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Curriculum Vitae

Education

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” (“Oath and Foreign Policy. Studies on the Religious Foundation of Greek Interstate Agreements from the Archaic Period to the Day of 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 History

University of Trento (Italy), Department of Humanities

- Post-doctoral research fellow, since September 2022 -

University of Freiburg (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität), Department of Ancient History

- Full Professor of Roman History and Historical Anthropology p.p., April 2022 - August 2022

Münster University (WWU), Department of Ancient History

- Full Professor of Greek History p.p., October 2021 - March 2022
- Associate professor, April 2019 - September 2021

Gerda Henkel Stiftung

- Scholarship, June 2017 - May 2018

Mannheim University, Department of History

- Junior professor p.p., February 2017 - May 2017

Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC (Harvard University)

- 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 p.p., 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
- Student research assistant, 2001-2005

Kolping-Bildungsstätte Coesfeld (2008-2012)

- Scientific consultant for and academic teacher of Latin language courses preparing for the *Latinum* (Latin Language Diploma)

Main Research Interests _____

- Oaths, religion and interstate politics in the Greek world (esp. Classical and Hellenistic)
- Social and cultural history of Greek (esp. Hellenistic) athletics
- History of early Greek migration in the Archaic age
- Localism, federalism and border studies (esp. Classical and Hellenistic)
- Political communication in the Roman Empire (imperial letters)
- Agonistic poetry
- Greek epigraphy

Projects, External Funding & Survey Experience _____

Management of Research Project

- “A Historical Commentary on Posidippus’ *Hippika*” funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung, June 2017 - May 2018.

External Funding

- Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC (Fellowship)
- Gerda Henkel Stiftung (see management of research projects)
- Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC (organization of a workshop on lists in the Roman Imperial period)

Survey Experience

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

Conference Organization

(together with E.-M. Becker): Letter Writing and Power. Royal Correspondence as a Means of Representation in Ancient Cultures, International Conference at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, July 6-7, 2023.

(together with H. Beck): Beyond Mysteries. The Hybrid History of Ancient Eleusis, International Conference at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, September 30 - October 2, 2021.

(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.

(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.

(together with C. Mann and S. Remijssen): Athletics in the Hellenistic Period, Mannheim, June 25-27, 2015.

(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

(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).

Administrative Functions

Member of the directorate of the Münster (Graduate) School of Ancient Cultures (*MSAC*) since December 2020 – March 2023.

Member of the scientific committee "Teaching potentials for Europe (*TPE*)" appointed by the provost, since April 2020 - March 2022.

Student board member of the Center for the History and Culture of the Eastern Mediterranean (*GKM*) at Münster University, 2004 - 2007.

Erasmus coordinator for incoming students, 2004 - 2006.

Peer Reviewer

For *Histos Supplements*, *Ktèma*, *Arctos*, *Collana Quaderni*, and *Nuova Antologia Militare*.

List of Publications

Monographs

- 1) *Hellenistic Athletes. Agonistic Cultures and Self-presentation*. Habilitation treatise Mannheim 2019 (forthcoming Cambridge University Press 2023) (347 p.).
- 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, *BMC* 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. SEG LXVI 2482).

Edited Volumes

- 1) (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, *BMC* 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).
- 2) *Beyond the Big Four. Local Games in Ancient Greek Athletic Culture*. Münster (forthcoming TSO 4) (<https://www.uni-muenster.de/Ejournals/index.php/tso/index>).
- 3) (together with H. Beck) *Beyond Mysteries. Local Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of Ancient Eleusis* (forthcoming; manuscript submitted for peer-reviewing to 'Religions in the Graeco-Roman World' [Brill] on 19 December 19, 2022; accepted for peer-reviewing 17 February, 2023).

Epigraphic Corpus

- 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; 75%): *A Database of Hellenistic Athletes* (<http://athletes.geschichte.uni-mannheim.de/>).

Articles

- 1) "Crossing Borders Constantly. Athletes from Greek Federal States as Envoys and Mediators." (12 p., article submitted with *Erga-Logoi* on March 3, 2023).
- 2) "Treaty Cultures. The Aitolian and Achaian Leagues in Comparison." (24 p., article submitted with *Hormos* on February 23, 2023).
- 3) "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 et al.) (15 p., chapter submitted on December 2, 2022).
- 4) (together with H. Beck) "Introduction." Forthcoming in *Beyond Mysteries. Local Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of Ancient Eleusis* (eds. H. Beck and S. Scharff) (14 p., chapter submitted on September 30, 2022).
- 5) "Eleusis as a Place of Competition. The Eleusinian Games." Forthcoming in *Beyond Mysteries. Local Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of Ancient Eleusis* (ed. H. Beck and S. Scharff) (21 p., chapter submitted on January 7, 2022).
- 6) "Kaiserbrief." Forthcoming in *Handbuch Brief. Antike* (eds. E.-M. Becker, U. Egelhaaf-Gaiser and A. Fürst) Berlin and Boston, MA (11 p., article submitted on October 25, 2021).
- 7) "'Sparta is My Country'. Competitive Localism in Hellenistic Sparta." Forthcoming in *Localism in the Hellenistic World* (eds. S. Ager and H. Beck) Toronto 2023 (23 p., chapter submitted on September 17, 2020).
- 8) "The Asklepieia and Epidauros." Forthcoming in *Beyond the Big Four. Local Games in Ancient Greek Athletic Culture* (ed. S. Scharff) Münster (18 p., chapter submitted on April 17, 2020).
- 9) "Victorious Kings. Hellenistic Rulers and Agonistic Success." Forthcoming in *Hellenistic Monarchies in the Mediterranean World* (ed. M. Munn) Wiesbaden. (17 p., chapter submitted on November 1, 2015).
- 10) "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 2023.
- 11) "No Life without Athletics. Plutarch on Greek Sport." In *Plutarch: Cultural Practice in a Connected World* (ed. C. Giroux) 40-55. Münster 2022.
- 12) "Die Selbstdarstellung rhodischer Athleten im Hellenismus. Politische und soziale Identitäten." in *Nikephoros* 28 (2015) [2022] 299-346.
- 13) "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.
- 14) "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.
- 15) (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 and New York, NY, 2022).

- 16) "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).
- 17) "Ἐτυχὸν 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 et al.) 193-214. Cologne 2019.
- 18) "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.
- 19) "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/>).
- 20) "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 and S. Remijsen and S. Scharff) 209-229. Stuttgart 2016.
- 21) "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 and P. Funke and M. Haake) 127-138. Stuttgart 2016.
- 22) (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), URL: <https://classics-at.chs.harvard.edu/classics13-remijsen-and-scharff/>.
- 23) "Die Selbstdarstellung hellenistischer Athleten: politische Identitäten, soziale Identitäten, ethnische Identitäten." In *Moving Minds – Crossing Boundaries in Sport Science* (eds. T. Könecke and H. Preuß and W.I. Schöllhorn) 245. Hamburg 2015.
- 24) "'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.
- 25) (together with M. Haake and L. Kolonas): "Fragment einer metrischen Strategenweihe an Aphrodite Stratagis aus dem hellenistischen Thyreion." *Chiron* 37 (2007), 113-121.
- 26) "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).

Articles in Popular Scientific Journals and Outreach

- 1) “‘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.
- 2) “Der erste und einzige. Die Selbstdarstellung antiker Athleten.“ *AW 3* (2021), 20-24.
- 3) “Pferde- und Wagenrennen bei den alten Griechen.“ *Archäologie in Deutschland 3* (2021), 24-27.
- 4) “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.
- 5) “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 C. H. Stocking and S. A. Stephens: *Ancient Greek Athletics. Primary Sources in Translation*. Oxford 2021. Forthcoming in: *CR 73* (2023).
- 2) Rev. on O. Pilz: *Kulte und Heiligtümer in Elis und Triphylien. Untersuchungen zur Sakraltopographie der westlichen Peloponnes*. Berlin – Boston, MA, 2020. In *HZ 316* (2023), 416-419.
- 3) Rev. on U. 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].
- 4) 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.
- 5) Rev. on Christian Seebacher: *Zwischen Augustus und Antinoos. Tradition und Innovation im Prinzipat Hadrians*. Stuttgart 2020. In *Klio 104* (2022), 400-406.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) 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].
- 9) 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].
- 10) Rev. on Gunther Martin: *Divine Talk. Religious Argumentation in Demosthenes*. Oxford 2009. In *sehepunkte 11* (2011), no. 1 [15.01.2011].
- 11) 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.

Conference Talks and Guest Lectures

2023

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

Methodological Introduction, Konferenz „Letter Writing and Power. Royal Correspondence as a Means of Representation“, Münster, July 6, 2023.

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

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

2022

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

Crowned by the Hands of the Emperor. The Self-Presentation of Athletes from Asia Minor in the Roman Imperial Period, 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, IDA-Ringvorlesung *Kinder in der Welt der Antike*, Bern, October 7, 2022.

Résumé of the 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), FU Berlin, May 12, 2022.

Patris und autonomia. Zur Selbstdarstellung spartanischer und messenischer Athleten im Hellenismus, Kolloquium Alte Geschichte, 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, 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, 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, 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, trial lecture, Bodø (Norway), August 28, 2020 (via Zoom).

The Mannheim Database of Hellenistic Athletes, workshop *Greek Gymnasia in Lycia and Caria*,

Bordeaux, January 21, 2020.

2019

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

Romans, Western Greeks and Greek Athletic Competition in the Third Century, workshop *Mediterranean Multipolarity. Entanglement and Diversity in the 3rd century BC*, Münster, July 11, 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 15th Congress of FIEC / CA, London, July 7, 2019.

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

2018

Patris und autonomia. Zur Selbstdarstellung spartanischer und messenischer Athleten im Hellenismus, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, trial lecture, Edinburgh, November 22, 2017.

Victorious Kings and Queens. The Agonistic Representation of Hellenistic Dynasties, trial 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, conference *Global History of Horse Races*, Mannheim, June 15, 2017.

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

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

Die delphische Amphiktyonie als völkerrechtliche Innovation und institutionelles Experiment,

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, 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, public lecture, Montréal (McGill), November 2, 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.

Virtual Halls of Fame. Imagined Communities of Equestrian Victors in the Hellenistic Period, conference *Hippodromes and Horse Races in Ancient Greece*, Athens, February 12, 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*, of the Münster Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, Münster, November 17, 2015.

Die Selbstdarstellung hellenistischer Athleten: politische Identitäten, soziale Identitäten, ethnische Identitäten, conference *Olympia Day* as part of the 22nd 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, 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, Althistorisches Colloquium, Humboldt-University, Berlin, May 27, 2015.

Victorious Kings. Hellenistic Rulers and Agonistic Success, at the conference *Building a New World Order? Hellenistic monarchies in the Mediterranean world. Tombros Conference in Classics and Mediterranean Studies*, Penn State University, April 25, 2015.

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

2014

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

Wie versichert man sich der göttlichen Vergeltung? Menschlicher Racheverzicht und religiöse Sanktionierung in der Amnestie der Dikaiopoliten, 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, conference *25 Jahre Nikephoros*, Graz, May 6, 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* of the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics", Münster, June 15, 2012.

Die Grenzen der Konkurrenz, oder: Wo ‚endete‘ der „kompetitive Charakter“ der griechischen Götterwelt? Workshop of the 'Säule C' of the Exzellenzcluster "Religion and Politics", Münster, April 24, 2012.

2011

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

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

Διὸς ὄρκια. Oath and Diplomacy in Homer, PhD-Days *Religion and Politics* of the Münster 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.

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

Outreach**2018**

The Ancient Athletes as Heroes, at the 14th *Joint International Session for Presidents or Directors of National Olympic Academies and Officials of National Olympic Committees*, Ancient Olympia, May 7-9, 2018 (<https://vimeo.com/499801299>).

Teaching Experience

University of Trento, Department of Humanities

Summer Term 2023

- Experimental Teaching Project (PhD level) “Conflict Management in Greek Federal States”

University of Freiburg, Department of Ancient History

Summer Term 2022

- Lecture (‘Vorlesung’, all levels) “Five ‘Good’ Emperors and One and a Half ‘Bad’. The Roman Empire from Nerva to Commodus (AD 96 -192)” (3 ECTS; taught in German, 53 students)
- Advanced Seminar (‘Hauptseminar’, graduate level) “Imperial Power and Provincial Order. Roman Rule in the Imperial Period” (8 ECTS; taught in German, 15 students)
- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “The Roman Expansion in the Mediterranean (264-133 BC)” (9 ECTS; taught in German, 24 students)

Münster University, Department of Ancient History

Winter Term 2021/ 2022

- Lecture (‘Vorlesung’, all levels) “The Hellenistic World, 336-31 BC” (3 ECTS; taught in German as online lecture via zoom, 77 students)
- Advanced Seminar (‘Hauptseminar’, graduate level) “War in the Hellenistic World” (8 ECTS; taught in German, 23 students)
- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “Introduction to the Study of Ancient History: The Worlds of Achilles, Odysseus and Perses. Homer and Hesiod” (9 ECTS; taught in German, 29 students)

Summer Term 2021

- Advanced Seminar (‘Hauptseminar’, graduate level) “Beyond Athens and Sparta. The Greek World in the 5th century BC” (8 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom; 37 students)
- Seminar (‘Übung’; undergraduate and graduate levels) “Plutarch’s *Lives*” (3 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom; 37 students)

Winter Term 2020/ 2021

- Advanced Seminar (‘Hauptseminar’, graduate level) “The Seleucids” (8 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom; 37 students)
- Seminar (‘Übung’; undergraduate and graduate levels) “Plagues and Natural Disasters in Antiquity” (3 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom; 41 students)

Summer Term 2020

- Advanced Seminar ('Hauptseminar', graduate level) "Being Greek under Rome. Greek Identities in the Roman Empire" (8 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom; 45 students)
- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Alexander the Great" (3 ECTS; taught in German as online course via zoom ; 38 students)

Winter Term 2019/ 2020

- Advanced Seminar ('Hauptseminar', graduate level) "Hellenistic Kingship" (8 ECTS; taught in German; 29 students)
- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "New Evidence on the Hellenistic *Polis*" (3 ECTS; taught in German; 39 students)

Summer Term 2019

- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Emotions in Ancient Greece" (3 ECTS; taught in German; 40 students)
- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Agonistic Cultures in Ancient Greece" (3 ECTS; taught in German; 38 students)

Mannheim University, Department of History

Fall Term 2019

- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Reading Stones. An Introduction to Greek and Latin Epigraphy" (4 ECTS; taught in German, 5 students)

Spring Term 2018

- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Roman Emotions" (4 ECTS; taught in German; 9 students)

Fall Term 2017

- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Laughter in Rome" (4 ECTS; taught German; 10 students)

Spring Term 2017

- Advanced seminar ('Hauptseminar', graduate level) "Athletics in the Hellenistic Period" (8 ECTS; taught in German; 25 students)
- Seminar ('Übung', graduate level) "Hadrian and the People from the Provinces: New Sources for the Reign of a 'Restless Emperor'" (4 ECTS; taught in German; 12 students)

Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS) in cooperation with the International Olympic Academy (IOA)

Summer School 2017

- Symposium "After the Agon: Olympic Memory in Ancient and Modern Athletics" Sixth International Scholars' Symposium (July 9 – July 13, 2017) (taught in English; 65 mainly postgraduate students from Greece and the United States)

McGill University, Montreal

Fall Term, 2016

- Guest lecture “A visit to Olympia: the Sanctuary and the Games”, in the context of the lecture “Classical Greece” by Hans Beck (taught in English; 45 students)

Mannheim University, Department of History

Spring Term 2016

- (together with Christian Mann) Advanced Seminar (graduate level) with field trip (10 days) “Sanctuaries and Places of Competition on the Peloponnese” (4 ECTS; taught in German; 15 students)

Autumn Term 2015

- (together with Sofie Remijsen) Translation tutorial (‘Übung’, graduate level) “Greek Sources in the Original” (4 ECTS; taught in German; 8 students)
- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “Political Rituals in Late Republican and Early Imperial Rome” (8 ECTS; taught in German; 25 students)

Spring Term 2015

- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “The Reign of Tiberius, or the Continuation of a Dynasty” (8 ECTS; taught in German; 16 students)

Autumn Term 2014

- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “Nero and his Time” (8 ECTS; taught in German; 25 students)

Spring Term 2014

- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “Roman Civil Wars (133-30 BC)” (8 ECTS; taught in German; 11 students)

Münster University, Department of Ancient History

Summer Term 2013

- Seminar (‘Übung’, undergraduate and graduate levels) “Politics on Stage. Tragedy and Comedy as Sources for the Ancient Historian” (3 ECTS; taught in German; 29 students)

Winter Term 2012/ 2013

- Seminar (‘Übung’, undergraduate and graduate levels) “Athenian Rhetoric of the Fourth Century as a Source for the Ancient Historian” (3 ECTS; taught in German; 35 students)

Summer Term 2012

- Proseminar (undergraduate level) “Introduction to the Study of Ancient History: Sparta in the 5th century BC” (9 ECTS; taught in German; 32 students)

Winter Term 2011/ 2012:

- Tutorial (‘Lektüretutorium’, graduate level) “Sources and Methods” (5 ECTS; taught in German; 4 students)
- Tutorial (‘Lektüretutorium’, graduate level) “Structures and Systems” (5 ECTS; taught in German; 4 students)

Summer Term 2011:

- Seminar (‘Kurs’, undergraduate and graduate levels) “Greek Foreign Policy from the Archaic to the Hellenistic Period” (3 ECTS; taught in German; 43 participants)

- Tutorial ('Lektüretutorium', graduate level) "Spaces and Landscapes" (5 ECTS; taught in German; 4 students)
- Tutorial ('Lektüretutorium', graduate level) "Time and Epoch" (5 ECTS; taught in German; 4 students)

Winter Term 2010/ 2011

- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Stories on Origins: the Foundation Stories of Greek Cities" (3 ECTS; taught in German; 21 students)

Summer Term 2010

- Tutorial ('Lektüretutorium', graduate level) "Spaces and Landscapes" (5 ECTS; taught in German; 2 students)
- Seminar ('Übung', undergraduate and graduate levels) "Interstate Relations in the Greek World" (3 ECTS; taught in German; 54 students)

Winter Term 2009/ 2010

- Tutorial ('Lektüretutorium', graduate level) "Sources and Methods" (5 ECTS; taught in German; 2 students)

Winter Term 2008/ 2009

- Proseminar (undergraduate level) "Introduction to the Study of Ancient History: the Athenian Democracy of the 4th century BC" (9 ECTS; taught in German; 22 students)

Language Courses at Private Institutions

- Kolping Bildungsstätte Coesfeld (2004-2007, 2010)
Intensive Latin language courses preparing for *Latinum* (Latin Language Diploma; taught in German; up to 15 students)
- Bénédict School Münster (2005)
Intensive Latin language course preparing for *Latinum* (Latin Language Diploma; taught in German; up to 15 students)

Formal Pedagogical Education

Teaching qualifications

University diploma in pedagogics from WWU Münster (2007)

Training for Teaching in Higher Education

May 2023: NRW Certificate "Professional Teaching Competence for the University", May 2023.