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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D., SOAS University of London, December 2016  
Anthropology and Sociology  
'Food in the Making: Food Preparation, Material and Social Change in Urban Morocco'  
M.A., SOAS University of London, December 2011  
Social Anthropology  
*Diplom*, Bonn University, November 2009  
Geography (subsidiary fields: cultural anthropology, urban planning)

### POSITIONS

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Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Anthropology (2 months)	2022
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Goethe University Frankfurt	2021-
Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter	2020-2026
Research Associate, SOAS Food Studies Centre	2019-2025
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, SOAS University of London	2016-2020

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Anthropology of Food; Gender and Family Studies; Knowledge Reproduction; Science and Technology Studies; Digital Anthropology; Global Markets; Inequality and Poverty; Food Security; Materiality; Urban Space; Time and Temporality; Citizenship; Resource Management; Ethnographic Methods.

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

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'Digital Disconnections: Food, Poverty and Digital Inequality in Germany', DFG, Individual Research Grant (decision pending)  
'Cyborg Cook: Domestic Cooking in the Digital Age', DFG, Individual Research Grant, ethnographic fieldwork in Germany (12 months), 02/2021-02/2024  
'The Price of Bread as a Measure of Urban Stability', AXA Research Fund, Individual Research Grant, ethnographic fieldwork in Morocco (4 months), 12/2016-01/2020  
'Food in the Making: Material and Social Change in Urban Morocco', Klaus Murmann Doctoral Fellowship, Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft, ethnographic fieldwork in Morocco (12 months), 10/2011-11/2016  
'Drinking Water Management in the Middle Drâa Valley, South Morocco', GLOWA IMPETUS Verbundprojekt, Universities of Cologne and Bonn, student assistant, hydrological and ethnographic fieldwork in Morocco (3 months), 11/2008-06/2009  
'Sustainable Use of Natural Resources for Food Security (SUN) Project', University of Bonn in cooperation with GTZ GmbH Addis Abeba office, student volunteer, participatory rural appraisal (PRA) team research in Ethiopia (1 month), 10/2008

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

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'Junior-Professur für Global Nutrition and Health', listed 2<sup>nd</sup> in appointment process, Faculty of Life Sciences: Food, Nutrition and Health, University of Bayreuth, 08/2021

Sutasoma Award in recognition of the potentially outstanding merit of PhD research, The Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI), 2016

Bloomsbury and University College London Doctoral Training Centre Funding Scheme for innovative doctoral training activities, with G. Baldinelli, Z. Boni, A. Cohen and H. Roberson, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), 2015

Additional Award for Fieldwork, SOAS University of London, 2012

Scholarship for Graduates Abroad, DAAD, 10/2010-09/2011

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

[edited volume manuscript, full draft] *Beyond Terroir: Making Place and Taste in Global Perspective*, co-edited with Anna Colquhoun. New York/Oxford: Berghahn.

[manuscript, drafting] *Cyborg Cook: Digitalisation and Domestic Cooking in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Germany*. 2024. *Food and Families in the Making: Knowledge Reproduction and Political Economy of Cooking in Morocco*. New York/Oxford: Berghahn.

### Refereed articles

[manuscript, drafting] Participant Perception in the Smart Home: Ethnographic Approaches to the Study of Everyday Digital Practices.

2023. Cyborg Cooks: Mothers and the Anthropology of Smart Kitchens. *Digital Culture and Society* 23(1): 49-70. <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.14361/dcs-2023-0104/html>

2022b. Cooking with(out) Others? Changing Kitchen Technologies and Family Values in Marrakech. *Journal of North African Studies* (early view). <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13629387.2022.2056448>

2022a. Taste Knowledge: Couscous and the Cook's Six Senses, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28(2): 577-594. <https://rai.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1467-9655.13708>

2020. Introduction: From Nature to Culture? Claude Lévi-Strauss' Legacy and the Study of Contemporary Foodways, co-author E. Mescoli. *Food, Culture and Society* 23(4): 465-471, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15528014.2020.1773692>

2019b. The Price of Homemade Bread, *Gastronomica: Journal of Critical Food Studies* 19(1): 107-108. <https://online.ucpress.edu/gastronomica/article-abstract/19/1/107/2007/The-Price-of-Homemade-Bread?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

2019a. Re-examining the Contested Good: Proceedings from a Postgraduate Workshop on Good Food, co-authors A. Cohen, B. Simpson-Miller and F. Vaghi. *Gastronomica: Journal of Critical Food Studies* 19(1): 91-93. <https://online.ucpress.edu/gastronomica/article-abstract/19/1/91/2020/Re-examining-the-Contested-Good-Proceedings-from-a?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

2018. Cereal Citizens: Crafting Bread and Belonging in Urbanising Morocco, *Paideuma: Mitteilungen zur Kulturkunde* 64: 244-277. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26589141>

Book chapters

- [manuscript, drafting] Introduction: Placing Taste and Tasting Place, co-authors H.G. West and A. Colquhoun. In *Beyond Terroir: Making Taste and Place in Global Perspective*, K. Graf and A. Colquhoun (eds.). New York/Oxford: Berghahn.
- [manuscript, full draft] Embodying Food, Taste and Place: Domestic Cooks' Work Towards Beldi Foods. In *Beyond Terroir: Making Taste and Place in Global Perspective*, K. Graf and A. Colquhoun (eds.). New York/Oxford: Berghahn.
2015. Beldi Matters: Negotiating Proper Food in Urban Moroccan Food Consumption and Preparation. In *Halal Matters: Islam, Politics and Markets in Global Perspective*, F. Bergeaud-Blackler, J. Fischer and J. Lever (eds.). London: Routledge, pp. 72-90.  
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781315746128-5/beldi-matters-negotiating-proper-food-urban-moroccan-food-consumption-preparation-katharina-graf>

Book reviews

2023. 'States of Subsistence: The Politics of Bread in Contemporary Jordan' by José Ciro Martinez, *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies* Vol. 23(3).  
<https://online.ucpress.edu/gastronomica/article-abstract/23/3/92/197228/Review-States-of-Subsistence-The-Politics-of-Bread?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
2018. 'Making Modern Meals: How Americans Cook Today' by Amy B. Trubek, SAFN Blog, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. <https://foodanthro.com/2018/10/22/review-making-modern-meals/>
2016. 'Nurturing Masculinities: Men, Food and Family in Contemporary Egypt' by Nefissa Naguib, SAFN Blog, 28<sup>th</sup> September. <https://foodanthro.com/2016/09/28/review-and-interview-nurturing-masculinities/>
2015. 'Secrets from the Greek Kitchen: Cooking, Skill and Everyday Life on an Aegean Island' by David E. Sutton, *Gastronomica: Journal of Critical Food Studies* Vol. 15(4): 97-98.

Other

2017. Hausgemacht! Die anhaltende Bedeutung häuslicher Nahrungszubereitung, In 'Ausgekocht?!', museum catalogue, Frauen in der Einen Welt, pp. 128-132.
2010. Drinking Water Supply in the Middle Drâa Valley, South Morocco: Options for Action in the Context of Water Scarcity and Institutional Constraints. *Kölner Ethnologische Beiträge* 34. Köln: Kölner Universitäts Publikations-Server, <https://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/4171/>

**INVITED TALKS**

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- 'Participant Perception in the Smart Kitchen', Oxford Internet Institute, 02/2024
- 'Cyborg Cooks: Digitalising Domestic Cooking in Germany', University of Exeter, 01/2024
- 'Cyborgs in der Küche: Ethnografische Erkenntnisse auf der Smart Kitchen', University of Freiburg, 12/2023
- 'Care in Crisis? Anthropological Perspectives on the Past and Present', Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts, keynote speaker at The Artist's Body 7 symposium, 11/2023
- 'Verbundenheit und digitale Teilhabe in alltäglichen Ernährungspraktiken', FAU Nürnberg-Erlangen, 11/2023
- 'Cyborg Cooks: Making Futures in the Kitchen', University of Hamburg, 01/2023
- 'Taste Knowledge and the Temporality of Cooking', University of Hamburg, 06/2022
- 'Beldi Foodways: Good Food for the Family', Brunel University, 10/2021

'Cereal Citizens: Kneading Rural Belonging in the Politicised City', University of Exeter, 01/2020

'Cereal Citizens: Breadmaking as Civic Practice', Leiden University, 11/2019

'Embodying Uncertainty: Food (In)Security in Urbanising Morocco', SOAS Food Studies Centre, 11/2019

'Cooking without Others? Continuity and Change in Urban Moroccan Food Preparation', Goethe University Frankfurt, 05/2019

## **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

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'Digital Care Work in the Smart Kitchen', Inaugural Conference of stsing, TU Dresden, 03/2024

'Wir sind nie alltäglich gewesen: zwei ethnografische Dekonstruktionen digital-smarten Wohnens', Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie Sektion Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung conference, Osnabrück University, 11/2023

'Digitalising Domestic Food Work: ethnographic insights from Germany', Association for the Study of Food and Society virtual conference, Boston University, 05/2023

'Cyborgs in der Küche: ethnografische Erkenntnisse aus der Smart Kitchen', Österreichische Gesellschaft für Empirische Kulturwissenschaft und Volkskunde conference, Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, 05/2023

'Digitalising Domestic Food Work in Germany', Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth conference, SOAS University of London, 04/2023

'Digitalisierung in der häuslichen Nahrungsversorgung', Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie Sektion Familiensoziologie virtual conference, Paderborn University, 03/2023

'The Political Economy of Cooking', American Anthropological Association conference, Seattle, 11/2022

'Cyborg Cooks: Making Futures in the Kitchen', Deutsche Gesellschaft für empirische Kulturwissenschaft Digital Anthropology section conference, Hamburg University, 09/2022

'Digitalisation in Domestic Kitchens: Invisible Practices of Transformation', European Association of Social Anthropologists conference, Belfast University, 07/2022

'Making Futures in the Kitchen', The Royal Anthropological Institute virtual conference, 06/2022

'Domestic Cooks and the Domestication of the Smart Kitchen', Journal of Digital Culture and Society, virtual writer's workshop, Universität Siegen, 01/2022

'Cyborg Cook: Connecting Bodily and Digital Knowledge', Anthropology of Technology conference, Aarhus University, 11/2021

'Embodying Uncertainty and the Kneading the Future in Urbanising Morocco', University of Turin, EASA Mediterraneanist Network workshop, 11/2019

'Flour Martyrs? Fighting Food Insecurity from Within the Urban Moroccan Home', European Association of Social Anthropologists conference, Stockholm University, 08/2018

'Cereal Citizens: Making Bread and Shaping the Moroccan Food System', Association for the Study of Food and Society conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 06/2018

'Hard of Soft Wheat Bread? Moroccan Consumers between Regional, National and International Belonging', Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie conference, Freie Universität Berlin, 10/2017

'Eating Bread as Politics from Below?', Institut Européen d'Histoire et des Cultures de l'Alimentation conference, Tours University, 06/2017

'Gesellschaftliche Transformation der Nahrungszubereitung in Marokko', Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie conference, Philipps-Universität Marburg, 10/2015

- ‘Educating the Senses: Knowledge Reproduction in the Kitchen’, Beyond Perception 15 symposium, University of Aberdeen, 09/2015
- ‘Verbalising the Non-verbal: Representing Embodied Cooking Knowledge’, Institut Européen d’Histoire et des Cultures de l’Alimentation conference, Tours University, 03/2015
- ‘Women’s Cooking Practices and the Making of Urban Space in Marrakech’, Anthropology in London Day conference, University College London, 06/2014
- ‘Measuring Time and Matter: Embodied Cooking Knowledge’, Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth conference, Edinburgh University, 06/2014
- ‘Negotiating proper food in everyday food consumption and preparation’, Collège de France international colloquium, IISMM EHESS Paris, 10/2013
- ‘Domestic Cooking in Marrakech: Knowledge Reproduction and Social Change’, Institut Européen d’Histoire et des Cultures de l’Alimentation summer school, Tours University, 08/2012

## TEACHING

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- ‘Food, Culture and Politics’, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Anthropology, Cambridge/MA, guest teacher, 10/2022
- ‘Ernährung, Körper und Gesellschaft’, BA Kulturanthropologie und Europäische Ethnologie, Goethe University Frankfurt, 04-09/2021
- ‘Food and Technology’, MA Science and Technology Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt, 10/2020-03/2021
- ‘Anthropology of Food’, MA Anthropology of Food, SOAS University of London, 10/2017-09/2018
- ‘Introduction to Social Anthropology’, BA Social Anthropology, SOAS University of London, 01-04/2014 and 01-04/2016

## SUPERVISION

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- Dissertation supervisor, BA and MA programmes, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, Goethe University Frankfurt, since 03/2022
- Dissertation supervisor, BA and MA programmes, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, SOAS University of London, 06/2016-09/2018

## OUTREACH (SELECTION)

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### Blog posts, interviews and podcasts

- ‘Digitalisierte Ernährung: Ethnografische Erkenntnisse aus smarten Küchen’, blog contribution, Highways to Health, 11/2023, <https://highways2health.de/blog/digitalisierte-ernaehrung.html?>
- ‘Cyborg Cook: Domestic Cooking in the Digital Age’, project blogging, since 12/2021, <https://cyborgcook.wordpress.com/>
- ‘The Future of Bread Subsidies’, interview with Akhbar Alyoum [Arabic language daily national newspaper, Morocco], published in print, 05/2018
- ‘How to Assess Political Stability? Follow the Bread Path’, blog contribution, The Conversation UK, 10/2018, <https://theconversation.com/how-to-assess-political-stability-follow-the-bread-path-93695>
- ‘Food and the Construction of Value’, podcast in the 5-episode series ‘What is Good Food?’ 01/2018, <https://soundcloud.com/whatisgoodfood/ep5foodandtheconstructionofvalue>

Talks and activities

- ‘In und mit Haushalten zu digitaler Sicherheit forschen: Potentiale der Ethnografie’, Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI), invited guest speaker at Digitaler Verbraucherschutz open, with D. Eckhardt and L. Schmitz, online, 12/2023
- ‘Cyborg Cooks in Frankfurt Kitchens’, organiser of two public performances to communicate research results, in collaboration with ernst-may-gesellschaft e.V. and Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts, mayhaus Frankfurt, 11/2023
- ‘Cyborgs in der Küche: Digitale Vernetzung und häusliche Ernährungspraktiken’, Bundeszentrum für Ernährung and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ernährung, invited guest speaker at the 6<sup>th</sup> BZfE Forum, practitioner’s workshop, Bonn, 09/2022
- ‘Du bist, was du isst? Lebensmittel und Ernährung aus kulturanthropologischer Perspektive’, Tag der Geisteswissenschaften, taster session for prospective anthropology students, with L. McAdam-Otto, Goethe University Frankfurt, 07/2022
- ‘Hausgemacht! Häusliche Nahrungszubereitung in Marokko’, Museum Frauenkultur Regional-International, Fürth, invited keynote at exhibition opening ‚ausgekocht‘, 05/2017
- ‘Secret Kitchen: A Moroccan Feast’, supper club with anthropological commentary, in collaboration with Culinary Anthropologist, London, 05/2014 and 10/2016

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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- DGEKW (Deutsche Gesellschaft für empirische Kulturwissenschaft), incl. Kommission Digitale Anthropologie
  - DGSKA (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie), incl. Arbeitsgruppe Nahrungsethnologie
  - EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists), incl. Anthropology of Food Network
  - AAA (American Anthropological Association, incl. Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) and Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN))
  - ASFS (Association for the Study of Food and Society)
  - LMEI (London Middle East Institute)

**LANGUAGES**


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German (native), English and French (proficient), Arabic, Italian and Spanish (conversational)

**ACADEMIC SERVICE (SELECTION)**

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- Host and Co-convenor, inaugural meeting of the Smart Home Network ‘Ethnografie und Sozialforschung in und mit Smart Homes’, Goethe University Frankfurt, 10/2023
- Co-organiser, ‘Beyond Terroir’ book project, in collaboration with SOAS Food Studies Centre, virtual workshop 12/2023, writing retreat in Istria 05/2023
- Reviewer, College of Expert Reviewers, European Science Foundation (ESF), since 2017
- Associate Book Reviews Editor, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN) Online Blog, American Anthropological Association (AAA), since 2017
- Academic Professionalisation ‘How to write grant proposals’, graduate and doctoral student training, Goethe University Frankfurt & SOAS University of London, since 2017
- Co-convenor, Anthropology of Food Network (EASA), 01/2017-12/2018

Panel co-organiser, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) conferences, Milan (2016) and Stockholm (2018)

Co-organiser, Annual SOAS Food Studies Centre Postgraduate Research Workshop, 2 days incl. professionalisation workshop and 'Action Learning' session, 2014, 2015 and 2017

Student Representative, in various capacities, SOAS University of London, 10/2010-09/2014

Peer reviewer for the following journals: Economic Anthropology; Anthropology of Consciousness; Food, Culture and Society; Gastronomica; Graduate Journal of Food Studies