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Current Position

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

Wissenschaftlicher Werdegang

27.01.2023 Promotion. Title of PhD dissertation at the Institute for History at the University of Graz: 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 (document translations and editing) at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on Consequences of War

25.10.2018 Sponship (Master Studies „European Studies“). Title of Master thesis at the University of Applied Sciences, Burgenland: Enhanced Relations – Protracted Conflicts? Impact and Coherence of the EU’s Non-Recognition and Engagement Policy towards Abkhazia and South Ossetia in Georgia.

12.10.2016 Sponship (teacher training „Russian language; History, social studies and political education“). Title of diploma thesis at the Institute for History at the University of Graz: 70 Jahre Tag des Sieges. Von einer sowjetischen zu einer russländischen Erinnerungskultur. [70 Years of Victory Day. From a Soviet to a Russian Culture of Remembrance.]

Research Focus

- Détente in the Cold War
- Neutrality in the Cold War
- European Security
- Soviet foreign policy and diplomatic history
- Culture of memory

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

Since 03/2019 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

09/2018-01/2022 Collaboration and 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.

Presentations (selected)

- 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 ASEEEES 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 Eurasien 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. In preparation, 2023.

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

Essays

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 2024, S. 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. Istoričeskie dokumenty i aktual'nye problemy archeografii, archivovedenija i istočnikovedenija, rossijskoj i vseobščej istorii novogo i novejšego vremeni: Sbornik materialov Desjatoj meždunarodnoj konferencii molodych učenyh i specialistov „Clio-2020“. Moscow 2020, S. 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 – Wien 2020, S. 677-701.

