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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2019-present Associate Professor, Anthropology, MIT; Class of 1948 Career Development Chair  
2015-2019 Assistant Professor, Global Studies and Languages, MIT  
2011-2015 Harper Fellow at the Society of Fellows and Collegiate Assistant Professor in the  
Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago  
2011-2015 Faculty Associate, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

### **NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2004-2009 Teaching Assistant, University of California at Santa Cruz  
2002-2004 Research Fellow, German Research Foundation (DFG), Graduate College Research  
Group: Public Spaces and Gender, University of Frankfurt/M., Kassel, Germany  
2001-2002 Researcher, Centre for Interdisciplinary Media Studies, Georg-August-Universität  
Göttingen, Germany, PD. Dr. Elisabeth Klaus

## **EDUCATION**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
2011	Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology	University of California at Santa Cruz
2005	M.A., Cultural Anthropology	University of California at Santa Cruz
2001	M.A., Sociology with minors in Media Studies and Anthropology	Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen, Germany

**TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS:** At the Forest Edges of the City: Nature, Race and National  
Belonging in Berlin

### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Environmental anthropology; migration and race; urban ethnography; feminist anthropology and science  
studies; social and environmental justice; ecology, botany; urban wildlife; Germany, Europe, North  
America

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

2019 Class of 1948 Career Development Chair, MIT  
2019 Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society Fellowship, Munich  
2018 Junior Scholar Award, honorable mention, Anthropology and Environment  
Society (AES), American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
2018 SHASS Research Fund, MIT

2018 MIT junior faculty nominee, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program  
 2010, 2011 Andrew W. Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
 2009, 2010 University of California Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship,  
 UC Santa Cruz  
 2010 Richard Randolph Award, (best ethnographic essay in Anthropology),  
 UC Santa Cruz  
 2010 Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz  
 2009 Teaching Fellowship, Anthropology Department, UC Santa Cruz (declined)  
 2007, 2008 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Year Fieldwork Grant  
 2006 Summer Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, UC Santa Cruz  
 2006 Teaching Sabbatical Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Santa Cruz  
 2003, 2004 DAAD Fellowship, Education Abroad Program, UC Santa Cruz  
 2002, 2004 Research Stipend by the German Research Foundation (DFG)  
 2004 Travel Grant, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
 2000 DAAD Fellowship; International Women's University, (IFU) Hanover,  
 Germany (July-Oct.)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-2019 Assistant Professor, Global Studies and Languages, MIT  
 Courses: Cultural Geographies of Germany; Gender, Race and Environmental Justice;  
 Migration, Race and Ethnicity in a New Europe  
 2011-2015 Assistant Professor, The College, University of Chicago  
 Division of the Social Sciences: Self, Culture and Society, Social Science Core Course  
 2004-2009 Teaching Assistant, University of California at Santa Cruz  
 Departments: Anthropology, History, Psychology, Community Studies  
 2001 Co-Instructor, University of Goettingen, with Prof. Elisabeth Klaus  
 Center for Interdisciplinary Media Studies: Gendered Technologies&Media Cultures

## PUBLISHED MATERIALS

### Books

2004 InDifferenzen. Feministische Theorie in der antirassistischen Kritik [InDifferences:  
 Feminist Theory in Antiracist Criticism]. Hamburg: Argument-Verlag (200 pp.)  
 2004 Co-edited (with Jennifer Gonzalez, Anna Tsing, and Bregje van Eekelen), Shock and  
 Awe: War on Words. Institute for Advanced Feminist Studies, University of California  
 Santa Cruz: New Pacific Press (187 pp.). Authored "Wired," pp. 173-174; and "Anti-  
 Terror Legislation," pp. 14-16.

### Articles in Refereed Journals

2018 "Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Nature, Migration, and the Urban Landscape in Berlin,"  
Cultural Anthropology 33(2), pp. 295-323.  
 2014 "A Path Through the Woods: Remediating Affective Landscapes in Documentary  
 Asylum Worlds," In Angelika Fenner and Uli Linke, eds. TRANSIT 9(2), pp. 1-23.  
 2001 "Dekonstruierte Subjekte: Cyborgs in feministischer Theorie und medialer Wirklichkeit,"  
Mensch & Medien: Pädagogische Konzepte für eine humane Mediengesellschaft, GMK-  
 Rundbrief-Forum Kommunikationskultur, pp. 82-100.

- 2000 “Gender: Karriere eines feministischen Konzepts” (with Pia Gries and Ruth Holm). Forum Wissenschaft, 18(2): 11-15.
- 1998 “Lieber Cyborg als Göttin: Zur politischen Relevanz des Cyborg Mythos von Donna Haraway,” Wir Frauen 3/98, pp. 6-9.

### **Chapters in Books**

- 2014 “Wild Barbecuing: Urban Citizenship and the Politics of (Trans-)Nationality in Berlin’s Tiergarten,” in Jeffrey Diefendorf and Janet Ward, eds., Transnationalism and the German City, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 73-86.
- 2014 “Boar,” in Naito et al. eds., To See Once More the Stars: Living in a Post-Fukushima World, Santa Cruz, CA: New Pacific Press, pp. 15-19. Also translated into Japanese.

### **Other Publications – Non-Refereed**

- 2016 “Infrastructure: Peripheral Visions and Bodies that Matter: A Commentary,” solicited essay in Engagement. A blog published by the Anthropology and Environment Society, a section of the American Anthropological Association, August 2016, <https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2016/08/23/infrastructure-peripheral-visions-and-bodies-that-matter-a-commentary/>

## **FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration and Urban Life in Berlin, 330 pp. (under contract with Duke University Press)

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

“Re-Wilding Brandenburg: Postsocialist Ecologies in Berlin’s Peripheries,” solicited chapter for edited volume Ecologies of Socialisms: Germany, Nature, and the Left in History, Politics and Culture, edited by Scott Moranda and Eli Rubin, Bern: Peter Lang, 18 pp., forthcoming fall 2019

“*Ailanthus Altissima*, or the Botanical Afterlives of European Power” in Botanical City, edited by Matthew Gandy, Berlin: JOVIS, forthcoming winter, 2019.

“Feral Fever: Viruses, Pigs and Humans Co-Evolve in a Deadly Dance,” in Feral Atlas, edited by Anna Tsing, et al., Stanford: Stanford University Press, forthcoming early 2020, accepted for publication.

“On Ghosts, Sunflower Seeds and a Museum of Walls,” Anthropology News, Special Issue on Walls, November 2019, forthcoming.

## INTERVIEWS

- 2019 Interview on “Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Nature, Migration, and the Urban Landscape in Berlin,” forthcoming in Cultural Anthropology, forthcoming fall 2019
- 2016 “The Multispecies World of Technology,” an Interview with Elaine Gan and Bettina Stoetzer, by Caroline Picard, Anthropocene Campus 2016, organized by HKW (Haus der Kulturen der Welt) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin <https://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/pages/root/campus-2016/feral-technologies/the-multispecies-world-of-technology/>
- 2016 “Feral Technologies: Making and Unmaking Multispecies Dumps,” Interview with Bettina Stoetzer, Anna Tsing, and Elaine Gan, at Anthropocene Campus 2016, organized by HKW (Haus der Kulturen der Welt) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, video <https://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/pages/root/campus-2016/feral-technologies-making-and-unmaking-multispecies-dumps/>

## SEMINARS, COLLOQUIA, CONFERENCES

- September 2019 “Feral Fever: Pig-Virus Mobilities in the Border Zones of Global Capital,” talk presented at Emigrating Animals, Migratory Humans. Belonging, Prosperity and Security in More than Human Worlds Symposium at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague.
- May 2019 “Urban Worlds at the Edges of Habitability,” invited talk at the “Worlds at the End of the City” colloquium series at the Institute for European Ethnology at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- November 2018 “The Feral Lives of Urban Infrastructure” talk presented at the Infrastructure, Environment and Life in the Anthropocene, Part I: Living Infrastructure panel, American Anthropological Association Meetings, San Jose
- August 2018 “Urban Ecologies Beyond the Resilient City,” talk presented at Imagining Resilient Cities Panel, European Association for Urban History Conference, “Urban Renewal and Resilience, Cities in Comparative Perspective,” Rome, Italy
- April 2018 “The Botanical Afterlives of Concrete,” invited talk presented (via skype) at Concrete Futures/Futuros Concretos Symposium, organized by the Sociology Department/Anthropology Program, held at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago
- April 2018 “Ruderal City,” invited talk presented at Ruderal Ecologies: Grounds for Change Symposium, organized by the Sanctuary for Independent Media and the Faculty of Arts and STS, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- November 2017 “Thinking with Sticky Goosefoot: Rubble and Human-Plant Encounters in Berlin,” invited paper presented on Thinking with Soils: Social-Ecological Entanglements Panel, Knowledge/Culture/Ecologies, International Conference organized by the Institute for Culture and Society of Western Sydney University Australia, held at Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

- May 2017 “Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Nature, Migration and the Urban Environment in Berlin,” invited paper presented at Military Ecologies workshop, Anthropology Department, Mellon Sawyer seminar, UC Irvine and Matters of Urban Citizenship workshop, Anthropology Department, Columbia University
- April 2017 “Livable,” invited talk, introduction and panel moderation presented at the Being Material Symposium, hosted by the Center for Art, Science and Technology, MIT
- April 2017 “Rubble Ecologies,” talk presented on Geographies of Extinction panel, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- November 2016 “Use at Your Own Risk: Ethnographic Modes of Precise Inattention,” talk presented on Abduction! Captive Lines of Inquiry panel, American Anthropological Association Meetings, Minneapolis
- November 2016 “Ruderal Ecologies: Rethinking Urban Infra-Structure in a World of Rubble,” invited talk, STS Circle, Program on Science, Technology and Society, Harvard University
- November 2016 “Ruderal City,” invited talk, Institute for European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- October 2016 “Unruly Landscapes and Lives at Berlin’s Peripheries,” talk presented at Ecologies of Socialism panel, at the Annual Meetings of the German Studies Association, San Diego, CA
- April 2016 Organizer and presenter, three-day workshop, “Feral Technologies: Making and Unmaking Multispecies Dumps,” together with Prof. Anna Tsing at the Anthropocene Campus – The Technosphere Issue sponsored by Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany. Also presented talk, “Thinking with Berlin’s Ruderal Ecologies.”
- March 2016 “Notes on the Uncanny in Contemporary Asylum Worlds. A Report from Germany’s Forests,” invited talk, Vampire Vibes: The Dark Side of Modernity, German Studies, Harvard University
- November 2015 “Re-Wilding Europe: Feral Landscapes and Lives at Berlin’s Peripheries,” paper presented on panel: Barbarians at the Gate: Feral Landscapes of the Anthropocene, American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, CO
- November 2015 “The Value of Infrastructure,” invited commentary presented at panel B/Ordering Infrastructures: Mediated Mobilities at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, CO
- November 2015 “Reflections on Die Architekten,” East German Film Night, Public and Private: East Germany in Photographs exhibit, MIT Museum
- October 2015 “In the Cracks of Matter: Thinking with Berlin’s Ruderal Ecologies,” paper presented on panel Flows: Material, Energy and Narrative in the Ecological Humanities, Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Washington, D.C.

- October 2015 “Life Lines” invited commentary presented at workshop: Infrastructure, Environment and Life in the Anthropocene, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- October 2015 “Keynote: Ruderal City. Ecologies of Migration and Urban Life in Berlin,” keynote lecture presented at conference Chronopolis: Time and Urban Space, Department for Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan
- April 2015 “Urban Ecologies in a World of Rubble,” paper presented at the After Extinction Conference, Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- December 2014 “Infrastructural Worlds of Zoopolis,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- April 2014 “Re-Wilding the East: Transforming Landscapes and Lives in Postsocialist Germany,” invited talk, Symposium Specters of the Other Germany: 25 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto
- March 2014 “Rubble Ecologies: Rethinking Urban Infrastructures in Berlin,” invited paper, Infrastructural Worlds Workshop, Anthropology Department, Duke University
- January 2014 “Ruderal City: Ecologies of Migration and Urban Life in Berlin,” invited talk, Anthropology Department, University of Chicago
- November 2013 “From Ruins to Gardens: Plant Publics in Berlin,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL
- April 2013 “Forst: Geographies of Race and Nation in Brandenburg,” invited talk, German Studies Symposium on “Race and Visual Culture,” Faculty of Arts and Sciences, University of Toronto
- February 2013 “Ruderal City: Remaking Nature and the Nation in Berlin,” invited talk, Anthropology Department, Princeton
- November 2012 “Ruderal Writing,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA. Also chaired panel on Thinking Through Cross-Sections of Race-Nature-Culture
- May 2012 “Blasted Ground: The Story of Sticky Goosefoot,” paper presented at the Annual Weissbourd Conference Ground Stories, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago
- November 2011 “Barbecue Area: Negotiating Urban Citizenship in Berlin’s Parks,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada
- October 2011 “The Unhomely,” paper presented at the Weissbourd Symposium, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago
- April 2011 “Tracking the Unheimlich at the Forest Edges of Berlin,” paper presented at the Race, Space and Nature Symposium at the Center for Race and Gender, UC Berkeley, CA

- March 2011 “Rubble Ecologies,” paper presented at Emerging Worlds Workshop, with Sarah Whatmore, University of California Santa Cruz
- November 2010 “Remaking the Nation and Urban Nature in Post-WWII Berlin,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA. Also organized panel The Nature of the City.
- October 2010 “Notes on the Unheimlich at the Forest Edges of Berlin,” paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the German Studies Association, Oakland, CA
- April 2010 “Unhomely Ecologies,” paper presented at the Experimental Ecologies Graduate Student Conference, University of California Santa Cruz
- March 2010 “Ecologies of Rubble: Botanizing Practices and Emerging Cultures of Urban Wilderness,” paper presented at Interdisciplinary City Workshop, Anthropology Department, University of California Santa Cruz. Also organized workshop Derelict Landscapes and Uprooted Ecologies: Spaces of Nature and Culture in Today's Cities.
- December 2009 “Tracking the Unheimlich,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA. Also panel co-organizer, Natural Spaces as National Places: The Politics of Belonging in Rural and Urban Greenspaces
- November 2008 “On Refugee Camps and Forests: Berlin seen from the Countryside,” paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA. Also panel co-organizer, The Social Lives of Nature Spaces: Landscapes of Inclusion and Exclusion in a New Europe
- January 2002 “Donna Haraway’s “Feminist Critique Of Science,” paper presented at Science and Power conference, BdWI [Association of Democratic Scientists], in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation, Münster, Germany

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE**

American Anthropological Association  
 Society for the Anthropology of Europe  
 Society for Cultural Anthropology  
 American Association of Geographers  
 German Studies Association  
 European Association of Urban History (EAUH)  
 Peer Reviewer for American Anthropologist, 2019 to present  
 Peer Reviewer for American Ethnologist and Anthropological Quarterly (2015 to present)  
 Peer Reviewer for Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology, Environmental Humanities, Urban Studies, InterDisciplines, and Ethnos (2016 to present)  
 Proposal Screening Reviewer for Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (May 2018 to present)  
 Feminist Critical Studies Writing Forum, University of Chicago, organizer and member (2012-2013)

## **MIT ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES**

### **Departmental and School Activities and Committees**

2019-present HASTS Graduate Program Seminar Representative, Anthropology  
Spring 2019 German Major, Minor and Concentration Advisor, Global Studies and Languages  
2018-2019 Diversity Representative, Global Studies and Languages  
2018 Co-Chair, German lecturer search, Global Studies and Languages  
2016-2017 Women's and Gender Studies: Steering Committee  
2016-2017 MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: Burchard Faculty Fellow  
2015-2017 German Major and Minor Advisor, Global Studies and Languages  
2016-2017 English Language Studies Lecturer Review Committee, Global Studies and Languages  
2015-2017 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Global Studies and Languages

### **LIST OF THESES SUPERVISED**

#### **Ph.D.**

2017-present Arman Yildiz, "Recycling Bodies: Race, Labor, and Sexuality in Germany,"  
Anthropology Department, Harvard University (dissertation committee member)

#### **B.A.**

2015 Claire Devaney, "Fire, Media, and the Gendered Politics of Labor: Media Coverage on  
The New York Shirtwaist Factory Fire," Department of Law, Letters and Society,  
University of Chicago – Advisor