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EDUCATION

Geography – Dipl./MA [1.1 very good]

University of Bonn

2006 – 2012

A Levels - Maj. Language

Steiner School, Bonn

1992 - 2005

INTRODUCTION

» Hello, my name is Simon and I am passionate about sustainable development and migration issues. As a human geographer I gained recognition not only as expert on migration, climate change adaptation, and sustainable development, but also as a science communicator. As an organized and creative team player, I would love to contribute with my skills to organizations or think tanks working on migration issues.

SELECTED EXPERIENCES

PhD / Research Associate | University of Bonn

Oct. 2013 – Present

At the Department of Geography / Translocal Resilience Project (TransRe), researching the nexus between migration and climate change adaptation; focusing on the role of international migration on social resilience.

Consultant | United Nation University

Aug. - Sep. 2013

At the Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), proposal writing, fund raising.

Consultant | Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network (HoA-REC/N), Addis Ababa,

Feb. - Apr. 2011

Training in Participatory Action Research (PAR), conceptional and organizational preparation of field trips for research, implementation of PAR, development of a pilot project for climate change adaptation.

SKILLS

RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGEMENT MIGRATION EXPERTISE COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT WORK



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- since Oct. 2013 **Research Associate / PhD Candidate** | Translocal Resilience Project (TransRe), Department of Geography, Bonn University
- Jun.-Aug. 2015 **Associate Researcher** | National University of Singapore (NUS), Asia Research Institute
- Aug.-Sep. 2013 **Consultant** | United Nation University, Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn: fundraising & project development
- April – Jul. 2013 World explorer | cycling 3500 km through Europe
- Feb. – March 2013 **Consultant** | Department of Geography, University of Bonn, writing successfully project proposal (TransRe), with Prof. Dr. P. Sakdapolrak (principle investigator)
- Dec. 2012 **University degree** (Dipl. Geographer, equivalent to MA degree)
- 2008 – 2012 **Student assistant** | University of Bonn working group of development geography, lead by Prof. Dr. S. Tröger, Prof. Dr. Chr. Dittrich, and Prof. Dr. E. Rothfuß
- Sept. 2011 **PRA Trainer** | Implementation of a methodological workshop, Introduction to the methods of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), potentials and pitfalls of participatory approaches, United Nation University, Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn
- Feb. – Apr. 2011 **Consultant** | Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network (HoA-REC/N), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Assignment: Training in Participatory Action Research (PAR), conceptional and organizational preparation of field trips for research, development of a pilot project for climate change adaptation
- Aug. – Feb. 2009/10 **Internship** | German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ; former GTZ), Sustainable Land Management Project (GTZ-SLM), Ethiopia
Assignment: independent data collection (qualitative research, Participatory Rural Appraisal, PRA) on impacts of climate change and adaptation strategies, data analysis, report writing
- 2004 – 2008 **Employee** | Linon Medien GmbH, Audio guide partner of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn
- 2005 – 2006 **Voluntary social year (FSJ)** | socio-therapeutic Institution *Les Sources*, Orbe, France: *Work with adult handicapped persons, civil service*
- March 2003 **Social internship** | *retirement home, Wohnstift Beethoven, Bornheim, Germany*
- Sep. 2001 **Photography Internship** | *Jürgen Rengel, Cologne, Germany*
- Sep. 2000 **Agricultural internship** | organic farming, Farm Bollheim, Germany

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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

since Oct. 2014

Degree

PhD candidate, University of Bonn

Diploma thesis

Dipl. Geographer (MA), Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Bonn University (grade according to the German system: 1,1 very good).

“Migrationspfade und Arbeitsräume in Bangladesch – Translokale Lebenssicherung in einer sich wandelnden (Um)Welt“ (**Migration trajectories and work spaces in Bangladesh – translocal livelihood security in a changing environment**), best grade; 1,0

2006 – 2012

Studies of development geography at the Department of Geography of the University of Bonn.

**Major
Minors**

Human Geography, Focus on: Development Studies
Agricultural and Development Economics, Anthropology

Latest publications

Peth, S. A.; Sterly, H. & P. Sakdapolrak (2018): [Between the village and the global city: the production and decay of translocal spaces of Thai migrant workers in Singapore](#). *Mobilities*, 13, DOI:[10.1080/17450101.2018.1449785](#).

TransRe (2018): [Migration for Adaptation. A Guidebook for Integrating Migration and Translocality into Community-Based Adaptation](#). Bonn

Sakdapolrak, P., Naruchaikosol, S., Ober, K., **Peth, S. A.**, Porst, L., Rockenbach, T., Tolo, V. (2016): [Migration in a changing climate. Towards a translocal social resilience approach](#). *DIE ERDE*, 147(2), 81-94.

Peth, S. A. & S. Birtel (2015): Translocal livelihoods and labor migration in Bangladesh - migration decisions in the context of multiple insecurities and a changing environment, In: Mallick, B. & Etzold, B. (Eds.): *Environment, Migration and Adaptation. Evidence and Politics of Climate Change in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: AHDPH. ISBN: 978-984-91037-9-0

Find a full list of my publications here: bit.ly/2HivQS7

Greiner, C., **Peth, S. A.** & P. Sakdapolrak (2015): [Deciphering migration in the age of climate change - Towards an understanding of translocal relations in social-ecological systems](#). TransRe Working Paper No 2. Department of Geography, University of Bonn. Bonn. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.4402.9765

Selected Blogs

Peth, S. A. (2018) [“We are trained like soldiers” The inhumane mechanisms of international labor migration and its impact on translocal connectedness](#). Blog: Connecting the spots - Notes on migration and environment from a geographical perspective, May. 2018.

Peth, S. A. (2016) [“I will never return.” The drudgery of Thai farm workers in Israel](#) Blog: Connecting the spots - Notes on migration and environment from a geographical perspective, Dec. 2016.

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LANGUAGES

Self-assessment

PERSONAL SKILLS

German (mother tongue)

English (working language since 2011)

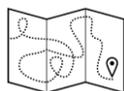
French (certified eligibility to study at French universities)

Thai

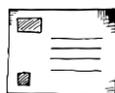
Amharic

	understanding	conversation	writing
English	very good	very good	very good
French	very good	very good	good
Thai	moderate	basic	-
Amharic	basic	rudimentary	-

SOFT SKILLS & OTHER COMPETENCIES



Pronounced Intercultural Experience | due to my studies of anthropology and numerous extended stays abroad for work, research, or studies in both industrial and developing countries: France, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Bangladesh, Thailand, Singapore and Cambodia. During the last 10 years I spend altogether 50 months abroad.



Communicator | my passion is to find adapted ways and formats to communicate with both my colleagues (internally) but also with different audiences (externally). In my current position I am responsible for public relations & science communication for the TransRe Project which gave me the opportunity to develop this passion further. I like to share my ideas and feel confident to present also in front of larger audiences but I am at the same time a good listener and open to different views, new ideas and impulses.



Diligence & Accountability | I take responsibilities with great diligence and great motivation furthermore I am reflective person always open for constructive criticism.



Creative & Proactive | I love to think out of the box without abandoning the tried and tested. I like to actively seek new ways of improving my personal work but also participate creatively in team projects and processes.



Organization & Management | having worked with different organizations such as the United Nations University, GIZ, or CARE (Thailand) I am able to develop effective cooperation with internal and external partners and to identify risks and priorities for me and others also in a time-consuming and challenging work environment.

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PERSONAL SKILLS

SOFT SKILLS & OTHER COMPETENCIES

Professional Team Player | I have worked in very different teams ranging from homogenous to heterogenous international teams. I have experienced mostly harmonious but also tension-filled situations. I have learned that it is important to reflect on different perspectives but never to neglect the subject matter. Due to my biographical background I am particularly sensitive to gender issues.

Early Adopter | I am aware of recent technologies and trends. I believe that trying new technologies can foster our work but also creativity in what we do. However, I think it is important to critically assess new technologies before adopting them. Currently I am working with: *Trello* (task management); *MaxQDA* & *SPSS* (research analysis); *Adobe Illustrator*, *PowerPoint* & *Canvas* (visuals); *Buffer* & *Twitter* (public relation and social media management); *Mendaly* & *Citavi* (literature management); *Adobe Premiere* (video editing); *Concrete5* (content management, web page); recently interested in *Carto DB* (map-based data visualization).

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

since 2008

Founding member of the student initiative Weitblick Bonn e.V. focusing on educational justice, spokesman for education projects in Ethiopia until 2013

since 2006

Regular engagement in *Les Sources*, socio-therapeutic Institution for people with disabilities in France.

OTHERS SKILLS

- **Driving License** (European Category B, car)
- **First Aid** three-days training, Red Cross Germany
- **Photography & Filming** Production and presentation of a multi-vision live show „Grenzgänger – ein Weg durch Äthiopien, Sudan und Ägypten“, presented in eight cities in Germany, several film projects for the Trans|Re Project.
- **Visualization**