

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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since 03/2010 Associate Professor/Researcher at Humboldt-University & Berlin and Goethe-University Frankfurt .

9/2008 Habilitation Thesis: *Das Pana im Spannungsfeld von divergenten und konvergenten Sprachwandelprozessen* (The Pana language between divergent and convergent language change processes)

5/97 Doctoral thesis: "Pferde, Schwerter und Macht. Eine historisch-vergleichende Studie zu Kulturwortfeldern in den Oti-Volta Sprachen" (Horses, Swords and Power; a comparative study of cultural lexical fields in the Oti-Volta languages)

6/93 Master of Arts; Grade: excellent

4/93 Thesis: "Lexical Loans from Mande into Songhay"

## Work experience

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9/10 – present Associate Professor at the Institute for African Studies at the Goethe University Frankfurt. Duties include teaching and research on African Urban Languages and language contact

4/09 – 2/10 Assistant Professor ('wissenschaftlicher Assistent') at the Chair of African Languages at the Department of African- and Asian Studies of the Humboldt-University in Berlin, Germany

10/07 – 3/09 Substitute Professor at the Chair of African Languages at the Institute of African- and Asian Studies at the Humboldt-University in Berlin, Germany. Duties include teaching of MA- and BA-Students at all levels (9 hours per semester), research and administration

- 3/02 - 9/07 Assistant Professor; Duties include teaching of MA- and BA-Students at all levels (2 courses per semester), research and production of the second qualifying dissertation (Habilitation). Departmental students' adviser; Representative of the Institute of Asian and African Studies in the faculty's council
- 1/98 - 12/01 Postdoctoral research fellow in the project "Basic Research in Gur languages" at Humboldt-University in Berlin, financed by the German Research Foundation; Duties included research and publications on the dying language Pana; teaching various fields of African Linguistics (1 course per semester), editing the scientific journal "Gur Papers/ Cahiers Voltaïques"; co-organisation of the international conferences on Gur languages in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Cotonou (Benin) and Kara (Togo)

### **Research experience in Africa**

- 2017 + 2018 approximately six months research on social networks and linguistic variation of Moto-Taxi Drivers in Ngaoundéré, Cameroon (DFG- funded research)
- 3/15 Pilot study on multilingual speakers in Ngaoundéré, Cameroon
- 2/08 - 3/08 Research on correlation between social data and linguistic data in the Sourou contact zone (Mali, Burkina Faso)
- 2/07 - 3/07 Research on correlation between social data and linguistic data in the Sourou contact zone (Mali, Burkina Faso)
- 2/06 - 4/06 Research on general sociolinguistic aspects of language contact in the Sourou contact zone (Mali, Burkina Faso)
- 2/01 - 4/01 Final verification of Pana data in Mali and Burkina Faso
- 2/00 - 4/00 Research on sociolinguistic aspects: code-switching and speech behaviour among Pana speakers and structural consequences for the linguistic system of Pana
- 11/98 - 3/99 Research on all linguistic sub-systems of Pana: phonology, morphology, syntax, lexicon
- 2/98 - 4/98 First explorations on the dying language Pana in Mali und Burkina Faso
- 12/95 - 1/96 End of research for PhD in northern Ghana
- 9/94 - 3/95 Research on cultural lexical fields at different royal courts in Burkina Faso and

Ghana as database for my PhD thesis

3/94 - 4/94 Exploration of possibilities for research on lexical fields concerning life at royal courts in Burkina Faso and Ghana

### **Grants, Invitations and External Fundings**

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- since 3/2017 three years DFG-project (including funds for own research position):  
“Language use and linguistic variation in multilingual Ngaoundéré, Cameroon”
- since 14 Consultancy at SOAS: Social network analysis in multilingual societies in the Crossroads Project' by Prof. Lüpke
- 6/12 WIAS-Freiburg; study visit at the language contact group of Prof. Peter Auer
- 2008 – 2013 University Sophia-Antipolis/Nice, France; monthly study visits of the working group of Prof. Nicolaï and Dr. de Féral
- 2/10 Point Sud, Bamako, Mali; Convener (with Prof. Lüpke, SOAS) of DFG-Workshops *Pluridisciplinary research on language contact in West Africa*
- 9/09 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London; Teaching and study visit; invitation by Dr. Lüpke, Acting Director of ELAP (Endangered Languages Project)
- 9/07 CNRS Paris; study visit at the working group of Dr. Leglise, CELIA (Centre d'Etudes des Langues Indigènes d'Amérique)
- 2005 - 2009 German Research Foundation (DFG) fund, project:  
Mande-Gurunsi language contact
- 2006 DFG-grant for publication of the grammar “La langue pana”
- 2000 - 2006 DFG-travel grants for attending the Conferences of the West African Linguistic Society (WALC) in Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin
- 2000 DFG-travel grant for attending the World Conference of African Linguistics (WOCAL) in Togo
- 1/98 - 12/01 DFG-research fund, project: “Basic research in Gur languages”
- 10/93 - 9/96 Scholarship at the Graduate College "Intercultural Relations in Africa" at the University of Bayreuth, Germany

### **Editorial works, Advisor and Assessor**

- since 2012 Editor (with Henning Schreiber) of 'Language Contact in Africa' (founded by Rainer Vossen and Hans-Jürgen Sasse), Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, Köln

- since 2006 Member of the Editorial Board for “Journal of Language Contact”,  
<http://www.jlc-journal.org/>
- 2000 Co-editor for “Gur Papers /Cahiers Voltaïques” Bayreuth.
- since 2002 Assessor for DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)and “Studienstiftung  
des Deutschen Volkes” (Studies Foundation of the German Nation)
- since 2002 Advisor for BA and MA-theses
- since 2007 Advisor for Doctoral theses

### **Memberships**

- since 2000 Member of the West African Linguistic Society (WALS)
- since 1998 Member of the Association for Endangered Languages