

# LEA HENSCH

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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10 / 2020 – 12 / 2024	<b>M.A. in Social and Cultural Anthropology</b> Freie Universität Berlin Master's Thesis: Nation, Gender, and Politics of Memory: The Suppressed Contribution of Women in the Construction of the Kosovar Nation.
09 / 2024 – 09 / 2024	<b>DAAD "Go East" Summer School at the University of Pristina "Hasan Prishtina"</b>
07 / 2023 – 09 / 2023	<b>Ethnographic field research in Pristina, Kosovo</b> As part of Master's thesis project "Nation, Gender, and Politics of Memory". Supported by Schroubeck Fund for Eastern Europe and Southeast Europe Society (Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft e.V.).
09 / 2022 – 12 / 2022	<b>Ethnographic field research in Pristina, Kosovo</b> As part of Master's thesis project "Nation, Gender, and Politics of Memory".
09 / 2022 – 12 / 2022	<b>ASA Scholarship in Pristina, Kosovo</b> Non-profit and politically independent development education and internship program.
10 / 2015 – 02 / 2019	<b>B.A. Ethnology</b> Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Universität Frankfurt a.M. Bachelor's Thesis: The Karen and the Causes of the Ethnopolitical Conflict in Myanmar from an Ethnological Perspective.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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09 / 2025 – PRESENT	<b>Research Associate</b> Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION, Europa- Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Project "Transnational Families, Farms and Firms: Migrant Entrepreneurs in Kosovo and Serbia since the 1960s" (TRAFFF).</li></ul>
03 / 2024 – PRESENT	<b>Research Assistant</b> JustPeace, Berlin <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Establishment and strategic development of a newly founded NGO in the field of peacebuilding.</li></ul>

02 / 2022 – PRESENT

(Voluntary) Project collaboration on the online blog Anthro[metronom] focusing on psychological anthropology

- Editing of essays as well as editorial work and coordination of the publication process.

03 / 2022 – 12 / 2023

Student Assistant

RSF Hub – Research and Knowledge Transfer Hub for Rule of Law Promotion, Berlin

- Research, networking, and advisory work supporting the Federal Foreign Office's engagement in promoting the rule of law.

09 / 2022 – 12 / 2022

Project Assistant at an NGO (Internship)

forumZFD – Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst, Pristina

- Assisting with planning and implementing events and exhibitions on “Dealing with the Past” in Kosovo and the Balkans.

09 / 2021 – 12 / 2021

Project Assistant at Kontaktstelle für Umwelt und Entwicklung (KATE e.V.), Berlin (Internship)

05 / 2019 – 07 / 2019

Project Assistant at ANTIGONE, Thessaloniki (Internship)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Nation, Gender, and Memory Politics: The Silenced Contribution of Women in the Making of the Kosovar Nation”

- Conference “Gender Cultures and War”. Working Group Diversity, Center for Diversity, Media, and Law (DiML) (November 2024)
- Southeast European Studies (SEES) Student Symposium (March 2025)
- Emerging Scholars Workshop “Sources and Approaches in the Study of East-Central and Southeastern Europe”. Carolina Center for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (May 2025)

Whose Memory Counts? National Agendas, International Interventions and the (Gendered) Fight for (Narrative) Authority in Postwar Kosovo

- 63rd International Academic Week, “The Yugoslav Wars: A Watershed Moment for Europe”, Southeast Europe Association (Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft, SOG) (October 2025)

## AWARDS

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Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis in Gender Studies, Section on Women's and Gender Studies, German Sociological Association (DGS), July 2025