *University of Cologne*
Title of dissertation: “Liberal civilization and imperial rivalry: The discipline of international law in modern China, 1900-1960”; Academic advisors: Björn Ahl, Felix Wemheuer, Samuli Seppänen (CUHK); grade: *summa cum laude*
- 10/2016 – 7/2018: **M.A. Chinese Studies / Law**, *University of Cologne*
- 2/2018 – 6/2018: **Visiting student** (law), *China University of Political Science and Law*, Beijing
- 10/2012 – 9/2016: **B.A. Chinese Studies / Law**, *University of Cologne*
- 9/2014 – 6/2015: **Visiting student** (Chinese language), *University of Nanjing*

Research interests

- Constitutionalism and the party-state in modern and contemporary China
- Chinese foreign relations since the late-nineteenth century
- History of international law and diplomacy in East Asia
- Comparative imperialism
- Chinese intellectuals and political ideology

Peer reviewed articles

- “The Dilemmas of Self-Assertion: Chinese Political Constitutionalism in a Globalized World,” in: *Modern China*, Vol. 48, Issue 3, 2022, pp. 498-534.
- “Carl Schmitt and the evolution of Chinese constitutional theory: Conceptual transfer and the unexpected paths of legal globalisation,” in: *Global Constitutionalism*, Vol. 9, Issue 1, 2020, pp. 117-154.
- “Die chinesische Völkerrechtslehre und ihr postkoloniales Erbe: 1979-1993” [The Chinese International Legal Discipline and its Postcolonial Legacy: 1979-1993], in: *Zeitschrift für chinesisches Recht*, No. 3, 2018, pp. 179-221.

Review essays

- “Conceptual realism and imperial nostalgia in Chinese legal historiography,” in: *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, Vol.19, Issue 1, 2021, pp.328-342.

Other publications

- “Von Carl Schmitt über Dugin bis Trump: Die neue Rechte in China” [From Carl Schmitt to Dugin and Trump: The New Right in China], in: *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, 10/2024, pp. 101-110.
- “The Counter-Enlightenment Strikes Back: Constitutional Anti-Globalism and the Lexicon of Particularity in China,” in: *Verfassungsblog*, 29 July 2020.
- “Carl Schmitt, Chinese Neo-Conservatism, and the Dark Sides of Constitutional Borrowing”, in: *European Chinese Law Research Hub*, 25 May 2020.

Selected conference papers and lectures

- “China in the international legal order: From the Treaty of Nanjing to the War in Ukraine,” course taught as part of a summer school on Global China, Durham Law School, 14 July 2024.
- “Kollektive Sicherheit und friedlicher Wandel: Der chinesisch-japanische Konflikt (1931-1945) und seine Implikationen für das heutige Völkerrecht” [Collective security and peaceful change: The Sino-Japanese conflict (1931-1945) and its implications for contemporary international law], lecture at the University of Halle, 24 April 2024.
- “Zwischen Regionalismus und Imperialismus: Zur Rezeptionsgeschichte der Monroe-Doktrin im modernen Ostasien” [Between regionalism and imperialism: On the reception of the Monroe Doctrine in modern East Asia], lecture at the Confucius Institute Leipzig, 23 April 2024.
- “A constitution for humankind? Chinese internationalism and the League of Nations, 1917-1931,” European China Law Studies Association annual conference, 20 to 22 September 2023, Helsinki.
- “From Geneva with expertise: The League of Nations’ Programme of Cooperation with Republican China (1928-

1934),” 13 July 2023, Göttingen.

- “Embracing Eurasia? Geopolitical debates in contemporary Chinese neoconservatism,” workshop “10 years BRI—Learning Processes, Policy Adaptations and Managing Complexity,” 7 July 2023, Bonn.
- “Imperial competition, colonial knowledge networks, and the quest for ‘universal legal history’: Josef Kohler and his Asian students,” workshop “Actors, Lives and Networks – Biographies in the Global Circulation of Knowledge,” 19 April 2023, QMU London.
- “*Gentle civilizers?* Aufstieg und Fall der chinesischen Völkerrechtswissenschaft, 1900-1960” [Gentle civilizers? The rise and fall of the Chinese discipline of international law, 1900-1960], 22 March 2023, lecture at the HSU Hamburg.
- “After (in)equality: Liberal conditionality, informal empire, and the debate about China’s ‘new treaties,’ 1915-1946,” symposium “Legal orders under pressure: Non-Western experiences of legal transformations in the 19th and early 20th centuries,” Max-Planck-Institute for Legal History and Theory, 7 to 9 December 2022, Frankfurt a.M./Vienna.
- “State, market, and legal form: The rise of Chinese ordo-legalism,” European China Law Studies Association annual conference, 21 to 23 September 2022, Copenhagen.
- “Mapping the field of global legal history in contemporary China: Conceptual binaries and ideological controversies,” workshop “Chinese Positions on Constitutional and International Legal History,” 23 June 2022, FAU Erlangen.
- “Lawyering for a half-sovereign state: A sociology of international legal knowledge in republican China,” European China Law Studies Association annual conference, 24 to 26 September 2021, Warsaw.
- “When National Revanchism meets Disciplinary Self-Doubt: China’s Rise and the Politics of Global Legal History,” symposium “China and Global History,” 1 to 3 September 2021, Vienna.
- “The Lexicon of Particularity in Contemporary China – From Global Constitutionalism to Constitutional Anti-Globalism...and Back?,” webinar organized by “Global Constitutionalism” (Cambridge University Press), 5 June 2020.
- “Chinese Political Constitutionalism and the Antinomies of Legal Globalisation,” European China Law Studies Association annual conference, 26 to 28 July 2019, Durham (UK).

Scholarships and fellowships

- Postdoctoral research fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (1/2024 – 3/2024)
- Research fellowship, Joint Center for Advanced Studies “Worldmaking from a Global Perspective: A Dialogue with China” (5/2023 – 7/2023)
- Marie Curie global research fellowship of the European Union (4/2019 – 3/2022)
- Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung) (11/2015 – 7/2018)
- Scholarships of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and China Scholarship Council (9/2014 – 7/2015)

Languages

English (fluent), German (native), Mandarin Chinese (fluent), French (intermediate reading), Classical Chinese (intermediate reading), Japanese (beginner knowledge)