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PhD, is Professor of Fashion and Aesthetics at the Technische Universität Darmstadt in Germany. She was previously Junior Professor of Art History at the University of Trier and Assistant Curator at the Alte Nationalgalerie and the Nationalgalerie Hamburger Bahnhof – Museum of Contemporary Art (both in Berlin).

In 2007 she was fellow at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA (Research group No Laughing Matter. Visual Humor in Ideas of Race, Nationality, and Ethnicity), and in 2011 she was fellow at the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald. She is co-founder and member of the board of the Centre for Postcolonial and Gender Studies (CePoG) Trier, and co-founder and editor of a magazine for contemporary art and popular culture Querformat.

Her research interests span the field of art, visual culture and fashion from the nineteenth century through to the present day, with special focus on transculturality and globalization and issues revolving around the methodological reflection on these phenomena. She is currently working on a publication on postcolonial irony in contemporary art.

The starting point for her considerations on migration are previous studies on the visual culture and medial representation of travel, taking into account new theories on space and spatiality. The project "Topologies of Travel. Tourism – Imagination – Migration" is an important foundation stone in this respect. For the "Migration" research group she is primarily interested in the processes of transcultural exchange in art and culture, specifically examining how migration is represented and negotiated visually in contemporary art and culture and how regimes of the gaze become entwined with those of mobility.

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Selected Publications

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- "Images of the 'Exotic'. Gottfried Lindauer in the Context of European Portraiture", in: Gottfried Lindauer, exhibition catalogue Alte Nationalgalerie Berlin, Köln: Walther König 2014, pp. 231-236
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