

CV – Markus Virgil Hoehne

Born 21 July 1975 in Traunstein, Germany, married, three children.

Research Interests

Thematic: conflict, conflict settlement, identity, state formation, war, violence, trauma, transitional justice, migration, diaspora and transnationalism, borders and borderlands, methods and research ethics

Regional: Horn of Africa (particularly Somalia), Peru, Germany



Language Skills

German (mother tongue), English (excellent), Somali (fluent), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner).

Third party funding

2019-2020: Conflict research fellow, London School of Economics (LSE) (**17,000 GBP**)

2019 (January to July): Six-month guest researcher fellowship at the Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (**ca. 30,000 Euro**).

2017-2018: Funding from Max-Planck-Society for baseline research (with students from the University of Leipzig) on “Somalis in Germany” (**7,000 Euro**)

2015-2018: “Healing the wounds, undermining the peace? Excavation of mass graves and the search for justice in Somaliland” financed by Daimler and Benz Foundation (**40,000 Euro**)

2011-2013: “Transitional justice in protracted conflict: local and diaspora conceptions of retributive and restorative justice between shari’a, customary and human rights law in Somalia and Ethiopia’s Somali Region” financed by the German Foundation for Peace-research (own part ca. **150,000 Euro**)

2010-2011: “Al Shabaab in the Galgala Mountains”, research grant by the National Defense University, Washington (**10,000 USD**)

2008-2011: “Diasporas for Peace: Patterns, Trends and Potential of Long-distance Diaspora Involvement in Conflict Settings. Case studies from the Horn of Africa” financed by the EU under the seventh framework agreement (larger consortium; own part circa **150,000 Euro**)

Education and employment

April 2025 -

Lecturer at the Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Göttingen.

April 2024 - March 2025

Self-employed; Somalia expert.

October 2013 - March 2024

Lecturer at the Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Leipzig.

January - July 2019

Guest-researcher at the Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale.

October 2011 - September 2013 (with interruption March to May 2013)

Post-doctoral researcher at the Max **Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale;** Co-Project-Leader, Lead Researcher and Project-Coordinator in the project “*Transitional justice in protracted conflict: local and diaspora conceptions of retributive and restorative justice between shari’a, customary and human rights law in Somalia and Ethiopia’s Somali Region*” financed by the German Foundation for Peace-research.

March - May 2013

Independent consultant working for DFID, LPI and GIZ

May - September 2011

Independent Consultant, working among others, for the National Defense University in Washington

July 2011

PhD (with distinction) in Social Anthropology, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany; title of dissertation: *Political Orientations and Repertoires of Identification: State and Identity Formation in Northern Somalia*, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

March 2008 - February 2011

Researcher and Work-package Coordinator in the EU-funded research **project on** “*Diasporas for Peace: Patterns, Trends and Potential of Long-distance Diaspora Involvement in Conflict Settings. Case studies from the Horn of Africa*”.

October 2006 - September 2007

Writing-up stipend at the Graduate school Asia and Africa in World Reference Systems, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

October 2005 - 2013

Teaching undergraduate courses in Social Anthropology at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

January 2005 -

Country expert for Somalia for courts in Germany, the Netherlands, UK and the USA.

April 2003 - May 2006

Doctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany.

February 2002

M.A. in Social Anthropology, Faculty of Antiquity and Cultural Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians University (LMU) Munich. Thesis title: Strategien der friedlichen Konfliktaustragung in Somalia auf lokaler und internationaler Ebene [*Strategies of peaceful conflict settlement in Somalia at the local and the international level*].

October 1995 - February 2002

Studies in Social Anthropology, History, Turkology and International Law at the LMU Munich.

Fieldwork**May 2023**

Puntland (conflict research upon invitation of local research institute and universities)

June 2019

Peru (forensic anthropology)

March 2019

Peru (forensic anthropology)

February and March 2018

Somaliland (forensic anthropology)

February and March 2017

Somaliland (forensic anthropology)

June and July 2016

Peru (forensic anthropology)

January and February 2016

Somaliland (forensic anthropology)

February 2015

Somaliland (for DDG and University of Durham)

February and March 2013

Somaliland (for DFID)

December 2012

Somaliland (for DFID)

February to March 2012

Kenya and Somaliland (fieldwork for Post-Doc. project)

September 2011

Somaliland (consultancy for the National Defense University, Washington)

December 2010 and March 2011

Somaliland and Puntland (consultancy for the Rift Valley Institute, London)

December 2008 – May 2009

Somaliland (research for the EU)

May 2005

Germany (research on the African Culture in the Augsburg Zoo, together with Data Dea and Nina Glick-Schiller)

September 2003 – December 2004

northern Somalia (Somaliland and Puntland) and Kenya (PhD research)

July – September 2002

Somaliland (pre-PhD research)

Teaching experience**Courses taught at University of Göttingen (in German)**

SoSe 2025: Ethnologie des Krieges und des Friedens

SoSe 2025: Horn von Afrika: kulturelle und soziale Dynamiken

SoSe 2025: Ethnologische Perspektiven auf Tod

Courses taught at University of Leipzig (in German and English)

WS 2023/24: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2023: Ethnologie der Utopien-Ethnologische Perspektiven auf Praxen alternativer Lebens- und Wirtschaftsformen (together with Felicitas Sommer and Immo Eulenberger)

SoSe 2023: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA) (together with Tabea Scharrer)

SoSe 2023: Methods in Anthropology (MA) (together with Sina Emde)

WS 2022/23: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2022: Ethnologische Perspektiven auf Tod (BA)

SoSe 2022: Methods in Anthropology (MA)

WS 2021/22 Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2021: Methods in Anthropology (MA)

SoSe 2021: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA)

WS 2020/21: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2020: Methods in Anthropology (MA)

WS 2019/20: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2018: Das Horn von Afrika in ethnologischer Perspektive (BA)

SoSe 2018: Advanced Methods in Anthropology (MA)

SoSe 2018: Ethnologie der Migration (BA und MA)

WS 2017/18: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

WS 2017/18: Current Debates in Anthropology (MA)

WS 2017/18: Ethnologie der Migration (MA and BA)

SoSe 2017: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA)

SoSe 2017: Advanced Methods in Anthropology (MA)

WS 2016/17: Wirtschaft und Politik (BA)

SoSe 2016: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA)

SoSe 2016: Advanced Methods in Anthropology (MA)

WS 2015/16: Current Debates in Anthropology (MA)

SoSe 2015: Advanced Methods in Anthropology (MA)

SoSe 2015: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA)

WS 2014/15: Einführung in die Ethnologie (BA)

WS 2014/15: Current Debates in Anthropology (MA)

SoSe 2014: Einführung in die ethnologischen Forschungsmethoden (BA)

SoSe 2014: Somalische Kultur, Geschichte und Politik (MA)

WS 2013/14: Einführung in die Ethnologie (BA)

Courses taught at Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (in German)

WS 2012/13: Ethnologie und Krieg: Genealogie theoretischer Ideen im Kontext kriegerischer Auseinandersetzung (BA)

SoSe 2011: Ethnologie der “transitional justice”: Gerechtigkeit und sozialer Wiederaufbau in Post-Konflikt-Gesellschaften. (BA)

SoSe 2010: Diaspora und Transnationalismus: Einführung in zwei jüngere Forschungsfelder der Ethnologie (BA)

SoSe 2007: Staatsbildung und Staatlichkeit in Europa und Afrika im Vergleich zusammen mit Jutta Bakonyi (BA)

WS 2006/07: Ethnologie des Krieges und des Friedens (BA)

WS 2005/06: Einführung in Somalische Kultur, Politik und Geschichte (BA).

Courses taught at University Fribourg (in German)

SoSe 2019 Konflikte, Macht und Politik (BA&MA)

Supervisions(2013-)

Ca. 80 BA and 25 MA-theses as first or second supervisor; examiner for 2 and buddy for 5 PhDs

Shortlisted (2021-)

February 2024: Lecturer in Social Anthropology, Lund University (shortlisted and interviewed, 2nd place).

November 2023: W 1 Professur für Versöhnungsforschung/Assistant professorship for reconciliation research at University of Bonn (shortlisted and interviewed).

November 2022: Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University of Stockholm (shortlisted, place 6).

June 2021: Associate Professor of Conflict Studies at the Radboud University (shortlisted and interviewed).

Internships

Spring 2001

Internship at the Society for Threatened People (Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker), Göttingen.

Summer 2000

Internship at the Institute of African Affairs (Institut für Afrikakunde), Hamburg.

1999/00

Member of the National Model United Nations delegation of the LMU Munich to New York.

1999/00

Student Assistant at the Institute for Social Anthropology and African Studies at the LMU Munich.

Contributions to the Media

Since 2005: Numerous interviews for German and foreign newspapers, radio stations and TV-stations on topics such as politics, piracy, conflict, political Islam, education and famine in Somalia, Somaliland and Puntland.

Professional Memberships

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie (DGSKA), Verein der Afrikanisten in Deutschland (VAD), Europe an Anthropological Studies Association (EASA), African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE), Rift Valley Institute (RVI), Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis Horn von Afrika (WAKHVA); RAAD Peace Research Institute.

Reviewer/Referee

Book manuscript referee

Brill, Hurst, Berghahn and Routledge.

Journal article referee

Anthropological Theory; Anthropology Today; Development and Change; Journal of Development Studies, Third World Quarterly; Conflict, Society and Development; African Affairs; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Eastern African Studies; African Studies Review; African Security Review; Africa Spectrum; Africa Focus; Africa: Journal of the Royal Africa Institute; Journal of History in Africa; Critical African Studies, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding; Peacebuilding; Ethnopharmacology; Ethnopolitics; Political Geography; American Historical Review; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence; Civil Wars.

Lectures/conference presentations (2017-)

- Welches Wissen können Ethnologinnen anbieten – zum Beispiel als Expertinnen vor Gericht? Oberverwaltungsgericht Mannheim, Diskussionsforum Wissenschaft und richterliche Praxis, 06.12.2024.
- Politics of Knowledge Production about Crises in the wider Horn of Africa, Bayreuth University, African Studies Conference Germany, 1 October 2024.
- Engaged anthropology in a war-zone: My experiences with conflict research in northern Somalia, Colgate University, Hamilton NY, USA, 19 March 2024.
- Origins of the conflict over Lasanod and prospects for settlement, Lecture at the Puntland State University, Garowe, Somalia, 13 May 2023.
- Forensic anthropology and mourning in Somaliland and Peru, paper presented in the panel on “Mediating Mourning: grief and justice beyond redemption” at the EASA conference in Belfast, UK, 26-29 July 2022.
- Transitional Justice and Legal Pluralism in Somalia: Which Role for Shari’a? Online-Presentation, Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis Horn v. Afrika (WAKHVA), on 13 July 2022 (<https://hornvonafrikaev.de/>)
- Localizing disappearances: the aftermath of atrocities in Peru and Somalia (Seminarium IEiAK), Instytut Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej, University of Warsaw, 09.06.2021.
- Warum ist Al Shabaab so erfolgreich? Zur Genealogie des politischen Islam in Somalia, presentation at the Horn of Africa Seminar, Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis Horn v. Afrika (WAKHVA), 20.05.2021.
- Restore Despair: how interventions in Somalia fuel the anti-refugee machine, presentation at the Research Workshop “The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Refugee & Migration Studies”, Organizers: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Ph.D., Arizona State University, Magnus Treiber, Ph.D., Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, December 10, 2020
- Dealing with the violent past in Somalia: The case of forensic anthropological interventions in Somaliland and its implications beyond the local context, presentation at Conflict Research Programme, Fellows Workshop, 17 October 2019, London School of Economics, London.
- Negotiating the violent past through forensic anthropology: clashes of norms around grave sites in a post-civil war setting, paper presented at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sozial- und Kulturanthropologie Konferenz “Das Ende der Aushandlungen?”, Universität Konstanz

29. September bis 2. Oktober 2019

- Sensing (dis)closure: forensic anthropology and questions of justice in post-war Somaliland. Paper presented by Markus V. Hoehne at workshop Sentiments of Justice in Africa Sensing the Normative at Shifting Scales at Freie Universität Berlin Room L115 (Seminarzentrum) Habelschwerdter Allee 45, 14195 Berlin, 26-28.09.2018

- 'Putting Genocide to Work': Seeking a political future through uncovering Somaliland's troubled past, presentation by Markus V. Hoehne at EPAF workshop on 17.2.2017 in Hargeysa, Somaliland.

- "Identifying the dead: preliminary notes on the political economy of mass-grave exhumations in Somaliland", paper presented by Markus V. Hoehne at the workshop IDentities and identity: biometric technologies and migration in the border world, 30-31 October 2017, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen.

As references I propose:

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