

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Andre Thiemann
Date of birth: 9 September 1977
Place of birth: Berlin

Qualifications

- 04/2009 - 06/2016 **PhD in Social Anthropology** at the Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology and the Martin Luther University in Halle (Saale), Germany
Dissertation title: "State Relations: Local state and social security in central Serbia", defended on 21 June 2016 with *summa cum laude* (final grade 1.0)
Supervisors: Prof Emeritus Keebet von Benda Beckmann, Prof Tatjana Thelen
Internal Examiner: Prof Richard Rottenburg
- 04/2002 - 04/2009 **Magister** (equal to B.A. plus M.A.) at the Free University Berlin, final grade 1.3 (very good)
Major subject: Social Anthropology
1st Minor subject: East and South-East European History
2nd Minor subject: East-European Studies, specialisation on Sociology
MA thesis: "The Dynamics of the Markets in rural Ijumu, Nigeria: An Extended Case Study of Moral Economy and Conflict"
Supervisors: PD Thomas Zitelmann, Prof Hansjörg Dilger
- 04/1999 - 03/2002 **Political Sciences** at Free University Berlin
Russian Studies (Linguistics and Literatures) at Humboldt University Berlin
- 02/2001 - 07/2001 **Exchange student** at Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Cultural Studies
- 09/1990 - 06/1997 **Gymnasium** (grammar school) in East-Berlin; Russian classes from 3rd till 13th grade; English and French classes from 7th – 13th grade
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Professional Academic Experience

- 10/2016 - 7/2017 **Fellow (Postdoc)** at the research group "Kinship and Politics: Rethinking a Conceptual Split and its Epistemic Implications in the Social Sciences", ZiF - Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University
- 04/2017 - 07/2017 **Lecturer** at Bielefeld University, BA Course in Sociology "Care Work", Convenor, Lecturer, Seminar Leader; 12 weekly course units á 90 min, including preparation, testing and marking student performance.
- Lecturing here (and below) included: set and attain key learning objectives; construct the syllabus; set obligatory and background readings; formulate essay questions; highlight and discuss good essay practice; obligatory preparatory sessions with students a week before their presentations; introductory talk for each unit (10 min); lead seminar discussion; encourage and facilitate feedback by fellow students; provide coherent feedback; ensure that students acquire scientific skills while broadening their critical faculties

and anthropological horizons, administrative duties (e.g. updating the seminar webpage); be a point of reference for students with logistical and academic queries and problems

- 04/2017 - 07/2017 **Lecturer** at Goethe-University Frankfurt (Main), BA Course in Sociology “Money and Values”, Convenor, Lecturer, Seminar Leader with Prof Matthias Thiemann; This course draws on different sociological sources, and complements them with work in economic anthropology and heterodox economics
- 02/2017 - 03/2017 **Lecturer** at Riga Stradins University (Latvia), MA Course “Ethnographies of South(eastern) Europe”, Convenor, Lecturer, Seminar Leader; concentrating on the contemporary political, economic and social anthropology of the region
- 04/2013 - 07/2013 **Lecturer** at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Seminar for Social Anthropology: BA Course GTE (History and Theory of Anthropology): “Critique and Anthropology”, with Dr Shakira Bedoya Sanchez and Gustavo Rojas-Paez; the course tackled anthropology’s intersection with critical theory and social transformations during the 20th and 21st century
- 05/2012 **Guest Lecturer in Social Anthropology:** invited by Dr Markus Rudolf to deliver an engaging lecture on the Manchester School of Social Anthropology at the BA GTE Seminar “History of Social Anthropology” at the MLU Halle (Saale)
- 04/2009 - 04/2013 **Doctoral research fellow** at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle; long term fieldwork, with participant observation and diverse interview techniques, e.g. the narrative-biographical interview method; develop and administer a joint questionnaire: define indicators, pre-test, use the questionnaire, and analyse the data using SPSS; develop and administer a problem focused guided interview; write, present and discuss research reports, thesis chapters, and two peer-reviewed articles; proofread and comment on colleagues’ research – in e.g. the Writing-up Seminar of the Legal Pluralism research group; active participation in institute self-management; liaise and share results with other projects at the MPI and beyond
- 10/2003 - 03/2008 **Student assistant** at the documentation centre of the Institute for Social Anthropology, FU Berlin, with Prof Georg Elwert (Political and Economic Anthropology and Development Sociology), later Social Science Library: supporting students in tracing literature for writing up their scientific research project reports (equivalent to BA thesis); maintenance and servicing of the database of the documentation centre and the library (OPAC admin, retro-cataloguing, book loans), support of the research of Prof Elwert and his department; support of student initiatives including conferences

Conferences Convened/ Participated

- 05/2017 **Conference** “*Navigating the Boundaries of Kinship and Politics*”, ZiF - Center for Interdisciplinary Studies Bielefeld, Convenor, Organiser, Chair, with Drs Astrid Baerwolf, Nathalie Buesser, Jeannette Martin; Eric Hounshell, Jennifer Russell
- 07/2016 **Panel 051.** “*Works that Matter (not): Valuing Productivity through and against the Market*”, at EASA2016: Anthropological Legacies and Human Futures, Milano (20.7.2016); Convenor, Organiser, Speaker, Chair, with Dr Ivan Rajković
- 07/2014 **Conference** “*Beyond the Global Care Chain: boundaries, institutions and ethics of care*”, MPI for Social Anthropology, Chair

- 02/2014 **Conference** *“Doing Politics – Making Kinship: Back Towards a Future Anthropology of Social Organisation and Belonging”*. Note-taking and writing of a Conference Report with Dr Tabea Häberlein for *H-Soz-Kult*
- 11/2012 **Conference** *“Temporalities of Law”*, MPI for Social Anthropology, Chair
- 11/2011 **In-house workshop** *“Network Analysis”* at MPI for Social Anthropology; introduce the theory of social network analysis and computer based analysis and visualization, using UCInet, Pajek, Facebook applications; Convenor, Organiser, and Moderator, with Dr Tabea Scharrer
- 07/2011 **Conference** *“Local State and Social Security: Negotiating Deservingness and Avenues to Resources in Rural Areas”* at MPI for Social Anthropology; Co-organizer, Chair, Speaker
- 04/2004 - 05/2004 **Graduate Conference** *“6th Days of Polyphonic Anthropology: „Symbols of Statehood and Rituals of Resistance”* in Berlin (29th April – 3rd May 2004), incl. a collective rapid fieldwork following the ECRIS method (with 40 Polish and German participants) of the official celebration ceremonies of European Union Enlargement by eight new member states at Brandenburg Gates and of the parallel, ritualized violence of radical 1st of May demonstrations in Kreuzberg 36; Co-convenor and Fundraiser, Organizer, Speaker, with Dr. Georgia Kretsi, Nikos Kosmatopoulos, Amanda Bruczkowska et al.

Public Engagement

- 11/2014 - today **Monthly regular’s table** *“Berlin Anthropologists Meeting”*, organiser, convenor
- 05/2014 **Conference Report** with Dr Tabea Häberlein: *“Doing Politics – Making Kinship: Back Towards a Future Anthropology of Social Organisation and Belonging. 13.02.2014 –15.02.2014, Berlin”*, in: *H-Soz-Kult* (published 21 May 2014), available here: <http://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-5375>
- 08/2009 - 11/2013 **Ombuds-Person Against Racial Discrimination** at MPI for Social Anthropology

Work Experiences and Skills

- 11/2015 - 03/2016 **Qualification as EU Fundraiser** at emcra Berlin. Focus on project development according to the Logframe Analysis, incl. acquisition of funding, budget planning, project management and monitoring of EU projects (SWOT analysis)
- 09/2011 **5th Trier Summer School** on technologically assisted Social Network Analysis
- 09/2008; 03/2009 **Serbian language courses** at Humboldt University Berlin & Belgrade University
- 10/2007 - 02/2008 **Seminar Advanced Qualitative Research Analysis**, taught by Julia Eksner
- 02/2006 - 04/2006 **Internship at GTZ (GIZ) in Nigeria** (Abuja and Maiduguri, Borno State); in Abuja I wrote the minutes of the weekly staff meeting and shadowed employees of the *“Employment-oriented Private Sector Development”* Programme (EoPSD) working on the professional certification of tailors and the marketing of black soap. In Maiduguri I participated in the Borno Poverty Alleviation Project, Legal Counselling and Advisory Services for Women. Besides providing support to the legal reform and female empowerment projects, I participated in designing a social science (baseline) survey for future project applications, hiring interviewers, and I gave a lecture on interview techniques

Publications

Monographs

2016. State Relations: Local state and social security in central Serbia, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, e-published PhD thesis (<http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:gbv:3:4-18049>).

Peer-reviewed articles

2014. with Thelen, Tatjana & Duška Roth. State Kinning and Kinning the State in Serbian Elder Care Programs, in: *Social Analysis* 58 (3), 107-123.

2014. "It was the Least Painful to go into Greenhouse Production": The Moral Appreciation of Social Security in Post-Socialist Serbia, in: *Contemporary Southeastern Europe* 1 (2), 24-41.

Publications under review

n.d. Underimplementing the Law: Social Work, Bureaucratic Error, and the Politics of Distribution in Postsocialist Serbia, in: *Beyond Medicine: The History and Politics of Public Health in 20th Century Europe*, eds. Bernasconi, Sara, Karge, Heike & Friederike Kind-Kovács, CEU, Budapest.

n.d. State Privatisation, Shrinking Capitalism, and the Moral Appreciation of Serbia's "Living Village", in: *Bulletin of the Institute of Ethnography SASA*, Belgrade.

Edited volumes

With Polyphonic Editing Team. 2007. *6th Days of Polyphonic Anthropology: Symbols and Rituals of Statehood and Resistance. A Documentation of Collective Field Research Done by Young Anthropologists from Berlin and Warsaw*. University of Warsaw.

Book Chapters

2007a. Introduction, in: *6th Polyphonic Anthropology*, 11-22.

2007b. Framing Polyphony 6: Beyond a 'Quick and Dirty' Approach, in: *ibid*, 32-44.

Non-Academic Publications and Media Appearances

13.11.2014. Florian Bieber (University of Graz) interviews Andre Thiemann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology) about his research article "It was the least painful to go into Greenhouse Production" 11 min., available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjLlcTq4r40>

01.11.2009. Nemač doktorira na srpskom seljaku, *Vesti*, available here: <http://www.vesti-online.com/print/3861/Vesti/Zanimljivosti/3861/Nemac-doktorira-na-srpskom-seljaku>

05.10.2009. Nemač očaran srpskim selom. *Press*, available here:

<http://www.pressonline.rs/svet/balkan/81984/nemac-ocaran-srpskim-selom.html>

30.09.2009. Piše doktorat o srpskom selu, *Blic*, available: <http://www.blic.rs/vesti/reportaza/pise-doktorat-o-srpskom-selu/1wetwf9>

29.9.2009. Doktorat kod deda Ostoje. *Večernje Novosti*, available here:

<http://www.novosti.rs/vesti/naslovna/reportaze/aktuelno.293.html:252470-Doktorat-kod-deda-Ostoje>

07.09.2009. Andrej Timan iz Berlina priprema doktorat o srpskim selima: Nemač izučava deda Ostoju, *Glas Javnosti*, available here: <http://www.glas-javnosti.rs/clanak/srbija/glas-javnosti-07-09-2009/nemac-izucava-deda-ostoju^>

02.09.2009. Socijalna Sigurnost na srpskom selu. *TV Čačak*; another news report ran on national TV station *RTS 1* in different formats during September (Evening News and *Žikina Šarenica*).

Conference/ Workshop Papers

“Declarations of inter-dependence: Translations of elder care in a Serbian help at home network,” in workshop *“Translating policy in the semiperiphery”*, Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies – GSSES, Regensburg, 04.-06.05.2017.

“Senior home care in Creek Town,” in workshop *“Reconnecting work and distribution: Entanglements of labour, finance and welfare after Yugoslav socialism”*, UCL London, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, 20-21.12.2016.

“Milk for Money: Work, value, and moral appreciation in rural Serbia”, panel 051: “Works that matter (not): valuing productivity through and against the market”, at 19th Biennial EASA Conference *“Anthropological legacies and human futures”*, Milano, 20.07.2016.

“Under- and over-implementing the law: Social work, inclusive distribution, and exclusive protection”, 3rd Vienna Ethnography Lab: *“Practices of Bureaucracy and State Practices. Power, Interaction, Exclusion”*, Vienna, 09.06.2016.

“Translating the ‘interest of the child’: Under-and over-implementing social policy in Serbia”. Panel 189: Translating policy in the semi-periphery: cases, comparisons and concepts at IUAES inter-congress: *“World anthropologies and privatization of knowledge: engaging anthropology in public”*, Dubrovnik, 05.05.2016.

“What's football got to do with it? A central Serbian perspective on the Anthropology of the Local State”. *Research colloquium “Geschichte und Sozialanthropologie Südost- und Osteuropas”*, Lehrstuhl Geschichte Südost- und Osteuropas an der Universität Regensburg & IOS, Regensburg, 14.04.2016

“Pragmatic care: The local state, refugeeness, and the ‘father motif’ in Central Serbia”. *Conference “Politics of care: Politiken der Für_Sorge – Für_Sorge als Politik”*, organised by the commission for women and gender studies, dgv (German Society for European Anthropology), Hamburg, 26.02.2016.

“Of refugees and rural fathers: Relational care and the local state in Serbia (1992-2013)”. 2nd Vienna Ethnography Lab *“Practices of Care. Inequalities, Empowerment, Contradictions”*, 26.09.2015.

“Bureaucratic erring: Struggles over social policy in contemporary Serbian welfare-state relations”. Joint meeting of the DFG network Social Welfare and Health Care in (S)EE with the Reluctant Internationalists: *“Thinking about Health and Welfare in (Eastern) Europe and Beyond”*, Birkbeck College, London, 03.07.2015.

“Caring for the Serbian state”, meeting of the Research Assembly: *“Stategraphy: toward a relational anthropology of the state”*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, 19.05.2015.

“‘We don’t have a guarantee’: On industry and agriculture as moving bases of social security”, workshop *“Balkan Precariat: Mediating the Global Economic Crisis in South Eastern Europe”* by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and University of Graz, in Marija Bistrica, Croatia, 09.11.2013.

“Negotiating Serbia's market transitions: Agricultural land and human security”, 17th IUAES World Congress *“Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds”*, Manchester, 07.08.2013.

“Kinning the state - care in times of crisis?” 12th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) *“Uncertainty and disquiet”*, Paris, 12.07.2012.

“Points of cooperation and of individual research: Local state and social security”, Wenner Gren workshop *“Anthropology Otherwise: Rethinking Approaches to Fieldwork in Different Anthropological Traditions”* at Petnica Science Centre, Valjevo, Serbia, 03.09.2011.

“Den Staat verwandt machen? Beharrung auf familiären Normen durch flexible Praxis in der Altenpflege in Serbien”, graduate conference: *“The dynamics of normative orders – persistence, motion, rupture”*, Frankfurt/ Main, 18.11.2011.

with Duška Vranješ: “Of the ‘privatizing’ and the ‘projectifying’ state: Two emerging types of social care relations compared”, conference “*Local State and Social Security: Negotiating deservingness and avenues to resources in rural areas*”, MPI for Social Anthropology Halle/ Saale, 01.07.2011.

“Der Fall im Fall: ‘Die arme alte Mutter und ihre streitbare Tochter’: Soziale Sicherung als transnationaler, nationaler, Gemeinde- und lokaler Prozess in Serbien.” conference “*Recht sozial: Disziplinenübergreifende Perspektiven auf soziale Sicherheit*, Berlin”, 17.09.2010

“Framing Polyphony 6: Beyond a ‘Quick and Dirty’ Approach”, Postgraduate conference “*Symbols and Rituals of Statehood and Resistance*”, Berlin, 30.04.2004.

Scholarships and Grants

05/2017	Conference grant by the Thyssen Foundation in the Research Field “State, Economy, Society”
10/2016 -07/2017	Fellow of the research group “Kinship and Politics: Rethinking a Conceptual Split and its Epistemic Implications in the Social Sciences”, ZiF, Bielefeld University
07/2012 - 12/2015	Member of DFG Research Network “Social Welfare and Health Care in Eastern and South-eastern Europe during the Long Twentieth Century”
04/2009 - 04/2013	Volkswagen Foundation stipend in the project “Local State and Social Security in Rural Hungary, Romania and Serbia”, hosted at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology at Halle (Saale)
04/2006 - 06/2006	DAAD short term stipend for internships abroad (internship with GTZ), plus an internship remuneration by the GTZ
04/2004 - 05/2004	International Youth exchange grant by the German-Polish Youth Office
11/2002 - 02/2003	DAAD stipend for research abroad matched with FU Berlin funding for anthropological student research excursions
02/2001 - 07/2001	Exchange study grant between the Lomonosov Moscow State University and Humboldt University Berlin, including tuition waver, free accommodation, travel expenses and personal consumption

Research Experience

07/2009 - 09/2016	PhD Fieldwork (State Relations...) in Central Serbia; funded to produce knowledge on how local state projects and street-level bureaucratic routine activities integrate with other social security arrangements; throughout 19 months of fieldwork (including return visits) I analysed the interaction between locally present state institutions, processes and effects with the population, covering the period since the end of the Second World War, but focussing on the constellations, connections and conflicts in the present; for my case studies I shadowed the activities of the Centre for Social Work (<i>centar za socijalni rad</i>) and the voluntary Municipal Council (<i>savet mesne zajednice</i>)
05/2004 – 02/2006	Participant Observation and postgraduate term paper on the transformation of urban social security in Post-socialism; with a case study on changes in housing in the “Carl-Legien Housing Estate”, Prenzlauer Berg, East-Berlin; after comprehensive renovation and squeezing out of poorer inhabitants this site became after my research finished an official part of the World Cultural Heritage ensemble “Berlin Modernism Housing Estates” (in 2008)

- 04/2002 - 09/2003 **Project seminar** participant “Work and the Life-course in Nigeria”; including a four-month research excursion to Ijumu Local Government Area, Kogi State, Nigeria (11/2002 - 02/2003), return visits in 2005 and 2006; participant observation of the work of market women and of the conflictive negotiations of political economic relations resulting in the establishment of weekly market cycles; this field work formed the basis for my research report (equivalent to BA) and for my MA thesis “The Dynamics of Markets...”
- 02/2001 - 07/2001 **Exchange student at Lomonosov Moscow State University**, Research on inter-confessional relations among Russian-Orthodox, Catholic & Protestant Church
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Languages

German	Native
English	Functionally native proficiency
Serbian	Functionally native proficiency
Russian	Working proficiency
French	Working proficiency