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EDUCATION

Feb 2014 – Dec 2018	**PhD in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich** Thesis: *Disability and Logics of Distribution in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement* (summa cum laude) Mercator Award 2020, category "humanities and social sciences" Research Prize 2019 for excellence in policy relevant research on developing countries (German Economic Association's Research Group on Development Economics)
Feb 2017 – Jan 2018	**Visiting Scholar at the Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen** SNSF Doc.Mobility fellowship
Sep 2011 – Jan 2014	**Master of Arts in History & Social Anthropology, University of Zurich** Thesis (in Social Anthropology): *'Out of the Shadows'? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda*
Sep 2007 – Jul 2011	**Bachelor of Arts in History & Social Anthropology, University of Zurich** Including modules in Political Science

WORK

Dec 2018 - present	**Das Lamm**, activist online magazine *Freelance journalist*
Dec 2018 - present Feb 2018 – Jul 2018	**ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology**, University of Zurich *Assistant, associate researcher*
Jul 2019 – Dec 2019	**CBM Switzerland**, NGO focusing on disability in international cooperation and humanitarian aid *Assistant in advocacy and political work*
Feb 2014 – Jan 2017	**Ethnographic Museum,** University of Zurich *PhD candidate* in SNSF project 'Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development' (r4d): *Disability and Technology in Uganda from Local and Global Perspectives*,
Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 Sep 2012 – Jan 2014	**ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology**, University of Zurich *Adjunct lecturer, junior researcher, teaching assistant*

PUBLICATIONS

Mar 2018	*Discomfort, Complaints, and Claims. Conducting Fieldwork with Refugees with Disabilities.* Medicine Anthropology Theory, 29th of March, section ‚Dissertating'.
Sep 2018	*‚Inclusive WASH' Contested Assumptions about Bodies and Personhood in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement.* Platypus: The CASTAC Blog. 18th of September, category ‚Disabling Technologies' (edited by Rebekah Cupitt).
Forthcoming	*‚The Food is not engouh'. Disability and Food Aid Technologies in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement.* Africa (special issue *Disability and Technology in Africa*, edited by Susan Reynolds Whyte and Herbert Muyinda).

UNPUBLISHED WORK

Jan 2014	*'Out of the Shadows'? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda.* MA thesis. Unpublished.

Teaching Experience (Selection)

Feb 2018 – Jul 2018	*Einführung in die Ethnologie II: Methodenkurs.* Introductory anthropology methods course, University of Zurich.
Jul 2017 – Aug 2017	*Disability and Technology in Uganda Field School.* Field School and exchange with students from the University of Zurich and Makerere University, Kampala
Aug 2014 – Jan 2015	*Behinderung in lokalen und globalen Kontexten.* Seminar on disability and development in Sub-Saharan Africa, University of Zurich
Feb 2013 – Jul 2013	*Praxismodul praktische ethnologische Arbeit.* Seminar on applied anthropological research, University of Zurich (as teaching assistant)

Contributions to International Conferences (selection)

May 2018	*When Aid Agencies Become Patrons. Disability, vulnerability and logics of distribution in a refugee settlement in Uganda,* Panel convenor *Moral Economies of Vulnerability,* Association for the anthropology of social change and development (APAD) International Conference: 'Migrations, Development and Citizenship' in Roskilde, Denmark
Oct 2017	*'I'm also a Person with a Disability' – Claims and Complaints as Practices of Belonging in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement,* German Anthropological Association (GAA) Conference, Berlin
Nov 2015	*Unfolding Dynamics of Vulnerability Categories among People with Disabilities in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement,* American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting ‚Familiar/ Strange', Denver

Outreach Activities (Selection)

Aug 2017	*Uganda's Refugee Policy for People with Disabilities*, Live talk on Prime Radio Uganda
Jul 2017	*Food Aid for Refugees with Disabilities: Policies and Practices,* Dissemination of Disability and Technology Research Findings, Kampala, Uganda
Dec 2016	*Skilling People with Disabilities: Reducing Environmental Barriers*, Annual Disability Forum on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Adjumani, Uganda

Non-Academic Publications (Selection)

Oct 2019	*Weder Noser noch Moser. Weshalb es mindestens die Konzernverantowrtungsinitiative, und nicht einen 'griffigen' Gegenvorschlag braucht*, das Lamm, 02.10.2019
May 2019	*Goma: Kampf für ein gewaltloses Paradies*, das Lamm, 01.05.2019
Apr 2019	*Kann ein Festival die Welt verbessern?,* das Lamm, 29.04.2019
Mar 2019	*Rohstoffhandel und Rohstoffabbau sind nicht zu trennen. Die Schweizer Politik tut aber genau das – mit fatalen Folgen,* das Lamm, 01.03.2019

Honorary Engagements

Since Mar 2018	**Public Eye**, swiss-based development political NGO Organisation of campaigns and public events (e.g. city walks financial centre Zurich)
Since Apr 2018	**Irubo**, arts collective Organisation of cultural, social and political events using alternative organisational and communication structures

Languages

German (native speaker), English (proficient), French (good command), Swahili (basic communication skills), Ugandan Sign Language (basic communication skills)