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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020/09– Research Associate, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2020/04 – 2020/08 Lecturer/Research Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2016/03 – 2019/12 Doctoral Research Fellow, Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 1199: “Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition,” Leipzig University, Germany.

## EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Leipzig University, Sinology, Dissertation: “Migrating Buddhas and Global Pure Lands: The Global Trajectory of the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan.”
- 2014 M.A., National Chengchi University (NCCU), Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, Taipei, Taiwan; 台灣國立政治大學, 宗教學研究所.
- 2012 B.A., National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), Chinese Language and Culture for International Students, Taipei, Taiwan; 台灣國立師範大學, 國際華語與文化學系.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Buddhism in sinophone societies, ethnic Chinese migration and diaspora, Buddhist transnationalism, multiple modern religiosities, Buddhism and global modernity, multi-sited ethnography

PUBLICATIONS  
BOOK

*Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism and Migration in the Age of Global Modernity.*  
Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“The Buddha in Bronkhorstspruit: The Transnational Spread of the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan to South Africa.” *Contemporary Buddhism*, special issue: *Transnational Buddhism*, 2020.

“Sacred Secularities: Ritual and Social Engagement in a Global Buddhist China.” *Religions*, special issue: *Religiosity, Secularity and Pluralism in the Global East*, edited by Yang Fenggang, 2018, vol. 9, no. 11.

- Reprinted in Yang Fenggang, Francis Jae-ryong Song, and Sakurai Yoshihide, eds. *Religiosity, Secularity and Pluralism in the Global East*. Basel: MDPI 2019.
- Reprinted in *Humanistic Buddhism: Journal, Arts, and Culture* 23 (September 2019): 202-221 (English), 112-135 (Chinese translation).

*Migrating Buddhas and Global Confucianism: The Transnational Space Making of Taiwanese Religious Organizations.* Nikolas Broy / Jens Reinke / Philip Clart, SFB 1199 TP03 working paper, Leipzig University, 2017.

“Innovation and Continuity in the Pure Lands: Pure Land Discourses and Practices at the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Dharma Drum Mountain.” *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*, 2017, vol. 30, New Taipei: Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies.

RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

“Global Buddhism.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

BOOK CHAPTER

“Generating Global Pure Lands: *Renjian* Buddhist Civic Engagement within and beyond Chinese Diaspora Communities Worldwide.” *Transnational Religious Spaces? Religious Organizations and their Interaction in Africa, East Asia, and beyond*. Edited volume by Philip Clart and Adam Jones, Berlin, De Gruyter 2020.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019/11/02

“Shifting the Paradigm of Humanistic Buddhism: From Modern to Global Buddhism.” Paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Humanistic Buddhism, Fo Guang Shan Institute for Humanistic Buddhism, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

2019/09/30

“Parochial Cosmopolitanism: Negotiating Chineseness in a Global Buddhist China.” Paper presented at the fourth annual conference of the SFB 1199 at Leipzig University, Germany.

2019/03/22

“Fringes of a Global Buddhist China: Negotiating Cross-Cultural Interactions in Overseas Fo Guang Shan Temples.” Paper presented at the AAS Conference 2019 in Denver, USA.

2018/12/13

“Generating Global Pure Lands: *Renjian* Buddhist Civic Engagement Within and Beyond Chinese Diaspora Communities Worldwide.” Paper presented at the Transnational Religious Spaces Workshop at Leipzig University, Germany.

- 2018/07/04 “Global China, Local Buddhas: Transnational Buddhist Temple Spaces in Chinese Diaspora Communities around the Globe.” Paper presented at the EASSSR Inauguration Conference 2018 in Singapore.
- 2018/07/06 “Back to the Future: The Development of Fo Guang Shan in the People’s Republic of China.” Paper presented at the Joint Research Colloquium “Religions in China,” organized by Leipzig University & FU Berlin in Wittenberg Lutherstadt, Germany.
- 2018/06/11 “The Buddha in the Ethnoburb: The Chinese Buddhist Diaspora Temple as Transnational Religious Space.” Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Summer School of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2018/03/24 Panel Organizer: “Dharma Tourists, Diasporas and Buddhist Transnationalism: Spreading the Dharma under the Global Condition.” Panel at the AAS Conference 2018 in Washington, D.C., USA.
- 2018/03/24 “The Buddha in Bronkhorstspuit: The Transnational Spread of the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan to South Africa.” Paper presented at the AAS Conference 2018 in Washington, D.C., USA.
- 2017/12/15 “Transnational Buddhists and Global Pure Lands: Buddha’s Light Mountain’s Nan Hua Temple in Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa.” Paper presented at the Research Colloquium “Religion(s) in China,” organized by Leipzig University & FU Berlin in Berlin, Germany.

- 2017/09/14 “Buddhabilder in Bronkhorstspruit (Imaginations of the Buddha in Bronkhorstspruit).” Paper presented at the DVRW (German Association of Religious Studies) 2017 annual conference in Marburg, Germany.
- 2016/07/07 “Ven. Cihang and the Development of a Modern Taiwanese Buddhism.” Paper presented at the CESNUR Conference for Religious Studies Religious Movements in a Globalized World: Korea, Asia, and Beyond in Seoul, South-Korea.
- 2015/08/24 “Constructing a Modern Pure land: Pure Land Practice at Dharma Drum Mountain.” Paper presented at the 2015 IAHR World Congress in Erfurt, Germany.

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2020/03/17 “Navigating a Global Buddhist China: The Transnationalism of the Modernist Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan.” Center for the Study of Chinese Religions, NCCU, Taiwan, 台灣國立政治大學, 華人宗教研究中心.
- 2019/12/12 “Modernist Mahayana for the Masses: the Emergence of Renjian Buddhist Mass Organizations in Taiwan.” Guest Lecture, Research Seminar: Buddhism in China between Innovation and Integration, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2018/11/13 “Transnationalization of Religion.” Guest Lecture, Research Seminar: Migration and Diaspora in a Transnationalized World, Anthropology Department, Leipzig University, Germany.

- 2016/12/14 “Religion.” Guest Lecture, Research Seminar: People-based Globalization and China in the world, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2016/05/27 “Religion in Taiwan Today.” Guest Lecture, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2016/06/17 “Study in Taiwan.” Guest Lecture, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2015/09/11 “Dharma Drum Mountain in the context of Modern Chinese Buddhism.” Lecture as part of the Long Island University Global Studies Program at NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2014/11/20 “Dharma Drum Mountain in the context of Modern Chinese Buddhism.” Lecture as part of the Long Island University Global Studies Program at NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012/12/05 “Chinese Buddhism.” Introductory lecture, undergraduate General Education course “Religion in Taiwan” 宗教在台灣 at NCCU, Taiwan.

## WORKSHOPS

- 2018/12/12 – 15 “Transnational Religious Spaces? Religious Organizations and their Interaction in Africa, East Asia, and Beyond.” Workshop, SFB 1199, Leipzig University, Germany (organizer).
- 2018/11/29 – 12/01 “Daoism and Local Cults: Rethinking the Paradigms.” Workshop, Society for the Study of Chinese Religions, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University at Leipzig University, Germany (assistant organizer).

- 2017/04/27 “Global Mission and Chinese Cultural Identity: Challenges and Prospects for the Religious Movement Yiguandao.” at Leipzig University, SFB 1199 (assistant organizer).
- 2016/10/01 “Ethnography and Qualitative Fieldwork at SFB 1199.” Leipzig University, Germany (Participant).
- 2014/08/4 – 13 “Buddhism in China: Connecting with the Source.” Tiantai workshop with Professor Daniel B. Stevenson at Mt. Tiantai, PRC (Participant).

RESEARCH

SCHOLARLY WORKING GROUP

- 2020 – “Modern and Contemporary Buddhist Encounters in the Southern Sinosphere,” Institute for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism, University of the West (organizer).

TEACHING

- 2020 “Chinese Societies.” Undergraduate seminar, spring term, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2020 “Chinese Buddhism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.” Undergraduate seminar, spring term, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2014 “Religion and Culture 生命探索與宗教文化.” Undergraduate general education course, fall term, NCCU, Taiwan. Teaching Assistant, Professor: 李玉珍 Li Yu-chen.

2014 “Buddhist Modernism and Humanistic Buddhism.”  
Two day course as part of the Woodenfish Project  
at Mt. Wutai in Shanxi province, PRC.

#### FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2020/02/01 –  
03/31 Ethnographic fieldwork on current research project  
in Taiwan “Contemporary heirs of Yinshun,”  
funded by the Sheng Yen Education Foundation  
Visiting Scholars from Abroad program.

2018/04/05 –  
06/05 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan  
facilities in the People’s Republic of China.

2018/01/09 –  
03/22 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan  
facilities in the USA, including a six-week full-time  
stay at Hsi Lai Temple in Los Angeles, USA.

2017/09/26 –  
11/28 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork and full-time stay at  
Fo Guang Shan Nan Hua Temple in  
Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa.

2016/12/28 –  
2017/05/29 Ph.D. foundational research and ethnographic  
fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan in Taiwan and Hong  
Kong (Taipei, Yilan, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong).

2012/3 – 2015/6 MA Research and part-time ethnographic fieldwork  
at Dharma Drum Mountain facilities in Taiwan.



LANGUAGES

German	native
English	near native
Chinese	excellent command
Classical Chinese	Working Proficiency
Spanish	basic
Japanese	basic

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2020/02 – 2020/03	Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Scholars from Abroad, grant for two month field work visit to Taiwan 聖嚴漢傳佛教學術發展專案捐贈短期訪問獎學金
2015/09 – 2016/02	MOE Common Scholarship 教育部外國學生普通獎學金
2014/09 – 2015/08	New International Students Scholarship 外國新生獎學金
2012/09 – 2014/08	Sheng Yen Education Foundation Scholarship 聖嚴漢傳佛教博碩士獎學金
2007/09 – 2008/08	Mandarin Language Enrichment Scholarship 教育部華語文獎學金

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

IABS International Association of Buddhist Studies  
 AAS American Association of Asian Studies  
 AAR American Association of Religious Studies  
 SSCR Society for the Study of Chinese Religions  
 DVRW (German Association of Religious Studies)