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EDUCATION

- Since Feb 2014 **PhD Candidate in Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
Working Title of Thesis: *Disability and Humanitarian Assistance – Negotiating Aid along Vulnerability Categories in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement*
- Sep 2011 – Jan 2014 **Master of Arts in History, Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
Title of MA Thesis (in Social Anthropology): *‘Out of the Shadows’? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda*
- Sep 2007 – Jul 2011 **Bachelor of Arts in History, Social Anthropology, University of Zurich**
Including modules in Political Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Sep 2012 – Jan 2014 Junior researcher and teaching assistant to the chair of Professor Flitsch, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich.
- Feb 2012 – Jul 2013 Mentor, Asylum Organization Zurich (AOZ), Program Future Kids
- Aug 2008 – Sep 2008 Intern and teaching assistant (voluntary), SWISCO, Tanzania
- Dec 2006 – Mar 2007 Teaching assistant (voluntary), Voluntary Childaid, Ghana

FIELDWORK

- Since April 2015 Dissertation research on disability among refugees in Kyangwali refugee settlement, Uganda
- May 2014 – Jul 2014 Exploratory dissertation research on disability among refugees in several refugee settlements and transit camps, Uganda
- Jul 2012 – Sep 2012 Research for MA thesis on epilepsy in Kabale, Uganda
- Jul 2011 – Sep 2011 Research on epilepsy in Kabale, Uganda, research group *Disability & Technology*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- AT 2014 *Behinderung in lokalen und globalen Kontexten*. Seminar on disability and development in African countries, University of Zurich.
- AT 2013 *Einführung in die ethnologischen Disability Studies*. Seminar on Anthropological Disability Studies, University of Zurich.
- ST 2013 *Praxismodul praktische ethnologische Arbeit*. Seminar on applied anthropological research, University of Zurich.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dec 2016 *Skilling People with Disabilities: Reducing Environmental Barriers*, Annual Disability Forum, Adjumani, Uganda
- Nov 2015 *Unfolding Dynamics of Vulnerability Categories among People with Disabilities in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement*, AAA Annual Meeting ‚Familiar/ Strange‘, Denver
- Sep 2013 *‘Out of the Shadows’? – On the Pragmatics of Dealing with Epilepsy and the Impact of Sensitization in Kabale, Uganda*, De-colonizing Disability Theory I: Crippling Development Conference, Charles University, Prague

GRANTS

- Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 Doc.mobility fellowship at the University of Copenhagen: *Disability and Humanitarian Assistance – Negotiating Aid along Vulnerability Categories in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement* (competitive).
- Feb 2014 – Jan 2017 SNSF Project ‘Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development’ (r4d): *Disability and Technology in Uganda from Local and Global Perspectives* (competitive).

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- Since Jan. 2011 *Disability & Technology*. Research group on the interlinking relationship between disability and technology in Uganda and Switzerland.
- Biannual summer and winter school in Uganda or Switzerland (organization and co-organization)
 - Cooperation with non-academic stakeholders in Uganda

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker), English (proficient), French (good command), Kiswahili (basic communication skills), Ugandan Sign Language (basic communication skills).