

Personal Data:

Date of Birth: 06/14/1974
Birth Place: Brilon/Germany
Citizenship: German
Marital Status: Married, two children

Education:

2015 Habilitation in Early Modern and Modern History, Münster University. Thesis title: Die Macht des Verfahrens. Englische Hochverratsprozesse, 1554-1848

2005 PhD in Early Modern and Medieval History, Münster University (summa cum laude). Supervisor: Prof. Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger, Prof. Gerd Schwerhoff. Thesis title: Reichsstädte in der Fürstengesellschaft. Politischer Zeichengebrauch in der Frühen Neuzeit

2001 State examination in History and Philosophy, Cologne University

Positions:

2022 Chair "Early Modern History", University of Freiburg

2016-2022 Lecturer in "Early Modern and British History", University of Münster

2009-2016 Juniorprofessor of "British and Commonwealth History", University of Münster

2005-2009 Research assistant in the DFG research project: "Pre-modern decision making" (Head: Prof. Dr. Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger), Münster University

2001-2004 Research fellow/doctoral student at the Universities of Münster and Dresden

Fellowships:

2001-2004 Doctoral Fellowship Graduiertenkolleg "Gesellschaftliche Symbolik im Mittelalter", University of Münster

2005 Doctoral Fellowship (3 months) at the Herzog August Bibliothek/Wolfenbüttel

2013 Postdoctoral Fellowship (4 months) at the German Historical Institute London

2016 Visiting scholar at the Leverhulme project "Conspiracy and Democracy", University of Cambridge (Winter term)

2019-2020 Visiting Professor of Early Modern History, University of Frankfurt (Winter semester)

External research funding:

2012-2017 „Indescribable Violence: Image cultures of martyrdom from the early modern period to the present“, Cluster of Excellence „Religion and Politics in Pre-Modern and Modern Cultures“, University of Münster (€190.000)

2015-2019 "Parliamentary decision making and state security in Britain, 16th-19th centuries" (2 doctoral students), Collaborative Research Centre "Cultures of decision making", University of Münster (€308.100)

- 2015-2019 „Decision making and early modern legal procedure: England and the Holy Roman Empire compared“ (2 doctoral students), Collaborative Research Centre “Cultures of decision making”, University of Münster (€308.100)
- 2015: “Media history of the early modern European city” (Conference and collection of essays), Fritz Thyssen Foundation (€15.000)
- 2017-2019: “Transcultural diplomacy: Britain, Persia and Morocco, 1750-1850” (1 doctoral student), Gerda Henkel Foundation (€48.000)
- 2019-2023 „City of Infidels: Freethinkers, Blasphemers and Atheists in Eighteenth Century London. An Urban History of Secularization“ (€180.000)

Other academic activities:

- Since 2015: Co-editor of book series “Verfahren, Verhandeln, Entscheiden – Historische Perspektiven” ([link](#))
- Since 2014: Visiting Professor of British History, Applied History Program, Zürich University ([link](#))
- Since 2012: Co-editor of book series “Externa. Geschichte der Außenbeziehungen in neuen Perspektiven” ([link](#))
- 2012-2015: Member of the „Textual Ambassadors Research Network”, Oxford/Cambridge ([link](#))
- Since 2011: Co-convenor of the of the Princeton-Oxford-Münster-Istanbul-Workshop in Early Modern History ([link](#))
- Since 2009: External reviewer for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Schweizer Nationalfonds (SNF) and the Leverhulme Trust; peer reviewer for ‚Zeitschrift für Soziologie‘ (ZfS) and ‚Soziale Systeme‘

Involvement in academic self-administration:

- Since 2009: Head of the library of the Centre for Modern History of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, University of Münster
- 2009-2016: Member of the Board of the History Department of the University of Münster
- 2009/10: Member of the planning group for an Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) on the topic ‚Informality‘
- 2010: Member of the Commission for the Reform of the MA in Modern and Contemporary History
- 2013-2015: Member of the planning group for the Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 1150 “Cultures of Decision Making“
- 2018: Member of the Task Force for the establishment of a British-German Master's programme (WWU Münster, University of Durham). Co-organisation of the workshops in 2018 and 2019

List positions at appointment procedures:

- 2007: Giessen, Professor (W1) of Cultural History (third on the list)
- 2017: Jena, Chair (W3) of Early Modern History (second on the list)
- 2018: Universität der Bundeswehr Munich, Chair (W2) of Early Modern History (third on the list)
- 2018: Erlangen, Chair (W3) of Early Modern History (second on the list)

Main areas of research:

Early modern urban history

Early modern foreign relations in a European and a global framework framework

History of Religion in the early modern period

Legal culture and legal practice in the early modern period

History of crime and political delinquency

Political and legal decision-making procedures Symbolic communication

Organization culture and administrative history

Publications:

Monographs: 2

Edited books: 4

Articles: 56

Supervisions:

PhD: 4

Master of Arts: 33

Master of Education 27

Bachelor: 100