

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Language Skills: German/ Swiss German (mother tongue); English (fluent);  
Japanese (fluent); French (reading comprehension)



## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. History** **Apr. 2015 – Dec. 2019**  
*Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program Asia and Europe, University of Zurich*  
Thesis: “Living with the Gods of the Sea: Anti-Whaling Movements in Northeast Japan, 1600-1912”

**CAS Higher Education** **Aug. 2018 – Jun. 2020**  
*University of Zurich*

**M.A. History (major) and Japanese Studies: Social Science (minor)** **Aug. 2011 – Jan. 2015**  
*University of Zurich*

**Study Abroad Program** **Aug. 2013 – Jul. 2014**  
*School of Arts and Letters, Meiji University, Tokyo*

**B.A. History and Law** **Aug. 2008 – Jun. 2011**  
*University of Basel*

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** **since Sep. 2022**  
*Section of Economic, Social and Environmental History, University of Bern*

**Visiting Researcher** **Aug. 2022 – Sep. 2022**  
*Institute of American and Canadian Studies, Sophia University*  
Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation

**Associate Postdoctoral Researcher** **Sep. 2021 – Sep. 2022**  
*Department of History, Harvard University*  
Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation

**Lecturer (Sabbatical Replacement)** **Jan. 2021 – Jul. 2021**  
*Department of History, University of Zurich*

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** **Feb. 2020 – Aug. 2021**  
*Social Science of Japan, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich*

**Teaching and Research Assistant** **Sep. 2015 – Jan. 2020**  
*Social Science of Japan, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich*

**Visiting Researcher** **Aug. 2017 – Jan. 2018**  
*International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University, Sendai*  
Financed by the Canon Foundation

**PhD Candidate** **Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2015**  
*University Research Priority Program (URPP) Asia and Europe, University of Zurich*

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Member of the Sustainability Commission	Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2021
Board Member of the Association of doctoral students, postdocs and scientific employees of the University of Zurich	Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2021
Faculty Coordinator for the Swiss-European Mobility Programme	Sep. 2016 – Dez. 2019

## APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

“Living with the Gods of the Sea” approved by Swiss National Science Foundation	Sep. 2021 – Feb. 2023
“Nation-building and Whaling in Northeast Japan” approved by the Canon Foundation	Aug. 2017 – Jan. 2018

## SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

### Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich

#### **Bachelor Thesis Supervisor**

Students: Mathias Szulc (Spring 2016), Ronja Stähli (Spring 2017), Chloé Wermelinger (Spring 2017),  
Stephan Bruhin (Spring 2017), Alessio Madeux (Spring 2019), Enya Tschui (Spring 2021)

#### **Bachelor Final Oral Exam Supervisor**

Students: Morena Rothmaier (Spring 2016), Ronja Stähli (Spring 2016), Stephan Bruhin (Spring 2017),  
Rebecca Leonie Bürgi (Spring 2018), Alessio Madeux (Spring 2019), Melanie Müller (Fall 2019),  
Isabel Belusky (Fall 2020), Miriam Sutter (Fall 2020), Enya Tschui (Fall 2020)

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

### Institute of History, University of Bern

**Proseminar** “*Human-Animal-Relationships in the Anthropocene*” (Fall 2022)

### Department of History, University of Zurich

**Bachelor Seminar** “*Japan in the Anthropocene*” (Spring 2021)

**Proseminar 3** “*Methods and Theories of Historical Science*” (Spring 2021)

### Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zurich

**Bachelor Seminar** “*Environmental History of the Japanese Alps*” (Spring 2021)

**Master Seminar** “*Socio-political Conflicts between Center and Periphery in Japan*” (Fall 2019)

**Basic Course** “*Fundamentals of Japanese Studies: Sociology*” (Fall 2019, co-teaching with lic. phil. Nora  
Gilgen)

**Master Seminar** “*Environmental Movements in Japan*” (Spring 2019)

**Introductory Course** “*Introduction to Japanese Sociology*” (Spring 2019/17/18/16, co-teaching with lic. phil.  
Nora Gilgen in Spring 2019 and Spring 2018)

**Introductory Course** “*Japanese History I*” (Spring 2020; Fall 2020/18/16)

**Bachelor Seminar** “*The Japanese Constitution*” (Fall 2018, co-teaching with lic. phil. Nora Gilgen)

**Proseminar** “*Environmental History of Japan*” (Spring 2017)

**Master Course** “*Reading Course Social Science*” (Fall 2016)

**Proseminar** “*Development of Japan from an Economic and Historical Viewpoint*” (Spring 2016, co-teaching  
with Dr. oec. Georg Blind)

**Proseminar** “*Nationalism in Japan*” (Fall 2015)

## MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS, BOARDS & INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

**Guest Editor** for Special Issue “Finding Agency in Nonhumans” in *Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism*, 2021.

**Peer Reviewer** “*Society & Animals*”, 2021.

**Panel Chair** “Panel 3: Emergent Forms of Activism” in *Activism in Contemporary Japan: New Ideas, Players and Arenas?*, International Conference, Zurich, Nov. 5-7, 2015.

**Peer Reviewer** “*Asiatische Studien*”, 2017-2019.

## ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)

European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)

European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

Schweizer Gesellschaft für Geschichte (SGG)

## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

**International Workshop** “*Towards an Understanding of Nonhuman Minds: From Animal to Artificial Agency, Part II*” Workshop funded by the Graduate Campus and SNSF, Zurich, Dec. 2020 (Organizers: **Fynn Holm (main organizer)**, Anne Aronsson, Melissa Kaul)

**International Workshop** “*Facing Methodological Challenges in Asian Studies*” Workshop funded by the Graduate Campus, Zurich, Nov. 2020 (Organizers: Helena Hof, Nora Gilgen, **Fynn Holm**)

**International Workshop** “*Towards an Understanding of Nonhuman Minds: From Animal to Artificial Agency, Part I*” Workshop funded by the Graduate Campus and SNSF, Zurich, Jun. 2020 (Organizers: **Fynn Holm (main organizer)**, Anne Aronsson, Melissa Kaul)

**Doctoral Workshop** “*The Environment and Global History. Humans as biological and geological agents*” Doctoral Workshop organized by the Doctoral Program in History and the URPP Asia and Europe, Zurich, Oct. 2016 (Organizers: **Fynn Holm** and Raphael Studer).

## PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

**Graduate Campus Short Grant 2020** awarded by the University of Zurich for organizing the international workshop “*Facing Methodological Challenges in Asian Studies*” (Sep. 2020, **3153 CHF**)

**Early Postdoc.Mobility** awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation for an eighteen month stay at Harvard University (May 2020, **82'200 CHF**)

**Scientific Exchange** awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation for organizing the international workshop “*Towards an Understanding of Nonhuman Minds: From Animal to Artificial Agency*” (Apr. 2020, **6'000 CHF**)

**Graduate Campus Grant 2019** awarded by the University of Zurich for organizing the international workshop “*Towards an Understanding of Nonhuman Minds: From Animal to Artificial Agency*” (Dec. 2019, **8'500 CHF**)

**Research Fellowship** awarded by the Canon Foundation for a six-month stay at Tohoku University (Dec. 2016, **12'800 Euro**)

**Postdoctoral Fellowship for Overseas Researchers** awarded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science for a five-month stay at Tohoku University (Jun. 2016, **1'100'000 Yen**, approved but not taken due to schedule conflict)