

Curriculum vitae

Personal Data:

Family name: Prof. Dr. Tröger
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University of Bonn
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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 and 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 - contexts and thematic foci.
- Special emphasis on a GTZ/GIZ-Cim (Center for International Migration) engagement in Ethiopia as 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 pastoralists environment 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: since Oct. 2019 until 2021 - central member of the evaluation team in 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.

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“.
 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 (Grade: 'With Excellence').

Further Qualifications:

- 31.7. - 6.8.94 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).
 1973 Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English.

Experience abroad:

Ethiopia, Ecuador, Greenland, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania (about 3 years field research for habilitation thesis), Malawi and Namibia – all together approx. 16 years

Languages:

English (excellent), Spanish (confident in reading and understanding, limited conversation - B1), like French (B1) and Kiswahili (A2).

Professional experience in Germany:

- October 2015 ERASMUS stay at Royal Holloway University / London (10 days) - special focus: social-political philosophy in participatory approaches (research & practice)
 March 2002 Professor of Social Geography / Geographic Development Research
 March 2020 at the Institute for Geography / University of Bonn (retirement in April 2020)

WS 01/02- 1991-1999	Acting Professor in Didactics of Geography at the Institute for Geography / University of Bayreuth. 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.
1985	3-months Teacher (14 hours/week) at a High School in Herdecke.
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: English, 8 lessons/week (beginner to certificate level)

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

Sicne September 2022	Evaluation DAAD "Leadership for Africa" project
2019 - 2021	member of evaluating team in DAAD funding programme: Climate Research Alumni and PostDocs in Africa - climapAfrica (esp. WASCAL & SASSCAL)
July - Dec 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 June 2018	DAAD 'Hochschulberatervertrag' (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 - 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 SS 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 - 2022	Senior Research Fellow at ZEF (altogether 10 PhD supervisions)
2003- 13	Member of the structuring commission at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn, Institute for Geography

(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:

- 5th – 17th Oct. '15 ERASMUS Staff Mobility for Teaching, Royal Holloway University, London
- 16th-22nd 6.'12 Lecturer for 'Rift Valley Institute, course on Horn of Africa' - Kenya
- 30th January Lecturer on 'Climate Change Governance: Adaptation & Mitigation as
10th Febr. 2012 Institutional Process, University of Wageningen, Netherlands
- Nov. 2008 until Contract with GTZ-CIM: Expert position as Head-Coordinator of the Climate
August 2012 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 on Climate Change Adaptation funded by the German Embassy in
Ethiopia (Climate Fund '11), regional focus: South Omo / Nyangatom
Community
- 2006 – 2010 Project sponsored 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 (Mozambik)
- 2003-5 Cooperation with GTZ „Mainstreaming AIDS“ / Malawi
- 1987 3 months field research in Kenya und Tanzania sponsored by the German
Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Chair Application Procedures:

- 2001 Chair of Social Geography / Geographic Development Research at the Rheinische
Friedrich-Wilhelms University Bonn /Institute for Geography – list position 1.
- 1998-1999 Chair of Didactics of Geography at the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena -
list position 3.

Consultant Activities:

- Dec. 2007 - GTZ/APE (African Parks Ethiopia) consultancy on: Backstopping of
Nov. 2008 communication and mediation process and training of field staff (moderators,
facilitators from ethnic communities);
- May – Oct. GTZ/APF (African Parks Ethiopia) consultancy: “Development of a concept for
2007 conflict mediation and participatory planning, communication and coordination”
in the context of the land right conflict Omo-National-Park/ south Ethiopia.
- since 2007 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 – May '04 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” - 4th until 15th of 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 all together. The research-data was analyzed in the context of the Habilitation-Thesis.
- 1989 2 months fieldwork within the 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 to be used in 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:

- 19st – 23rd Sept. 22 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.
- 27th August 2021 SPARC / Social Policy and Research Centre: Colombo University; Series-Lecture 6: ‘Everything that is happening now is beyond our capacity’ - Pastoralist societies in the course of Societal Transformation (Colombo virtual).
- 7th - 11th July 21 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*)



- 29th - 30th Oct. 20 DAAD ClimapAfrica Conference, Talk: ‘Committees’, a promising institution in Climate Change Communication and Adaptation? (virtual)
- 28th July 2019 Oromo Studies Association (OSA) Conference, Talk: Pastoralist Societies in Lower Omo – Dynamics in Societal Transformation, **Addis Ababa**

- 8th May 2019 Bonner Geographische Gesellschaft: Gesellschaftliche Transformation im Zeichen Der Globalisierung: Pastoralisten, ihr Leben in Süd-Äthiopien, **Bonn**
- 3rd Oct. 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.-12 Nov. 2017 ASA (American Studies Assoc.) Congress in **Chicago**
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. Januar 2017 ARTS Talk: Community Participation: hail promising landmark in Climate Change Adaptation? **Bonn**
- 21st -23rd Febr. 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),
- 2nd - 4th Sept. 2015 World Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation (WSCCA 2015), Talk: 'Societal Transformation, buzzy perspectives on Climate Change Adaptation', **Manchester**
- 7th 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



- 1st Febr. 2011 **Delhi** Sustainable Development Summit: Tapping Local Initiatives and Tracking Global Inertia, 1st-3rd February 2001. Talk: Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change – Examples from Ethiopia. & Panelist on the 3rd February, **New Delhi**
- 20th July 2011 Workshop on Indigenous Peoples, Marginal Populations and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge 19th to 21st 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 and courses in English only)

- 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 2019

Supervision of Academic Qualification Procedures

PhD procedures completed

- Sewmehon Demissi Tegegne (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.
- Till Winkelmann (2013): Risikowahrnehmung, -interpretation und -handeln im Kontext von HIV/AIDS und gesellschaftlicher Transformation. Untersuchungen im urbanen Raum von Addis Abeba/Äthiopien.
- Steven Ataamvari Adaawen (2015): Narratives of Migration – Complex Answers of a Society in Transformation, Ghana.
- Felix Guntermann (2019): Addis Abeba Airport zwischen Globalisierung und Fragmentierung – Ein Hub in Raum und Zeit.
- Darius Tounianuo Mwingyine (2019): Emergent Land Commodification and Intergenerational Land Relations in Peri-Urban Northwestern Ghana.
- Aymar Godfried Koukoubou (2021): Handeln in riskanten Umwelten – Überlebenssicherung um welchen Preis? Das Beispiel der Region Atakora in Nord Benin.
- Edna Agyepong (Ghana): Displacement, land scarcity, and processes of societal transformation. Social constructions and dynamics in the meaning of ‘land’ around Ghana’s Bui Dam.



PhD procedures in progress

- Daniel Schmitt (Germany): Societal Transformation – Interlinkages between digital innovation and globalized dynamics in the shadow of changing fields of power – spatialized case studies from Africa.



About 80 Publications – among them the most important:

- 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 Irrepealable 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.: Leben in Megastädten – Menschen auf einer Gratwanderung zwischen Integration und gesellschaftlichem Ausschluss. www.bundesregierung.de/develop-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 Tanzania 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**