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Personal details

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Current Position

from 02/2023 Senior Researcher (Post-Doc) at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War

Scientific Background

- 03/2019–02/2023 Doctorate at the Institute for History at the University of Graz. Dissertation: „Die Rolle des neutralen Österreich in der sowjetischen außenpolitischen Strategie, 1969-1975“ [The Role of Neutral Austria in Soviet foreign policy strategy, 1969-1975].
- 03/2022–01/2023 Pre-Doc at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War
- 03/2019–02/2022 Project staff at the Institute for History at the University of Graz
- 09/2018–03/2019 Internship and freelance work (translations and editing of Soviet archival documents) at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War
- 2016–2018 Master's programme „European Studies – Management of EU Projects“ at the University of Applied Sciences, Burgenland.
- 2011–2016 Teaching degree „Russian language; History, Social Studies and Political Education“ at the University of Graz and RSUH Moscow.

Research Focus

Cold War Studies, Soviet Foreign Policy and diplomatic history, Soviet-Austrian relations, Neutrality in the Cold War

Research Projects

- Since 04/2022 Key Researcher in the research project "Soviet-Austrian Economic and Trade Relations, 1955-1964". Cooperation project between BIK and University of Graz. Funding: Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- 03/2019–03/2022 Prae-Doc researcher in the research project "The Role of Neutral States in the Foreign Policy Strategy of the Soviet Union, 1969-1975": cooperation project between BIK and University of Graz. Funding: Austrian Science Fund (FWF).
- 09/2018–01/2022 Co-Coordination of the research project "The Ostpolitik of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Brezhnev Era". Cooperation project between BIK, Russian State Archive for Contemporary History and Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Prizes/Awards

- 7.12.2023 Award of Excellence 2023 (State Prize for best dissertations), awarded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

Presentations (selected)

- 11.4.2024 Round Table Discussion "Neutrality in Europe. Media Focus and Historical Perspective" at the 15. Österreichischer Zeitgeschichtetag, University of Graz

- 3.12.2023 Round Table discussion "Impact of Secret Police and Intelligence" at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European and Euroasian Studies (ASEEES), Philadelphia/PA
- 2.12.2023 Round Table discussion "The Death and Legacy of Stalin" at ASEEES Annual Convention, Philadelphia
- 21.9.2023 Presentation "Austrian diplomacy and the Helsinki 'Third Basket'. Lund University.
- 19.4.2023 Presentation "'Kreisky, the Soviet Union, and the Road to Helsinki" at the Conference "Bruno Kreisky – A Reassessment", University of Minneapolis/MN
- 17.11.2022 Presentation "Österreich und Moskau auf dem Weg nach Helsinki" at the conference „Freiheit und Sicherheit. Die KSZE und das Ende des Kalten Krieges“, University of Innsbruck (online).
- 13.11.2022 Participation in the Roundtable "The Soviet Bloc and Neutral European Countries in the CSCE: 1973-1989" at the ASEEES Convention 2022 in Chicago.
- 24.10.2022 Presentation "Austrian-Soviet Diplomatic Relations and their Economic repercussions, 1955-1964" at the Workshops "Soviet-Austrian and Soviet-Finnish Economic and Trade Relations, 1955-1964" am Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki.
- 28.9.2022 Presentation „The Warsaw Pact and Neutral Austria on the Road to Helsinki“ at the conference "Communist Parties in the Soviet Block, 1968-1980", Institut Ústav pamäti národa (UPN) in Bratislava.
- 31.8.2022 Seminar „Neutrality, the USSR and Détente in the Cold War“ in der seminar "Hanz-Blix Center seminars in History of International Relations", University of Stockholm.
- 23.4.2022 Presentation „Die Rolle des neutralen Österreich in der außenpolitischen Strategie der Sowjetunion, 1969-1975“, 14. Österreichischer Zeitgeschichtetag, Salzburg.
- 28.3.2022 Virtual Round Table "Engaged Neutrality in the International System", International Studies Association Conference 2022, Nashville (Online).
- 19.11.2021 Book Talk „The Soviet Union and Cold War Neutrality and Nonalignment in Europe“, Cold War Studies Seminar, Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, and the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), New Orleans.
- 29.10.2020 Presentation "From 'Soviet Victims' to 'Our Grandfathers'. Collective memory of Victory Day" at the conference „Vojny v Istorii – Wars in History. X. International Conference of Young Scientists and Specialists – Clio 2020" in Moscow (Online).
- 27.9.2019 Presentation „Die Rolle des neutralen Österreich am Weg zur Helsinki-Schlussakte“ at the conference „Die Ostpolitik der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in der Brežnev-Ära“, Vienna

Languages

German, English, Russian, Bulgarian (basic/reading)

Publications

Independent Publications

Anna Graf-Steiner, Brückenbauer im Kalten Krieg. Österreich und der lange Weg zur KSZE-Schlussakte. Graz - Vienna - Berlin: Leykam 2024.

Anna Steiner, Enhanced Relations – Protracted Conflicts? The EU's Non-Recognition and Engagement Policy (NREP) towards Abkhazia and South Ossetia in Georgia. Baden-Baden: Tectum 2019.

Essays

Anna Graf-Steiner, Moscow and Vienna on the road to Helsinki, in: Andrea Brait – Michael Gehler – Jussi Hanhimäki – Hermann Wentker, eds., Freedom and Security. (forthcoming)

Anna Graf-Steiner, Kreisky, the Soviet Union, and the Road to Helsinki, in: Günter Bischof/Michael Burri, eds., Bruno Kreisky: A Reassessment (New York: Berghahn, forthcoming).

Anna Graf-Steiner – Peter Ruggenthaler, Österreich als Vermittler im Kalten Krieg?, in: ÖZP – Austrian Journal of Political Science, vol. 53 (2024).

Anna Graf-Steiner – Herbert Reginbogin, Austria: The NPT, Diplomacy, and National Identity, in: Pascal Lottaz – Yoko Iwama (ed.), Neutral Europe and the Creation of the Nonproliferation Regime, 1958-1968 (London – New York: Routledge 2024), pp. 169-184.

Anna Steiner, From ‚Soviet Victims‘ to ‚Our Grandfathers‘. Collective memory of Victory Day, in: A. K. Sorokin et. al. (Eds.), *Vojny v istorii. Istoricheskie dokumenty i aktual'nye problemy archeografii, archivovedenija i istočnikovedenija, rossijskoj i vseobščej istorii novogo i novejšego vremeni: Sbornik materialov Desjatoj meždunarodnoj konferencii molodych učenych i specialistov „Clio-2020“*. Moscow 2020, pp. 383-385.

Peter Ruggenthaler – Anna Steiner, Der Weg nach Helsinki. Entspannung mit Bonn als letzte Etappe auf dem Weg zur Einberufung der Konferenz über Sicherheit und Zusammenarbeit in Europa, in: Michael Borchard – Stefan Karner – Hanns Jürgen Küsters – Peter Ruggenthaler (Eds.), *Entspannung im Kalten Krieg. Der Weg zum Moskauer Vertrag und zur KSZE* (Graz – Vienna: Leykam 2020), pp. 677-701.