

Statement of candidacy

As one of the founding members of the Estonian Center of Environmental History (KAJAK, founded in 2011) and its current head, I have been working on establishing environmental history as a new field of interdisciplinary studies in Estonia and as one of the disciplines taught at Tallinn University. I am cooperating with my Lithuanian and Latvian colleagues on food studies and environmental history and will try to strengthen and widen this cooperation in the future. Born in a Baltic-German family from Latvia and as a professor for Baltic German History and Culture at Tallinn University, transnational and interdisciplinary approaches toward the common history of the Baltic States is the foundation for my research activities.

I am applying for the post of the regional representative for the Baltic States to the ESEH.

CV

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Career

Institution and position held

2012 - 2017 Tallinn University / Institute of History; professor for Baltic German History and Culture

2007 - 2013 Estonian Academy of Sciences / Under and Tuglas Literature Centre; Senior Researcher

2004 - 2004 Institute for European History, Mainz; Research Assistant

Education

2000 - 2005 Greifswald and Mainz University; PhD student

1991 - 1999 Hamburg and Tartu University; Baltic history, Finno-Ugric studies, and folkloristic; MA student

Fellowships:

RCC (2014/2015); Herder Institute, Tallinn University, Institute for European History; DAAD; Graduate School at Greifswald University

Administrative responsibilities

2013 - ... Head of the Estonian Centre for Environmental History (KAJAK)

2011 - ... Member of the Financial Control Committee of the ESEH

2011 - ... Founding member of KAJAK (Estonian Centre for Environmental History)

2011 - ... Member of the Scientific Board of the Under and Tuglas Literature Center

1997 - 1998 Chair of the German-Estonian Society in Germany

1995 - 1997 Chair of the German-Latvian Society in Germany

Member of the editorial board of "Forschungen zur Baltischen Geschichte"; "Oecology: International Review of Environmental History"; "Acta et Commentationes Archivi Historici Estoniae"

Memberships: European Society for Environmental History (ESEH); American Society for Environmental History (ASEH); European Association for the Study of Culture, Literature, and Environment (EASCLE); Baltic Historic Commission)

Research activity and publications: <https://www.etis.ee/portaal/isikuCV.aspx?PersonVID=56808&lang=>

Field of research

Baltic cultural and environmental history; History of literature, gardening and food culture (17.-19th century)

Current grants & projects

Autogenesis and Transfer: The Development of Modern Culture in Estonia (2008-2013. Under and Tuglas Literature Centre);

History of Baltic Food Culture: Production, Consumption and Culture in the Light of Environmental History (2012-2015. Under and Tuglas Literature Centre);

The "Gute Policey": State Administrative Capacity in the Baltic Provinces (2012-2015. Tartu University);

"Nachumsiedlung" and Estonians (2013. Estonian Museum of History);

Past for Future: Ecohistorical Knowledge on Past and Present Societies and Ecosystems under Stress for Increasing Future Resilience (2013-2019. RIHN, Japan)