PROFILE

Researcher in Japanese Studies and Sociology with international experience in Japan and Denmark. Research focuses on demographic change, consumer protection, and sustainability in Japan and Germany. Teaching emphasizes interactive learning formats and methodological training. Active participant in international conferences and international and interdisciplinary research collaborations. Organizer of the section meeting "Education" of the German Association for Social Science Research on Japan (VSJF) since 2019. Chair of the Heidelberg Friends and Alumni Network of Japanese Studies (FANJaH e.V.), connecting students and alumni with the labor market. Responsible for student information system and student guidance counseling Regularly provides expert commentary on contemporary Japan for German-language media.

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EDUCATION

04/2016 – 12/2019	**University of Hamburg, Asia–Africa–Institute** (Germany), Ph.D. Program. Thesis title: *Nonprofit Education: NPO-led Career Guidance at Metropolitan Senior High Schools*. Degree: Ph.D., 16. Dec. 2019
10/2012 – 05/2015	**University of Hamburg, Asia–Africa–Institute** (Germany), International Master's Program.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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04/2018 – 07/2019	**Hamburg University, Asia-Afrika-Institute, Japanese Studies** (Germany), adjunct lecturer.
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

2019 – present	**Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung (VSJF)** [German Association for Social Science Research on Japan]. Organizer: Section Meeting „Education“
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2024 – present	**Hochschulsport der Universität Heidelberg** [General University Sport] **Shotokan-Karate** (Karate-Dojo Heidelberg Sakura e.V.), Trainer
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