

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Faculty Positions

- 2021-2022: Visiting Professor, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Science Department, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek & Open Society University Network (OSUN).
- 2015-2018: Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana.
- 2009-2012: Visiting Professor, Institute of Oriental Studies, Stockholm University.
- 2008-2009: Associate Professor, School of Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Nottingham.
- 1997-2002: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- 1995-1997: Assistant Professor, School of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin.

Research Positions

- 2024-2025: Senior Research Fellow, Graduate Programs in Sustainability, Bard College & OSUN.
- Since 2020: Member, Social Transitions Research, Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel.
- 2013-2026: Member, Environmental Humanities Switzerland, Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences.
- 2012-2014: Senior Researcher, China Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen.
- 2002-2007: Senior Researcher, Institute for Cartography and Geo-information, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH Zurich.
- 1994-1995: Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1993-1994: Postdoctoral researcher, Chair of Modern China, Collège de France.

Management Positions

Since 2023:	Director, Transition from Innovation to Sustainability Programs, Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Zurich.
2020-2021:	Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Brac University, Dhaka & OSUN.
2015-2016:	Department Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana.
2013-2023:	Co-director, “Environmental Humanities Switzerland” AG, Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences.

Academic Training

1994-1995:	Postdoctoral training: Natural resources economics, University of California, Berkeley.
1993-1994:	Postdoctoral training: History of Modern China, Collège de France.
1990-1991:	研究生学历：北京大学, 地理学专业。
1986-1992:	Doctoral training: Geography, University of Chicago.
1983-1985:	研究生学历：北京大学, 政治学专业。

Academic Degrees

1986-1992:	PhD, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago. Dissertation on the landscape enterprise of the Qing dynasty. Supervisor: Prof. Paul Wheatley.
1983-1985:	Research Diploma in East Asian Studies, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris. Summa cum laude thesis on the history of China’s nationality law. Supervisor: Prof. François Joyaux.
1982-1983:	Advanced Diploma in East Asian Studies, INALCO.
1980-1983:	BA in Chinese Language and Literature, New Sorbonne University, Paris.
1980-1982:	Diploma in East Asian Studies, INALCO.
Alumnus:	University of Chicago, INALCO, and 北京大学。

Professional Degrees

2021-2022:	Certificate in Experiential Learning, Bard College, New York.
2001-2003:	Certificate of Advanced Studies in Higher Education and Research Policy, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, EPF Lausanne.

Honors and Awards (selection)

Spring 2023:	Visiting Scholar, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich.
Spring 2022:	Impuls teaching award, University of Basel.
Spring 2018:	Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Bristol.
Spring 2018:	Visiting Scholar, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich.
2017-2018:	Carson Fellow, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich.
2011-2012:	Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, IEA Nantes.
2007-2008:	Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, SCAS, Uppsala.
2006-2007:	GHS Fellow, Gerda Henkel Foundation, ETH Zurich.
2002-2004:	SNF Researcher, Swiss National Science Foundation, ETH Zurich.
1994-1995:	Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellow, University of California, Berkeley.
1993-1994:	Chiang Ching-kuo Fellow, Collège de France.
1990-1992:	Canon Fellow, University of Tokyo.
1990-1992:	Lavoisier Fellow, University of Tokyo.
1989-1990:	Fulbright Fellow, Peking University (cancelled by the US Congress).
Summer 1988:	Dumbarton Oaks Fellow, Harvard University.
1986-1992:	PhD Fellow, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.

Publications

In progress:	<i>Colonial Science and Climate Change: The Mapping of Iran and Tibet, 1905-1908.</i> Cambridge: White Horse Press.
Books:	Single-authored volumes published in Honolulu, Paris, and Shanghai. Edited volumes published in Bern, Geneva, Leiden, and London.
Articles:	More than 180 book chapters, journal articles, and conference papers.
Journals:	Editor-in-Chief, Environmental History section, <i>MDPI Histories</i> ; Editorial Board member, <i>MDPI Humanities</i> , <i>Environment and History</i> , etc.

Current Projects

Co-director:	“The Ecosystem Restoration Brain,” with Kyolabs, the Green Bridge Association, and Ecosystem Restoration Communities, Amsterdam. (In progress.)
Supervisor:	Prof. Sakshi Chhabra, “Inclusion Policy and Education in Entrepreneurship,” with BML Munjal University. (Funded.) Dr. Neha Yadav, “Climate Events and Mental Health in the Indian Himalayas,” with Swissuniversities. (Funded.)

Prof. Chai Ning, “New Quality Productive Forces in the Restoration of Ecosystems in Europe,” with HNUST. (Under review.)

Relevant Links

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