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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2014 PhD in Jewish Studies

Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna, Austria

2010 MA in German Studies, Philosophy and Psychology

Department of German Studies, University of Vienna

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Jewish Studies	German Studies/Austrian Studies
German as a Foreign Language	World Literature
Shoah, National Socialism, Nationalism	Cultural Studies
Gender Studies, Feminist Theory, Queer Theory	Text Analysis, Literary Theory
Postcolonial Studies/Decolonial Studies	Israel Studies, Modern Middle East

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Since 2022	Assistant Professor of German – Jewish Studies: Grinnell College, German Studies Department, USA
2019 - 2022	Visiting Assistant Professor of German – Jewish Studies: Grinnell College, German Studies Department, USA
2019	Lecturer: Webster University Vienna, Center for Liberal Arts, Austria
2017 - 2018	Visiting Scholar: University of Minnesota, Center for Austrian Studies, USA
2015 –2017	Faculty Member: German Jordanian University, School of Applied Humanities and Languages, Jordan
2014 –2015	Faculty Member: German Jordanian University, German Language Center, Jordan
2013	Lecturer: University of Vienna, Department of Jewish Studies, Austria
2008	Lecturer: Buryat State University, Department of German Studies, Russia

PUBLICATIONS**Monograph**

- 2018** 1. Pötzl, Viktoria: *Nation, Narration und Geschlecht. Eine feministische Literaturanalyse der Werke Yael Dayans*. Neofelis Verlag. Berlin: 2018. (Gender, Nation, and Narration. A Feminist Literature Analysis of Yael Dayan's Prose)

Reviewed by Katharina Wiedlack: "Kritische Liebeserklärung an Yael Dayan" (Critical declaration of love to Yael Dayan) in: *WeiberDiman*, Sommer 2018. p. 14

Articles

- 2020** 4. Pötzl, Viktoria: "In-between Wars, In-between Genders: A queer reading on Maria von Peteani's *Der Page vom Dalmasse Hotel*." In: *Monatshefte*. vol.112.1. Spring 2020. University of Wisconsin Press. pp. 38-55. [peer-reviewed]
3. Pötzl, Viktoria: "From Pan-Asianism to Safari-Zionism. Gendered Orientalism in Jewish-Austrian Literature." In: *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*. vol 19, issue 2. Spring 2020. Taylor & Francis (Routledge). pp. 205-223. [peer-reviewed]
- 2018** 2. Pötzl, Viktoria: "Lesbische Literatur und Zwischenkriegszeit. Mythos und Entmythifizierung am Beispiel *Der wilden Garten* von Grete von Urbanitzky" In: *Journal of Austrian Studies*. vol. 51, no 4: University of Nebraska Press. 2018. pp. 63–82. [peer-reviewed]
- 2016** 1. Pötzl, Viktoria: "Violence, Resistance, and Pleasure in Fadi Zaghmout's *The Bride of Amman*" In: *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science*. vol. 4, no. 7, Oct. 2016, pp. 44–53.

Book chapters

- 2023** 5. Pötzl, Viktoria: „Nation und Geschlecht“ In: Handbuch-Projekt zur deutschsprachig-jüdischen Literatur. Metzler Verlag [forthcoming 2023]
- 2022** 4. Pötzl, Viktoria: "Antisemitische und Philosemitische Geschlechterkonstruktionen in Grete von Urbanitzkys *Mirjams Sohn*." In: Aneta Jachimowicz (Ed.): *Frauen erzählen Geschichte. Historische Romane österreichischer Autorinnen von der Ersten zur Zweiten Republik*. V&R Vienna University Press. 2022. pp. 201-212.
- 2015** 3. Pötzl, Viktoria: "On Gendered Concepts of Identity and Memory in Yael Dayan's Prose" In: Owczarski, Wojciech; Cremasco, Maria Virginia Filomena (Ed.): *Solidarity, Memory and Identity*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 2015. pp 270-282.
- 2013** 2. Pötzl, Viktoria: "The Question of Belonging. Gendered concepts of Identity and Nation in Yael Dayan's prose" In: *in esse. English Studies in Albania*. Albania. vol. 4, no. 1. Spring 2013. pp. 181-199. [peer-reviewed]
- 2008** 1. Pötzl, Viktoria: "Interkulturalität – ganz subjektiv" In: *The Role of Cross-Cultural Communication in Foreign Language Teaching and Learning*. Kollektiv Avtorov. Ulan Ude. 2008. pp. 12-15.

Book Reviews

- 2021** 6. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of McFarland, Rob; Spitaler, Georg; Zechner, Ingo (Ed.): *Das Rote Wien. Schlüsseltexzte der zweiten Wiener Moderne 1919-1934*. Review for: *Feminist German Studies*. 2021.
5. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of Hackl, Erich. *On the Rope: A Hero's Story*. Translation by Stephen Brown. Haus Publishing, 2020. Review for: *Journal of Austrian Studies*: vol. 54. no, 2, summer 2021.
- 2020** 4. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of Besslich, Barbara, Cristina Fossaluzza: *Kulturkritik der Wiener Moderne (1890-1938)*. Universitätsverlag Winter, 2019. Review for: *Journal of Austrian Studies*: vol. 53. no, 4, winter 2020.
3. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of Clemens Ruthner and Matthias Schimdt, eds.: *Die Mutzenbacher: Lektüren und Kontexte eines Skandalromans*. Sonderzahl, 2019. Review for: *Journal of Austrian Studies*: vol. 53 no. 3, 2020, fall 2020.
- 2019** 2. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of Andrea Reiter: *Jüdische Literatur in Österreich nach Waldheim*. nap: new academic press. Wien. 2018. Review for: *Journal of Austrian Studies*: vol. 52, no. 3, fall 2019.
- 2007** 1. Pöttl, Viktoria: Review of Birgit Unterholzner: *Die Blechbüchse. Erzählungen*. Innsbruck, Bozen, Wien: Skarabaeus, 2006. Reviewed for: Literaturhaus Wien. 2007.

Editor

- 2009** 1. Baumgartinger, Persson Perry: *Queeropedia [print]*. Edited by Referat Für Homobitrans-Angelegenheiten der Universität Wien, 2009.

Work in Progress

- Pöttl, Viktoria: *Gender, Nation, and Narration. A Feminist Literature Analysis of Yael Dayan's Prose*. (English translation of *Nation, Narration und Geschlecht*, to be submitted to SUNY University Press.) 2023.
- Almohsen, Adey and Pöttl, Viktoria: "Text and Critique: Writing and the Seductions of the National between Yael Dayan and Ghassan Kanafani, 1948-65", to be submitted to the Journal of Levantine Studies. 2023.
- Pöttl, Viktoria: "Ignored' Intellectuals: Jewish Women rewrite Historiography" For potential publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Press coverage

“Viktoria Pötzl, Literary Scholar Visiting the Center for Austrian Studies.” In: *Austrian Studies Newsmagazine*. Minnesota. Volume 30, Number 1. Spring 2018.

Creative Writing - Fiction

Pötzl, Viktoria: *Fau zu sein ist mehr*. A short story to be submitted to an anthology.

Pötzl, Viktoria: *Eine Österreichische Kurzgeschichte* A short story to be submitted to an anthology.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018** 6. *Jerusalem wird verkauft – Orientalismus, Zionismus und Geschlecht in jüdisch-österreichischer Literatur*. Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Germany, November 2018
5. *Antisemitische und philosemitische Geschlechterkonstruktionen im historischen Kontext am Beispiel von Grete von Urbanitzky's Mirjams Sohn* at the conference „Historische Romane von Frauen in der Ersten Republik Österreich“ Austrian Cultural Forum, Warsaw, Poland, November 2018
- 2010** 4. *In-between genders, in-between wars. Gender - ambivalence and queer figurations in Austrian and Swiss literature 1933* at the MALCA (Modern Austrian Literature and Culture Association, now ASA, Austrian Studies Association) conference, University of Vienna, Vienna – Austria, May 2010
- 2008** 3. *Foreign language learning and didactics in teaching* at the Summer Institute of American Studies and the English Language, English Language Office, Embassy of the USA, Ulan Ude - Siberia, June 2008
2. *Subjective Interculturality* at the conference “Foreign language policies”, Buryat State University, Ulan Ude - Siberia, May 2008
1. *New approaches to foreign/ second language teaching and learning*, Petropavlovka – Siberia, April 2008

CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

Conferences, Workshops co/organized

- 2020** 3. *The European Grandma Project*. Grinnell College, USA, March 2020
- 2017** 2. “Queering Paradigms VIII: Fucking Solidarity: queering concepts on/from a Post-Soviet perspective”, University of Vienna - Austria, September 2017
- 2011** 1. „Import - Export – Transport: Queer Theory, Queer Critique and Activism in Motion”, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, April 2011

Papers Presented

- 2022** 13. *Gender and Nation in Jewish-Austrian Literature – a paradigmatic overview* at the Association of Austrian Studies Conference, New Orleans, USA, April 2022
- 2021** 12. *Klara Blum's / Zbu Bailan's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond* at the international workshop: "Women's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries", Vienna, Central European University. Oct. 2021
11. *In Search of Feminism: Zionism, Socialism, and Communism in Klara Blum's / Zbu Bailan's transnational writings* at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, USA, Oct. 2021
- 2020** 10. *Traveling theories: Klara Blum / Zhū Bāilán and Zionism beyond Tradition* at the Association of Jewish Studies annual conference, USA, 2020
9. *Gendered Orientalism: Representations of Israel / Palestine in Jewish-Austrian Literature* at the Coalition of Women in German Conference, Sewanee, USA, Oct. 2020
8. *An untitled personal account* for the Seminar "Genealogies of Self-Reflection: Writing in the Wake of Trauma" at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, USA, Oct. 2020
- 2019** 7. *From Pan-Asianism to Safari-Zionism: Gender and Orientalism in Jewish-Austrian Literature* at the conference "Orient in Literature – Literature of the Orient", Toruń, Poland, March 2019
6. *Gender, Orientalism, and Zionism* at the Third International Conference on Gender Studies, Leeds, United Kingdom, January 2019
- 2018** 5. *Zionist Traditions: Gendered Orientalism in Theodor Herzl, Doron Rabinovici, and Natan Sznaider* at the XIth Congress of the EAJS (European Association for Jewish Studies), "Searching for the Roots of Jewish Traditions", Kraków, Poland, July 2018
4. *Searching for Palestine in Jewish-Austrian Literature, or: 'Die einzige Rettung Palästinas wäre der Sieg des bolschewistischen Sozialismus in Europa'* at the ASA (Austrian Studies Association) annual meeting "Austria and the East", University of Vermont, Burlington, VT – USA, May 2018
- 2013** 3. *Gendered Concepts of Identity and Nation in Yael Dayans Prose* at the 2nd ASSE International Conference on British and American Studies: „Nation, nationality, nationhood: What's in a name?“ Tirana - Albania, May 2013
2. *On the Construction of 'The Others' in Yael Dayans Prose* at the Euroacademia Conference: „Identities and Identifications. Politicized Uses of Collective Identities“ Zagreb - Croatia, April 2013
- 2012** 1. *On Gendered Concepts of Identity and Memory in Yael Dayan's Prose* at the „Solidarity, Memory and Identity“ conference, University of Gdańsk, Gdańsk - Poland, September 2012

Discussant/Moderator

- 2021** 4. “Trauma and Memorial Culture” at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Oct. 2021
- 2018** 3. “Entangled Roots: Rethinking Origins in Contemporary Israeli Literature and Visual Arts” at the XIth Congress of the EAJS (European Association for Jewish Studies), “Searching for the Roots of Jewish Traditions”, Kraków, Poland, July 2018
- 2017** 2. “Queer(ing) Literature and Film” at the conference “Queering Paradigms VIII: Fucking Solidarity: queering concepts on/from a Post-Soviet perspective”, University of Vienna - Austria, September 2017
- 2008** 1. “Ten days of German language and culture”, Buryat State University, Ulan Ude – Siberia, March 2008

Participation

- 2020** 17. Undergraduate Research Conference in German Studies. Lafayette College, USA, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019** 16. German Studies Association Annual Conference, Portland, USA, 2019
15. DaF Webcon. Webkonferenz für Deutsch Lehrende. March 2019
- 2018** 14. 6th Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Association Austria (ÖGGF): “Cultures of Knowledge and Diversity. Positions, Diffractions, Participations.” University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, Vienna – Austria, September 2018
13. “Vergessen und Erinnert. Erinnern und Gedenken an die einstigen nationalsozialistischen Konzentrations- und Vernichtungslager. “ Polish Academy of Sciences, Vienna – Austria, September 2018
12. “Towards an Arab Left Reader: Key Documents in Translation and Context.” University of Cambridge, Cambridge – UK, April 2018
11. “An End to Antisemitism.” Organized by New York University, Tel Aviv University, University of Vienna, Vienna – Austria, February 2018
- 2017** 10. MESA (Middle East Studies Association) annual meeting, Washington DC - USA, November 2017
9. “Expulsion and annihilation. New quantitative and qualitative research on exile and the Holocaust“, DÖW (Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance) Vienna - Austria, Sept. 2017
8. „Extreme Masculinities“, University of Vienna – Austria, September 2017
7. “Discrimination and Sexual Harassment”, The KIP Project, American University Beirut, Beirut - Lebanon, April, 2017
6. “Historical Materialism”, American University Beirut, Beirut - Lebanon, March, 2017

- 2016 5. "Social Work in the Context of the Arab Refugee Crisis" German Jordanian University, Madaba - Jordan, Sept. 2016
4. "7. Deutschlehrertag Jordanien" German Jordanian University, Goethe Institute, Amman – Jordan, May 2016
- 2013 3. "Collaboration in Eastern Europe during World War II and the Holocaust" VWI (Vienna Wiesenthal Institute), Vienna - Austria, December 2013
- 2012 2. "Violence and Agency. Controversies and Confrontations" University of Vienna, Vienna - Austria, December 2012
- 2006 1. "Queer Reading in Philology" University of Vienna, Vienna – Austria, November 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Since 2022 Assistant Professor in German-Jewish Studies at Grinnell College, Department of German Studies, USA

- *Animals in Literature* First year Tutorial (English) fall 2022
- *Das Rote Wien* Senior Research Seminar (German) fall 2022
- Introductory German II (German) spring 2023
- Intermediate German II (German) spring 2023

2019-2022 Visiting Assistant Professor in German-Jewish Studies at Grinnell College, Department of German Studies, USA

- *Zionism and Gender - Literary and Cultural History with a Focus on the German-Speaking World* Senior Research Seminar (German) fall 2019
- Feminist Literatures from the German speaking worlds (English) spring 2020, spring 2022
- Introductory German I (German) fall 2019, fall 2020 (online), fall 2021
- Intermediate German I (German) fall 2019
- Introductory German II (German) spring 2020
- Intermediate German II (German) spring 2021 (online), spring 2022
- Independent Study Project: Jewish Scientists & Politics (German/English) spring 2020
- Contemporary Germany Through Media (German) fall 2020 (online)
- Oldies but Goodies? A Critical Approach to the German Canon (German) spring 2021 (online), spring 2022
- Mentored Advanced Project: Jewish Life in Pakistan (German) spring 2021 (online)

2019 Instructor at Webster University, Center for Liberal Arts, Austria

- Seminar: *Sex and Gender* (English) spring 2019

2018-2019 Instructor at Lingoda, Germany

- Online teaching: German language on all levels (German) 2018-2019
- Online teaching: German culture and literature (German) 2018-2019

2015-2017 Faculty member at the German Jordanian University, School of Applied Humanities and Languages (SAHL), Jordan

- Research Colloquium (English), fall 2016/17
- Introduction to Academic Research and Writing (English), fall 2016/17
- Introduction to Literary and Cultural Studies (English), spring 2016, fall 2015/16
- Seminar in Literary and Cultural Studies (German), spring 2016, fall 2015/16
- Sociological Research Methods (German), spring 2016, fall 2016/17
- German for Business Communication (German), spring 2016
- Texts in Popular Culture (German), fall 2015/16
- German for Beginners, fall 2015, fall 2016
- German I, fall 2016/17
- German VI, fall 2016/17
- German V, spring 2016
- German IV, fall 2015/16

2014-2015 Faculty member at the German Jordanian University, German Language Center, Jordan

- German for Beginners, fall 2014/15
- German IV, Fall 2014, spring 2015
- Academic Writing (German), fall 2014/15, spring 2015
- Specialized Language for Technical Studies: Industrial Engineering, Pharmacy and Business (German), fall 2014/15, spring 2015

2013 Instructor at the University of Vienna, Department of Jewish Studies, Austria

- Seminar: *From Unheroic Conduct to the Daughters of the Shoah. Introduction to Jewish Gender Studies.* (German/English), spring 2013

2009-2010 Instructor at the Austrian Oriental Society, Vienna, Austria

- German I, summer 2009, summer 2010
- German II, summer 2009, summer 2010

2008 Instructor at the Buryat State University, German Studies Department, Russia

- Phonetics (German), spring 2008
- German III, spring 2008
- Shoah Literature (German), spring 2008
- Creative Writing (German), spring 2008

SERVICE TO PROFESSION and COOPERATIONS

2021 Peer Reviewer for *Wiener Digitale Revue*

2019 Peer Reviewer for *Peter Lang Publishing*

2018 Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Austrian Studies*

2015-2017

- **Defense committee chair** at the School of Applied Humanities and Languages (SAHL), German Jordanian University (GJU)
- **Head of the assessment committee** for BA students at SAHL, GJU
- **Member of the assessment committee** for BA students at SAHL, GJU
- **Supervisor for BA thesis** at SAHL, GJU
- **Supervisor MA students** at SAHL and the German Language Center, GJU

2010-2013 **Social worker**, Vienna - Austria
Personal assistant in the field of disability

2007-2010 **Supervisor for IFA** (international young workers exchange)

- Support and professional mentorship of incoming and outgoing students in Ireland, Scotland, UK, Malta, Slovakia and Austria
- Project and event management
- Implementing German language courses
- German language course instructor
- Development of teaching material for professional languages

2007-2009 **Student representative, Student Union**, University of Vienna, Austria

- Organization of academic lectures and workshops
- Editorial and review tasks
- Project and event management
- Support for underrepresented students

2008 **Instructor at the Buryat State University, Ulan Ude** - Russia

- Instructing self-designed courses
- Editorial and review tasks for academic publications
- Designing and instructing workshops and lectures for educators
- Organizing academic events
- Moderating academic and cultural events
- Movie production

2007 Project teaching for ÖI (Austrian Institute), Budapest – Hungary

- Promotion and outreach
- German language teaching
- Movie production

2007 Internship at The House of Literature, Vienna, Austria

- Writing book critiques
- Supporting the newspaper clipping collection regarding various Austrian authors
- Research duties in databases, archives and libraries
- Key word indexing
- Editing of literary estates from Viktor Suchy and Rudolf Henz
- Audio database editing
- Proof reading for book reviews

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies

European Association for Jewish Studies

Women in German

Austrian Studies Association

German Studies Association

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Geschlechterforschung (Austrian Gender Studies Society)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2022 Grinnell College Competitive Grant

2021 ZARAH (Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century) CEU (Central European University) Vienna, Research stipend

2020 AJS (Association for Jewish Studies) professional development award

2020 Coalition of Women in German Professional Development Award for Contingent Faculty

2014 - 2017 DAAD (German academic exchange service) Grant, Germany

2013 KWA (Academic research abroad) Fellowship, University of Vienna - Austria

2010 Grant for feminist/queer emerging scholars by the Austrian Student Union, University of Vienna, Austria

2008 BMWF (Federal Ministry of Science and Research) Stipend, Austria

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- **Teaching Certificate in German as a foreign/second language**, University Vienna 2004 – 2009
 - **Teaching Certificate for High schools** (Subjects: German, Philosophy and Psychology), University of Vienna 2002 – 2007
 - **Advanced training in project and event management** at Vienna Media, Vienna 2014
 - **Advanced training in conflict management** at the Austrian Oriental Society (ÖOG), Vienna 2009
 - **Advanced training as a tutor** at the Austrian Student Union, Vienna 2007
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LANGUAGES

Native:	German
Near-native:	English
Reading Knowledge:	Yiddish, Latin, Middle High German
Beginner:	Russian, Arabic, Hebrew