

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Biographic

Birthdate: 15 October 1954

Birthplace: Zurich, Switzerland

Citizenship: Switzerland

Studies, Education

- Studies in Social Anthropology, Psychology and Agrarian Law at the Universities of CH-Zurich, BU-Burundi and NL-Wageningen
- Education in Psychoanalysis (Psychoanalytical Seminary, Zurich)
- Training as Human Rights Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

University degrees

M.A. 1985 in Social Anthropology (CH-University of Zurich),

PhD ("with distinction"), 1996, in Agrarian Law (NL-University of Wageningen)

Current occupations

- Head of the "Office for Conflict Research in Developing Countries", independent consulting firm (founded in 1996; since 2006, affiliated with the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (D-Halle, Project Group Legal Pluralism))
- Since 06. 2006 : Executive Secretary of the Commission on Legal Pluralism*
- Since 03. 2007 : President of the Commission "Interface" (Swiss Society of Social Anthropology)

Former occupations

- Lecturer in legal anthropology, University of Vienna (2006-2007)
- Guest at the "Project Group Legal Pluralism" of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, D-Halle (2001-2002; 2004; 2006)
- Member of the Working Group on Informal Justice, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts (2004)
- Lecturer in intercultural conflict research (University of Cultural Sciences, A-Klagenfurt), 2000-2001
- Project Leader at the consulting firm Publicom AG (Zurich-Kilchberg), 1992-1997
- Lecturer in Ethnopschoanalysis (Psychoanalytical Seminary of Zurich) 1995-1996
- Visiting Research Associate at the "Centre Universitaire des Recherches pour le Développement Économique et Sociale" (CURDES), University of Burundi, 1987-1989
- Lecturer in legal anthropology (University of Zurich), 1986-1991
- Head of a youth center in the greater Zurich area (1986-1991) and teacher at various primary and secondary schools (1976-1980)

* The Commission on Legal Pluralism is established by the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), affiliated with the International Union of Legal Sciences (IULS) and part of ECOSOC; see also www.commission-on-legal-pluralism.ch/constitution

Grants

- 1978 Volkart Stiftung, Winterthur; Department of Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid (DEH), CH-Bern (research)
- 1988 Swiss Science Foundation, CH-Bern (research)
- 1997 Swiss Science Foundation, CH-Bern (publication)
- 2000 Swiss Academy on Human and Social Sciences, CH-Bern (individual participation at a congress)
- 2001 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, D-Halle (scholarship)
- 2002 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, D-Halle (scholarship)
- 2004 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, D-Halle (scholarship)
- 2006 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (congress)
- 2006 Swiss Academy on Human and Social Sciences, CH-Bern (individual participation at a congress)
- 2009 Swiss Science Foundation (congress organisation)

Memberships

- Since 11. 1999 : Member of the Swiss Corps for Humanitarian Aid (SKH), CH-Bern
- Since 01. 1998 : Member of the Commission on Legal Pluralism
- Since 11. 1994 : Member of the Working group of European Legal Anthropologists (D-Siegen)

Regional interests and specializations

Central East Africa (Burundi, Rwanda, Eastern DR Congo) and West Africa (Ghana and Sénégal)

Thematic interests:

Legal Anthropology (legal pluralism, conflicts at the interface between state law and customary law, processes of codification, strategies of dispute settlement, mobile law)

Political Anthropology (processes of state- and nation-building, globalization)

International Development Cooperation (strategies of conflict management and crisis prevention – conceptualization, implementation and evaluation of projects of social and legal politics, especially projects and programmes on human rights and justice, good governance and intercultural communication)

Ethnopschoanalysis (cultural patterns of identities; intercultural communication; social processes of conflict denial)

Current consultancies and researches

Zurich, 2009: Jointly with the Ethnological Seminary of the University of Zurich (chair Prof. Dr. S. Randeria) to organise an international conference on Legal Pluralist Perspectives on Development and Cultural Diversity in Zurich, Switzerland (August 31st – September 3rd, 2009); jointly with the Institute for Social Anthropology of Neuchâtel (Prof. Dr. E. Hertz) to organise an international introductory course on legal pluralism (August 26 – 29, 2009)

Switzerland, 2008 -: To advise the executive board of HEKS on the implementation of its country programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America from a legal anthropological perspective

Former consultancies and field researches

China, 2008: As executive secretary of the Commission on Legal Pluralism to organise a course and an international conference on Legal Pluralism in Kunming, China (due to some political instabilities with Tibet, the conference had to be cancelled in May 2008)

Rwanda, 2007: Consultancy. Evaluation of the Justice & Democracy programme as well as the development of new programme proposals for the period 2007-2009, commissioned by the NGO Réseau des Citoyens/Citizens Network (RCN), Brussels

Indonesia, 2006: To advise lawyers and legal scientists on legal methods of conflict research and disaster management (Course 6 of the VIIth International Course on Legal Pluralism in Jakarta/Indonesia), commissioned by the Commission on folk Law and Legal Pluralism

Burundi, 2005: Consultancy. Evaluation of the Justice & Democracy programme as well as the development of new programme proposals for the period 2005-2008, commissioned by the NGO Réseau des Citoyens/Citizens Network (RCN), Brussels

Malawi 2004-2005: Consultancy. To conduct field visits to all 4 pilot districts of the primary justice pilot project. To assess the understanding of the primary justice concepts and philosophies and to improve the linkages to the formal judicial system. Provide technical assistance and advise the management agency. To organize a workshop session on "International Perspectives to Primary Justice". All commissioned by the GTZ-Forum for Dialogue and Peace, Lilongwe.

USA, 2004: To advise the Working Group Informal Justice of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy on problems of legal pluralism in Sub-Saharan Africa (Medford, Massachusetts)

Burundi, 2004: Consultancy. Fostering the Rule of Law: Understanding the Role of Informal Justice Systems. To prepare an in-depth study for the "centre for humanitarian dialogue", Geneva, Switzerland, in collaboration with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the United States Institute for Peace.

Burundi 2003: Consultancy. Conflict transformation and peace-building in Burundi. An explorative mission on strategies of the rural peace process, coordinated by International Alert and commissioned by Misereor.

GTZ Head-Quarter, Germany 1996-2003: Consultancy. Collaborate in a GTZ-research team of the Department 402, later 42, concerned with strategic proposals for the programming of Good Governance issues (world-wide); particular focus on problems of legal pluralism and on forms of cultural disintegration of GG-programs; support the development of a Governance Questionnaire including cultural appropriate GG-indicators; develop a teaching aid concerned with the problem of the cultural disintegration of the modern bureaucratic nation-states in former colonies and to train GTZ-project leaders and GTZ-country directors of Latin America (2001) and Africa (2003), all commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ)

Rwanda 2002: Consultancy. To develop program proposals for the promotion of Human Rights and Justice (2002-2004), commissioned by the Swiss Agency for Development Co-operation (SDC).

Ethiopia 2002: Consultancy. To organize a training workshop concerning cultural conflicts at the state/society interface for governmental staff (Parliament, Ministries) of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, commissioned by the federal governance development project of the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

East-Congo (DR) 2001: Consultancy. To conceptualize, plan and direct the first implementation steps for a project on crisis prevention, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ), the catholic Misereor and the Evangelical Development Service (basket funding).

Ethiopia 2001: Consultancy. Development of a new thematic field with the working title "Elders / Advisory Elders" for and commissioned by the federal governance development project of the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Ghana, 2001: Consultancy. To evaluate the first steps and implement a final management structure for the project “promotion of women in pluralistic legal systems”, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Ghana, 2000: Consultancy. Development of a project design and preliminary steps for the implementation of a management structure for the project “promotion of women in pluralistic legal systems”, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

GTZ Headquarters, Germany 2000: Consultancy. Development of a new profile for Department 42 (reform of the state, economy and society): crisis prevention and the promotion of peace in Sub-Sahara Africa, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Ivory Coast and Ghana 1999-2000: Consultancy. Feasibility study for the promotion of women in pluralistic legal systems – a comparison of the legal implementation capacities in the two countries, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

East-Congo (DR) 1999: Consultancy. Together with Luso-Consulting (Hamburg) evaluation of the Kabare Project (regional rural development); Evaluation of the political basic conditions (military occupation by Rwanda) on the course of the project, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Sénégal, 1997 and 1998: Consultancy. Pre-feasibility studies for the promotion of legal advice for women in urban centers of population (Dakar), commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Cameroon, 1997: Consultancy. Pre-feasibility study for the promotion of sociopolitical and legal advice of women, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Switzerland, 1995-1997: Consultancy. Investigation on the opinions and expectations of the concerned officials in face of the drug-use prevention services of Bale, Fribourg and St. Gallen, commissioned by the Federal Health Department, Bern.

East-Congo (DR) 1993-1995: Consultancy. Conceptualization and implementation of the first NGO-Radio (Radio Maendeleo) as well as training of the staff; Conceptualization and implementation of alphabetisation programs in co-operation with an NGO-Network, commissioned by the German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ).

Burundi 1987-1989: Directing field research on strategies of dispute settlement at state courts. Collaboration with the law faculty and with the “Centre Universitaire des Recherches pour le Développement Économique et Sociale” (CURDES), University of Burundi. 15 months. Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Shorter visits in 1993-1995 and 2002

Burundi 1978-1979: Directing field research on the education system. Collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Burundi. 6 months. Mixed funding (DEH; Volkart Stiftung; University of Zurich)