

DANIELLE ISLER

RESEARCHER

Details

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Skills

- African Studies
- Anthropology of Global Inequalities
- Urban Anthropology
- Spatial Studies
- Citizenship Studies
- Racism & Racialization
- Qualitative Research
- Ethnography

Languages

Swiss German	10/10
German	10/10
French	10/10
English	08/10
Spanish	04/10
Portuguese	04/10

Hobbies

Music, Theatre, Art, Writing

Education

2022 - present

Doctoral Student, University of Bayreuth

Bayreuth, Germany

BIGSAS Junior Fellow, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies

Doctoral Project: Construction of Racialized Spaces in Post-Apartheid Cape Town, South Africa

2016 - 2019

Master of Arts, University of Basel

Basel, Switzerland

Major: African Studies

M.A. Thesis: Relationship between Race, (In)visibility and (In)equality in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

2012 - 2016

Bachelor of Arts, University of Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

Major: Social Anthropology

B.A. Thesis: Gender, (Social) Motherhood and Identity among Bamiléké People in Western Cameroon

Conference Contributions (selection)

2023

European Conference on African Studies

African Futures (May 31 - June 03). Panelist in Panel "African urban spaces and futures of democratic citizenship". Paper presented: "Being a citizen in an exclusionary environment: Constructions of citizenship in Cape Town".

United Nations

32nd session of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (May 01 - May 05) "Economic Empowerment of People of African Descent".

UN Fellows Event. To Centralise & Organise the Collective African Struggle. Guest Speaker.

University of Freiburg

Lecture-Workshop presented at the University of Freiburg 'Coloniality of Gender und dekoloniales Ver_Lernen im Kontext Universität', (April 2023), organised by Nora Teuscher, Sina Tresp, Han Bührle'. Guest Lecturer.

Conference Contributions (selection)

2023

University of Cape Town

Talk presented at the University of Cape Town 'Introduction to African Art', focus on 20th century art on the African continent, (March 2023), organised by Prof. Dr. Nomusa Makhubu. Guest Lecturer. "Art institutions as racialized spaces? Constructions and disruptions"

ETH Zurich

Decolonizing Curricula, Pluralizing Teaching and Research: Postcolonial Perspectives on Universities in the 21st Century (02/02-02/04). Panelist in Panel 'Diversity in Faculty'.

University of Leipzig

Talk presented at the University of Leipzig 'Postkoloniale Debatten' (January 2023), organised by Prof. Dr. Lara Krause and Dr. Irene Brunotti. Guest Lecturer. "Die Konstruktion von Exklusion im Raum: Geweißte Räume in Kapstadt"

2022

United Nations

30th WGEPAD Public Session on 'Children of African Descent' (05/23-05/27) - Panelist in Panel 'Multiple Literacies for Children of African Descent to Survive and Thrive' Presentation of 'The Situation of Switzerland', Hybrid Conference, Online Participation.

ETH Zurich

Black History Month (10/26-11/02)

Lecturer "Spaces that were not meant for me - Exclusionary, Racialized Spaces in Switzerland" Presentation on Whitened Spaces. Webinar.

University of Basel

SESCAS, European Student's Conference in African Studies (08/31-09/02) - Moderation Panel "Imagination and Artistic Practices: Remedial forms of embodying current debates"; Lecture and Workshop: "Challenging Internalized Imaginaries in African Studies".

Employment History

2015 - present

Expert and Consultant in Race Criticality, Anti-Racisms, Decolonial & Postcolonial Thinking and Practice, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

ETH Zurich, Amnesty International, Swiss Academy of Science, ISD, etc.

Employment History

2014 - 2021

Research Assistant, University of Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (01/21-07/21)

- Project FLiP - Premature Lung Project
- Qualitative research, development of questionnaires, translations, data collection, canvassing, application for funding, administration

2014 - 2021

Research Assistant, University of Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

Department of Sociology (01/19-09/20)

- Swiss National Science Foundation Project 'Online Aggression From A Sociological Perspective'
- Qualitative research, development of questions for guided interviews, transcriptions, coding with MAXQDA, extensive literature research, data evaluation, summaries, proofreading, translations

Research Center for the Public Sphere and Society (08/16-12/19)

- Team leader quality control
- Qualitative analysis of media, coding newspaper article, reputation analysis of business sectors, assistance in research projects

Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (08/14-02/16)

- assistance of Prof. Dr. Quack, tutorage, extensive literature research, administration, encompassing contributions to ongoing research projects
- assistance project 'Disability and Technology'
- assistance conference international museum collaboration

2020

Curation Internship, University of Cape Town

Cape Town, South Africa

Michaelis Galleries of the University of Cape Town (01/2020-03/2020)

- helping editor of edited volume 'Decolonizing Art Institution', assistance of Nkule Mabaso, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, administration and coordination

Employment History

2016 - 2019

Research Assistant, University of Basel

Basel, Switzerland

Centre for African Studies Basel (10/16-09/19)

- Executive Office, Assistance of Prof. Dr. Macamo
- Helping editor of journal 'Afrika Bulletin', co-organization of 7th European Conference on African Studies in Basel, creation of weekly newsletter, content management website, administration

2016 - 2019

Research Assistant, University of Basel

Basel, Switzerland

Basler Afrika Bibliographien & Centre for African Studies Basel (02/18 - 11/18)

- Project Visual History Lab 2018 - 'In and Out of Propaganda: Posters and Films from the Liberation Struggle in Southern Africa'
- Co-curation & co-organization of exhibition and mini-conference. designing, installing, advertising

Extra-Curricular Activities

2015 - present

Activism

Switzerland, Germany, South Africa, Brazil

Co-Founding MASANO (Maison des Savoirs Noirs) in 2022

- Anti-Racism and Anti-Colorism Activism
- Research projects: Medical Racism, Racism in the Legal System, Racism in the Educational System in Switzerland
- Exhibitions, Theatre, Curation, Consulting, Workshops

2005 - present

Music

Switzerland, South Africa, Brazil

- Singer-Songwriter
- Diverse Bands