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**Birth Date**

23 July 1978, born in Northeim, Germany

**Work  
experience/  
Internships**

11/05-03/07: Program Assistant at the coordination office of Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V./ **German Agro Action** in Kabul, **Afghanistan**

09/03-12/03: Assistant to the team leader: field research, conduction of seminars and supervision of local researchers for a study on local conflicts in rural **Tajikistan** within a larger capacity-building project (project by the German Organization for Technical Cooperation (**GTZ**) in cooperation with Mountain Peoples Development Support Program

02/02-07/02: **German Institute for International Politics and Security** (SWP): Research on EU-policies concerning the Central Asian states and writing a documentation on this topic

10/01-02/02: Refugee Center (Russian Red Cross in cooperation with the UNHCR in St. Petersburg, **Russia**): assistance in projects and translation (Russian-English)

03/00-04/00: Perspectives (Russian NGO): evaluation of projects, administration and finances, translations in St. Petersburg, **Russia**

09/99-10/99: German Local Government European Office "Eurocommunale" in Brussels, **Belgium**: conduction of research on asylum policy and sustainable development and reporting

10/99-02/02: Supervision of European volunteers and conduction of seminars for the ICE (German NGO working in the social sphere)

03/99-04/99: Perspectives: evaluation of projects, administration and finances, translations in St. Petersburg, **Russia**

07/97-08/97: Internship in a rehabilitation home for handicapped children in Neustadt/ Holstein

**Higher  
Education /**

04/03-?: PhD-candidate, PhD on the topic "**State Performance and Modes of Local Governance in Tajikistan**"

## Research

04/03-09/05: **Research fellow** in the project “Accounting for State-Building, Stability & Violent Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies”, Free Univ. Berlin

05-07/05: Five weeks of field research in **Tajikistan**

09/03-07/04: 11 months of field research in rural areas of **Tajikistan**

02/01-02/02: **Master of Arts** in Russian Studies, thesis on “The Causes for the Tajik Civil War”, European University at St. Petersburg, **Russia**

04/99-02/01: Bachelor of Political Science, Free University Berlin

10/98-02/99: East European Studies and Intercultural Education, Free University Berlin

Schooling:

- 08/95-06/97: High School Diploma, Northeim, Germany
- 09/94-07/95: Exchange year in the USA, High School Diploma

## Extracurricular Activities

11/04: Presentation of a paper on “The Role of Local Institutions in the Statehood-Building Process in Tajikistan” at the CARN-conf. “Dynamics of Transformation in Central Asia. Perspectives from the Field” in Rome

02/03: Participation in a seminar organized by the “Federal Center for Political Education”, Bonn, on “Central Asia – as a Region of Conflict”

08/02: Organisation and participation in a Summer School in Dushanbe, **Tajikistan**, on “Ethno-Nationalism”

09/02: 3-week intensive Tajik language course, Humboldt University Berlin

06/01-07/01: Participation in a Summer School on Civil Society and Conflictology in Khujand, **Tajikistan**, organized by the Tajik “Open Society Institute”

09/97-08/98: Volunteer (Voluntary Social Year) in a home for severely handicapped children in Pavlovsk, (near St. Petersburg, **Russia**)

07/96-08/96: Participation in a workcamp in a project for „social orphans“ in Kaluga, **Russia**: teaching English

08/95-07/99: active involvement in activities of the *American Field Service* (AFS): teaching preparation seminars and supervision of exchange students

## Publications

08/05 Article on “**State Functions and Modes of Local Governance in Tajikistan**” for the annual CARN conference “Dynamics of Transformation in Central Asia. Perspectives from the Field” in Rome, 11/04

07/05 “**Women and the Transformation Process in Tajikistan**”, published by Sofia Kasymova, Dushanbe 01/2005

03/04: Assistance to Christoph Zuercher in writing the “Analysis of Peace and Conflict Potential in Rasht Valley, Shurabad District and GBAO, Tajikistan” as part of the regional study “Assessing Peace and Conflict Potentials” by Jan Köhler for the GTZ (German Organization for Technical Cooperation)

09/04: “**Local Political Structures and a Reflection on Field Research in Tajikistan**” for the BOI (*Berliner Osteuropa Info* - publication of the East-European-Institute of the *Free University Berlin*)

04/04: “**Country Report Tajikistan**”, an article on the economic developments in Tajikistan for the Near and Middle East Economy Handbook 2004-2006, published by the Near and Middle East Foundation ([www.numov.de](http://www.numov.de))

03/03: Assistance to Koehler, Jan & Zürcher, Christoph in writing “Concept paper on tolerance-enhancing measures in rural Tajikistan and beyond”, Eschborn 2003 (internal document for the GTZ)

02/03: documentation on the relations between the **EU and the Central Asian states** for the *German Institute for International Politics and Security*

01/02: in the Polish journal for Political Science “Sprawy Polityczne”: “Interethnic Tensions Within Tartastan and Between Tartarstan and the Federal Center”, “Comparing the Political Systems of Togo, Morocco and Tajikistan”, “Criminalization of the Russian State”

03/02: in the Polish journal for Political Science ‘Sprawy Narodwosciowe’: “**Explaining the Tajik Civil War**. Anarchy is what the Tajik warlords made out of it”

#### Languages

German (mother language), **English** (fluent), **Russian** (fluent), **Tajik/ Dari** (proficient), French (proficient)

#### Computer skills

MS-Office, Adobe Photoshop, Web search, SPSS, NVivo