ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research at the Institute of Slavic and Eastern European Studies, since 09/2024

Individual dissertation project

- *«Narrating Transitions: Ukrainian Refugee Adolescents and Their Families between Discontinuity and Reconfiguration in Switzerland»* (working title)
- **From 09/2026**: UZH Candoc Grant 2026; two-year 80% position with protected research time; fieldwork additionally supported by a GRC Short Grant (see Grants & Fellowships)
- **02/2026 – 08/2026**: self-funded research phase
- Writing a doctoral monograph and scientific publications; presenting research at international conferences; conducting fieldwork and comparative qualitative research; acquiring and managing competitive research funding; coordinating research activities, including supervising research assistants and translation support; managing administrative and organisational aspects of research projects.

Research and Teaching at the Institute of Education (IfE), 2019 – 2026

02/2023 – 01/2026 Research and Teaching Assistant, Chair of Vocational Education and Training and Continuing Education, Prof. Dr. Katrin Kraus

- Individual dissertation project
- Independent conception and delivery of 7 courses at BA, MA, and LLM level:
  - Teaching Diploma for Upper Secondary School, Additional Qualification in Vocational Education and Training: "Educational Foundations of Vocational Education and the Swiss VET System" (German; taught twice)
  - MA: "International Research in the Vocational Education and Training Sector" (English; self-designed)
  - BA: "Berufs- und Wirtschaftspädagogik / Vocational and Economic Education" (German)
  - BA: "Berufspädagogik: Berufliches Lernen / Vocational Education and Training: Vocational Learning" (German; taught twice)
  - BA: "Einführung in wissenschaftliches Arbeiten / Introduction to Scientific Work" (German)
- Supervision of 1 research intern and 7 student assistants/tutors (recruitment, guidance, feedback)
- Subject librarian; service on academic committees (see Committees & Memberships)

***06/2024 – 01/2025 Academic Associate, "Teacher, Peer or AI?",* Prof. Dr. Joshua Weidlich, Prof. Dr. Katharina Maag Merki**

- Co-coordination of project planning, data preparation, and scientific publications

08/2020 – 12/2023 Academic Associate, SNSF Infrastructure Project "Education by Numbers", Prof. em. Dr. Lucien Criblez

- Led sub-projects on the historical development of vocational education and higher vocational education; inventoried federal statistics on apprenticeship contracts, career counselling (1933–1993/94), and Higher Business and Administration Schools (HWV/WIS, 1968–1999) — 66 datasets, available via bildungsgeschichte.ch and dasch.swiss
- Data curation, documentation, and long-term archiving; supervision of 3 research interns; scientific publications

2019 – 2022 Earlier positions*: teaching assistantships and student research work, and Pädagogische Hochschule Thurgau*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 09/2026 Pedagogical Coach, AOZ (Asylum Organisation Zurich)
Zurich, Switzerland

- Pedagogical coaching and guidance for university student mentors in the "Future Kids" programme: supporting mentors in developing individual programmes for the children they work with, providing ongoing guidance and advisory support, and representing AOZ in initial consultations with families

2012 – 2026 Educator & Principal
Cantons AR, SG, ZH

Extensive experience in education, combining classroom teaching with school-wide leadership. Worked across multiple roles, including classroom assistant, subject teacher, special needs educator, and school director, contributing to curriculum design, team leadership, and school development projects.

- As Principal, provided strategic and operational leadership, hired staff, oversaw staff development, led school and teaching projects, and acted as key liaison between the school, authorities, and its wider community
- Specialised in inclusive education: BBF (gifted & talented), IF & SU (integrative special needs schooling)
- Collaboration on the Swiss STEM Study, EducETH – Chair for Research on Learning and Instruction, MINT (STEM) Learning Centre, ETH Zurich
- Developed teaching programs and school concepts aligned with evolving educational standards
- Led a cross-grade student magazine as part of a democratic education initiative, fostering student participation and civic engagement
- Advanced cultural education through performing arts integration, including preparation of student groups for the Züri Dance Award

Education

- From 2024: Individual Doctorate in Cultural Analysis, University of Zurich
- 2024 – 2025: CAS Teaching Skills (higher education didactics), University of Zurich
  - Including: Supervising Student Academic Writing in English, Teaching in the English-Speaking Classroom, Basics of University Teaching
- 2023 – 2024: Individual Doctorate in Educational Science, University of Zurich
- 2019 – 2023: Master of Arts in Educational Science, University of Zurich
  - Focus: Education, Culture and Politics; Minor: Vocational and Economic Education.
  - Master's thesis: *"Von der Lehrstellenvermittlung zur Berufsberatung. Ein historischer Blick auf die Neuausrichtung der Beratungstätigkeit in den 1960er-Jahren."* (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Lucien Criblez)
- 2015 – 2016: Continuing Education, PHZH and HfH
- 2012 – 2015: Bachelor of Arts in Primary Education, PHSG
- 2002 – 2011: Science Education, Germany
  - Studies in Biophysics and Biosciences, TU Kaiserslautern
  - Abitur (Biology and Technology, specialisation in Laboratory Technology) with additional qualification as Chemical-Technical Assistant (CTA), Ludwig-Geißler-Schule, Hanau
  - Abitur (specialisation in Biology and Technology), Eduard-Stieler-Schule, Fulda

Committees & Memberships

Representative, Association of Junior Researchers of the University of Zurich (VAUZ), since 10/2023

- Library Board
- Commission for Education and Student Affairs; Commission UZH Interdisciplinary (from 08/2026)
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Studies Commission (until 07/2026, then Deputy Member); Faculty Assembly (from 08/2026)
- Institute of Education (IfE): Deputy Delegate, Institute Assembly; Library Committee; Programme Committee; Internationalisation Working Group
- VAUZ Board Member / Event Manager

Memberships in scholarly societies

- Schweizerisches Institut für Auslandsforschung (SIAF)
- Bildungsgeschichte Schweiz
- International Standing Conference for the History of Education (ISCHE)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (DGfE)
- Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Bildungsforschung (SGBF)

Grants & Fellowships

- **UZH Candoc Grant 2026** — University of Zurich, 2026. Two-year doctoral fellowship supporting the dissertation project.
- **GRC Short Grant 2026** — supporting fieldwork of the individual dissertation project (interpreters, incentives, recording equipment, ad hoc translations).
- **Stipendium Kurze Forschungsreise** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2026. INAP 10th Research Conference of the International Network for Innovative Apprenticeship, “Apprenticeships: Surviving, Reviving, Thriving.”
- **Stipendium Kurze Forschungsreise** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2026. 33rd Annual VET & Culture Meeting, “Social Aims of Vocational Education and Training,” EHB.
- **Stipendium Forschungsunterstützung** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2026. Ukrainian language course.
- **Stipendium Kurze Forschungsreise** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2025. JVET Early Career Researcher Summer School, St Catherine’s College, Oxford.
- **Stipendium Kurze Forschungsreise** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2025. IAKE Conference, Heraklion, Crete.
- **Stipendium Forschungsunterstützung** — Graduiertenschule, University of Zurich, 2024. Russian language course.