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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2015 - 2016 Richard B. Fischer Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- 2013 - present Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), SOAS, University of London
- 2011 - 2013 Junior Professor (Assistant Professor) for Comparative Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 2010 - 2011 Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute
- 2009 - 2010 Sainsbury Fellow, Sainsbury Institute, SOAS, University of London

## EDUCATION

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- 2009 Ph.D., Sociology, UCLA  
Dissertation *Nation-Work: Making Tea, Making Japanese*  
Committee Rogers Brubaker (chair), Andreas Wimmer, Adrian Favell, Gail Kligman, Herman Ooms, Morgan Pitelka
- 2006 - 2008 Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Tokyo
- 2003 M.A., Sociology, UCLA
- 1998 B.S. *summa cum laude*, Sociology, Florida State University
- 1998 B.A. *summa cum laude*, International Affairs, Florida State University

## BOOKS

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2013 Surak, Kristin. *Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice*. Stanford University Press.

- Winner of the Outstanding Book Award (2014), American Sociological Association's Section on Asia and Asian America
- Japanese translation under contract with Ohsumi Publishers
- Author Meets Critics Session at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (2014)
- Featured on NPR news, "In the Japanese Tea Ceremony, Politics are Served with Every Cup" (June 23, 2015)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- 2014 Surak, Kristin. "Re-Selling Japan." *New Left Review* (88): 139-49.
- Translated into Korean ("Ilbonül Tashi P'anda," *Nyurep'üt'ü Ribyu*, (6) 2015: 409-27)
- 2013 Surak, Kristin. "Guestworker Regimes: A Taxonomy." *New Left Review* (84): 84-102.
- Translated into Spanish ("Gastarbeiter: Una Taxonomía," *NLR Secunda Época*, (84) 2014: 94-114)
  - Translated into Swedish ("Gästarbetare: en klassificering," *Marxistarkiv*)
- 2013 Surak, Kristin. "Die Gastarbeiter" (Guestworkers). *Merkur: Zeitschrift für europäisches Denken (Sonderheft)* 9/10: 1024-35.
- 2012 Surak, Kristin. "Nation-Work: A Praxeology of Making and Maintaining Nations." *European Journal of Sociology* 53(2): 171-204.
- Editors' highlight article for 2012
- 2011 Surak, Kristin. "From Selling Tea to Selling Japaneseness: Symbolic Power and the Nationalization of Cultural Practices." *European Journal of Sociology* 52(2): 175-208.
- Lead article
- 2010 Surak, Kristin. "The Business of Belonging." *New Left Review* (63): 151- 9.
- Translated into Spanish ("El Negocio de la Pertenencia," *NLR Secunda Época*, (63) 2010: 149-58.)
- 2008 Surak, Kristin. "Convergence in Foreigners' Rights and Citizenship Policy? A Look at Japan." *International Migration Review* 42(3): 550-75.
- 2006 Surak, Kristin. "'Ethnic Practices' in Translation: Tea in Japan and the US." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 29(5): 828-54.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2016 Surak, Kristin. "Engaging Objects: A Phenomenology of the Tea Ceremony and Japaneseness." In *National Matters: Materiality, Culture, and Nationalism*. Genevieve Zubrzycki, editor. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Forthcoming.
- 2016 Surak, Kristin. "Tea Flows: A Praxeological Perspective on Rituals." In *(Extra-)Ordinary Presence: Social Configurations and Cultural Repertoires*, Heike Paul, Kay Kirchmann, and Markus Gottwald, editors. Bielefeld: Transcript-Verlag. Forthcoming.

- 2016 Surak, Kristin "The Tea Ceremony Beyond Japan: Postcolonial Cultural Transmission." In *Japan in Westen: Literatur – Kultur – Spiritualität*, Patricia Plummer, editor. Tübingen: Stauffenburg-Verlag. Forthcoming.
- 2015 Surak, Kristin. "Guestworkers Globally." In *Handbook of the Political Economy of Migration*, Simon McMahon, editor. Surrey: Edward Elgar.
- 2012 Surak, Kristin. "Migration Industries and Developmental States in East Asia." In *The Migration Industry and the Commercialization of International Migration*, Ninna Nyberg Sørensen and Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, editors. London: Routledge. 89-110.
- 2010 Surak, Kristin. "Making Tea Japanese." In *Making Japanese Heritage*, Rupert Cox and Christoph Brumann, editors. London: Routledge. 21-30.

## OTHER PRINT PUBLICATIONS

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- 2014 Surak, Kristin. 「お茶の専門家から文化の専門家へ—家元制度の成立」 [From Tea Specialists to Culture Specialists: The Formation of the Iemoto System] *Wochikochi*. Magazine of the Japan Foundation.
- 2014 Surak, Kristin. "Culture, Nation, and the Tea Ceremony." *Center for Comparative Japanese Studies Annual* (10). 133-37.
- 2013 Surak, Kristin. "Karaoke im Liebeshotel." *Lettre Internationale* (101): 132.
- 2012 Surak, Kristin. "Die Ethnizitätsindustrie." *Lettre Internationale* (97): 114-8. (Extended version of "The Business of Belonging")
- 2011 Surak, Kristin. Review of *Japanese Women, Class, and the Tea Ceremony: The Voices of Tea Practitioners in Northern Japan*, by Kaeko Chiba. *Pacific Affairs* 84(3): 580-1.
- 2010 Surak, Kristin. "Family Reunification in Europe and East Asia." *EUI Review* (4): 17-8.
- 2010 Surak, Kristin. Review of *Diaspora Without Homeland: Being Korean in Japan*, Sonia Ryang and John Lie, editors. *Pacific Affairs* 83(4): 797-8.
- 2003 Recchi, Ettore, Damian Tambini, Emiliana Baldoni, David Williams, Kristin Surak, and Adrian Favell. "Intra-EU Migration: A Socio-Demographic Overview." PIONEUR Working Paper No. 3.
- 1998 Surak, Kristin. "A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Community Computer Networks." Florida State University Honors Thesis Series. FSDT 157359.

## ARTICLES IN PREPARATION (available upon request)

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"A Praxeology of Ethnic Categorization" (revise and resubmit at the *American Journal of Sociology*)

"Migration Industries and the State: Guestwork Programs in East Asia" (revise and resubmit at the *International Migration Review*)

“Citizenship by Investment” (under review)

“A Regional Comparison of Family Reunion Policies” (with John Skrentny, David FitzGerald, and Javier Moreno) (under review)

“At the Margins of Multiculturalism: Assessing Will Kymlicka’s Liberal Multiculturalism in Japan” (under review)

“Ethnizität im Alltag: Modalitäten ethnischen Kategorisierens” (Ethnicity in Everyday Life: Modalities of Ethnic Categorization)

“Imperial Semiotics: Co-Prosperity Through a Bowl of Tea”

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND THIRD PARTY FUNDING

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2017 - 2018	Leverhulme Research Fellowship, Leverhulme Trust (£50,000)
2015	Department of Politics Research Grant, SOAS, University of London (£850)
2015	Law and Social Sciences Small Research Grant, SOAS, University of London (£2200)
2015	Richard B. Fisher Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (\$60,000)
2015	Law and Social Sciences Small Research Grant, SOAS, University of London (£1500)
2014	Meiji Shrine Research Grant (£550)
2014	Law and Social Sciences Small Research Grant, SOAS, University of London (£2000)
2014	Department of Politics Research Grant, SOAS, University of London (£1250)
2013	Participating Scientist in Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) grant for the In-East School of Advanced Studies (€4,600,000)
2010 - 2013	Participating Scientist in the German Science Foundation (DFG) grant for the Graduate College 1613, Risk and East Asia (€3,300,000)
2008 - 2009	UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship (\$24,000)
2008	Sasakawa Research Grant (\$5000)
2007 - 2008	Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Grant (\$34,000)
2006 - 2007	Japan Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$32,000)
2006	Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Grant (\$3000)
2006	Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Research Fellowship (\$8000)
2005	Sasakawa Research Grant (\$5000)
2004 - 2005	Sato Foundation Fellowship (\$5000)

- 2004 - 2005 US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (\$30,000)
- 2004 UCLA Japan Center Grant (\$3000)
- 2004 Berkeley Center for German and European Studies Grant (\$4000)
- 2003 Sasakawa Research Grant (\$5000)
- 2001 - 2006 UCLA Sociology Chancellor's Fellowship (full tuition and \$24,000 annual stipend)
- 1995 - 1996 German-American Friendship Society Fellowship, Frankfurt University
- 1994 - 1998 National Merit Scholarship, Florida State University (full tuition)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2014 Outstanding Book Award for *Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice*, American Sociological Association's Section on Asia and Asian America
- 2014 Finalist for the Hans Maier-Leibnitz Prize for research excellence (ten awards in all disciplines across Germany)
- 2008 International Award for the Best Young Scholar of East Asia, Frankfurt University Center for East Asian Studies
- 2007 American Academy of Political and Social Science Graduate Fellow
- 2001 UCLA Chancellor's Fellow

## TEACHING

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SOAS, University of London, Department of Politics

Graduate Seminars *Japan Unravelling*  
*Introduction to Research Methods for MPhil Students*  
*Writing Workshop for MPhil Students*

Undergrad Seminars *Going Global: An Introduction to International Migration*

Undergrad Lectures *Comparative Political Sociology of Asia and Africa*  
*Nationalism, Ethnicity, and the State in Asia and Africa*

University of Duisburg-Essen, Department of Sociology or Institute of East Asian Studies

Graduate Seminars *Institutions and Organizations*  
*Social Scientific Research Methods*  
*Issues in International Migration*  
*Contemporary Japanese Society*

Undergrad Seminars    *Introduction to International Migration  
Transnational Labor Markets*

Undergrad Lectures    *Introduction to Comparative Sociology*

University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies / University of  
Duisburg-Essen, Institute of East Asian Studies

Graduate Seminar      *Conducting Research in Japan*

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2015 “Guestwork Regimes: A Global Comparison.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, US. August.
- 2015 “Migration Industries and the State: Guestwork Programs in East Asia.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference. London, UK. July.
- 2015 “Outlaw Tea: Postmodern Tradition.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, US. March.
- 2014 “The Political Sociology of Regional Variation: Family Immigration in North America, Europe, and East Asia.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, US. August.
- 2013 “Migration Management in East Asia.” Conference on the Marketization of Migration Management, Danish Institute of International Studies, Istanbul, Turkey. June.
- 2013 “Co-Prosperity Through a Bowl of Tea.” The Politics of Materiality, New School of Social Research, New York, US. April.
- 2012 “Ethnicity in Everyday Life: Modalities of Ethnonational Categorization in Practice.” Plenary Session, German Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Bochum, Germany. October.
- 2012 “Migration Industries and Developmental States in East Asia.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, US. August.
- 2012 “National Symbols in Practice.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. March.
- 2010 “An Anatomy of the Iemoto System.” British Association of Japanese Studies Annual Meeting, London, UK. September.
- 2010 “Tea Ceremony Beyond Japan: Internationalizing a National Practice.” International Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden. July.
- 2010 “Selling Tea, Selling Japaneseness.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, US. March.
- 2008 “Assessing Theories of Immigration Policy Convergence: A Look at Japan.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Harvard University, US. August.

- 2007 「日本文化」としての茶道—日本とアメリカの比較 (Tea Ceremony as “Japanese Culture”: A Comparison of Japan and the US). Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kanto Gakuin University, Japan. November.
- 2007 “Nationwork: Making Tea, Making Japanese.” Anthropology of Japan in Japan Annual Meeting, Temple University, Tokyo, Japan. November.
- 2007 “Convergence and Japan’s Postwar Foreigner Policies.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, Meiji Gakuin University, Japan. June.
- 2005 「移動する」文化：国内および海外における茶道 (Culture on the Move: Tea Ceremony In and Out of Japan). Cultural Typhoon Conference, Ritsumeikan University, Japan. June.
- 2004 “‘Ethnic Practices’ in Translation: Tea in Japan and the US.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, University of California at Berkeley, US. August.
- 2003 “Changing Meanings of ‘Japanese Heritage’ in Migration.” European Association for Japanese Studies Annual Meeting, Warsaw University, Poland. August.

## INVITED PANELS

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- 2016 “The Role of Cities in Global Migration.” United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Global Forum. Baku, Azerbaijan. April.
- 2016 UCLA Teraski Center Global Japan Forum. UCLA. May.

## INVITED LECTURES

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- Beyond Blood and Soil: *Jus Pecuniae* and the Rise of Citizenship by Investment  
 2016 Institute for Advanced Study. Princeton, US. April.  
 2016 Department of Sociology, Princeton University. Princeton, US. April.  
 2016 NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. March.
- “Guestwork Regimes: A Global Comparison”  
 2016 Department of Sociology. NYU Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. March.  
 2015 Institute of Labor Relations. Cornell University, US. October.  
 2015 Center for Indian Studies in Africa. University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. August.
- “Outlaw Tea”  
 2015 Keynote at the international symposium “The Culture of Tea in Japan.” Ca’Foscari, Venice, Italy. October.
- “Immigration in the UK and Japan Today”  
 2015 Daiwa Foundation, London, UK. June.
- “Why Japan Doesn’t Have Guestworkers”  
 2015 Japan Society, London, UK. March.  
 2013 London Migration Research Group, London, UK. April.  
 2012 Free University of Berlin, Germany. December.
- “Beyond ‘Peacefulness Through a Bowl of Tea’”  
 2015 Japan Foundation, New York, US. April.  
 2015 School of Anthropology, Oxford University, UK. February.

- 2015 Diploma in East Asian Art, SOAS, University of London, UK. February.
- “The Political Sociology of Regional Variation: Family Immigration in North America, Europe, and East Asia”  
2014 Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB). Berlin, Germany, January.
- “Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice”  
2016 University of California, San Diego. February.  
2015 University of Zurich, Switzerland. May.  
2015 Columbia University, US. April  
2015 Princeton University, US. April.  
2015 Northwestern University, US. March  
2015 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, US. March.  
2015 Cambridge University, UK. February.  
2014 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US. November  
2014 Tokyo University, Japan. July.  
2014 Foreign Correspondents’ Club Japan, Tokyo, Japan. July.  
2014 University of Edinburgh, UK. March.  
2013 Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan. December.
- “Sensing the Nation: A Phenomenology of the Tea Ceremony”  
2014 Department of Anthropology, SOAS, University of London, UK. November.
- “From Selling Tea to Selling Japaneseness: The Iemoto System”  
2014 Japan Foundation, Tokyo, Japan. July.
- “お茶をたてる、日本をたてる：文化ナショナリズムの実践” (Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice).  
2013 Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan. December.
- “A Praxeological Perspective on Rituals”  
2013 Keynote speech, Conference on Pathos, Ritual, and Public Feeling: Social and Cultural Economies of Presence, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany. November.
- “Traditions Beyond Invention: Outlaw Tea”  
2013 Workshop on Japanese Traditions Beyond Invention, Düsseldorf University, Germany. November.
- “Migration Regimes: Guestworkers”  
2013 Inaugural Lecture (*Antrittsvorlesung*). University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. January.
- “Social Science Research Methods for the Study of East Asia”  
2012 Asia and Africa Institute, University of Hamburg, Germany. June.
- “Migration Industries in East Asia”  
2012 East Asia Net, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. October.
- “At the Margins of Multiculturalism: Others in Japan.”  
2012 University of Lyon, France. January  
2011 Nissan Institute, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, UK. June.
- “Tea Ceremony and the Production of National Culture.”  
2012 Asia and Africa Institute, University of Hamburg, Germany. June.  
2010 Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures Lecture Series, University of East Anglia, UK. March.  
2009 It’s a Matter of Taste: Food in World History and Cultures Lecture Series, UCLA, US. July.



- “Gendering the Tea Ceremony.”  
 2011 Research Colloquium for Gender and Cultural History. Bochum University, Germany. November.
- “Nation-Work: Towards a Praxeology of Cultural Nationalism.”  
 2011 Centre for Postcolonial Studies, Goldsmiths College, UK. March.  
 2010 Nissan Institute, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, UK. February.
- “Re-Making Japanese Tea: A Look at Institutions.”  
 2013 Research Colloquium for the Study of Social Organizations. Technical University Berlin, Germany. May.  
 2011 Ferdinand Braudel Series, Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Italy. January.  
 2009 Japan Research Centre, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK. February.
- “Using Culture for Nation-Work.”  
 2010 Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, Denmark. February.  
 2008 Cultural Power Asia – Producing Culture, Building Identities, Frankfurt University, Germany. November.
- 茶道とジェンダーとエスニティー (Tea Ceremony, Gender, and Ethnicity)  
 2007 Japanese Society for Studies of Chanoyu, Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan. September.
- 日本の文化とは？アメリカの文化とは？ (Japanese Culture? American Culture?)  
 2005 Wakō University, Japan. June.

## Ph.D. COMMITTEES

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Pia Ljungman (Politics, SOAS) “From One Crisis to Another: The European Sovereign Debt Crisis and the Reproduction of Neoliberalism”

Masato Kato (Religion, SOAS) “Japanese New Religion and Cultural Negotiations in a Global Context: Tenrikyo’s Postwar Expansion in Europe”

Alia Al-Senussi (Politics, SOAS) “Cultural Patronage and the Nature of Power: Contemporary Art in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Salon. New York. Quoted in an article on guestwork programs. February 12, 2016.

Share Radio. London. Interview on the direction of Abenomics. September 8, 2015.

Radio France International. Paris. Interview on military developments in East Asia. September 3, 2015.

China Central Television News. Beijing. Interview on Japan’s new defense budget. September 1, 2015.

Channel News Asia TV. Singapore. Interview on Japan’s new defense budget. August 31, 2015.

Kyodo News. Tokyo. Interview on Abe's speech on the anniversary of World War II. August 17, 2015.

Share Radio. London. Interview on democracy in Japan. July 30, 2015.

China Central Television News. Beijing. Interview on Japan's new defense whitepaper. July 23, 2015.

Channel News Asia TV. Singapore. Talk show appearance on new security measures in Japan. July 21, 2015.

Channel News Asia TV. Singapore. Interview on limits on freedom of the press in Japan. July 3, 2015.

NPR (National Public Radio). Washington, DC. "In the Japanese Tea Ceremony, Politics is Served with Every Cup" news segment on the book *Making Tea, Making Japan*. June 23, 2015.

Sky TV News. London. Interview on global migration trends. May 22, 2015.

China Central Television News. Beijing. Interview on Japanese war history. May 11, 2015.

Channel News Asia TV. Singapore. Interview on Prime Minister Abe's visit to Washington. April 29, 2015.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Interview on the meeting between the leaders of Japan and China. April 22, 2015.

Monocle 24 Radio. London. Interview on women's employment in Japan. March 18, 2015.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Interview on Japan's anti-terrorism policy. February 20, 2015.

Radio France International. Paris. Interview on Japan's foreign relations in the Middle East. February 15, 2015.

PrimeTime, FM 103.3. Seoul. Interview on Japan's involvement in the Middle East. January 27, 2015.

BBC News. London. Interview on Japanese hostages in the Middle East. January 20, 2015.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Interview on election results in Japan. December 14, 2014.

BBC World News. London. Interview on upcoming elections in Japan. December 12, 2014.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Interview on snap elections in Japan. November 18, 2014.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Interview on Japan-China bilateral relations. November 10, 2014.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Commentary on Japan and South Korea's asylum policies. November 4, 2014.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Commentary on Shinzo Abe's new cabinet. September 4, 2014.

Al Jazeera English. The Listening Post. London. Interview on press freedom in Japan. August 30, 2014.

Monocle 24 Radio. London. Interview on women in the workforce in Japan. August 4, 2014.

Deutsche Welle. Berlin. Commentary on Shinzo Abe's visit to Latin America. July 25, 2014.

BBC World News, Business Edition. London. Interview on women in the Japanese workforce. March 23, 2014.

PrimeTime, FM 103.3. Seoul. Interview on Japan-Korea relations. November 6, 2013.

## OP ED S

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“受け入れにも積極的に” Towards a Positive Reception (of refugees). Hokkaido Newspaper (Dōshin). P 8. November 23, 2015.

“Japan’s Battle for Peace.” *Jacobin*. October 1, 2015.

“Shinzo Abe’s New Mandate.” *The Diplomat*. December 21, 2014.

“保守化の懸念” (Concerns on Increasing Conservatism). Hokkaido Newspaper (Dōshin). P 6. December 17, 2014.

“The New Japanese Nationalism.” *Jacobin*. August 19, 2014.

“Abemania.” *OpenDemocracy*. July 9, 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2014- present Faculty Board member, Faculty of Law and Social Science, SOAS, University of London

2014- present Mentor for the Graduate Student Conference in the Politics Department, SOAS, University of London

2014 Jury member for the Best Graduate Student Paper Award of the Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2014 Organizer of the session “Guestwork Around the World” for the Research Committee on the Sociology of Work, International Sociological Association

2014 Organizer of the session “Labor Migration in East Asia” for the Research Committee on the Sociology of Migration, International Sociological Association

2013- present Co-organizer of the London Migration Research Group

2013 Co-organizer of the workshop *Japanese Traditions Beyond Invention*, University of Dusseldorf

2012 - 2013 Leader of the Diversity and Equality Committee, Faculty of Social Science, University of Duisburg-Essen

2008- present Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Routledge Press*, *Stanford University Press*

## LANGUAGES

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Japanese      fluent reading and speaking  
German        fluent reading and speaking  
Chinese        beginner reading and speaking

## REFERENCES

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*Prof. Rogers Brubaker*  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Department of Sociology

*Prof. Andreas Wimmer*  
Columbia University  
Department of Sociology

*Prof. Michael Kennedy*  
Brown University  
Department of Sociology

*Prof. Adrian Favell*  
Leeds University  
Department of Sociology