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Selected Work Experience

- 02/2019 to 05/2019 Research assistant to a vice-rector for research (Dr. Serik Beimenbetov),
Kazakh-German University in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 10/2017 to 10/2018 Research assistant to the president's office (Dr. Markus Kaiser), Kazakh-
German University in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 04/2013-08/2013 Freelance employee, the Office of MP Harald Koch, the political party "DIE
LINKE", the Bundestag (the German Federal Parliament) in Berlin, Germany
- 09/2010 - 09/2011 Manager of International Office, Kazakh-German University in Almaty,
Kazakhstan
- 12/2010 - 09/2011 Assistant to a president, Prof. Dr. Johann W. Gerlach, Kazakh-German
University in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 03/2010 - 07/2010 Intern and fellow of the Bundestag International Fellowship (IPS), the Office
of MP, Harald Koch, the political party "DIE LINKE", the Bundestag (the
German Federal Parliament) in Berlin, Germany
- Research paper (*Facharbeit*) within the internship on "Memory policy and
dealing with the past in Germany" (*Erinnerungspolitik und
Vergangenheitsbewältigung in Deutschland*)

Education

- from 01/2013 to present PhD Study in Central Asian Studies, Central Asian Seminar at the Institute for
Asian and African Studies (CAS IAAS), the Centre for anthropological
research on museums and heritage (CARMAH) at the Humboldt University of
Berlin, Germany
Working title of the PhD thesis: "Heritage•Memory•Dissonance: the City
Museum of Kókshetau in peripheral post-Soviet Kazakhstan"
Academic Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf (CAS IAAS), Prof. Dr. Sharon
Macdonald (CARMAH)
- 01/2017 - 04/2017 Research Stay and exchange student at the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign
Languages/ Museum in honour of Sadridin Ayni and the Local Studies
Museum in Samarkand, Uzbekistan
Local supervisor: Dr. Anvar Nizamov
- 10/2016 - 11/2016 Visiting Scholar Program (MA Museum and Heritage Studies) at the School of
Museum Studies of University of Leicester, Leicester, Great
Britain
Local supervisor: Dr. Sheila Watson
- 2009 - 2011 Master of Arts in Central Asian Studies, Kazakh-German University in
Almaty, Kazakhstan (GPA: 3.9)
- Master thesis on "Use of the glorified past and memory policy in Central Asian
countries"
Academic supervisors: Prof. Dr. Tamara Volkova and Prof. Dr. Anuar Galiev
- 2004 - 2008 Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, East-Kazakhstani State
University in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan (GPA: 4)

Projects and Engagement

since 07/2018 to present

Junior researcher at a research project in progress (together with Dr. Wladimir Sgibnew and Dr. Rano Turaeva, the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany; Dr. Teona Mataradze, State University of Tbilisi, Georgia; Dr. Nabijon Rahimov, State University of Khujand, Tajikistan; Dr. Serik Beimenbetov, Kazakh-German University Almaty, Kazakhstan) “Mining Cities in Central Asia and the South Caucasus” (MCCC) of the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (in Leipzig) supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Working Paper on *Survival Strategies in post-Soviet mono-industrial Janatas*

09-10/2018

Working Paper for IOM Mission in Kazakhstan on *The vulnerability of female migrants from Central Asia in Kazakhstan*

01-09/05/2018

Organization of a peacebuilding-workshop on “Stories on the Silkroad: Narrative and Image in Transnational Exchange” (together with Prof. Dr. Gordon Mitchell, University of Hamburg) supported by DAAD and conducted in Almaty (Kazakhstan), Bishkek and Osh (Kyrgyzstan)

29/11/2017

Co-organization of *DKU Talks* on “Migration in Kazakhstan through the eyes of experts and witnesses” (together with Dr. Serik Beimenbetov) supported by the Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Central Asia, in Almaty, Kazakhstan

since 10/2017 to 09/2018

Research project “Cosmos and Everyday Life” (together with Dr. Markus Kaiser and Dr. Dieter Seitz) in Kazakhstan and Russia

10/2012 - 09/2011

Research stay working on the theme “Use of the past in Central Asian countries” at the Humboldt University of Berlin in Berlin, Germany
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Baldauf

03/2016-12/2017

Member of the *Schleiermacher* Program for PhD students of the Humboldt University of Berlin

2014 - 2016

Voluntary work in activities of the international team of UNESCO in Berlin, summer camps for children of SCI (Service Civil International) in Trebnitz, Germany, a voluntary project “Mad Kitchen” in Balikesir, Turkey

Funding and Academic Award

12/2019 to present

Postdoctoral Fellowship of the Volkswagen Foundation

01/2017 - 04/2017

Erasmus + grant for research stay (for PhD students)

12/2012 - 11/2016

Gerda Henkel Foundation (PhD grant)

10/2011 - 09/2012

Research grant of the Foundation of the Berlin House of Representatives

03/2010 - 06/2010

International Fellowship of the Bundestag (the German Federal Parliament)

09/2009 - 05/2011

DAAD full grant for MA studies at Kazakh-German University in Almaty, Kazakhstan

2005-2006

President's Scholarship for the 3d year of BA studies at the East- Kazakhstani State University in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan

Research Interests

Critical heritage and museum studies, museum and anthropology, post-Soviet Central Asia, post-Soviet mining cities, social and economic transformation in post-Soviet Central Asia

Language Skills

Russian

Native speaker

English

Advanced

German

Advanced

Kazakh

Upper-intermediate

Turkish

Intermediate

Uzbek

Intermediate