

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. Phil.) in Social Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, awarded in 2000.
Magister Artium in Social Anthropology (major), Sinology (minor) and Sociology (minor), Freie Universität Berlin, awarded in 1993.

LANGUAGES

German (mother tongue), English (C1-C2), Chinese (C1-C2), Norwegian (C1-C2), French (B2), Spanish (A1-A2)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Anthropological Fieldwork

Taiwan (1991, 1997, 2014, 2015), Fujian Province, PRC (1994, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2014, 2015), Shandong Province, PRC (2006, 2007, 2012), exploratory field trip in north Thailand (2019).

Thematic Interests

Chinese society, China global, Chinese migration and trading communities, land rights and rural economies, social transformations and moral change, gender, kinship and sociality, commodities and gifts, property dynamics, commerce and moral economies, new publics, law and justice, value and values, ethics, anthropological theory.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Professor and Chair in the Anthropology of Globalization, University of Cologne.
2015-present.

Full Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo. 2009-2015.

Associate Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo.
2006-2009.

Lecturer in Chinese Anthropology, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester, UK (permanent position). 2002-2006.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany; Research Team Property Relations and Moralities (Director: Prof. Chris Hann). 2000-2001.

Teaching Fellow at the Institut für Ethnologie, Freie Universität Berlin. 1998-1999.

Member of the Graduiertenkolleg (postgraduate college) “Comparison of Societies in Historical, Anthropological and Sociological Perspectives,” Berlin. 1994-1999.

Associate member of the research project “Ethnographic Comparison and Historical Survey of Taiwan and Fujian Provinces” (Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, USA, the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan and the Department of Economic History, Xiamen University, PRC). 1994-1995.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

DFG-Netzwerk: “Anthropology and China(s): Co-constructions of Ethnographic and Academic Regions”, 2021-2024. Grant amount: 46,791 EUR (Speaker).

German Excellence Initiative: “Forum China Global: Ideas, Values, Practices”, 2017-2019. Grant amount: 145,000 EUR (Speaker with Prof. Wilfried Hinsch).

Research Council of Norway: “Towards an Eventology of Kinship: Rupture, Virtue and the Making of Mutuality in China and Tibet”, 2014 –2015 (had to leave project with move to Cologne). Grant amount: 9,380 000 NOK (ca. 900,000 EUR) for three years (Applicant and speaker).

Taiwan Fellowship for 6 months research in Taiwan, January 2014-July 2014. Grant amount: 12,000 USD.

Maison de Science de l’Homme: Stipend for one month Visiting Professorship at the Centre Chine, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, November 2013. Grant amount: 3,300 EUR.

University of Oslo, LSE Annual Fund: Organization of two international workshops “Irony, Cynicism and the Chinese State” (at the LSE) and “Justice, Popular, Politics and the Chinese State” (at Oslo) (both together with Dr. Hans Steinmüller, LSE, UK), 2012. Grant amount: 150,000 NOK from the University of Oslo (ca. 14,000 EUR) and 12,553 GBP from LSE Annual Found.

University of Oslo: Two months buy-out to help prepare application for Senter for Fremragende Forskning (Center of Excellence), together with 6 professors from the Humanities Faculty at Oslo University, 2010.

University of Oslo: University of Oslo Grant for New Professors (including PhD student grant) “The Social Life of Law in China”, 2006-2010. Grant amount: 1, 500 000 NOK Topic (ca. 150,000 EUR).

British Academy Conference Grant, 2006. Grant amount: 2000 GBP.

Nuffield Foundation Social Sciences Small Grant, 2006. Grant amount: 4,666 GBP.

Universities’ China Committee Grant, 2006. Grant amount: 1,995 GBP.

British Academy Small Research Grant, 2006. Grant amount: 6,090 GBP (Co-applicant with Karen Sykes and Soumhya Venkatesan, Manchester).

University grant for Manchester China Seminar Series, 2003. Grant amount: 2,700 GBP.

University of Manchester Research Grant, 2002. Grant amount: 10,000 GBP.

EDITORIAL BOARDS, EXTERNAL REVIEWS, AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Editor of book series *China Global: Ideas, Values, Practices*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter (*in preparation*).
Editorial Board Member *Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives* (2015-present).
Editorial board member of *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* (2012-2017).
Editorial board member of *Critique of Anthropology* (2005-2020).
Executive Board Member of the *Commission on Legal Pluralism* (2008 -2012).

Board Member of the Royal Asiatic Society Bayly Prize (2020-present).
Board Member of the Offermann Hergaten Foundation Prize for academic publications (2020-present).

Organizer (with Heike Drotbohm, University of Freiburg) of the “Anthropology of Rights and Law” EASA-Network (2008-2012).

External reviewer for *Current Anthropology*, *JRAI*, *Ethnos*, *Sociological Review*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *China Journal*, *Social Analysis*, *Social Anthropology*, *Asian Anthropology*, *Society and Planning*.

External project reviewer for the European Association of Chinese Studies, the German Research Foundation (DFG), Volkswagen Foundation, European Research Council ERC Advanced Grant, ESRC, Leverhulme Research Fellowships (UK), the research department of the Ministry for Social Welfare, Denmark, as well as major national funding organizations in Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark.

External reviewer for professorial appointments at the EHESS, France, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, and for Chinese Area Studies at Oslo University and Aarhus University.

Member of *European Association of Social Anthropologists* (EASA), the *German Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology* (DGSKA), and the *European Association of Chinese Studies* (EACS).

SOMMER SCHOOL, CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND PANEL ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer, with W. Hirsch and J. Sommerschuh, international two-day Workshop “Value Pluralism and Moral China”, 2022.

Co-organizer with W. Hirsch, Cologne Summer School “CHINA global: the Politics of Infrastructure” in cooperation with the University of Nottingham Ningbo China, PR China, September 2-9-, 2019.

Co-organizer with W. Hirsch, interdisciplinary workshop at Fudan University “Global China—Expanding Spheres of Exchange”, May 11-12, 2019.

Co-organizer with W. Hirsch, Cologne Summer School “CHINA global: Centers and Margins” in cooperation with Xiamen University, PR China, September 10-17, 2018.

Co-organizer with W. Hinsch, interdisciplinary and international kick-off conference "China Global: Ideas, Value, Practices", 2018.

Co-organizer with N. Sausmikat, workshop "China`s New Silk Roads: Exploring the Emerging Worlds of Chinese Globalization", by Asia House Foundation and GSSC, November 10, 2017.

Co-Organizer with R. Zavoretti and J.P. Pettier, international workshop "China and Chinas: the many Faces of the Nation State", by GSSC, July 27-28, 2017.

Organizer, International China Anthropology Conference: "The Enigma of Change and Continuity in China", July 24-26, 2017.

Co-organizer with H. Steinmüller, international workshop at the Department of Anthropology "Justice, Popular Politics and the Chinese State", University of Oslo, 2012.

Co-organizer with H. Steinmüller, international workshop at the Department of Anthropology "Cynicism, Irony and the Chinese State", London School of Economics, 2012.

Co-organizer with six professors from the Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo, of an international workshop in preparation for an application for a Senter for Fremragende Forskning "Centre for studying cultures of learning in Asia (CLAS)", 2011.

Co-organization with A. Kipnis, panel "The Ends of Politic(s) in China", at the AAA Meeting Philadelphia, USA, 2009.

Co-organization with C. Brumann, workshop "Ostasien: Anthropologie einer Region im Wandel", at the DGV conference, Frankfurt am Main, 2009.

Organizer, workshop "Resignifications: Law, Justice, Moralities", at the conference "Legal Pluralist Perspectives on Development and Cultural Diversity", University of Zürich, 2009.

Co-organizer with P. Wade and K. Woodward, CRESC workshop "Governing Cultures? Neoliberalism, Democracy and the Questions of Diversity", University of Manchester, 2007.

Co-organizer with K. Sykes and S. Venkatesan, "Living Paradoxes: Moral Reasoning and Social Change", University of Manchester, 2006.

Co-organizer with L.C. Bottos, workshop "Refractions of the Secular: Localisations of Emancipation in the Contemporary World", 9th EASA Biennial Conference *Europe and the World*, Bristol, UK, 2006.

Co-organizer with G. Duro dos Santos, conference "On Chinese Kinship and Relatedness: Contemporary Anthropological Perspectives", University of Manchester, 2006.

Co-organizer with M. Green, workshop "Scientific Socialism, Rational Planning and Local Knowledge: the Postsocialist Experience", ASA Decennial Conference "Anthropology and Science", Manchester, UK, 2004.

Organizer, workshop "Place, Identity and Property in Post-Mao China", international conference of Asian Scholars (ICAS 2), Berlin, 2003.

Organizer and convenor, "Manchester China Seminar Series", University of Manchester, 2002-2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Single Authored Books

- Brandtstädter, S. (2015). *Falsificaciones, Derechos y Protestas. Aproximaciones a la China contemporánea*. Buenos Aires: Fondo de Cultura Económica.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2000). *Hierarchy or Alliance - The Moral Economy of Gender & Kinship in Taiwan and China* (doctoral thesis). Berlin: Freie Universität.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1994). „Früher hat uns das Meer ernährt, heute ernähren uns unsere Töchter“. *Frauen und wirtschaftlicher Wandel in einem taiwanesischen Fischerdorf*. München: Minerva.

Editorships

- Brandtstädter, S. and Hinsch, W. (eds.) (2022). *Gefährliche Forschung?: Eine Debatte über Gleichheit und Differenz in der Wissenschaft*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter.
- Brandtstädter, S. and Steinmüller, H. (eds.) (2017). *Popular Politics and the Quest for Justice*, in China Routledge Contemporary China Series, 1st ed., London, New York: Routledge.
- Steinmüller, H. and Brandtstädter, S. (eds.) (2016). *Irony, Cynicism and the Chinese State*, 1st ed., London/New York: Routledge.
- Brandtstädter, S., Wade, P. and Woodward, K. (eds.) (2012). *Rights, Cultures, Subjects and Citizens*. London: Routledge (reprint).
- Brandtstädter, S., Wade, P. and Woodward, K. (eds.) (2011). Rights, Cultures, Subjects and Citizens. *Economy and Society*, Special Issue, 40(2).
- Brandtstädter, S. and Sykes, K. (eds.) (2010). Prickly Pear Polemics 1&2, *Critique of Anthropology* 30(1).
- Brandtstädter, S. and Santos, G.D. (eds.) (2009). *Chinese Kinship: New Anthropological Approaches*. London: Routledge.
- Brandtstädter, S. (ed.) (2007). Transitional Spaces: Postsocialism as a Cultural Process, *Critique of Anthropology*, Special Issue 27(2).

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

- Brandtstädter, S. (2021). Rising from the Ordinary: Virtue, the Justice Motif, and Moral Change. *Anthropological Theory*, 21(2), pp. 180-205.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2012). Counterpolitics of Liberation in Contemporary China: Corruption, Law and Popular Religion. *Ethos*, 78(3), 328-351.
- Brandtstädter, S., Wade, P. and Woodward, K. (2011) Introduction: rights, cultures, subjects and citizens. *Economy and Society*, Special Issue, 40(2), 167-183.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2011). Kronglete moderniteter på den kinesiske landsbygda. *Norsk antropologisk tidsskrift*, 22(2), 102-115.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2011). The Law Cuts Both Ways: Rural Legal Activism and Citizenship Struggles in Neosocialist China. *Economy and Society*, Special Issue, 40(2), 266-288.
- Brandtstädter, S. and Sykes, K. (2010). Prickly Pear Polemics—Introduction to Sundar and Robbins: Culpability, Conversion and the Possibility of Justice. *Critique of Anthropology*, 30(1), 110-112.

- Brandtstädter, S. And Sykes, K. (2010). Prickly Pear Polemics-Introduction to Feuchtwang and Strathern: Judgement, Commensurability and Double Vision. *Critique of Anthropology*, 30(1), 91-93.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2007). Transitional Spaces: Postsocialism as a Cultural Process. Introduction to the Special Issue. *Critique of Anthropology*, Special Issue *Transitional Spaces*, 27(2), 131-145.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2006). Con Elias en China. Proceso civilizatorio, restauraciones locales y poder en la China rural contemporánea (Translation). *Estudios en Antropología Social*, 2, 237-258.
- Brandtstädter, S. and Schubert, G. (2005). Democratic Thought and Practice in Rural China. *Democratization*, Special Issue *On the State of Democracy* 12(5), 801-819.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2004). Money plucked from the Sky: Shrimp Farming, Entrepreneurship and the Circulation of Know-How in a Fujian Village. *Taiwan Journal of Anthropology*, Special Issue *Learning and the Chinese Economy*, 2(1), 41-67.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2003): With Elias in China. "Civilizing Process", Local Restorations and Power in Contemporary Rural China. *Anthropological Theory*, 3(1), 87-105.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2003). Review Essay of *The Power of Tiananmen State-Society Relations and the 1989 Beijing Student Movement* by D. Zhao and *China Since Tiananmen: The Politics of Transition* by J. Fewsmith. *Government and Opposition*, 38(3), 408-416.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2000). Taking Elias to China (and Leaving Weber at Home). Post-Maoist Transformations and Neo-traditional Revivals in the Chinese Countryside. *Sociologus*, 50(2), 113-143.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1996). „Heute ernähren uns unsere Töchter“. Frauen und Marktwirtschaft: Eine Fallstudie in einem taiwanesischen Fischerdorf. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 25(4), 289-303.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- Brandtstädter, S. (2022). Peasant Marginalities and Planned Futures in Rural South China. In: M. Haug and R. Stolz (eds.). *Empirical Encounters. Essays in Honour of Martin Rössler*. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, 65-75.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2017). Introduction Judging the state: Emerging publics and the quest for justice in China. In: S. Brandtstädter and H. Steinmüller (eds.). *Popular Politics and the Quest for Justice*, in China Routledge Contemporary China Series, 1st edition. London New York: Routledge, 1-17.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2016). The rebel as trickster and the ironies of resisting in rural China. In: S. Brandtstädter and H. Steinmüller (eds.). *Irony, Cynicism and the Chinese State*, 1st edition. London, New York: Routledge, 122-137.
- Brandtstädter, S., Wade, P. and Woodward, K. (2012). Introduction: rights, cultures, subjects and citizens. In: Brandtstädter, S., Wade, P. and Woodward, K. (eds.). *Rights, Cultures, Subjects and Citizens*. London: Routledge (reprint), 1-16.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2010). Social Rituals. In: D. Pong (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Modern China*. Detroit: Gale Cengage, 435-437.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2009). Fakes: Fraud, Value Anxiety and the Politics of Sincerity. In: K. Sykes (ed.). *Ethnographies of Moral Reasoning. Living Paradoxes of a Global Age*. New York: Palgrave, 139-160.

- Brandtstädter, S. (2009). The Gender of Work and the Production of Kinship Value in Taiwan and China. In: S. Brandtstädter and G. D. Santos (eds.), *Chinese Kinship. Contemporary Anthropological Perspectives*. London: Routledge, 154-177.
- Brandtstädter, S. and Santos, G. (2009). Introduction Chinese kinship metamorphoses. In: Brandtstädter, S. and Santos, G.D. (eds.). *Chinese Kinship: New Anthropological Approaches*. London: Routledge, 1-26.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2008). Rural Poverty, Legal Activism and Development in Rural China. In: Dan Banik (ed.). *Rights and Legal Empowerment in Eradicating Poverty*. London: Ashgate, 97-108.
- Brandtstädter, S. and Schubert, G. (2006). Democratic Thought and Practice in Rural China. In: J. Faundez (ed.). *On the State of Democracy*. London: Routledge (reprint), 801-819.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2003). The Moral Economy of Kinship and Property in Southern China. In: Chris Hann and the 'Property Relations Group' (eds.). *The Postsocialist Agrarian Question: Property Relations and the Agrarian Question*. Münster and Berlin: Lit Verlag, 419-440.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1999). Landverteilungskonflikte, lokale Institutionen und Staat – Zur Autorität der Tradition in Südostchina. In: E. Alber und J. Eckert (eds.). *Schlichtung von Landkonflikten – ein Workshop*. Institut für Ethnologie, FU Berlin und GTZ, Berlin 15.-17.02.99, Berlin.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1999). Hierarchy and Alliance: Kinship, Gender and the Political Economy in Taiwan and the People's Republic. In: *Proceedings of the Conference "Social Change across the Taiwan Strait: The Issue of the Family"*. Taipei, Taiwan: Fu-Jen University.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1997). Dorfpolitik: Geschlechterbeziehungen, Familienstrukturen und gesellschaftlicher Wandel in China und Taiwan. In: T. Heberer und K. K. Vogel (eds.). *Frauen-Los?! Politische Partizipation von Frauen in Ostasien*. Hamburg: Lit Verlag.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1997). Entwicklungspfade: Geschlechterbeziehungen und gesellschaftlicher Wandel im ländlichen China und Taiwan. Über den Entstehungsprozess einer Arbeit. In: A. Triebel (ed.). *Die Pragmatik des Gesellschaftsvergleichs*. Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag.

Peer-reviewed Working Papers

- Brandtstädter, S. (2006). Muddled Modernities in Peasant China. CRESC Working Paper No. 18.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2001). Re-defining Place in Southern Fujian: How Overseas Mansions and Ancestral Halls Re-appropriate the Local from the State. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Working Paper No. 30.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2000). Elias in China? "Civilising Process", Kinship and Customary Law in the Chinese Countryside. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Working Paper No. 6.

Reviews, Short Articles, and Other

- Brandtstädter, S. (2011). China, Anthropology and Human Rights. *Anthropress*. University of Oslo, Norway.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2007). Review of *Rightful Resistance in Rural China* by K. O'Brien and L. Lianjiang. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 33(4), 710-712.

- Brandtstädter, S. (2005). Property Struggles and the Ownership of Development in Southern China. In: Chris Hann (ed.). *Property Relations: The Halle Focus Group, 2000-2005*. Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, 22-25.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2005). Review of *Marriage, Sex and Gender in a Contemporary Chinese Village* by S. Yuen, P. Low, and Y. Ho. *The Sociological Review*, 53(4), 792-795.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2001). Review of *Property Rights and Economic Reform in China* by J. C. Oi (ed.). *Anthropological Theory*, 1(1), 136-137.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2001). Review of *States and Illegal Practices* by J. Heyman (ed.)] *Focaal*, 37.
- Brandtstädter, S. (2001). Research Profile in *Report of the Max-Planck-Institute for Social Anthropology*, Halle, Germany.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1996). Published interview on "Doing Fieldwork in China" in the final report of the research project "Feldforschung in den Ostasienwissenschaften", Directors S. Linhart, E. Pilz, and R. Sieder. Vienna: University of Vienna Publication.
- Brandtstädter, S. (1996). Research profile in Newsletter *Women in Asia*, Australian Women's Caucus Asian Studies Association, November Issue.