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## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

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#### Münster University

- NRW Certificate “Professional Teaching Competence for the University” (12 May 2023)

#### Mannheim University

- Habilitation in Ancient History (20 November 2019), topic: “‘The Very First of the Citizens’. Agonistic Cultures and the Self-presentation of Hellenistic Athletes”

#### Münster University

- PhD in Ancient History (11 September 2013), topic: “Eid und Außenpolitik. Studien zur religiösen Fundierung der Akzeptanz zwischenstaatlicher Vereinbarungen bei den Griechen von der homerischen Zeit bis zum Tag von Eleusis“, supervisor: Peter Funke
- *Staatsexamen* (M.A. equivalent) in History and Latin (2007): Staatsarbeit on ‘Foundations with more than one oikist’

#### University of Perugia (Italy)

- Study Abroad Program (Erasmus) (July 2002 - September 2003)

### Employment

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#### University of Trento, Italy, Department of Humanities

- Post-doctoral Research Fellow, since September 2022 -

#### Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Department of Ancient History

- Fixed-term Professor of Roman History and Historical Anthropology (*Lehrstuhlvertretung* Peter Eich), April 2022 - August 2022

#### University of Münster, Department of Ancient History

- Fixed-term Professor of Greek History (*Lehrstuhlvertretung* Hans Beck), October 2021 - March 2022
- Assistant Professor, April 2019 - September 2021

#### Gerda Henkel Stiftung

- Scholarship, June 2017 - May 2018

#### Mannheim University, Department of History

- Fixed-term Junior Professor, February 2017 - May 2017

#### Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC)

- Research Fellow, September 2016 - January 2017

#### Mannheim University, Department of Ancient History

- Post-doctoral Research Fellow in the project “The Self-Representation of Hellenistic Athletes – Social, Political and Ethnic Identities”; funded by the DFG, October 2013 - September 2016

**Münster University, Department of Ancient History**

- Research Fellow, praedoc, November 2012 - September 2013
- Assistant Professor, April - October 2012
- Research Fellow, praedoc, in the project C2 “Partisan Gods – Competing Gods. The Role of Cults and Sanctuaries in Ancient Treaties” at the Münster Center of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, October 2008 - March 2012
- Graduate Assistant, October 2007 - September 2008

**External Funding** \_\_\_\_\_

- *Center for Hellenic Studies*, Washington, DC (fellowship and research expenses for the project “The Self-presentation of Hellenistic Athletes”)
- *Gerda Henkel Stiftung* (for the research project “A Historical Commentary on Posidippus’ *Hippika*”)
- *Center for Hellenic Studies*, Washington, DC (for the organization of a conference on lists in the Roman Imperial period [raised together with my co-organizers])

**Main Research Interests** \_\_\_\_\_

- Cultural history of Greek athletics
- Oaths, religion and interstate relations in the Greek world
- Greek migration in the Archaic period
- Federal states and border studies in ancient Greece
- Greek localism
- Ancient animal studies
- Political communication in the Roman Empire (esp. imperial correspondence)
- Greek epigraphy

## Publications

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### Monographs

- 1) *Hellenistic Athletes. Agonistic Cultures and Self-presentation*. Cambridge University Press 2024.  
(Reviewed by D. Lunt, CR 74 [2024])
- 2) *Eid und Außenpolitik. Studien zur religiösen Fundierung der Akzeptanz zwischenstaatlicher Vereinbarungen im vorrömischen Griechenland*. Stuttgart 2016 (*Historia Einzelschriften* 241).  
(Reviewed by R. van Wijk, BMCR 2017.04.21; S. Bolmarich, *Sehepunkte* 17 [2017], no. 6; K. Harter-Uibopuu, *HZ* 306 [2018], 787-788; N. Grotkamp, *ZRG* 135 [2018], 681-685; S. Günther, *Ancient West & East* 17 [2018], 454-457; P. Scheibelreiter, *Gymnasium* 126 [2019], 196-198; A. Giovannini, *Klio* 101 [2019], 372-375; L. Loddo, *Religious Studies Review* 45 [2019], 70; cf. *BE* 2019, 8 [D. Knoepfler], *SEG* LXVI 2482 [E. Stavrianopoulou]).

### Edited Volumes

- 1) (together with C. Hammann and S. L. Jónsson) *Letter Writing and the Representation of Power in Antiquity. Royal Correspondence in Comparison* (203 p., in preparation for submission for peer-reviewing).
- 2) (together with H. Beck) *Beyond Mysteries: The Local World of Ancient Eleusis*. Leiden and Boston, MA (forthcoming in Brill's *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 199; estimated publication date: February 27, 2025).
- 3) *Beyond the Big Four. Local Games in Ancient Greek Athletic Culture (TSO 4)*. Münster 2024.  
(DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17879/tso-2024-vol4>).
- 4) (together with C. Mann and S. Remijsen) *Athletics in the Hellenistic World*. Stuttgart 2016.  
(Reviewed by N. Crowther, *Sehepunkte* 17 [2017], no. 9; Z. Newby, *AHB Online Reviews* 7 [2017], 84-87; D. Stavrou, *The Classical Review* 67 [2017]; M.B. Poliakoff, *BMCR* 2018.03.33; F. Wojan, *Histara* 2018; P. Angeli Bernardini, *Klio* 100 [2018], 955-959; H. W. Pleket, *Babesch* 93 [2018], 279-280; A. Ijäs, *Arctos* 53 [2019], 287-289).

### Epigraphic Corpora

- 1) (together with P. Funke et al.) *Collezioni epigrafiche della Grecia occidentale. Epigraphische Sammlungen aus Westgriechenland, Pars I: La Collezione epigrafica del Museo archeologico di Agrinio. Die epigraphische Sammlung des archäologischen Museums von Agrinio*. Bonn 2018 (*Akarnanien-Forschungen* 2.1).
- 2) (together with P. Funke et al.) *Epigraphische Sammlungen aus Westgriechenland. Collezioni epigrafiche della Grecia occidentale, Pars II: Die epigraphische Sammlung des archäologischen Museums von Thyrio. La Collezione epigrafica del Museo archeologico di Thyrio*. Bonn 2023 (*Akarnanien-Forschungen* 2.2).

**Database**

- 1) (together with C. Mann and S. Remijsen): *A Database of Hellenistic Athletes* (<http://athletes.geschichte.uni-mannheim.de/>).

**Chapters and Articles**

- 1) "An Invitation to Join the League? The Role of the Aitolian League in the Lamian War and Its Propagandistic Afterlife." In *Crisis and Resilience in Ancient Greek Alliances. Cross-Border Cooperation* (eds. E. Franchi, A. Ganter and F. Maier) (17 p., submitted on October 3, 2024).
- 2) "'I Order that the Games Shall All Take Place.' Imperial Roles in the Correspondence of Second-Century Roman Emperors." Forthcoming in *Letter Writing and the Representation of Power in Antiquity. Royal Correspondence in Comparison* (eds. C. Hammann, S. Jónsson and Scharff) (22 p.).
- 3) "A Contested Space. Foreign Claims to Power and Second-Century Ambrakiot Border Management (21 p., accepted for publication in *Classica et Mediaevalia* on September 9, 2024).
- 4) "Making Good Use of Local Religion. Tauropolos and the God Lists of Greek Treaties." Forthcoming in *Rooted Cities, Wandering Gods: Inter-Urban Religious Interaction* (eds. T. Britton, O. M. van Nijf, C. G. Williamson, and A. Wiznura) Leiden (15 p., accepted for publication).
- 5) "Kaiserbrief." Forthcoming in *Handbuch Brief. Antike* (eds. E.-M. Becker, U. Egelhaaf-Gaiser and A. Fürst) Berlin/Boston, MA (11 p., accepted for publication with De Gruyter; estimated publication date: 14 July 2025).
- 6) (together with H. Beck) "Introduction." Forthcoming in *Beyond Mysteries. The Local World of Ancient Eleusis* (eds. H. Beck and S. Scharff) Leiden (14 p., Brill's *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 199; estimated publication date: February 27, 2025).
- 7) "Eleusis as a Place of Competition. The Eleusinian Games." Forthcoming in *Beyond Mysteries. The Local World of Ancient Eleusis* (ed. H. Beck and S. Scharff) Leiden (21 p., Brill's *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 199; estimated publication date: February 27, 2025).
- 8) "Victorious Kings. Hellenistic Rulers and Agonistic Success." Forthcoming in *Hellenistic Monarchies in the Mediterranean World. Building a New World Order?* (ed. M. Munn) Wiesbaden. (17 p.; accepted for publication with Springer; estimated publication date: in 4 December 2024).
- 9) "The Asklepieia and Epidauros." In *Beyond the Big Four. Local Games in Ancient Greek Athletic Culture* (ed. S. Scharff) 170-188. Münster 2024.
- 10) "'Sparta is My Country'. Competitive Localism in Hellenistic Sparta." In *Localism in Hellenistic Greece* (eds. S. Ager and H. Beck) 247-276. Toronto University Press 2024.
- 11) "Federal Treaty Cultures in Hellenistic Greece." *Hormos* n.s. 15 (2023), 169-195.
- 12) "Mediating, Arbitrating, Crossing Borders Constantly. Athletes as Envoys." *Erga-Logoi* 11.2 (2023), 77-90.
- 13) "Establishing a Channel of Communication. Roman Emperors and the Self-presentation of Greek Athletes in the Roman East." In *The Material Dynamics of Ancient Festivals in the Graeco-Roman East* (ed. Z. Newby) 26-50. Oxford University Press 2023.
- 14) "No Life without Athletics. Plutarch on Greek Sport." In *Plutarch: Cultural Practice in a Connected World* (ed. C. Giroux) 40-55. Münster 2022

(<https://www.uni-muenster.de/Ejournals/index.php/tso/article/view/4499/4599>).

- 15) “Die Selbstdarstellung rhodischer Athleten im Hellenismus. Politische und soziale Identitäten.” *Nikephoros* 28 (2015) [2022], 299-346.
- 16) “Against the Rules. Plurality of Oikists and New Perspectives on the Greek ‘Colonisation’.” In *From Homer to Solon. Continuity and Change in Archaic Greece* (eds. M. Canevaro and J. Bernhardt) 265-300. Leiden/Boston, MA, 2022.
- 17) “ ‘Sie stürmten durch die Rennbahn ungestümen Laufs’. Pferdesport in der griechisch-römischen Antike.” In *Das Pferd in der Antike – von Troja bis Olympia* (eds. S. Ebers, A. Lichtenberger and H.-H. Nieswandt) 45-49. Darmstadt 2022.
- 18) “Treaties and Trust. Oath Rituals as a Flexible Diplomatic Instrument of Shaping Good Faith in Interstate Agreements.” In *Shaping Good Faith. Modes of Communication in Ancient Diplomacy* (eds. F. Mari and C. Wendt) 27-48. Stuttgart 2021.
- 19) “Der erste und einzige. Die Selbstdarstellung antiker Athleten.” *AW* 3 (2021), 20-24.
- 20) “Pferde- und Wagenrennen bei den alten Griechen.” *AiD* 3 (2021), 24-27.
- 21) (together with C. Mann): “Horse Races and Chariot Races in Ancient Greece.” *IJHS* 37 (2020) 163-182 (again in *The Running Centaur. Horse-Racing in Global-Historical Perspective* [eds. S. Bell, C. Jaser and C. Mann] 8-27. London/New York, NY, 2022).
- 22) “Virtual Halls of Fame. Imagined Communities of Equestrian Victors in the Hellenistic Period.” In *Les hippodromes et les concours hippiques dans la Grèce antique* (eds. J.-C. Moretti and P. Valavanis) 341-351. Athens 2019 (*BCH Suppl.* 62) (<https://books.openedition.org/efa/6642?lang=de>).
- 23) “Ἐτυχόν παρόντες πρέσβεις. Zum Phänomen der zufälligen Anwesenheit griechischer Gesandter in fremden Poleis der klassischen Zeit.” In *Grenzüberschreitende institutionalisierte Zusammenarbeit von der Antike bis in die Gegenwart. Strukturen und Prozesse* (eds. C. Henrich-Franke, C. Hiepel, G. Thiemeyer and H. Türk) 193-214. Cologne 2019.
- 24) “In Olympia siegen: Elische Athleten des 1. Jahrhunderts v. Chr. und die Frage nach der Attraktivität der Olympischen Spiele im späten Hellenismus.” In *Griechische Heiligtümer als Handlungsorte. Zur Multifunktionalität supralokaler Heiligtümer von der frühen Archaik bis in die römische Kaiserzeit* (eds. M. Haake and K. Freitag) 227-249. Stuttgart 2019.
- 25) “Ancient Athletes as ‚Heroes‘. Social and Educational Values of Athletic Excellence.” In *Olympians Promoting Olympism: Knowledge and Experiences in Olympic Education. 14th Joint International Session for Presidents or Directors of National Olympic Academies and Officials of National Olympic Committees, 6-13 May 2018, Ancient Olympia* (ed. K. Georgiadis) 45-54. Athens 2019.
- 26) “Improving the Public Image Through Athletics: Young Victors in Hellenistic Thebes.” *CHS Research Bulletin* 5, No. 1, 2016 (<https://research-bulletin.chs.harvard.edu/2017/04/17/victors-in-hellenistic-thebes/>).
- 27) “Das Pferd Aithon, die Skopaden und die πατρις Θεσσαλία. Die Selbstdarstellung hippischer Sieger aus Thessalien im Hellenismus.” In *Athletics in the Hellenistic World* (eds. C. Mann, S. Remijsen and S. Scharff) 209-229. Stuttgart 2016.

- 28) "Wie versichert man sich der göttlichen Vergeltung? Ein rechtliches Verfahren und seine religiöse Sanktionierung in der Amnestie der Dikaiopoliten." In *Rechtliche Verfahren und religiöse Sanktionierung in der griechisch-römischen Antike* (eds. D. Bonanno, P. Funke and M. Haake) 127-138. Stuttgart 2016.
- 29) (together with S. Remijsen): "The Expression of Identities in Hellenistic Victor Epigrams." In *Classics@-Online Journal*, Issue 13 (2015), Greek Poetry and Sport (ed. T.F. Scanlon), (<https://classics-at.chs.harvard.edu/classics13-remijsen-and-scharff/>).
- 30) "Die Selbstdarstellung hellenistischer Athleten: politische Identitäten, soziale Identitäten, ethnische Identitäten." In *Moving Minds – Crossing Boundaries in Sport Science* (eds. T. Könecke, H. Preuß and W.I. Schöllhorn) 245. Hamburg 2015.
- 31) "'Da sie als erste, gegen die Eide, Schaden verübten,...' Zur Bedeutung von Vertragseiden im zwischenstaatlichen Bereich bei den Griechen." *Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte* 15 (2009), 316-332.
- 32) (together with M. Haake and L. Kolonas): "Fragment einer metrischen Strategenweihe an Aphrodite Stratagis aus dem hellenistischen Thyreion." *Chiron* 37 (2007), 113-121.
- 33) "Exkurs: Zu den Siegespreisen der Wettkampfstätten und den Prämien der Heimatstädte." In *Hadrian und die dionysischen Künstler. Drei in Alexandria Troas neugefundene Briefe des Kaisers an die Künstler-Vereinigung* (eds. E. Schwertheim and G. Petzl) 95-100. Bonn 2006 (*Asia Minor Studien* 58).

### Blog Articles

- 1) "The Quarrel of the Gods as a Wandering Story." Blog (submitted on 7 August 2024).
- 2) "Agonistic Cultures and Self-Presentation." Blog *Fifteen Eighty Four. Academic Perspectives from Cambridge University Press*, March 19, 2024 (<https://www.cambridgeblog.org/2024/03/agonistic-cultures-and-self-presentation/>).
- 3) "Greek Horse Races, Politics, and Identity." Blog *Agon*, September 29, 2017 (<https://www.phil.uni-mannheim.de/geschichte/lehrstuehle/alte-geschichte/transfer/agon-blog/alle-beitraege/greek-horse-races-politics-and-identity/>).

### Reviews

- 1) Rev. on *Die Staatsverträge des Altertums. Vierter Band. Die Verträge der griechisch-römischen Welt von ca. 200 v. Chr. bis zum Beginn der Kaiserzeit. Bearbeitet von R. Malcolm Errington unter redaktioneller Mitarbeit von Isabelle Mossong*. Munich 2020. Forthcoming in *Klio* 107.1 (2025) submitted on August 11, 2024.
- 2) Rev. on Dominik Delp: *Zwischen Ansässigkeit und Mobilität. Die sogenannte Große Kolonisation der Griechen aus migrationstheoretischer Perspektive*. Göttingen 2022. Forthcoming in *Gymnasium* 131 (2024), submitted on April 23, 2024.
- 3) Rev. on Charles H. Stocking and Susan A. Stephens: *Ancient Greek Athletics. Primary Sources in Translation*. Oxford 2021. In: *CR* 73 (2023), 592-594.

- 4) Rev. on Oliver Pilz: *Kulte und Heiligtümer in Elis und Triphylien. Untersuchungen zur Sakraltopographie der westlichen Peloponnes*. Berlin – Boston, MA, 2020. In *HZ* 316 (2023), 416-419.
- 5) Rev. on Umberto Pappalardo: *Zu Ehren des Zeus. Die Olympischen Spiele der Antike, mit einer Einleitung von Masanori Aoyagi*. Darmstadt 2020. In *sehepunkte* 22 (2022), no. 11 [15.11.2022].
- 6) Rev. on Pascal Montlahuc: *Le pouvoir des bons mots. „Faire rire“ et politique à Rome du milieu du IIIe siècle a.C. à l'avènement des Antonins*. Rome 2019. In *Klio* 104 (2022), 391-394.
- 7) Rev. on Christian Seebacher: *Zwischen Augustus und Antinoos. Tradition und Innovation im Prinzipat Hadrians*. Stuttgart 2020. In *Klio* 104 (2022), 400-406.
- 8) Rev. on Thomas Heine Nielsen: *Two Studies in the History of Ancient Greek Athletics*. Copenhagen 2018 (*Scientia Danica. Series H, Humanistica, 8 vol. 16*). In *Klio* 103 (2021), 311-316.
- 9) Rev. on Filippo Canalí De Rossi: *Hippiká. Corse di cavalli e di carri in Grecia, Etruria e Roma, Volume II: Le corse al galoppo montato nell' antica Grecia*. Hildesheim 2016 (*Nikephoros Beihefte* 22). In *Anzeiger für die Altertumswissenschaft* 69 (2016), 176-179.
- 10) Rev. on Alan H. Sommerstein and Andrew J. Bayliss: *Oath and State in Ancient Greece. With Contributions by Lynn A. Kozak and Isabelle C. Torrance*. Berlin 2013. In *sehepunkte* 14 (2014), no. 10 [15.10.2014].
- 11) Rev. on Julia Wilker (ed.): *Maintaining Peace and Interstate Stability in Archaic and Classical Greece*. Mainz 2012. In *sehepunkte* 14 (2014), no. 10 [15.10.2014].
- 12) Rev. on Gunther Martin: *Divine Talk. Religious Argumentation in Demosthenes*. Oxford 2009. In *sehepunkte* 11 (2011), no. 1 [15.01.2011].
- 13) Rev. on Timo Stickler: *Korinth und seine Kolonien. Die Stadt am Isthmus im Mächtegefüge des klassischen Griechenland*. Berlin 2010 (*Klio-Beihefte* N.F. 15). In *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 10.01.2011.

## Presentations

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### Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

#### 2024

κατὰ νόμους τοὺς Θεσσαλῶν. Kulturen bundesstaatlichen Grenzmanagements im 3. und 2. Jahrhunderts v. Chr., International Conference *Borders*, Trier, July 27, 2024.

Elefanten in der Selbstdarstellung hellenistischer Herrscher, Trial Lecture at *Deutsches Archäologisches Institut* Berlin, January 19, 2024.

#### 2023

Resilient Allies? Dealing with Destruction and Defeat in Fourth-Century Greece, International Conference *Verbündete in der Krise. Bündnisresilienz im antiken Griechenland*, Regensburg, October 13, 2023.

Imperial Roles in the Correspondence of Roman Emperors of the Second Century AD, International Conference *Letter Writing and Power. Royal Correspondence as a Means of Representation*, Münster, July 7, 2023.

Methodological Introduction, International Conference *Letter Writing and Power. Royal*

*Correspondence as a Means of Representation*, Münster, July 6, 2023.

“Bei Zeus, Ge, Helios (...) und der Tauropos”. Eine kleine Geschichte der Schwurgötterlisten griechischer Staatsverträge, Invited Lecture, Göttinger Althistorische Vorträge, Göttingen, May 31, 2023.

Erbrechtliche Vorstellungen bei einem jüdischen Polisbürger aus der römischen Provinz. Ein Impuls aus der Alten Geschichte, International Conference *Erbrechtliche Vorstellungen im Galaterbrief des Paulus im Kontext seiner Umwelt*, Zurich, March 26, 2023.

## 2022

Crowned by the Hands of the Emperor. The Self-Presentation of Athletes from Asia Minor in the Roman Imperial Period, International Conference *GymnAsia. Gymnases et culture athlétique en Asie Mineure occidentale et méridionale aux époques hellénistique et impériale*, Bordeaux, November 25, 2022.

Von pythischen Knaben, Bartlosen und Epheben. Kinder- und Jugendsport in der griechischen Antike, Invited Lecture, IDA-Ringvorlesung *Kinder in der Welt der Antike*, Bern, October 7, 2022.

Résumé of the International Conference *Money and Honor in Ancient Athletics*, Mannheim, June 25, 2022.

Ein Imperium der Briefe. Zur Kommunikation des Princeps mit den Provinzialen im zweiten Jahrhundert n. Chr., Trial Lecture (Full professorship in Ancient History), FU Berlin, May 12, 2022.

*Patris* und *autonomia*. Zur Selbstdarstellung spartanischer und messenischer Athleten im Hellenismus, Kolloquium Alte Geschichte, Invited Lecture, Bielefeld, May 3, 2022 (again in Regensburg, May 24, 2022).

The Agonistic Representation of the Ptolemies in the Third Century BC. A Successful, Macedonian Dynasty, International Conference *The Same, but Different? Monarchical Representation in the Hellenistic World between Assimilation and Differentiation*, Münster, March 10, 2022.

## 2021

Making Good Use of Local Religion. God Lists of Greek Treaties as a Result of Inter-Urban Religious Interactions, International Conference *Rooted Cities, Wandering Gods. Inter-Urban Religious Interactions*, Groningen, November 20, 2021

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vkD1Vv7NAy3sn1UAuXTAMKv1LvWdwU80/view>).

Eleusis as a Place of Competition: the Eleusinian Games, International Conference *Beyond Mysteries. The Hybrid History of Ancient Eleusis*, Münster, October 1, 2021.

## 2020

*Hippikoi agones*. Pferde- und Wagenrennen im antiken Griechenland, International Colloquium *Agones and Sports in Pre- and Protohistoric Central Europe and its Neighbouring Regions*, Tübingen, October 5, 2020 (via Zoom).

Homes away from Home. Early Greek Migration in an Expanding World, Invited Lecture, Bodø (Norway), August 28, 2020 (via Zoom).

## 2019

Hadrian und die Provinzialen. Vom Reisekaiser zum Erfinder eines ‘government by letters’, Habilitationscolloquium, Mannheim, November 20, 2019.

Roman Emperors and Greek Festivals. Establishing a Channel of Communication by Means of Agonistic Inscriptions, panel *The Spatial and Material Dimensions of Ancient Festival Culture* at the 15<sup>th</sup>



Congress of FIEC / CA, London, July 7, 2019.

## 2018

*Patris und autonomia.* Zur Selbstdarstellung spartanischer und messenischer Athleten im Hellenismus, Invited Lecture, Research Colloquium of the Seminar of Ancient History and Epigraphy, Heidelberg University, December 5, 2018.

Treaties and Trust. Oaths as an Element of Securing Interstate Agreements, International Conference *Shaping Good Faith. Modes of Communication in Ancient Diplomacy*, Freie Universität Berlin, October 11, 2018.

Becoming Greek through Athletics. Non-Greek Participation in Greek Sporting Events in the Hellenistic Period, International Conference *Athletics and Identities in the Ancient and Modern Culture*, St Andrews, September 20-21, 2018.

“Sparta is my country.” Competitive Localism in Hellenistic Sparta, International Conference *Localism in the Hellenistic World*, Waterloo, ON, April 27, 2018.

Imperial Catalogues. The List as a Basic Structure of Some Newly Published Hadrianic Letters, International Conference *The Logic of Lists in the Roman Imperial Period*, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC, January 10, 2018.

## 2017

Victorious Kings and Queens. The Agonistic Representation of the Ptolemies, Invited Trial Lecture, Edinburgh, November 22, 2017.

Victorious Kings and Queens. The Agonistic Representation of Hellenistic Dynasties, Invited Lecture, Nottingham, September 9, 2017.

“One Olympic Crown after another.” The Self-presentation of (Hellenistic) Victors from Sparta, Sixth International Scholars’ Symposium *After the Agon: Olympic Memory in Ancient and Modern Athletics*, Ancient Olympia, July 11, 2017.

(gem. m. C. Mann), Horse Races and Chariot Races in Ancient Greece, International Conference *Global History of Horse Races*, Mannheim, June 15, 2017.

Bearers of Hope. Agonistic Answers to External Criticism in Hellenistic Thebes, International Conference *Boiotia and the Outside World*, Fribourg, June 9, 2017 (again at Edinburgh, November 21, 2017).

Die delphische Amphiktyonie als völkerrechtliche Innovation und institutionelles Experiment, c International Conference *Formen grenzübergreifender institutionalisierter Zusammenarbeit* of the Study Group International History as part of the German Historikerverband, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI), Essen, March 16, 2017.

## 2016

Improving the Public Image through Athletics. Young Victors in Hellenistic Thebes, Invited Lecture, Center for Hellenic Studies Fall Symposium 2016, Washington, DC, December 3, 2016.

Victorious Youngsters. Agonistic Success of the Young as an Answer to Political Decline in Hellenistic Thebes, Invited Lecture, Montréal (McGill), November 2, 2016.

Virtual Halls of Fame. Imagined Communities of Equestrian Victors in the Hellenistic Period, International Conference *Hippodromes and Horse Races in Ancient Greece*, Athens, February 12, 2016.

## 2015

Die Selbstdarstellung hellenistischer Athleten: politische Identitäten, soziale Identitäten, ethnische Identitäten, International Conference *Olympia Day* as part of the 22<sup>nd</sup> University Day of the German Association for Sport Science (dvs), Mainz, October 1, 2015.

Das Pferd Aithon, die Skopaden und die πατρις Θεσσαλία. Die Selbstdarstellung hippischer Sieger aus Thessalien im Hellenismus, International Conference *Athletics in the Hellenistic Period*, Mannheim, June 26, 2015.

“Only the usual thing(s)?” Zu Häufigkeit und Relevanz des Eidarguments in der zwischenstaatlichen Kommunikation der Griechen bis zum Tag von Eleusis, Invited Lecture, Althistorisches Colloquium, Humboldt-University, Berlin, May 27, 2015.

Victorious Kings. Hellenistic Rulers and Agonistic Success, International Conference *Building a New World Order? Hellenistic Monarchies in the Mediterranean World*, Penn State University, April 25, 2015.

Siegreiche Könige. Überlegungen zu den agonistischen Erfolgen hellenistischer Alleinherrscher, Invited Lecture, Sporthistorisches Kolloquium, Münster, January 1, 2015.

## 2014

Wie versichert man sich der göttlichen Vergeltung? Menschlicher Racheverzicht und religiöse Sanktionierung in der Amnestie der Dikaiopoliten, International Conference *Rechtliche Verfahren und religiöse Sanktionierung in der griechisch-römischen Welt/ Procedimenti giuridici e sanzione religiosa nel mondo greco e romano*, Palermo, December 11, 2014 (again on October 18, 2015, at Mannheim University).

Politische und soziale Identitäten hellenistischer Athleten. Das Beispiel Rhodos, International Conference *25 Jahre Nikephoros*, Graz, May 6, 2014.

## 2011

τιμωρήσειεν δὲ ὁ θεὸς μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων θεῶν πάντων. Civil Oaths, Amnesties, and the Paradox of Vengeance, Invited Lecture, Montréal (McGill), September 29, 2011.

Zwischenstaatliche Kommunikation und das Prinzip der ‘überbietenden Vergeltung’ bei den klassischen Griechen, International Conference *Politische Kommunikation und Erinnerung im antiken Griechenland*, Bielefeld, April 29, 2011.

## Workshop Presentations

### 2024

Δῶρα οὐκ ἔδωκα οὐδὲ δῶσω. Oaths in (Federal) Arbitration, Workshop of the project *Federalism and Border Management in Greek Antiquity*, Trento, April 10, 2024.

Straight Lines in the Rocks. A Case Study in Second-Century Ambrakiot Border Management, Workshop of the project *Federalism and Border Management in Greek Antiquity*, Trento, February 7, 2024.

### 2022

Treaty Cultures. The Achaian and Aitolian Leagues Compared, Research Presentation, Workshop Trento, December 21, 2022.

Briefe und Macht: Herrscherbriefe als Medium der Repräsentation in antiken Kulturen, Research Presentation, Forschungsstelle Brief, Münster, October 20, 2022.

### 2020

The Mannheim Database of Hellenistic Athletes, Workshop *Greek Gymnasia in Lycia and Caria*, Bordeaux, January 21, 2020.

**2019**

Romans, Western Greeks and Greek Athletic Competition in the Third Century, Workshop *Mediterranean Multipolarity. Entanglement and Diversity in the Third Century BC*, Münster, July 11, 2019.

Non-Greek Participants in Hellenistic Games: an Entangled History, Workshop *Entangled (Greek) History. Concepts, Contexts, Cases*, Münster, May 13, 2019.

**2017**

„Einen olympischen Kranz nach dem anderen.“ Spartanische Sieger im Hellenismus, Research Colloquium, Mannheim, May 24, 2017.

**2016**

“Von den Hellenen als Jugendliche offensichtlich die meisten Kampfpreise”. Politischer Niedergang und die agonistischen Erfolge der Jugend im hellenistischen Theben, Research Colloquium, Mannheim, May 18, 2016.

**2015**

Bei Zeus, Ge, Helios (...) und der Tauropolos“. Griechische Schwurgötterlisten und die Rolle der Polisreligion bei politischem Handeln jenseits der Polis, Workshop *Jenseits der Polisreligion – Regelkonflikte im religiösen Feld*, Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, Münster, November 17, 2015.

**2014**

Polykles und die Taten der Athleten. Agonistische Inschriften als Leistungsbilanzen, Workshop *Antike Tatenberichte*, Mannheim, December 17, 2014.

**2013**

Eid und Außenpolitik, Methodological Workshop, Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, Münster, March 11, 2013.

**2012**

Zwischen Religion, Politik und Recht. Der griechische Vertragseid als Argument bei zwischenstaatlichen Verhandlungen, Workshop *Grenzarbeiten am religiösen Feld*, Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, Münster, June 15, 2012.

Die Grenzen der Konkurrenz, oder: Wo ‘endete’ der “kompetitive Charakter“ der griechischen Götterwelt? Workshop, Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics” (Säule C), Münster, April 24, 2012.

**2009**

“Da sie als erste, gegen die Eide, Schaden verübten, ...” Zu dem Aussöhnungspotenzial griechischer Vertragseide, Workshop *Konflikt- und Versöhnungspotentiale antiker Religionen und Weltanschauungen*, Centrum für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Mittelmeerraums (GKM), Münster, March 21, 2009.

Διὸς ὄρκια. Oath and Diplomacy in Homer, PhD-Days of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics” in cooperation with the National Research School in Classical Studies in the Netherlands (OIKOS), Münster, January 7, 2011.

**2009**

Religion und Außenpolitik. Zu Status und Stellenwert religiöser Argumente im zwischenstaatlichen Diskurs im klassischen Griechenland, Conference *Wir und die anderen – Aspekte der Griechischen Außenpolitik*, Graz, June 18, 2009.

### Poster Presentation

(together with K. Knäpper – M. Tieke), The Inscriptions in the Archaeological Museums of Agrinion and Thyrraeion (Aetoloacarnania, Greece), XIV Congressus Internationalis Epigraphiae Graecae et Latinae *Öffentlichkeit – Monument – Text*, Berlin, August 2012.

### Response

To A. Lepke, Some Observations on Manumissions and Inscriptions, workshop *Understanding the Epigraphy of Greek Sanctuaries* (Cluster of excellence “Religion and Politics”, WWU Münster, in cooperation with SFB 933 “Material Text Cultures“, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg), Münster, May 9, 2017.

### Conference Organization

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- 1) (together with E. Franchi, C. Biagetti, R. Massinelli and R. van Wijk): Federal Border-Management Cultures in the Greek World, International Conference organized by the ERC project “Federalism and Border Management in Greek Antiquity” (FeBo), Trento, March 11-13, 2025.
- 2) (together with E.-M. Becker): Letter Writing and Power. Royal Correspondence as a Means of Representation in Ancient Cultures, International Conference organized by the project A3-27 of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics“ in cooperation with the Research Centre Letters (Forschungsstelle Brief), Münster, July 6-7, 2023.
- 3) (together with H. Beck): Beyond Mysteries. The Hybrid History of Ancient Eleusis, International Conference organized by the project B3-40 of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics“ in cooperation with the Department of Ancient History, Münster, September 30 - October 2, 2021.
- 4) (together with J. Hahn et al.): Beyond Borders. Migration, Exchange and Communication in the Ancient World, First Workshop of the *Münster School of Ancient Cultures*, Münster, October 28-30, 2020.
- 5) (together with S. Chronopoulos, M. Culumovic, A. Kirk and Z. Stamatopoulou): The Logic of Lists in the Roman Imperial Period, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC, January 9-11, 2018.
- 6) (together with C. Mann and S. Remijsen): Athletics in the Hellenistic Period, International Conference organized by the DFG project “The self-presentation of athletes in the Hellenistic period“, Mannheim, June 25-27, 2015.
- 7) (together with P. Funke, H. Beck and K. Nebelin): Greek Federal States and their Sanctuaries. Identity and Integration, International Conference organized by the project C2 of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics“ in cooperation with the Department of History and Classical Studies of McGill University (Montreal), Münster, June 17-19, 2010.

## Organization of Lecture Series

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- 1) (together with E. Franchi and C. Biagetti), *Federalism and Border Management in Greek Antiquity*, Online Lecture Series, University of Trento (Opening Lecture by H. Beck, March 7, 2023; following presentations held by F. Palermo, P. Funke, A. McAuley, H.-J. Gehrke, N. Petrochilos, C. Bonnet and S. Lebreton, K. Harter-Uibopuu, C. Weber-Pallez, F. Pezzoli, C. Antonetti, J. Roy, C. Lasagni, L. Donnellan, A. Domínguez Monedero).

## Service

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### Journal reader:

- *Classical World, Ktèma, Arctos, Nuova Antologia Militare*

### Manuscript reader:

- *Histos Supplements, Collana Quaderni*

### Boards and committees:

- Advisory Board of the research project *GymnAsia* (Bordeaux [Pierre Fröhlich] and Munich, AEK [Christof Schuler]) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), 2021-2024
- Directorate of the *Münster (Graduate) School of Ancient Cultures (MSAC)*, 2020-2022
- Interdisciplinary Committee for the preparation of a funding application for the *European Universities* initiative ("Teaching potentials for Europe") appointed by the provost of the University of Münster, 2020-2022
- Founding Committee of the *Münster (Graduate) School of Ancient Cultures (MSAC)* 2019-2020
- Board of the *Centrum für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Mittelmeerraums (GKM)* at Münster University, 2004 – 2007
- Erasmus coordinator, 2004 - 2006

## Memberships

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- Ancient Mediterranean Animals Network (AMAN) - UK
- Centre for Eastern Mediterranean History and Culture (*Centrum Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Mittelmeerraums, GKM*)
- *Münster School of Ancient Cultures, MSAC*
- Research Center Letters (*Forschungsstelle Brief*) at the University of Münster
- *Waterloo Institute for Hellenistic Studies* at the University of Waterloo, Ontario

## Survey Experience

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- Participation in an archaeological survey on the Plaghia peninsula, Archaeological Museum of Thyrreion (modern Vonitsa), directed by Peter Funke et al. (summer 2005)