

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data:

Family name: Dr. Troeger
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Profession: Professor of Social Geography /
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Main Fields of Competence and Professional Experience

- Actor oriented analysis of processes of Societal Transformation and crises in Africa: emphasis on climate change and adaptation, food insecurity and food crisis, HIV-AIDS.
- Conflict analysis and mediation: resource conflicts/conflicts in contested arenas (forced evictions, re-allocation of land, privatization, resettlement, environmental threats/risks).
- Livelihood and vulnerability analyses: explicit emphasis on climate change adaptation and sustainability perspectives, environmental and social justice.
- Approaches in Transformative Research (PRA, PAR, inquiry as performance: video work); moderation techniques.
- Didactics: teaching & training concepts and their practical application (including design of didactical material and media development); curriculum & module development in fields of social sciences.
- Special emphasis on and experience in methodology training in qualitative empirical research.
- Experience in the field of GTZ/GIZ and BMZ (Ministry of Development and Cooperation): consultancy contracts in various regional - Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Ecuador, Cambodia - contexts and thematic foci.
- Special emphasis on a GTZ/GIZ-Cim (Center for International Migration) engagement in Ethiopia as an advisor and department head 'Climate Change Adaptation' at HoAREC (Horn of Africa Regional Environment Center - University of Addis Ababa). Establishment of the named department at HoAREC. In this context: Initiator and head of the Climate Change Adaptation project funded by the German Embassy in pastoralist environments in the Lower Omo Valley/Ethiopia).

- Initiator and head of university cooperation initiatives with Arba Minch University (DAAD Advisory Contract: 2016-2018) and Jinka University (DAAD Fact Finding Mission: July - December 2018) Ethiopia.
- Research evaluation: 2019 until 2021 – head-member of the evaluation team in the DAAD funding program: Climate Research Alumni and PostDocs in Africa / project evaluation at OeAD, Department for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Vienna, Austria) March/April 2021.
- Consultant GIZ/FABRIC: Training on participatory approaches and related methodological tools for trainers of garment workers in the Cambodian textile industry – 2023-2024
- DAAD supported: Visiting Professor at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Yogyakarta/Indonesia: 2024 - 2026

Schooling:

1965 - 1973 High School in Oberhausen-Sterkrade. Exam: A Level.

1961 - 1965 Primary School in Duisburg-Walsum

Academic career:

27.6.2001 Habilitation, Thesis: „Food Security in the context of Societal Transformation – Local Actors and their Agency. A Study on the Ufipa Plateau in Southwest Tanzania“.
Venia Legendi: Didactics

25.11.1992 PhD, Thesis: "The perception of Africa by German grammar school students".
Grade: 'magna cum laude'.

1973 - 1981 University Training for High School Teaching at Ruhr University in Bochum.
Subjects: Geography, English. Diploma: 1st Staatsexamen (= MA).

Professional Training:

1983 – 1985 Teacher Training at Studienseminar Bochum.
Diploma: 2nd Staatsexamen – 2 years Teacher Training
(Grade: 'With Excellence').

Further Qualifications:

Most recent training:

11 Sept. 2024 DHV- Seminar: Digitalisierung der Lehre

20 – 30 November 2023 Forum ZFD: Practicing Environmental Peacebuilding –
A systemic environmental approach for peace and conflict work'

31 July – 6 August. 1984 One-week practical training by GTZ, German Agency for Technical
Cooperation: „Participatory Rural Appraisal" (PRA).

1986 - 1987 2 one-week Seminars on the ZOPP-Method (Development Planning).

Experience abroad - Consultancies, Research (Habilitation Thesis), University Cooperations:

Africa: Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Ethiopia

Latin America: Ecuador

Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia

Languages:

English (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency), Spanish (confident in reading and understanding, limited conversation - B1),

French (B2), and Kiswahili (A2), Bahasa Indonesia – present language training

Professional experience:

August 2024 – July 2026	DAAD Herder Professorship Yogyakarta, Indonesia – 'Visiting Professor' at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM)
October 2015	ERASMUS stay at Royal Holloway University / London (10 days) - specific Focus: social-political philosophy in participatory approaches (research & practice)
March 2002 March 2020	Professor of Social Geography / Geographic Development Research at the Institute for Geography / University of Bonn (retirement April 2020)
WS 01/02-	Acting Professor in Didactics of Geography at the Institute for Geography / University of Bayreuth.
1991-1999	University Assistant (C1) at the Institute for Geography / University of Bayreuth, Department: Didactics of Geography – September 1996 until August 1998: on child leave.
SS 1991	University teaching position ('Lehraufträge') at the Technical University Berlin/ Institute for Geography (Preparation for Practical Training, Coaching in Schools).
1986-1991	Lecturer at the Technical University of Berlin / Institute for Geography, Department for Didactics of Geography (Position: 'Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin')
1985	Teacher (14 hours/week) at a High School in Herdecke, for three months.
1981-1982	Teacher (12 lessons/week) at a High School in Gelsenkirchen.
1979-1982	Tutor (student assistant with teaching obligations) at the Institute for Geography / Ruhr University in Bochum, 19 hours/week.
1975-1986	Teacher at Adult Education Institute (VHS)- English, 8 lessons/week (beginner to certificate level)

Professional Experience II:

University Didactics / Geographic Development Research / Conceptual Design of scientific research and teaching objectives in cooperation with departments / Universities in Africa/Asia:

23 until 26 June 2025	Training in Didactics combined with elements of the Participatory Approach aiming at 'Empowerment' Training for lecturers of: Universitas Gadjah Mada, Universitas Diponegoro, UIN Abdurrahman, Universitas Udayana, Universitas Negeri, Universitas Brawijana, Politeknik ATK
September 2022	Evaluation: DAAD "Leadership for Africa", project 2022
2019 – 2021	Head of Evaluation Team in DAAD funding program: Climate Research Alumni and PostDocs in Africa - ClimapAfrica (esp. WASCAL & SASSCAL)
July until December 2018	DAAD University Cooperation, here: Fact Finding Mission Project Head Cooperation with Jinka University / Ethiopia Regional focus: Lower Omo Valley Project Partners: Prof. Dr. Gebre Yntiso (President), Dr. Dikaso Gojamme (Vice President)
July 2016 until June 2018	DAAD Hochschulberater-Vertrag (University Advisor Contract) – Arba Minch University (coop. project on Curriculum Development & Coaching in the field of Social Sciences with Arba Minch University / Ethiopia)
WS 2013 until WS 2015	Member of the lecturer team of the GIUB/UNU Joint Master Course on "Environmental Risks and Human Security" (International Master Course)
SS 2002 until 2013	Member of the advisory board of study affairs at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn, Geography Department (Tasks: modularization of diploma and graduate programs, conceptual design and reorganization of Bachelor and Master study programs consistent with the requirements for accreditation ('Bologna Process'), definition of learning objectives.
2002 until 2020	Senior Research Fellow at ZEF (altogether 10 PhD supervisions)
2003 until 2013	Member of the structuring commission at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn, Geography Institute (Tasks: long term structuring of teaching objectives and scientific research at the Geography Department as well as within the interdisciplinary association neighboring sciences, analyses of labor markets to guarantee a long term propaedeutic professional education for students, overall concept discussions).

Professional Experience in Developing Countries; Experiences in Field Research/Work and Training of Field Staff:

October 2015	ERASMUS Staff Mobility for Teaching, Royal Holloway University, London
June 2012	Lecturer for 'Rift Valley Institute, a course on Horn of Africa' - Kenya

January until February 2012	Lecturer on 'Climate Change Governance: Adaptation & Mitigation as Institutional Process, University of Wageningen, Netherlands
November 2008 until August 2012	GTZ-CIM: Expert position as Head-Coordinator of the Climate Change & Adaptation Unit at HoA-REC/N (Horn of Africa Regional Environment Center & Network – In this context: contract with GTZ-SLM (Sustainable Land Management Program Ethiopia: 1,5 Years Climate Change Adaptation study With 8 MA-Students of Bonn University & 18 Woreda Experts in Ethiopia)
2011	Project leader: Project on Climate Change Adaptation funded by the German Embassy in Ethiopia (Climate Fund '11), regional focus: South Omo/ Nyangatom Community
2006 – 2010	Project funded by DFG (German Research Foundation) on „Agency and local actors: Perceptions, interpretations and strategies in the context of HIV/AIDS in urban and semi-urban Ethiopia.“
2003	Research Cooperation with Mzuzu University, Mzuzu (Malawi) and Universidade Católica de Moçambique, Beira (Mozambique)
2003 until 2005	Cooperation with GTZ „Mainstreaming AIDS“/ Malawi
1987	3 months field research in Kenya and Tanzania sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Consultant Activities:

February until June 2024	GIZ – FABRIC Consultancy: PRA capacity & Organizational Development - Training of support agents (retired Garment Workers) for active Garment Workers (90% women in highly vulnerable livelihood constellations)
September until December 2023	GIZ – FABRIC Consultancy: Introduction of and training on the PRA participatory approach – training of garment workers of the Textile Industry Cambodia – as service delivery at the WE House (Women Empowerment) via organizational and capacity development.
December 2007 until November 2008	GTZ/APE (African Parks Ethiopia) consultancy on: Backstopping of communication and mediation processes and training of field staff (moderators, facilitators from ethnic communities);
May until October 2007	GTZ/APF (African Parks Ethiopia) consultancy: “Development of a concept for conflict mediation and participatory planning, communication and coordination” in the context of the land rights conflict, Omo-National-Park/South Ethiopia.
2007 until 2009	Consultant for DFG (German Research Foundation): evaluation of research applications
8 March 2006	Consultant for the allocation of studentships for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
25 November 2004	Consultant for the allocation of studentships for the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
April until May 2004	Overview on the socio-cultural Dimension of the concept of ‘Sustainability’ according to Rio 1992 (consultancy by ‘Staatsinstitut für Schulqualität und Bildungsforschung (ISB) – together with Prof. Dr. Theo Rauch / FU Berlin

- 1998 Consultant for the GTZ-project „Sociopolitical Counseling in Malawi“
- 4 until 15 May 1998: Training and instructions for 18 students of Sociology from the Netherlands and Malawi for their field work with participatory research methodology (esp. PRA).
- 1993-1994 Consultant / Trainer for the GTZ-IFSP (Integrated Food Security Program) in Sumbawanga/ Tanzania.
Terms: Conception and evaluation of Target-Group PRA-Approach, training and coaching of field staff, revision and adaptation of conceptual approach
- 1992-1997 Research fellow of the project „Identity in Africa“, sponsored by the German Research Foundation (DFG) in Bayreuth. Fieldwork: 3 years altogether.
The research data was analyzed in the context of the Habilitation-Thesis.
- 1989 2 months of fieldwork; context of the GTZ-Project for “Bilingual Teaching at Primary Schools” in the Paramo (highland) of Ecuador (EBI), Consultancy of the Ministry for Development Cooperation (BMZ) of the German Government.
Terms: Development and design of teaching material on Development Cooperation for teaching at German schools.
- 1988 3,5 months fieldwork in 2 GTZ-Projects in Zimbabwe (CARD) and Zambia (IRDP).
Consultancy for GTZ. Terms: Development and design of teaching material on development cooperation to be used in German schools

Talks at Congresses and Symposia / all together about 90 / among them the most prominent:

- 19 until 23 September 2022 Workshop in **Lusaka** / Zambia (VW foundation): ‘Spaces for Future: Processes of Rural and Urban Transformation in Southern Africa.
Keynote: ‘Societal Transformation – The urge for Social Justice’.
- 27 August 2021 SPARC / Social Policy and Research Center: Colombo University; Series-Lecture 6: ‘Everything that is happening now is beyond our capacity’ - Pastoralist Societies in the course of Societal Transformation (Colombo virtual).
- 7 - 11 July 2021 VAD Africa Challenges, Panel: Lands of the Future - Futuremaking with Pastoralists in Africa, Talk: Just Societal Transformation. Perspectives of Pastoralists in the Lower Omo Valley in Ethiopia (*Frankfurt, virtual*)
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- 29 - 30 October 2020 DAAD ClimapAfrica Conference, Talk: ‘Committees’, a promising institution in Climate Change Communication and Adaptation? (virtual)
- 28 July 2019 Oromo Studies Association (OSA) Conference, Talk: Pastoralist Societies in Lower Omo – Dynamics in Societal Transformation, **Addis Ababa**
- 8 May 2019 Bonner Geographische Gesellschaft: Gesellschaftliche Transformation im Zeichen der Globalisierung: Pastoralisten, ihr Leben in Süd-Äthiopien, **Bonn**
- 3 October 2018 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES20), 30th Oct. – 5th Nov. Talk: Lands of the Future: Governance – A Pastoralist Interpretation from the Lower Omo, **Mekelle** / Ethiopia (Congress Journey funded by DAAD)
- 9 until 12 ASA (American Studies Assoc.) Congress in **Chicago**

- November 2017 Panel Chair: New Directions in Ethiopian Studies: Contemporary Perspectives
- 5 April 2017 Talk: Hunger, Armut und Entrechtung im Schatten der Globalisierung: Beispiel Äthiopien. Jubiläumsvortrag der Gesellschaft für Geographie und Geologie **Bochum** zum 60jährigen Bestehen.
- 12 January 2017 ARTS Talk: Community Participation: hail promising landmark in Climate Change Adaptation? **Bonn**
- 21 until 23 February 2016 Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation in Africa 2016, Talk: 'Models' for Climate Change Adaptation – Beware / Be Aware of Societal Transformation', **Addis Ababa** (Congress Journey, funded by DAAD),
- 2 until 4 September 2015 World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation (WSCCA 2015), Talk: 'Societal Transformation, buzzy perspectives on Climate Change Adaptation', **Manchester**
- 7 May 2012 International Workshop in **Bonn (GIZ)**: Tracking Successful Adaptation – Smart Monitoring for Good Results; Key Note: Setting the Scene: Stories of Adaptation from Ethiopia



- 1 February 2011 Delhi Sustainable Development Summit **IPCC**: Tapping Local Initiatives and Tracking Global Inertia, 1 until 3 February 2001. Talk: Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change – Examples from Ethiopia. & Panelist on 3 February, **New Delhi**
- 20 July 2011 **IPCC** Workshop on Indigenous Peoples, Marginal Populations and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge 19 until 21 July in **New Mexico**, IPCC 2014 - Lead Authors Meeting on Regional Examples; Talk: 'Everything that is happening now is beyond our capacity! – Nyangatom Livelihoods under Threat'
- 17th Oct. 2009 HoA-REC/N Stakeholder Meeting in **Kartoum**: 15th-18th October 2009. Talk: Features of Climate Change in Ethiopia – imperatives and challenges for Adaptation.
- 4th Aug. 1992 Symposium on 'Interdependence in Geographic Education, University of Colorado, **Boulder**, 2nd – 7th August 1992, Talk: The Perception of Africa and its People by German Pupils: Framework for Dev. Education.

Selected Benchmarks in lecturing, focal emphases in academic training (period after the GTZ-CIM contract, courses in English only)

- *Seminar (undergraduate/graduate students)*: Framing Sustainable Tourism on the Ground – Perspectives and Imaginations of Residents and Actors in Watu Kodok, Kelor Kidul & Kelor Lor/Gunungkidul: February until June 2026; UGM Yogyakarta
- *Seminar (undergraduate/graduate students)*: Reflecting your Life – a turn towards Social Theory! Getting prepared for academic discourses and your 'thesis': February until June 2026; UGM Yogyakarta – **25 participants!**
- 'Healthy Environments' in the Era of Anthropocene: Human-nature relations, when humans have become the dominant force shaping Earth's Biophysical composition and processes: semester February until June 2025; UGM Yogyakarta.

- The 'good tourist' – images and interpretations on the side of the 'visited agents', communities and individuals in Jogja environments: semester February until June 2025; UGM Yogyakarta.
- Globalization, Fragmentation and Transformation: Benchmarks in Geography Discourses – Master Course, 4 hours/week: Winter Semester 2019/2020
- Inequality and Development in the Age of Globalization – Dialogues between Science and Practice – Master Course: Winter Semester 2014/2015

Methodology Training

- Philosophies and approaches in reflexive research in geography – Master Course: Winter Semester 2019/2020
- 'Participation' – Methodological approaches and instruments in critical-emancipatory perspective – Master Course: Winter Semester 2018/2019
- Introduction to Visual Methodologies – Master Course: Summer Semester 2017
- Participation in socio-political terms and methodological operationalization perspectives: research and practice – Master Course: Winter Semester 2014/2015

Project Seminar – 6 seminar hours/week

- Refugees facing the challenge of securing their livelihoods in Bonn: A differentiated actor analysis – Master Course: Summer Semester 2

Supervision of Academic Qualification Procedures

PhD procedures completed

- Daniel Simon (Germany) (2024): Societal Transformation – Interlinkages between digital innovation and globalized dynamics in the shadow of changing fields of power – spatialized case studies from Zambia
- Edna Agyepong (Ghana) (2022): Displacement, land scarcity, and processes of societal transformation. Social constructions and dynamics in the meaning of 'land' around Ghana's Bui Dam.
- Aymar Godfried Koukoubou (Benin) (2021): Handeln in riskanten Umwelten – Überlebenssicherung um welchen Preis? Das Beispiel der Region Atakora in Nord Benin.
- Darius Tounianuo Mwingyine (Ghana) (2019): Emergent Land Commodification and Intergenerational Land Relations in Peri-Urban Northwestern Ghana.
- Felix Guntermann (Germany) (2019): Addis Abeba Airport zwischen Globalisierung und Fragmentierung – Ein Hub in Raum und Zeit.
- Steven Ataamvari Adaawen (Ghana) (2015): Narratives of Migration – Complex Answers of a Society in Transformation, Ghana.
- Till Winkelman (Germany) (2013): Risikowahrnehmung, -interpretation und -handeln im Kontext von HIV/AIDS und gesellschaftlicher Transformation. Untersuchungen im urbanen Raum von Addis Abeba/Äthiopien.
- Sewmehon Demissi Tegegne (Ethiopia) (2012): Livestock Water Productivity (LWP) improvement in the mixed crop-livestock system of Ethiopian Highlands, Amhara Region: a gendered sustainable livelihood approach to target LWP interventions for rural poverty reduction.

About 95 Publications – among them, the most important:

- Nyambe A., Troeger S. (2026): Just Transformations in Climate Change and Heat Stress Adaptation of Rural Agricultural Communities in Zambia.
- R. Sarku, G. Kranjac-Berisavljevic, S. Troeger (2024): Just transformations in climate information services provision: perspectives of farmers in southern Ghana
- Tröger, S. (2021): Just Societal Transformation: Perspectives of Pastoralists in the Lower Omo Valley in Ethiopia. In: W. Leal Filho et al (eds), African Handbook of Climate Change Adaptation,

Springer.

- Tröger, S. (2021): Words of Introduction: 'Committees' ..., Virtual DAAD ClimapAfrica Conference, 29th - 30th October 2020.
- Tröger, S. (2021, republished): 'Committees', a promising institution in Climate Change Communication and Adaptation. In: Condition Humana, Beiträge zum Verlust von Welt und Leib, Vol. 3, 9-22.
- Tröger, S. (2020): 'Climate Services' – the exposition to processes of Irreversible Societal Transformation, in: African Handbook of Climate Change Adaptation: learning, sharing and advancing efforts to promote climate change adaptation in Africa, Springer Verlag.
- Tröger, S. (2018, republished): 'Everything That Is Happening Now Is Beyond Our Capacity' – Nyangatom Livelihoods Under Threat. In: Cambridge University Press & UNESCO: Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation, Chapt. 15, pp 214 - 226, Cambridge
- Tröger, S. (2018): 'Committees', a Promising Institution in Climate Change Communication and Adaptation? In: W. Leal et al. (eds): Handbook of Climate Change Communication: Vol. 2, Chapt. 22, pp 341-355. Springer Verlag: Climate Change Management
- Tröger, S. (2016): Societal Transformation, buzzy perspectives towards successful Climate Change Adaptation: An Appeal to Caution. In: Handbook of Climate Change Adaptation. In: W.L.Filho Leal et al (eds): Climate Change Management – Implementing Climate Change Adaptation in Cities and Communities, Integrating Strategies and Educational Approaches, Chapt. 19, pp 353-365. Springer Verlag; Climate Change Management Series.
- Tröger, S. (2016): 'Everything That is Happening Now Is Beyond Our Capacity' – Nyangatom Livelihoods Under Threat. In: W.L. Filho et al (eds): Climate Change Management Series. Chapt. 19, pp. 353-365, Springer Verlag.
- Tröger, S. (2012): Failing Seasons, Ailing Societies – Climate Change and Adaptation in Ethiopia. Addis Ababa (study with 8 German students & 18 Woreda (district) DAs)
- Tröger, S. (2011): Climate Policy Brief on Sustainable Land Management (2010). Ethiopian Civil Society Network on Climate Change, Policy Brief 3.
- Tröger, S. (2009): Fragmented or included? – Impacts of Globalization on Addis Ababa's Poor. In: Die Erdkunde Vol. 63, No. 3.
- Tröger, S. (2008): Omo National Park – Concept on Participatory Communication and Conflict Mediation. GTZ
- Tröger, S.: Leben in Megastädten – Menschen auf einer Gratwanderung zwischen Integration und gesellschaftlichem Ausschluss. www.bundesregierung.de/evelop-das
- Tröger, S. (2004): Handeln zur Ernährungssicherheit im Zeichen gesellschaftlichen Umbruchs – Untersuchungen auf dem *Ufipa*-Plateau im Südwesten Tansanias. Saarbrücken, Breitenbach Verlag (= Geographische Entwicklungsforschung 27) – **Habilitation Thesis**
- Tröger, S. (2003a): Arbeit im Umbruch kultureller Wertigkeiten. Konsequenzen für die Nahrungssicherheit in der ländlichen Peripherie Tansanias. Geographische Rundschau 55, 7/8, S. 24-28.
- Tröger, S. (2003b): Akteure in ihrer Lebensgestaltung (livelihood) zu Zeiten sozialer Transformation – Theoretische Überlegungen und ihre Anwendung auf das Beispiel von Landnutzungskonflikten in Tansania. Geographica Helvetica 58, 1, S. 24-34.
- Tröger, S. (2002a): Transformation of Food Systems in the Context of Political Change. Case Study of Tanzania. Die Erde 133 (2002a) 4, S. 379-399.
- Tröger, S. (2002b): Sustainability in the context of Natural and Social Environments – An Actor-oriented Interpretation from south-west Tanzania. Erdkunde 56, 2, S. 170-183.
- Tröger, S. (2002c): Gesellschaftliche Umverteilung, ein moralisches Muss? Verwundbarkeit und soziale Sicherung im Zeichen gesellschaftlichen Umbruchs – Beobachtungen aus Tansania in akteursorientierter Interpretation. Geographica Helvetica 57, 1, S. 34-45.
- Tröger, S. (1999a): Mais-*Insima* und Milch - Ausdruck von Freiheit und Modernität. Konsumvorlieben in kultursoziologischer Interpretation. In: H.P. Hahn und G. Spittler (Hrsg.): Afrika und die Globalisierung. Münster, Hamburg und London, S. 75-88 (= Schriften des VAD 18).
- Tröger, S. (1999b): Vulnerability in historical perspective - the example of the Wafipa, Southwest Tanzania. In: Schmied, D. (Hrsg.): Changing Rural Structures in Tanzania. Münster, Hamburg und London (1996 b), S. 115-127 (= Beiträge zur Afrikaforschung 11).
- Tröger, S. (1993): Das Afrikabild bei deutschen Schülerinnen und Schülern. Sozialwissenschaftliche Studien zu internationalen Problemen, Bd. 186 – **PhD Thesis**