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Personal Details



Date of birth 2 July 1986
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Language Skills

Uyghur	mother tongue
Chinese	advanced
Turkish	advanced
English	advanced
Polish	elementary
German	intermediate

Education

PhD candidate in history	March 2019 to present, Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina, Germany
Erasmus exchange student	Oct 2018 – March 2019, Faculty of Social & Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina, Germany
Academic English course	Oct 2017 – Sept 2018, Faculty of English Philology, Opole University, Poland
PhD cand Eurasian Studies	Feb 2015 – Jun 2017, Faculty of Eurasian Studies, Nigde University, Turkey
Turkish language course	Sept 2014 – Feb 2015, TOMER, Nigde University, Turkey
Master of Ethnology	Sept 2009 – July 2012, School of Humanities, Xinjiang University, P.R. China
Bachelor of History	Sept 2004 – July 2009, School of Humanities, Xinjiang University, P.R. China

Academic Projects

Doctoral project:	From Empire to Republic: “Study in Germany” as a Tool of “Modernization” in China and Turkey (1871 – 1929)
Master thesis:	Urbanization and Socio-Cultural Change, Research in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region – Case study of Kumudang Village, Shache County (submitted in Chinese)
Bachelor thesis:	Uyghur Society in the Eyes of Westerners, Late 19 th to Early 20 th Century (submitted in Chinese)

Working Experience

Feb 2021 – Aug 2021	Teaching assistant at the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina, Germany
March 2018 – May 2018	Employed at Education Department of Hradec Králové University, Czech Republic
March 2017 – June 2017	Employed at International Office of Opole University, Poland
2009 – 2011	Participation in a variety of projects including field research, guided by Prof. Qiman Najmidin, School of Humanities, Xinjiang University, P.R. China

Research Fellowship

Oct 2020 – Dec 2020	Research fellowship (digital, due to Covid 19) at the History Department of Bilgi University (host: Prof. Dr. Bülent Bilmez)
Oct 2021 – Dec 2021	Research fellowship at School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies, the University of Arizona (host: Prof. Dr. Benjamin Fortna)
Jan 2022 – Mar 2022	Research fellowship at the History Department of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (host: Prof. Dr. Cemil Aydin)
Apr 2022 – Sept 2022	Research Fellowship at Leibniz Institute of European History (pending)

Research Experience

Archive research at Ottoman Archives (May 24, 2019 – June 14, 2019) in Istanbul, Turkey

Field research for MA thesis, on the topic of Urbanization and Socio-Cultural Change, Research in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, six months (February – August) in 2011 in a small town which had recently been incorporated into the administration of Yarkent City

Research assistant in Prof. Qiman Najjimuding’s major project "Kashi Regional Culture Research" in 2009 – 2011, funded by National Social Science Fund (approval no. 10 & ZB068)

Successful completion of BA thesis (2009) on the topic of “Uyghur Society in the Eyes of Westerners” in the Late Qing Dynasty and the early period of the Republic of China, testifying to my experience and ability to carry out academic research projects.

Academic Activities related with PhD Projects

May 26, 2020	Presentation of my PhD project at Kulturgeschichtliches Kolloquium, European University Viadrina, at the invitation of the Prof. Dr. Klaus Weber and Prof. Dr. Andreas Bähr
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Jan 24, 2020 Presentation of my PhD project at the research seminar “Themen, Theorien und Forschungsansätze in der Geschichte Südost-/Mitteleuropas”, Humboldt University in Berlin, at the invitation of the Prof. Dr. Hannes Grandits

Distinctions and Grants

VIP research stay abroad	Oct 2021 – Dec 2021, for stay at University of Arizona (funded by European University Viadrina and DAAD)
VIP teaching assistant	Feb 2021 – July 2021 (funded by European University Viadrina and DAAD)
VIP research stay abroad	Oct 2020 – Dec 2020, for stay at Istanbul Bilgi University (funded by European University Viadrina and DAAD)
Research travel grant	May 24, 2020 – June 14, 2020, for Istanbul (funded by Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina)
Start-up grant for PhD Researchers	June 2019 – June 2020 (funded by Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, European University Viadrina)
Erasmus scholarship for study	Oct 2018 – March 2019, Poland
Erasmus scholarship for internship	March 2018 – May 2018, Poland
Erasmus scholarship for Ph.D. program	March – June 2017, Turkey
National Scholarship for MA students	Oct 2009 – June 2012, P.R. China
Xinjiang University Top Student Award	2007, P.R. China
Xinjiang University Top Student Award	2005, P.R. China

Publications

“Uyghur Society in the Eyes of Westerners, Late 19th and Early 20th Century”, III. Uluslararası Türk Dünyası Araştırmaları Sempozyum Materialları Cild II, Bakı, Azerbaijan, 2016, pp.273-276

“Ancient Land – Yarkant in the Eyes of Foreigners”, Miras Journal (Journal of Cultural History, Urumqi, China, 1 (2012), pp. 36-42

Academic Conferences

Conference of Archiv für Sozialgeschichte as preparation for vol. 62 of the yearbook Archiv für Sozialgeschichte (2022): The Social History of “Bildung” through Formation and Education, Berlin, Germany, October 28 – 29 October 2021

Conference paper: “Study Abroad” in the long 19th century: Modernization, War, and Higher Education in Global Context

III. Uluslararası Türk Dünyası Araştırmaları Sempozyumu, Baku, Azerbaijan (= III. International Congress on Research on the Turkish World), May 24 – 27 May 2016

Conference paper: Uyghur Society in the Eyes of Westerners, Late 19th and Early 20th Century