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Fulltime Professional Academic Experience

September 2021-present:

Marie Curie Fellow (MSCA IF), French Research Institute on East Asia (IFRAE), National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilisations (INALCO), Paris, France.

- **Principal investigator** of research project on education and wellbeing in Japan and Europe. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 894589 (MSCA Individual Fellowship, IF). My proposal attained a score of 96.80/100 and was **ranked within the top 3 percent** of all proposals submitted to the social sciences panel in the 2019 MSCA IF open competition.

March 2018-August 2021:

Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- **Co-applicant and co-investigator of the German Research Foundation (DFG) research project** on language, migration and happiness of Chinese, Japanese, and Turkish communities in Germany (DFG Individual Research Grant CO 100/13-1). In this research, which was my first postdoctoral project, I wrote the research proposal, designed a multi-language questionnaire (in German, Chinese, Japanese, Turkish) to test correlations between multilingualism and happiness, coordinated and monitored the survey among 600 participants, and supervised data processing and analysis. I also conducted qualitative follow-up interviews/observations across Germany.

October 2017-February 2018:

Start-Up Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- Main activities: prepared for PhD defence and conducted follow-up data collection in Tokyo, Japan.

Education

October 2014-September 2017:

Dr. phil (sociology and East Asian studies), German Research Foundation (DFG) Research Training Group "Risk and East Asia", University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.

- Dissertation: *Understanding Japanese Society: An Ethnographic Study of the Discursive Construction of Hierarchy in Japanese School Clubs*, submitted on 25.09.2017.
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Florian Coulmas (Director of the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, from 2004-2014)
- **Date of defence and doctorate degree award: 19.01.2018**
- **Final grade: Summa cum laude** (highest distinction, top 10-15% in Germany across all disciplines)

September 2012-June 2014:

Master of Arts (political science and international relations), Sciences Po Paris, France.

- Date of MA degree award: 17.06.2014

September 2010-December 2010:

Exchange Semester, McGill University, Montréal, Canada.

April 2009-July 2012:

Bachelor of Arts (liberal arts/sociolinguistics), Waseda University Tokyo, Japan.

- Thesis: *Thoughts on Language Policies in Singapore with Cross-analysis of the Linguistic Scene in France: Questions of National Identity and Regional/Ethnic Languages* (written in French, graded “A+”).
- Date of BA degree award: 15.09.2012

Track Record in External Funding Acquisition

2021-present:

European Commission H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, Principal Applicant and Investigator, Grant number 894589, approximately **200,000€**.

2018-2021:

DFG Research Grant, Co-applicant and co-investigator, Grant Number CO 100/13-1, approximately **250,000€**.

Other Funding, Scholarships and Awards

October 2019-March 2021:

Fellow, Mercator Foundation Global Young Faculty Programme, nominated by the University of Duisburg-Essen and selected by the committee of the Mercator Foundation. The fellowship includes an individual research mobility budget of **5000€**.

October 2017-February 2018:

Start-Up Fellowship, merit-based fellowship funded by the German Research Foundation (*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*, DFG) and awarded by the Research Training Group “Risk and East Asia” (Duisburg-Essen) to outstanding PhD graduates.

October 2017:

Graduiertenkolleg Award, merit-based award by the Research Training Group “Risk and East Asia” (Duisburg-Essen) upon successful and satisfactory completion of dissertation within 36 months.

October 2014-September 2017:

Full PhD scholarship (including nine months of fieldwork grant), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

September 2012-June 2014:

Emile Boutmy Scholarship, awarded by Sciences Po Paris to international students based on academic merit.

October 2009-March 2012:

Academic Excellence Award, nominated by Waseda University and awarded by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

Scientific Publications

Refer to the list of publications

Reviewer Activities

Reviewer of *International Migration* (Wiley); *Journal of Asian Pacific Communication* (John Benjamins); *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* (De Gruyter, for single issues)

Invited presentations to internationally established symposia/conferences (Selection)

2021:

- (October) “Chinese and Japanese-speaking migrant groups in Germany: From community building to questions of wellbeing”, Global Asia Research Forum for Sustainable Living and Conviviality, Global Asia Research Center, Waseda University, Japan.
- (July) “Migration and Integration of Chinese and Japanese Residents in Germany: The Role of Community Heritage Educational Organisations”, Japan and International Migration: Recent Developments, Emerging Dynamics, LMU Munich, Germany.
- (April) “Book presentation: The discursive construction of hierarchy in Japanese society: An ethnographic study of secondary school clubs”, Japan Centre Research Colloquium, Department of Asian Studies, LMU Munich, Germany.

Conference Presentations (Selection)

Seniority-based Hierarchical Relations (jougé kankei) in Japan: Legitimate Social Order in Crisis?, in panel *Legitimate Social Order in Crisis: Is Japan the Happy Exception?*, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference, 18-21.07.2020, University of Amsterdam – Online Conference.

Asian Migrants' Language Maintenance in the Context of Host Country Language Ideology and Public Perception: The Case of Chinese and Japanese Communities in Germany, in panel *Asia in Europe: Ideologies, Public Perception, and Asian Communities' Heritage Language Practices in England, Germany, and Spain* (**organised and chaired by me**), 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), 16-19.07.2019, Leiden University, The Netherlands.

Understanding Migrants' Wellbeing: Reconceptualising Migration Research Through the Framework of Language and Happiness, 16th International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Annual Conference on *Conceptual and Methodological Approaches*, 26-28.06.2019, Malmö University, Sweden.

Corrupted Language? An Examination of Young Students' Strategies of (Im)Politeness and Identity Negotiations, in panel *Young Speakers of Japanese* (**chaired by me**), 15th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS), 30.08.2017-02.09.2017, Lisbon, Portugal.

The Discursive Construction of Hierarchical Identities in Japanese School Club Activities, in panel *Discourse, Language and Identities in East Asian Contexts: Interdisciplinary Approaches and Insights* (**organised by me**), Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, 15-19.03.2017, Toronto, Canada.

Between Theoretical Inadequacy and Eclectic Paradigms: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Gender Inequality in Japan and Western Europe, Mid-term Conference “Gender Equality and Institutions” of the European Sociological Association (ESA), 16-17.10.2014, Naples, Italy.

Teaching Experience (Selection)

2021:

Invited Guest Lecturer in graduate (MA) seminars on contemporary Japan

- December: University of Toulouse
- October: University of Zürich
- April: Ghent University

September 2019-October 2019:

Lecturer, Lille Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Lille), Lille, France

- Undergraduate seminar (designed by me) on “Social and International Relations of Japan” (3 ECTS), comprising 4 sessions covering social science research on and in Japan, education and school-work transition, foreign relations, and immigration to Japan/Japanese diaspora in Europe. Funded by the Erasmus + Teaching Staff Exchange Scheme.

May 2019:

Visiting Lecturer, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Altinbas University, Istanbul, Turkey

- Conducted 8 hours of postgraduate-level teaching on Chinese diaspora’s role in peace and conflict in Asia, migration and demographic change, as well as China-Taiwan issues from the sociology of international law perspective. Funded by the Erasmus + Teaching Staff Exchange Scheme.

October 2018-January 2019:

Seminar Instructor, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

- Led the weekly postgraduate seminar on “Work and Employment Relations in Japan”, conducted weekly teaching on topics such as education and labour relations in Japan, advised students’ works, graded students’ presentations and seminar papers.

March 2018 & September 2018:

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Asian and African Studies, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy

- Conducted multiple sessions of graduate teaching in Japanese sociolinguistics, contemporary Japanese society, and PhD workshops on area studies and research methods

Supervision of Graduate Students

January 2021-present:

1 PhD fellow (co-supervision), Graduate School of International Culture and Communication Studies, Waseda University

Career Development Training

September 2020:

Project management for Postdocs in charge of their own projects, Postdoc Career Workshop organised by the Research Academy Ruhr

June 2020:

Writing for publication workshop, Scientific writing workshop organised by SciLink

June 2020:

Self-presentation in science: Building research reputation by successfully communicating my research and me, Postdoc Career Workshop organised by the Research Academy Ruhr

Selected International Research and Fellowship Experience

January 2020-April 2020:

Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Paris), France.

March 2018:

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Asian and African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

December 2015-February 2016:

Visiting Fellow, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), Tokyo, Japan.

September 2015-May 2016:

Visiting Research Fellow, Graduate School of Education, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

September 2015-May 2016:

Dissertation field research in secondary schools in Tokyo, Japan.

June 2015:

Visiting Researcher, Fondation France-Japon, L'Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France.

Memberships

European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Research Network

Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA, academic association for past and present fellows of the European Commission's Marie Curie Programme)

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Spanish Association for East Asian Studies (AEEAO)

Languages

Mandarin Chinese: Native language

English: Native fluency

French: Fully functional (DALF C1 certificate)

German: Fully functional (Goethe C1 certificate)

Japanese: Functional working knowledge

Spanish: Elementary

Turkish: Beginner