

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

2022—2025	Post-Doctoral Researcher	<i>A Socialist Workplace in Postcolonial Africa: A Connected History of the Yugoslav Workforce in Zambia</i> (FWF Project led by Dr. Goran Musić, University of Vienna)
Winter Term 2022/23	Lecturer	Seminar <i>Africa in Global Labor History - Approaches, Debates, Sources</i> at the University of Vienna
2018—2021	University Assistant Prae-Doc	<i>Research Platform Mobile Cultures and Societies, University of Vienna</i> (FWF Project based at the University of Vienna)
10/2017— 03/2018	Student Assistant	assisting Assoz. Prof. Birgit Englert at the Institute of African Studies, University of Vienna
03/2016— 07/2016	Student Assistant	assisting Dr. Arno Sonderegger at the Institute of African Studies, University of Vienna

Education

University of Vienna, Austria

Doctorate in History at the University of Vienna (2019—)

Ph.D thesis: *Prospering Times. African Trade Unions and/within the International Labor Movement. Institutions, Networks and Mobility, 1950s until 1970s* (Supervisor: Prof. Kirsten Rütther)

Master (MA) African Studies with distinction (2019)

MA thesis: *Walter Rodney's Dar es Salaam Years, 1966–1974: How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, Tanzania's ujamaa, and Student Radicalism at 'the Hill'*

Master (MA) Development Studies with distinction (2018)

MA thesis: *Handel und Solidarität: Die Beziehungen der DDR mit Angola und São Tomé und Príncipe unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Austauschs ‚Ware-gegen-Ware‘ ca. 1975 - 1990*

Bachelor (BA) African Studies with distinction (2015)

Bachelor (BA) Development Studies (2013)

University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Tanzania

Term abroad at the Faculty of History of the UDSM in the Winter Term 2016/17 with the Erasmus+ Non-Eu Student Exchange Program

List of Publications

Co-edited Volumes

Burton, Eric/Dietrich, Anne/**Harisch, Immanuel R.**/Schenck, Marcia C. (eds., 2021): [Navigating Socialist Encounters: Moorings and \(Dis\)Entanglements between Africa and East Germany during the Cold War](#). Berlin: deGruyter.0

Peer-reviewed Articles in Academic Journals

Burton, Eric/**Harisch, Immanuel R.** (forthcoming 2023): The missing link? Western communists as mediators between the East German FDGB, the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and African trade unions in the late 1950s and early 1960s. In: *International Labor and Working-Class History*.

Harisch, Immanuel R. (2021): Nkrumahism, East Germany and the South-East ties of Ghanaian trade unionist J. A. Osei during the Cold War 1960s. In: *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 54/3, 309–331.

Bangali, N'goran Gédéon/**Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2021): L'UGTAN, Une Expérience de Syndicalisme Révolutionnaire (1957–1961) [The UGTAN, An Experience of Revolutionary Trade Unionism (1957–1961)]. In: *Revue Ivoirienne d'Histoire*, 38/2021, 32–

- Harisch, Immanuel R./Burton, Eric** (2021): [Sozialistische Globalisierung. Tagebücher der DDR-Freundschaftsbrigaden in Afrika, Asien und Lateinamerika](#). In: *Zeithistorische Forschungen/Studies in Contemporary History*, 17/3, 578–591.
- Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2020): [Facets of Walter Rodney's Pan-African Intellectual Activism during his Dar es Salaam Years, 1966-1974](#). In: *Stichproben. Wiener Zeitschrift für kritische Afrikastudien / Vienna Journal of African Studies*, 38/2020, 101-129.
- Englert, Birgit/**Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2020): On the Relevance of Using Social Media Platforms as Archives for the Writing of African History. In: *Stichproben. Wiener Zeitschrift für kritische Afrikastudien / Vienna Journal of African Studies*, 39/2020, 31-53.
- Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2018): „Mit gewerkschaftlichem Gruß!": Afrikanische GewerkschafterInnen an der FDGB-Gewerkschaftshochschule *Fritz Heckert* in Bernau bei Berlin. In: *Stichproben. Wiener Zeitschrift für kritische Afrikastudien / Vienna Journal of African Studies*, 34/2018, 77-109.
- Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2017): [Bartering Coffee, Cocoa and W50 Trucks: The Trade Relationships of the GDR, Angola and São Tomé in a Comparative Perspective](#). In: *Global Histories* 3/2, 43-59.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2021): East German Friendship-Brigades and Specialists in Angola: A Socialist Globalization Project in the Global Cold War. In: Naumann-Castoryck, Katja (ed.): [Transregional Connections in the History of East Central Europe](#). Berlin: deGruyter, 291–323.
- Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2021): A Mobile Scholar Across the Atlantic: The Guyanese Historian-Activist Walter Rodney (1942-1980) as an Intellectual Nexus Between the Caribbean and Africa. In: Englert, Birgit/Gföllner, Barbara/Thomsen, Sigrid (eds.): *Cultural Mobilities Between Africa and the Caribbean*. London: Routledge, 14–40.

J. A. Osei with an annotation by **Harisch, Immanuel R.** (2021): My Impression of the German Democratic Republic [Life itself exposes lies]. In: Burton, Eric/Dietrich, Anne/**Harisch, Immanuel R.**/Schenck, Marcia C. (eds.): *Navigating Socialist Encounters: Moorings and (Dis)Entanglements between Africa and East Germany during the Cold War*. Berlin: deGruyter, 193–206.

Schenck, Marcia C./**Harisch, Immanuel R.**/Dietrich, Anne/Burton, Eric (2021): Introduction: Moorings and (Dis)Entanglements between Africa and East Germany during the Cold War. In: Burton, Eric/Dietrich, Anne/**Harisch, Immanuel R.**/Schenck, Marcia C. (eds.): *Navigating Socialist Encounters: Moorings and (Dis)Entanglements between Africa and East Germany during the Cold War*. Berlin: deGruyter, 1–60.

Book Reviews and Conference Reports

Harisch, Immanuel R. (2021): Review of Guthrie, Zachary Kagan, Bound for Work: Labor, Mobility, and Colonial Rule in Central Mozambique, 1940-1965. H-Socialisms, H-Net Reviews. June, 2021. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=55746>

Harisch, Immanuel R. (2021): Rezension zu: Bösch, Frank/Moine, Caroline/Senger, Stefanie (eds.): Internationale Solidarität. Globales Engagement in der Bundesrepublik und der DDR. Göttingen 2018, Wallstein, ISBN 978-3-8353-3208-9. In: *Comparativ*, 30, 5/6, 656-660.

Harisch, Immanuel R. (2019): Rezension zu: Berth, Christiane; Dorothee Wierling, Volker Wunderlich (eds.): Kaffeewelten. Historische Perspektiven auf eine globale Ware im 20. Jh.. Göttingen 2015. ISBN 978-3-8471-0389-9. In: *Connections. A Journal for Historians and Area Specialists*, 14.09.2019, www.connections.clio-online.net/publicationreview/id/reb-22446

Harisch, Immanuel Rafael (2017): „Reflections on Post-Colonial History of Tanzania“ Ein Tagungsbericht zur Annual Conference of the Historical Association of Tanzania an der Universität Dar es Salaam, 17.-18. November 2016. In: *Stichproben. Wiener Zeitschrift*

Teaching and Lectures

Course: *“Africa in Global Labor History - Approaches, Debates, Sources“*, University of Vienna, Winter Term 2022

Course (together with Eric Burton): *“Visions of Equality: Work and Organized Labour in Africa“*, University of Vienna, Summer Term 2019

Lecture, *„Ein mobiler Intellektueller zwischen den Welten. Der guyanische Historiker und Aktivist Walter Rodney (1942-1980) als intellektueller Knotenpunkt zwischen der Karibik und Afrika“*, in the Lecture Series *„Mobilitäten in/ aus/ nach Afrika im 20. und 21. Jahrhundert“*, organized by Birgit Englert, March 2022

Lecture, *„‘And how proud would you be of it? Is this not a wonderful thing I have done?’ Afrikanische Zeitgeschichte durch Archivmaterialien erforschen“*, in the Course *„Methodische Grundlagen - Einführung ins Interviewen, Beobachten, Archive nutzen und das Analysieren von Daten“* organized by Birgit Englert, December 2021

Lecture, *„Im/Mobilitäten, Transfers und Verflechtungen zwischen Afrika und der DDR“*, in the Lecture Series *„Perspektiven auf Mobilitäten in/aus/nach Afrika“*, organized by Birgit Englert, April 2020

Lecture, *„Africa in Global History — Global History in Africa“*, in the Lecture Series *„Introduction to Global History“* organized by David Mayer, December 2019

Lecture, *„How Europe Underdeveloped Africa: Walter Rodney's Blick auf die Welt“*, in the Lecture Series *„Internationale Entwicklung im historischen Kontext“* organized by Arno Sonderegger, May 2019

Conferences, Summer Schools, Authors' Workshop (Selection)

Authors' Workshop *“Building Up Networks: The peculiar socialist mobilities of two Angolan trade*

union leaders during the 1960s and 1970s”, Authors’ Workshop for the preparation of the special issue Steffi Marung/Ana Moledo (eds.): *Socialist mobilities: Practices, trajectories, and tensions of political circulations in a changing world (1945–1990)*, Leipzig, Germany, 13 November 2021

Conference presentation *“South-East Entanglements in the international labor movement: Africans at trade union colleges in Eastern Europe with a focus on East Germany during the Cold War 1960s”*, Viva Africa Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2021

Summer School, *African Trade Unions and the International Labor Movement. A Comparative Perspective on Three Trade Union Colleges During the “Golden Age” of Union Education, c. 1958–1968*, Presentation at the European Summer School, Utrecht University, September 2021 [Online Event]

Conference presentation *“Building Up Networks: The peculiar socialist mobilities of two Angolan trade union leaders during the 1960s and 1970s”*, Sixth European Congress on World and Global History, Turku, Finland, 15 June 2021 [Online Presentation]

Conference presentation *“Afrikanische Gewerkschaften und die internationale Arbeiterbewegung. Ein vergleichender Blick auf Bildungsinstitutionen, Netzwerke und Mobilitäten während der 1960er-Jahre des ‘globalen Kalten Krieges’”*, Afrikaforschung in Österreich: Zugänge und Perspektiven, Universität Innsbruck, 28 May 2021 [Online Presentation]

Conference presentation *“The creation and circulation of knowledge on African trade unions between “South”, “East” and “West” during the Cold War 1960s”*, 15th Annual Graduate Conference in European History – GRACEH 2021, Vienna, Austria, 9 April 2021 [Online Presentation]

Conference organizer (with the team of the Research Platform Mobile Cultures and Societies): *“Entangled Im/Mobilities: Perspectives from the Humanities and Social Sciences”*, Vienna, 18–20 March 2021 [Online Event]

Online-Presentation [„Feminist Networks in a Men’s World: the ICFTU/ITS Women’s Committee and](#)

[the activities of female African labor leaders between "South", "East" and "West" during the Cold War 1960s](#)", Second meeting of the working group „The Power of Sources in African History“, 12 January 2021 [Online Presentation]

Conference presentation *„Abgemilderter Antikolonialismus und elitäres Karrieresprungbrett: das „African Labor College“ des Internationalen Bundes Freier Gewerkschaften (IBFG) in Kampala, Uganda, 1958–1968“*, 13. Österreichischer Zeitgeschichtetag 2020, Innsbruck, Austria, April 2020 [Online Presentation]

Conference presentation (together with Eric Burton): *„The missing link? Western communists as mediators between the East German FDGB and African trade unions in the late 1950s and early 1960s“*, Conference: A Minor History? Western Communists, Anti-Imperialism and Decolonization in Africa, Rom, 13 December 2019

Conference presentation *“And how proud would you be of it? Is this not a wonderful thing I have done?” Educational and social (im)mobility of African alumni of the East German Labour College Fritz Heckert in the 1960s*“, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Edinburgh, Scotland, 13 June 2019

Panelconvener (with Birgit Englert): *“Connecting African studies and mobility studies: theoretical considerations and empirical insights”*, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Edinburgh, Scotland, 12 June 2019

Conference presentation: *„Die ‚Brigaden der Freundschaft‘ der FDJ und DDR-Spezialisten in Angola, 1977-1990“*, EEGA Annual Conference of GWZO and EEGA, Leipzig, 4 Juli 2018

Conference organizer (with Birgit Englert and Dominik Spörker): *“Zugänge zu Forschungen über/in Afrika”*, 4. Tagung des Netzwerks „Afrikaforschung in Österreich“, Vienna, Austria, 19.-21 April 2018

Positions, Responsibilities and Memberships

Managing editor (since March 2021, together with Anaïs Angelo) und editorial board member (since 2018) of the academic journal [*Stichproben. Wiener Zeitschrift für kritische Afrikastudien / Vienna Journal of African Studies*](#)

Memberships:

European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH)

International Conference of Labour and Social History (ITH)

Southern Africa Documentation and Cooperation Centre (SADOCC)

Mattersburger Kreis for Development Policy

Research Stays

Amsterdam, Netherlands (ICFTU/ITUC Archives, International Institute of Social History): 2019, 2020 (one week each)

Berlin, Germany (SAPMO collection, Federal Archives): 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (one to two weeks each)

Bonn, Germany (Archives of the German Trade Union Federation in the Archives of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation): 2020 (one week)

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Oral History Interviews and East Africana Collection, University Library Dar es Salaam): 2016/17 (6 months), 2018 (four weeks)

Scholarships

Completion scholarship of the Doctoral School of Historical Studies (11/2021 - 01/2022)

Performance scholarship of the University of Vienna (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)

Scholarship of the University of Vienna in the framework of the Non-EU Student Exchange Program (study abroad at the University of Dar es Salaam 2016/17)

Scholarship according to StudFG for research stay master thesis (2017)

Language Skills

Mother tongue: German

Fluent in written and spoken: English, Swahili

Beginner level: Chichewa/Chinyanja

Reading skills: Portuguese

Digital Humanities

Good skills: Linux operating systems, office programs (MS Word, Libre Office), TYPO 3, e-learning tools, video conferencing programs, image editing programs.

Personal Assets

Fascinated with historical research; diligent and organized; extremely motivated to delve into new research areas; collaborative spirit, visible in a number of joint publications with colleagues and collaborative exchange of research materials; teamplayer mentality, e. g. as co-managing editor, editorial board member, colleague and friend to students; flexible and adaptive to new environments and challenges; curious personality who never get's tired to ask new questions.