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## **Curriculum vitae**

### **1) Personal Data**

Born May, 29<sup>th</sup> 1956 in Linz, Austria  
Austrian and EU citizen  
Divorced, mother of a son

### **2) Current Academic Position:**

Tenured Associate Professor at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology of the University of Vienna, Austria (since October 1997)  
Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, Development Policies, Near Eastern and Central Asian Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria  
Coordinator of the institute's contacts with North American, Central Asian and Near Eastern academic institutions (universities, research institutes etc.)

### **3) Education:**

1984 Ph.D. in Social Anthropology, Turkology and Islamic Studies from the University of Vienna  
1984/83 Trainee at the Karl-Renner-Institute in Vienna, responsible for the archives and documentation centre and the organization of conferences (from November 1983 to October 1984)  
1979 M.A. in Sociology and Political Sciences from the University of Vienna  
1974 Studies of Social Anthropology, Turkology, Sociology, Political Sciences and Islamic Studies

### **4) Former Academic Qualifications:**

2012 Fall term 2012/2013 guest professor at the Anthropology Department and the Middle East Studies Program, University of Southern California, Los Angeles  
2005/2006 Lecturer and resource person in the Summer School Programme "Culture and Society through the Anthropological Lens" of the Central Asian Resource Center (CARG) and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology of the American University-Central Asia; Almaty/ Kazakhstan (July 2005 to April 2006)  
2005 Visiting Research Fellow at the History Department of Samarkand State University, Uzbekistan (March 2005)

- 2004 Visiting Research Fellow at the History Department of Samarkand State University/ Uzbekistan as part of the Mentoring Program of the Central Asian Research Initiative (CARI) Program of the Open Society Institute of the Soros Foundation (February 2004)
- 2002/2005 Mentor in the Mentoring Program of the Central Asia Research Initiative (CARI) of the Open Society Institute, Soros Foundation (autumn 2002 to spring 2005)
- 2002/2005 President of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) (September 2002 to September 2005)
- 2002 Visiting Research Fellow at the Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin (Germany) (February 2002)
- 1999/2000 Visiting Research Fellow in the Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale University, New Haven/USA (September 1999 to May 2000)
- 1999/97 Collaborator in the research project "Migrant Families from ex-Yugoslavia and Turkey in Austria" sponsored by the Austrian Ministry of Sciences
- 1998/95 Editor of the Newsletter of the European Society for Central Asian Studies
- 1994 Supervisor of the Summer School on Social Anthropological Field Research Methods in Jablonec, Czech Republic, on behalf of the International Research Center on Cultural Studies (IFK) in Vienna
- 1989 Visiting Scholar at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris/ France
- 1986 Lecturer at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (Ethnology) of the University of Vienna (since October 1986)
- 1985 Assistant Professor at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (Ethnology) of the University of Vienna (since October 1985)
- 1985/1986 Responsible Collaborator in the Austrian Oriental Society Hammer Purgstall's research project "Analysis of the Modernization Attempts in Turkish Agriculture as a Decision Making Aid for the Austrian Economy", (sponsored by the National Bank of Austria) (August 1985 to July 1986)

## **5. Teaching Portfolio:**

My teaching experience covers a wide range of topics taught in German and English at various national and international institutions.

### **5.1. at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna/ Austria:**

Since the fall term of 1986 I have given a number of lecture series, pro-seminars and seminars at the undergraduate and graduate level at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology of the University of Vienna covering the following topics:

- \* Ethnosociology, Kinship and Forms of Social Organization
- \* Tribe and State Relations: (theoretical approaches and case studies from the Middle East and Central Asia, including Afghanistan)
- \* Ethnicity and Nation Building (theoretical approaches and case studies from the Middle East and Central Asia, including Afghanistan)
- \* Gender Issues in Muslim Societies (case studies from Turkey and Afghanistan)
- \* Development Policies and Anthropology
- \* The Concept of Frontiers, Hinterlands, Centres and Peripheries
- \* Anthropological Approaches to the Middle East and Central Asia
- \* The Peasant Society Paradigm
- \* Peace and Conflict Mediation in Muslim Societies: Case studies from the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia
- \* Social and Cultural Anthropological Working Methods
- \* Post Colonial and Subaltern Studies
- \* The Modern World System Theory
- \* Global Migrations and their Local Impact
- \* Militarizing Anthropology
- \* Orientalism Revisited

### **5.2. Teaching Experience at other Austrian Universities:**

Besides teaching at the Institute of Social Anthropology of the University of Vienna, I have also been teaching at number of other universities and academic institutions in Austria.

### **5.3. Teaching Experience at Academic Institutions Outside of Austria:**

Since I started my academic career in the 1980ies I have also been invited as a lecturer to a number of university departments as well as to other academic institutions abroad.

This teaching experience includes lectureships in the framework of the “Erasmus/ Socrates Lectures”, the “Central Asian Research Initiative” of the Open Society Institute and many other institutions. The topics presented in my lectures focused either on general anthropological issues or on the anthropology of the Middle East and Central Asia.

Besides I have also been involved in curriculum designs, e.g. for the summer school programme “Culture and Society through the Anthropological Lens” of the Central Asian Resource Center (CARG) and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology of the American University-Central Asia (this summer school programme was anticipated to run from July 2005 to August 2008).

**Erasmus/Socrates Guest Lectureships:**

- 2017 Dipartimento di Scienze Storiche Geografiche e dell' Antichità an der Universität Padua (May 2017)
- 2016 Anthropology Department, University of St.Andrews/ Scotland (March 2016)
- 2015 Institute for Sociology, Middle East Technical University Ankara/Turkey (April 2015)
- 2014 Institute for Sociology, Middle East Technical University Ankara/Turkey (May 2014)
- 2012 Institute for Sociology, Middle East Technical University Ankara/Turkey (April 2012)
- 2011 Institute for Sociology, Middle East Technical University Ankara/Turkey (April 2011)
- 2009 Department of Social Anthropology, Brunel University, Uxbridge/UK (March 2009)
- 2008 Institute for Sociology, Middle East Technical University Ankara/Turkey (March 2008)
- 2006 Institute for Ethnology Komenski University, Bratislava/ Slovakia (November 2006)
- 2005 Institute for Ethnology, University of Ljubljana/ Slovenia (November 2005)
- 2004 Department of Social Anthropology, Maynooth University/ Ireland (March 2004)
- 2003 Department of Social Anthropology at Utrecht University/ The Netherlands (May 2003)
- 2002 Department for African Studies and Ethnology of the University of Mainz/ Germany (May 2002)
- 2001 Department for Ethnology, Zurich University/ Switzerland (May 2001)

**Guest Lectureships at Other European Universities and Academic Institutions:**

- 2003 Guest Lecturer at the Workshop "Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia", organized at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle/Salle, Germany (December 2003)
- 2001 Institute for Islamic Studies, University of Berne/ Switzerland (December 2001)  
Moderator of the Panel Session and Workshops „Is Malinowski Still Relevant?“ at the 8<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Ethnological Summer Symposium, in Piran/ Slovenia (September 2001)  
Institute of Oriental Studies, Warsaw University/ Poland (May 2001)  
Institute of Oriental Philology, Krakow University/ Poland (May 2001)
- 1999 Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin/ Germany (July 1999)
- 1998 Mediterranean Summer School in Piran/Slovenia (September 1998)
- 1993 Institute for Oriental Studies, University of Bamberg/ Germany (July 1993)
- 1992 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London/ United Kingdom (May 1992)  
St. Antony's College, Oxford University/ United Kingdom (May 1992)

- 1990      Institute for Oriental Studies, University of Bamberg/Germany (June 1990)
- 1989      École des Hautes Études en Science Sociale in Paris/ France (April 1989)

### **Lectureships in the Middle East and in Central Asia:**

- 2005 In the Summer School Programme “Culture and Society through the Anthropological Lens” of the Central Asian Resource Center (CARG) and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology of the American University-Central Asia, Almaty/Kazakhstan; (July 2005)
- 2005 History Department of Samarkand State University/ Uzbekistan (March 2005)
- 2004 History Department of Samarkand State University/ Uzbekistan (February 2004)  
Institut Français d’Etudes sur l’Asie centrale in Tashkent/ Uzbekistan (February 2004)  
Open Society Institute - Tashkent Resource Center, Tashkent/Uzbekistan (February 2004)  
Uzbek Academy of Sciences, Tashkent/ Uzbekistan) (February 2004)  
Open Society Institute - Resource Center for Karakalpakistan at Nukus/ Karakalpakistan (February 2004)
- 2003 Guest Lecturer at the Workshop “The Role of Research in Modernizing Teaching and Learning in Social Sciences and Humanities in Central Asia and Mongolia”, organized by the Central Asia Research Initiative (CARI) of the Open Society Institutes, Soros Foundation in Bishkek, Kyrgystan (October 2003)
- 2002 Guest Lecturer at the International Symposium of Turkology and Turkish Studies, organized by the „Yeni Türkiye Research and Publishing Center“, in Ankara, Turkey (March 2002)
- 1982 Cebeci University in Ankara/ Turkey (March 1982)  
Middle East Technical University in Ankara/ Turkey (March 1982)  
Bogazici University in Istanbul/ Turkey (March 1982)

### **Lectureships in the United States of America:**

Next to a number of paper presentations and panels organised at conferences (cf. in the USA, listed separately) I have been invited to give guest lectures at the below mentioned academic institutions in the USA.

- 2012 Fall term 2012/2013 guest professor at the Anthropology Department and the Middle East Studies Program, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- 2002 History Department of Stockton College, New Jersey/ USA (November 2002)  
Middle East Institute, Columbia University, New York / USA (November 2002)
- 2000 Middle East Institute, Columbia University, New York/ USA (April 2000)
- 2000 Department of Anthropology, Boston University, Boston, Mass./ USA (March 2000)
- 2000 Harvard Forum for Central Asian Studies, Cambridge, Mass./ USA /February 2000)

## **6) Field Researches:**

- 2015 in villages and towns in Western Anatolia (short term visit)
- 2013 in villages and towns in Western Anatolia (short term visit)
- 2012 in villages and towns in Western Anatolia (short term visit)
- 1992 in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan (3 months)
- 1991 in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan (4 months)  
in Afghan refugee villages in Turkey (1 months)
- 1986 among refugees and migrants from Central Asia in Turkey (2 months)
- 1980 in a village in Western Anatolia (3 months)
- 1978 in a village in Western Anatolia (3 months)  
among craftsmen in the bazar of Istanbul (2 months)
- 1977 in a village in Western Anatolia (2 months)

## **7) Archival Researches:**

- 2011/2012 archival and library research at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- 2006 Library of the School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London (1 week)
- 1992 India Office Library and the Public Records Office in London (3 months)
- 1990 India Office Library, London (2 weeks)
- 1988 Museum and the Library of the Institute for Agrarian Studies at the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Germany (2 weeks)  
Archives of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and the Archives and Library of the Türkiye Kalkınma Vakfı in Ankara, Turkey (1 month)

## **8) Research Focus:**

Socio-Economic Transformations in the Middle East and Central Asia, Ethnicity and other Collective Identities, State and Nation-Building Processes, Kinship and Politics, Development Studies, Gender Studies, Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Militarizing Anthropology.

### **a) Currently I am working on a number of different projects:**

#### **\* “From Dominance to Subjugation: the Qataghan-Uzbeks and the Afghan State.”**

This study highlights the manner in which the once politically dominant Qataghan-Uzbeks, of north-eastern Afghanistan responded to their forced integration into the Afghan state. By making alterations in their kinship structures and political strategies (e.g. creating interethnic networks) they attempted to counteract increased efforts of political and economic encroachment by the rulers in Kabul. Using archival resources as well as oral history accounts based on several field researches this study covers the period from the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Next to an emphasis on local history this research focuses on changing identity patterns that were and are evolving in this process of increased dominance by the Afghan state as well as on the problem of nation building and political centralization in Afghanistan.

#### **\* “European Encounters with Afghanistan”:**

This research aims to focus on the cultural encounter between Europe and Afghanistan during the last two hundred years highlighting, in particular the more recent past. To a large extent the encounter was and is informed by stereotypes and myths about the respective “other”. Many Europeans considered and still consider Afghanistan as an utterly

backward country of cunning freedom fighters, religious zealots and deprived women, while Afghans perceived and perceive Europeans as intruders and unbelievers, who try to alter their culture and value system. Assuming that these mutual assumptions play an important role in the current relations between Europe and Afghanistan, in particular in the field of military cooperation, institution building and development aid, this project aims to highlight three major research questions: 1) What was and is known about Afghanistan and its culture? 2) To what extent did and do images - created in the past and present - influence the perceptions on Afghanistan and inform the current interaction between Europeans and Afghans? 3) To what extent could the interaction between European foreigners (e.g. advisers, aid workers, journalists, troops and tourists) and the various constituencies of Afghan society profit from a more culturally sensible approach?

\* **“Making Sense of Fevziye Köyü: Rethinking the Rural-Urban Divide in Today’s Turkey”:**

This project constitutes a kind of re-study of my former Ph.D. research undertaken during the mid-1970ies and early 1980 in a rural community in Western Anatolia. My original work focused on the impact of migration upon the socio-economic relations in that community, a topic which at the time was not well studied as compared to the large number of studies on migrants within Turkey (cf. the so-called “Gecekondu” studies) and abroad (cf. the “Gastarbeiter”-Studies).

Revisiting the community after nearly three decades the current still on-going study not only highlights the socio-economic changes that have taken place since the 1970ies, but also focuses on the links between the village and the outside world. Contrary to past, when the village was a remote place, it is now closely connected to other places inside and outside Turkey in a physical as well as virtual sense (e.g. via a website and facebook network). While the village is still seen by many (permanent and former community residents) as an important economic asset to produce food for self-consumption, it is now also a place of recreation or retirement. In addition, the community still constitutes an essential point of reference for individual and collective identities. Herein, memories of the community’s history play an important role as is demonstrated through a website and facebook entries organized by the villagers and migrants from the community alike.

(at present a long term field study is planned within the community and among migrants from Fevziye within Turkey.

\* **"Release - get through - arrive": A trans-disciplinary analysis of the recent situation of refugees in Austria**

This joint project of the Ror-N investigates the attitudes and experiences of refugees from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan concerning their flight and their integration process into different sections of Austrian society, spanning "official" parts (e.g. the education system, the labor and housing market), as well as the broader society in Vienna, smaller cities and rural communities. The project is based on a cooperation between eight research institutes from the "Refugee Outreach&Research Network" of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, with relevant caseworkers, NGOs, local authorities, and public institutions on different levels. It seeks to generate more objective knowledge on the controversial public discourse of the so-called "refugee crisis" using evidence-based and scientific methods. The project addresses the Austrian situation as a new field of investigation and shed lights on the innovative and to-date largely unknown aspects - such as the requirement structures - affecting the refugees coming to Austria and their integration paths.

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**Project leaders**

MMag.DDr. Josef Kohlbacher (Institute for Urban and Regional Research – ISR/ ÖAW), Mag.Dr. Anna-Maria Six-Hohenbalken (Institute for Social Anthropology – ISA/ ÖAW)

**Project team**

At the Institute for Urban and Regional Research – ISR/ ÖAW: Mag. Dr. Ursula Reeger, Mona Röhm, MA

At the Institute for Social Anthropology – ISA/ ÖAW: Sabine Bauer, MA; Dr. Leonardo Schiocchet

At the Department for Social and Cultural Anthropologie – IKSA – University of Vienna: Ass.-Prof. Mag.Dr.Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek, Doris Friedrich, MA

Cooperations at ÖAW; IKT (Institute for Culture Studies and Theatre History, IFI (Institute for Iranian Studies)

Duration: March 2017 to February 2019

Financing: Innovationsfonds of ÖAW

**\* Processes of Integration of Accepted Asylum Seekers and Persons with a Subsidiary Protection Status from Afghanistan in Austria**

This research aims to analyze the changes in value concepts and expectations of accepted asylum seekers and persons with subsidiary protection status from Afghanistan and their process of social and structural integration in the Austrian society and its various systems (educational institutions, labour and housing market etc). The target group are Afghan refugees – including former unaccompanied minors, now above the age of 18 year - living in Vienna, Lower and Upper Austria. Afghan accepted asylum seekers and individuals with subsidiary protection status of different ethno-religious, background and diverging time of residence as well as other socio-demographic characteristics will be studied.

**Project team:**

MMag.DDr. Josef Kohlbacher (ISR-ÖAW)

Mona Röhm, MA (ISR-ÖAW)

Mag. Victoria Reitter (ISR-ÖAW)

Ass.Prof. Mag.Dr.Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek (IKSA-University of Vienna)

MA Doris Friedrich (IKSA-Uni Wien)

Duration: March 2016 to Februar 2017

Financing: BMEIA

**b) Finished Projects**

**\* Pilot Study “Flight Processes and Arrival in Austria”:**

Co-funded by the Institute for Urban and Regional Studies and the Institute for social Anthropology at the Austrian Academy of Sciences this pilot study is based on a sample of 60 extensive narrative interviews with asylum seekers from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq.

The study analyzed the reasons for fleeing, the flight process itself as well as the first experiences in Austria and the aspirations and perspective for their future in Austria.

Duration: January to April 2016

Collaborators: MMag.DDr. Josef Kohlbacher (ISR-ÖAW), Ass.Prof. Mag.Dr.Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek, Mag. Dr. Maria-Anna Six Hohenbalken

Publications:

Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek: Many Reasons for Leaving Afghanistan: Social Obligations in Times of Protracted Violence.

Contribution for “ Reihe: Institut für Stadt- und Regionalforschung – Forschungsberichte: **Josef noch fragen** 24 pages

together with Josef Kohlbacher: „From Destination to Integration“ - First Experiences of Asylum Seekers from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq arriving in Austria.

In: 4. Jahrbuch der Migrations- und Integrationsforschung in Österreich.

accepted for publication. (**Josef Details fragen**)

\* **“Value concepts and expectations of refugees entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection in Austria”**

Within the framework of the national integration strategy for recognized refugees, national decision making institutions have decided to intensify the accompanying research in the field of refugee integration, and in particular research on the values and attitudes towards the constitutional state. Thus, the BMEIA (Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs) has decided to implement a quantitative survey entitled “Value concepts and expectations of refugees entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection in Austria”. This survey was awarded to the ÖAW project team under the lead of Professor Fassmann (ISR) and Professor Gingrich (ISA), and will be conducted by the ROR-n research committee in close cooperation with a broad range of NGOs active in refugee welfare and support. The results of the survey will provide a better understanding of the needs and motivations of the respondents, and will be used as a scientifically legitimate basis for the formation of new integrative measures and the adaptation of already existing ones.

The questionnaire is in Arabic and Farsi-Dari, and mainly consists of closed questions on a wide range of topics, such as reasons for flight, qualification profiles, life planning and future expectations, labor market integration prospects, religiosity, and attitudes towards democracy. The inquiry will be made in cooperation with an experienced opinion polling institute, and will provide a unique data pool on Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan refugees living in Austria. On the basis of cooperation with NGOs such as ÖIF, Diakonie, Caritas and others, the interviews will be made in refugee homes and counseling centers in four federal provinces. The expected project duration is until the end of 2016.

Publications:

Josef Kohlbacher, Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek, Andreas Hackl, Sabine Bauer:

Endbericht der Studie: Wertehaltungen und Erwartungen von Flüchtlingen in Österreich. [Final Report: Value Concepts and Expectations of Refugees in Austria]. Vienna, February 2017

[https://www.bmeia.gv.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Zentrale/Integration/Studien/Studie\\_Wertehaltungen\\_und\\_Erwartungen.pdf](https://www.bmeia.gv.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Zentrale/Integration/Studien/Studie_Wertehaltungen_und_Erwartungen.pdf)

Chapter 5: Die AfghanInnen [The Afghans]

In: Josef Kohlbacher, Gabriele Rasuly-Paleczek, Andreas Hackl, Sabine Bauer: Endbericht der Studie: Wertehaltungen und Erwartungen von Flüchtlingen in Österreich. [Final Report: Value Concepts and Expectations of Refugees in Austria]. Vienna, February 2017; pp. 52 - 77

**9) Organization of Conferences, Workshops and Panel Sessions: (only selection)**

- 2013 Co-organizer with Roland Kraml of the workshop session “Militarizing Anthropology – ethical challenges”  
at the 8.Tage der Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie/ Vienna Anthropology Days,  
6.und 7.Juni 2013; [workshop June 7th, 2013]
- 2008 Co-organizer with Maria-Anna Six-Hohenbalken of the workshop session “  
„Lebenszyklen und Orientierungen in der Migration: Transformation der  
Verbindungen zum Herkunftsland (der Eltern)“  
[Live cycles and orientations among Migrants: Transformations of links to the  
home country [of the parents]  
at the “5.Tage der Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie: Vienna, April 23rd and 24th  
2009”; April 24th 2008

- 2007 Organizer of the workshop session “Imaginationen und Wirklichkeiten: Reiseberichte als Quellen kultur- und sozialanthropologischer Forschung” [Imaginations and Realities: Travelogues as Sources for Social and Cultural Research]; at the “3.Tage der Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie: Vienna, April 26th and 27th 2007”; April 27th 2007
- 2006 Co-organizer with Saulesh Yessenova (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/ Salle) of the Panel “Culture, Locality and Identity in Central Asia” at the Conference of the Canadian Association for Social and Cultural Anthropology, May 9th to 15th, 2006, at Concordia University, Montreal/ Canada
- 2005 Co-organizer (together with Peter Finke) of the Panel “Why an Anthropology of Central Asia?” at the 6th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) at Boston University, Boston/ USA; September 29th to October 2nd, 2005
- Organizer of the Panel Session „Social Anthropological Approaches to Central Asia“ at the IX International Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS) at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow/ Poland; September 12th to 14th, 2005
- 2004 Organizer and Convenor of the Panel Session “Anthropological Approaches to Central Asia and the Middle East: Intersections and Disparities” at the 103rd Meetings of the American Association of Anthropologists (AAA) in Atlanta/ USA; December 15th, 2004
- 2003 Organizer of the Panel “Peace Maintenance and Conflict Mediation in Muslim Societies: Case Studies from Central Asia” at the 102nd Meetings of the American Association of Anthropologists (AAA) November 19th to 23rd, 2003; at Chicago/ USA; November 23rd, 2003
- 2002 In cooperation with Prof. Dr. Robert L. Canfield (Washington University, St. Louis/ USA) organization of the paper session „New Games in Central Asia, Great and Small," for the 101st Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, November 20th to 24th , 2002 in New Orleans/ USA; November 23rd, 2002
- Co-organizer (together with the Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University in Berlin, the Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin and Dr. Boris Petric from the LIAOS/ CNRS-Paris) of the Workshops „Networks, Alignments and Factionalism in Today’s Central Asia“ at the Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University in Berlin/ Germany; June 2002
- Organizer of a workshop on „The Future of Afghanistan“ at the Political Academy of the Dr.Karl Renner-Institute in Vienna/Austria; January 19th, 2002

- 2001 Co-organizer together with Susa Binder, Eva Kalny and Maria-Anna Six-Hohernbalken of the lecture series "Heraus Forderung Migration" on the Occasion of the UN's "International Migrant Day", December 10th to 15th, 2001 at the University of Vienna/ Austria and Moderation of the Opening Ceremony and several follow-up lectures during the whole venue.
- 2000 Organizer of the Seventh Conference of the European Society for Central Asian Studies, September 27th to 30th, 2000 in Vienna/ Austria
- 1996 Organizer of the workshop "Social Processes in the History of the Turkish Republic", in Vienna/ Austria; May 17th to 19th, 1996
- 1988 Co-Organizer, (with Andre Gingrich, Sylvia Haas and Siegfried Haas) of the International Symposium "Kinship, Social Change, and Evolution" in Vienna/ Austria; April 1988
- 1985 Organizer and Chairperson of the Seminar "Issues of Integration and Equality of Chances of the 'Second Generation'", at the Austrian Oriental Society Hammer Purgstall, in Vienna/ Austria; April 1985

#### **10) Language Competence:**

German (mother tongue), English, French, Turkish and Uzbek

#### **11) Membership in Societies and Academic Institutions:**

Member of the Advisory Board of the Cultural Studies Association of Turkey (since 2014)  
 Member of the Advisory Board of ESCAS (European Society for Central Asian Studies (since September 2013)  
 Founding member of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS); (1998-2000 General Secretary, 2000-2002 Vice-President, 2002-2205 President of ESCAS),  
 Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
 Member of the Working Group Modern Orient  
 Member of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)  
 Member of the Turkish Area Study Group (TASG)  
 Member of the Austrian Anthropological Society  
 Member of the Austrian Oriental Society Hammer-Purgstall  
 Member of the American Association of Anthropologists (AAA)  
 Member of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)  
 Member of the German Afghan University Association (DAUG)  
 Member of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)

## **12) Awards:**

- 2002 Together with Mag.Susa Binder, Dr.Mag.Eva Kalny and Dr.Mag.Maria Six-Hohenbalken „Award for Innovative Teaching Projects“ from the University of Vienna for organizing a teaching series on the occasion of the UN’s International Migrant Day (in December 2001), award received in June 2002
- 1990 Receiver of “the Talent Support Award in Sciences of the Provincial Government of Upper Austria for Sciences”
- 1987 Research Award from the Council of Scientific Research of the City of Vienna

## **13) Other Professional Experiences:**

- 2008 Participant in the Workshop “The Future of International Migration to OECD Countries”, Organized by the OECD International Futures Programme, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 in Paris/ France
- 2005 Member of an official Austrian mission to Tajikistan to explore possibilities of joint research projects (October 2005)
- 2002 Member of an official Austrian mission to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan to explore possibilities for joint INTAS and TEMPUS-research projects
- since 2001 Advisor for various NGO’s to implement reconstruction projects and programs related to the education and empowerment of women in the rural areas of Northeastern Afghanistan  
Organizer of media campaigns and networking activities for female Afghan politicians visiting Austria  
Organizer of public events for fundraising purposes and for disseminating information on the plight of Afghan civilians (mainly refugees and IDP’s)  
Consultant to various Central Asian related research projects within the EU  
Organizer of the Anthropological Network of ESCAS
- 1985-2001 Voluntary relief worker with Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Austria
- 1983/82 Collaborator to the exhibition ”Tahtakale: Traditional Handicraft in Turkey”, Ethnographic Museum Kittsee, Austria  
Free lance journalist at ”International Media Services”, responsible for country reports on Turkey for the Japanese Business Paper ”Nihon Kogi Shinbun” as well as for the ”Middle East Review” and ”Gulf Guide and Diary” (edited by ”World of Information”)
- 1983/79 Voluntary social worker and trainer for Turkish migrant children in Vienna
- 1976 Collaborator in a village development project in Western Anatolia, Turkey