

SIMONE MÜLLER-POHL, M.A.

EDUCATION

- 2008-2012** | **Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany**
John-F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies. History Department.
PhD, thesis defense February 2012. American Cultural History, Global History, History of Science and Technology.
Summa Cum Laude.
- 2002-2008** | **Julius-Maximilians University, Würzburg, Germany**
State Exam in Education and Teaching (2008) *Magna Cum Laude.*
Concentration: History, English as a foreign language, Political Science.
M.A. *Summa Cum Laude* (2007).
Concentration: Contemporary History, Medieval Studies, North American Studies.
Year abroad at **Davidson College**, North Carolina, USA. (2004-2005).
Grade average: 4.0.

DISSERTATION

- February 2012** | “The Class of 1866 and the Wiring of the World. Telegraphic Networks in Maritime Space, 1858-1914.”
Dissertation Committee: M. Michaela Hampf (Advisor), Sebastian Conrad (Advisor), Stefan Rinke, Verena Blechinger-Talcott, Heather Ellis.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Currently** | **Assistant Professor of History, John-F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.**
Instructor on the B.A. and M.A. level, various tasks in the administration of the department.

Member in the selection panel for the Willi-Paul-Adams Award for the best master thesis at the John-F. Kennedy Institute.

Elected Adjunct Gender Equality Officer at the John-F. Kennedy Institute.
- 2008-2011** | *Research Associate DFG-Research Group* (German Research Foundation): Actors of Globalization, 1860-1930, organization of workshops and research group meetings, maintenance of website www.cultglobe.net.
- 2010-2011** | *Co-Organizer*, International Conference “Global Communication Electric”, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

Designed program, organized venue and helped to garner sponsorship of €15.000.

- 2008-2009** *Translations and Transcriptions* for “I did not interview the Dead” by David P. Boder.
Project by Professor Werner Sollors, Harvard University and the Illinois Institute of Technology, published 2011 by Heidelberg University Press.
- 2009-2010** **Humanity in Action, Germany e.V.**
I co-designed and helped organize a study trip on “Regime Change and Simulation Games” to Berlin for young adults from Europe and North America.
- 2009** Co-organization of the annual meeting of Humanity in Action Senior fellows from Europe and the United States in the form of an international conference on Human and minority rights.
- 2005-2008** **Julius-Maximilians University Würzburg, Franconian Regional History Department**
Student assistant for Professor Helmut Flachenecker, research assistance, editing, development of historical database on the urban landscape in Franconia: http://www.historisches-unterfranken.uni-wuerzburg.de/db_stadtgeschichte_einf.php.
- August 2007** *Researcher* at the “Spessartprojekt e.V.” Würzburg.
research focus: “Parishes and Religion in the Spessart Area”.
- 2005-2007** **Julius-Maximilians University, North American Studies Department**
Teaching assistant for Professor Jochen Achilles.
- July-October 2006** **Harvard University, Cambridge, USA. Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies.**
Research assistance to Professor Charles Maier, (DAAD fellowship).
Topic: “The Power of Analogies. National Socialist Influences on the American Society before the African American Race Issue”. (Master Thesis).
- June-August 2005** **Institute for Contemporary History, Munich**
Intern. Research assistant to Professor Dr. Manfred Kittel “Policy of the Federal German Republic regarding displaced persons in the 1960s and 1970s” and Prof. Dr. Raithel “The Cemetary at the Landsberg Prison“.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Together with Michaela Hampf (eds.) *Global Communication Electric. Actors of a Globalizing World*. Frankfurt: Campus 2013.

“Working the Nation State: Submarine Cable Actors, Cable Transnationalism and the Governance of the Global Media System, 1858-1914,” in Isabella Löhr and Roland Wenzlhuemer (eds.), *The Nation State and Beyond. Governing Globalization Processes in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century*. (Forthcoming Springer Press, 2012).

“Colonialism and Decolonization in the Cable System: The United States, Canada and the Pacific Telegraph(s),” in Norbert Finzsch, Ursula Lehmkuhl, Eva Bischoff (eds.), *Provincializing the United States* (forthcoming 2012).

“By Atlantic Telegraph“. A Study on *Weltcommunication* in the 19th Century, in: *medien & zeit*, Nr. 4 (2010): 40-54.

“Porthcurno. Das Kommunikationszentrum am Ende der Welt,“ [Porthcurno – A Communication Center at the World’s End] Spiegel Online, <http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/mensch/0,1518,705352-2,00.html>. 2010.

„Die lange Leitung“ [the long line], in Hilmar Schmundt, Milos Vec, Hildegard Westphal (eds.) *Mekkas der Moderne. Pilgerstätten der Wissensgesellschaft* [Mekkas of Modernity], Köln, Böhlau, 2010.

The transatlantic Telegraphs and the Class of 1866. Transnational Networks in Telegraphic Space, 1858 – 1884/89, in: *Historical Social Research*, 35.1, (2010): 237-259.

Die transatlantische Telegraphenverbindung und die Verkabelung der Welt. Epistemische Gemeinschaften und kulturelle Netzwerke im maritimen Raum, 1858-1914 [The Transatlantic Telegraphs and the Wiring of the World. Epistemic Communities and Cultural Networks in Maritime Space, 1858-1914], in *Rundfunk und Geschichte* December 2009.

Simone Müller, Henriette Rytz: Gemeinsames Europa, gemeinsame Geschichte, gemeinsames Erinnern? [Common Europe, Common History, Common Remembrance?], in: *AdHoc international*, Vol. 6, September 2009.

Convention in Dada: Baroness Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven and her German poems in the *Little Review*, in: *ELM: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Nr.1, (Fall 2004).

CONFERENCES

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| 30. August - 1. Sept. 2012 | European Business History Association, Paris, “Local Influences on a Global Business – the case of submarine telegraphy”. |
| 10.-14. July 2012 | ICOHTEC 39 th annual meeting, Barcelona, “Playing Chess by Cable – Telegraphic Chess Playing. On the Interrelation of Sports and Technology in the long 19 th century.” |
| 2.-6. July 2012 | Congress for Maritime History, Gent, “The Wiring of the World. A story from global and maritime perspective.” |
| 29.-31. March 2012 | Weltgestalter und Welterklärer. Experten in der technischen Moderne (Experts and technical Modernity), TU Dresden „Class of 1866. Weltenschöpfer und -erklärer im globalen Kommunikationssystem. |

3.-6. November 2011	SHOT Annual Conference (Society for the History of Technology), Cleveland, Ohio, USA. <i>“As Easy as Speech and as Free as Air: Henniker Heaton's Attempts at Democratizing Global Communication, 1883-1914”</i> .
3.-5. June 2011	20 th Annual Conference of the German Association for the History of Technology, Berlin. <i>„Paradies“ oder „Living Death“ – die Kabelstation in Heart's Content, Neufundland in ihre globalen und lokalen Einbindung.</i> [„Paradise“ or „living death“ – Heart's Content Newfoundland in its global and local embedding].
14.-17. April 2011	Third European Congress on World and Global History, London: <i>Wiring the World. The Class of 1866 and Global Network Expansion</i> as well as: <i>Run over by Globalization: The Society of Telegraph Engineers in its Global Demise, 1871-1889.</i>
18.-19. February 2011	Global Communication Electric, Freie Universität Berlin (Convener): <i>“As easy as speech and as free as air” – Henniker Heaton and Social Cable Revolt.</i>
6.-7. October 2010	Racism/Antiracism. Agents of Cultural Globalization around 1900, Humboldt Universität Berlin: <i>The Power of Analogies The Third Reich's Antisemitism as Instrument within Afro-American Civil Rights' Rhetoric, 1933-41.</i>
7.-8. May 2010	Area Histories between Area Studies and Historical Research, Center of Area Studies, Freie Universität Berlin: <i>On the relation of Global History and Area Studies.</i>
12.-14. February 2010	Provincializing the United States. Annual Conference of the German Association of North American Studies (DGfA), Wittenberg: <i>Colonialism and Decolonization. The United States, Canada and the Pacific Telegraphs, 1870-1902.</i>
3.-5. December 2009	The Nation State and Beyond: Governing Globalization Processes in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century, Universität Heidelberg: <i>Beyond the Nation State? Cable Agents and the Global Media System on the North Atlantic, 1860-1914.</i>
24.-25. September 2009	Globalization and Telecommunication, Universität Heidelberg: <i>The transatlantic Telegraphs and the Wiring of the World. Cultural Networks in maritime Space, 1858-1914.</i>
4.-5. September 2009	Engineering Space, Center for Transnational History, University of St. Andrews: <i>The transatlantic Telegraphs and the Wiring of the World. Cultural Networks in maritime Space, 1858-1914.</i>

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2012/13	DHI Fellowship of North American History
2012	Fulbright Summer Academy Fellowship
2012	FU, Center For Area Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)

2010	Einstein Fellowship
2010	Smithsonian Fellowship
2009	DAAD Doctoral Fellowship
2008	Humanity in Action Fellowship
2006	DAAD Fellowship for Master Students
2004-05	Davidson College – Julius-Maximilians Universität Würzburg Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2012	Humanity in Action Germany, Board Member
2006 – current	DAAD Alumni Network
2008 – current	Humanity in Action Senior Fellow Network Germany (Board member)
2010 – current	ENIUGH European Network in Universal and Global History
2008 – current	DGfA German Association for North American Studies
2007 – current	BAA Bavarian America Academy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2012	Freie Universität Berlin , John-F. Kennedy-Institute for North American Studies, History Department B.A. “Major Issues in American Indian History, 1890-1990”. M.A. “The United States and National Socialism, 1930s – 1990s”. Design and teach two-hour weekly seminar in English. Grade Student Papers.
Fall 2011/12	<i>Instructor</i> “Around the World in 80 Days. Americans, Technology and World Travels, 1860-1930”. Designed and taught two-hour weekly seminar in English. Grade Student Papers.
Spring 2010	<i>Co-Instructor</i> (with Heidi Tworek from Harvard University), “America on the Move. Technology and the American Nation”. Co-designed and co-taught two-hour weekly seminar in English. Graded Student Papers.
Fall 2006- Spring 2007	Julius-Maximilians University Würzburg, Germany, Department for North American Studies <i>Tutor</i> , designed and taught weekly M.A. exam preparatory course in American literature.
Fall 2005- Spring 2006	<i>Tutor</i> , B.A. Tutorial, designed and taught B.A. tutorial on Introduction to North American Studies, methodology and academic writing skills.
Fall 2005	Deutschhaus Gymnasium , Würzburg, Germany Intern in their program for gifted children. Assistant teaching, Designed and taught classes in English and History.
Fall 2004- Spring 2005	Davidson College , NC, USA, German Department Teaching Assistant, (Prof. Burkhard Henke), designed and taught tutorial on German as a foreign language. Ran weekly German language table.

Fall 2004

IB Middle School Davidson, NC, USA

Intern in History and Foreign language classes.

Spring 2003

Gabrieli Gymnasium Eichstätt, Germany

Intern. Assistant teaching; designed and taught classes in English and History.

1999-2000

Westview Highschool, Portland Oregon

Teaching Assistant.

Independently taught German as a foreign language for 3rd year students.