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Research and teaching interests

Thematic Foci:

Rhetoric (political rhetoric; rhetoric of science; epideictic rhetoric)
Literature and science (psychiatry, Darwinism, criminal anthropology, [thought] experiments)
Counterfactual thinking in history and fiction (Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia)
Adventure literature in the early Soviet Union
Literature and the city (St. Petersburg/Leningrad, Sarajevo)
The baroque culture of the *Wunderkammer*
Totalitarian aesthetics of the 20th–21st centuries
Nation building processes in post-socialist countries (Turkmenistan, Bosnia)

Regional and Historical Foci:

Russophone Literature and Culture (18th-21st centuries)
Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian Literatures and Cultures (20th-21st centuries)

Academic Employment History

2014-present	Full Professor (Tenure [W3]), Chair of Slavic Literatures, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany
2019	Offer of a Full Professorship for Slavic and Comparative Literature, University of Münster, Germany (declined)
2012-2014	Associate Professor (Tenure [W2]) of Russian Culture, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany
2011	Visiting Professor of Slavic Literatures, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany
2010-2012	Lecturer (“Akademischer Oberrat”) of Slavic Literatures, University of Bonn, Germany
2008-2009	Visiting Professor of Slavic Literatures, University of Konstanz, Germany
2001-2008	Assistant Professor (“wissenschaftlicher Assistent”) of Slavic Literatures, University of Konstanz, Germany
2000-2001	Assistant Lecturer (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) of Slavic Literatures, University of Konstanz, Germany

Education

2008	“Habilitation” in Slavic and Comparative Literature, University of Konstanz, Germany
2001	Ph.D. in Russian Literature, University of Hamburg, Germany
1994	M.A. (with honors) in Russian and German Languages and Literatures, University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy

Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships

2024	Senior Fellow at the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald
2023	Visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley
2018-2024	Research grant from the German Science Society (DFG) for the project: <i>An Anatomy Lesson of Narrated Adventure. Theorizing Adventure Literature in the Early Soviet Union</i> . Research Unit (“Forschungsgruppe”) <i>Philology of Adventures</i>
2015-2018	Research grant from the German Science Society (DFG) for the project: <i>Modelling Counterfactual History in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia</i> . Research Unit (“Forschungsgruppe”) <i>What If?</i>
2012-2016	Research grant from the German Science Society (DFG) for the project: <i>Fictional Thought Experiments. Counterfactual Writing</i>

Between Science and Literature. Research Unit
("Forschungsgruppe") *What If?*

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| 2016-2017 | Conference grant from LMU-UCB Research in the Humanities for a series of Graduate Students Workshops between the University of Munich, Germany and the University of California, Berkeley |
| 2012 | Conference grant from the University of Konstanz for the conference: <i>Ethos und Pathos der Medien. Wirkungsästhetische Strategien zwischen Rhetorik und Politik im 20. Jahrhundert</i> (The Ethos and Pathos of Media: Strategies of Reception Aesthetics between Rhetoric and Politics in the 20 th Century) |
| 2011 | Conference grant from the University of Bonn for the conference: <i>Umstrittene Moderne. Die kulturellen Hegemonien des Naturalismus</i> (Disputed Modernity: Cultural Hegemonies of Naturalism) |
| 2009 | Short-term research stay at the University of Zagreb, Croatia |
| 2007-2008 | Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies of the University of Konstanz, Germany |
| 2005 and 2006 | Visiting Scholarship at the University of California, Berkeley |
| 2005 | Conference grant from the German Science Society (DFG) for the conference <i>Rhetorik als kulturelle Praxis</i> (Rhetoric as Cultural Practice) |
| 2003 | Short-term research stay at the Russian University for the Humanities (RGGU), Moscow, Russia |
| 1998 | Visiting scholarship at St. Petersburg State University, Russia |

Service to the Profession

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| 2023-present | Principal Investigator for Slavic Literatures in the DFG Research Training Group "Family matters" (Munich, Germany) |
| 2020-2024 | Elected member of the Review Board "European and American Literature" with the German Science Society (DFG) |
| 2019-2024 | Deputy Speaker of the DFG Research Unit "Philology of Adventure" |
| 2021-present | Co-editor of the journal <i>Wiener Slawistischer Almanach</i> |
| 2016-present | Co-editor of the book series <i>Slavistische Beiträge</i> (Contributions to Slavic Studies, Harrassowitz Verlag) |
| 2020-2022 | Co-director of the "Fachgruppe Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaft" (Expert Group on Literature and Cultural Studies) in the German Association for East European Studies (DGO) |
| 2014-2020 | Principal Investigator for Slavic Literatures in the Graduate School for East and South East European Studies (Munich and Regensburg, Germany) |

2014-2020	Principal Investigator for Slavic Literatures in the DFG Research Training Group “Globalization and Literature: Representations, Transformations, Interventions” (Munich, Germany)
2014-2020	Principal Investigator for Slavic Literatures in the Munich Doctoral Program for Literature and the Arts “Mimesis”
2014-present	Principal Investigator for Slavic Literatures in the Graduate School for Language and Literature, Munich, Germany
2014-present	Co-Director of the Department of Slavic Studies at the LMU Munich, Germany
2013	Director of the Department of Slavic Studies of the University of Bochum, Germany
2010-present	Referee of grant proposals for the German Science Society (DFG) and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Publications

BOOKS:

Monographs:

Putins Kriegsrhetorik [Putin’s Rhetoric of War]. Göttingen: Konstanz University Press 2025, 191 pp.

Russian translation: *Voennaia ritorika Putina* [Putin’s Rhetoric of War]. Freedom Letters 2025, 130 pp.

English translation: *Putin’s Rhetoric of War*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press [forthcoming 2027]

Italian translation: *Le parole di Putin. Come funziona la retorica della guerra in Russia*. Torino: Bollati Boringhieri [forthcoming January 2027]

Reviews: Ulrich Schmid, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, March 24, 2025, p. 29; Kerstin Holm, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, May 9, 2025, p. 12; Michael Wolf, *Die Tageszeitung*, April 12–18, 2025, p. 13; Marko Martin, *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*, May 11, 2025 (<https://bilder.deutschlandfunk.de/b8/95/7e/ea/b8957eea-53c2-4184-856f-f868409fd99e/riccardo-nicolosi-putins-kriegsrhetorik-100.pdf>); Guido Carpi, *Studi Slavistici* 22/1 (2025), pp. 151–153; Holger Kuße, *Zeitschrift für Slavistik* 70/4 (2025), pp. 708–712; Nikolai Aleksandrov, *The Moscow Times*, November 7, 2025 (<https://ru.themoscowtimes.com/2025/11/07/kak-chitat-putina-a179438>); Natalija Arlauskaitė, *Šiaurės Atėnai* November 21, 2025 (<https://www.satenai.lt/2025/11/21/nyki-ir-veiksminga/>).

Degeneration erzählen. Literatur und Psychiatrie im Russland der 1880er und 1890er Jahre. [Narrating Degeneration. Literature and Psychiatry in 1880s-1890s Russia]. Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink 2018, 404 pp.

Russian Translation: *Vyrozhdenie. Literatura i psikhiairiia v russkoi kul’ture konca XIX veka*. [Degeneration. Literature and Psychiatry in Late 19th Century Russian Culture]. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie 2019, 512 pp.

English translation: *Degeneration. Literature and Psychiatry in Late Imperial Russia*. Boston: Academic Studies Press [forthcoming 2027]

Reviews: Sergei Tashkenov, *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie* 153 (2018) (https://www.nlobooks.ru/magazines/novoe_literaturnoe_obozrenie/153/article/20189/); Anatolii Korchinskii, *Zeitschrift für Slavische Philologie* 77/1 (2021), pp. 204–213; Igor J. Poljanski, *Jahrbuch Literatur und Medizin* 12 (2020), pp. 237–240; Angela Brintlinger, *Slavic Review* 80/1 (2021), pp. 179–180; Olga Balla, *Znamia* 2020/6 (<https://znamlit.ru/publication.php?id=7647>).

Die Petersburg-Panegyrik. Russische Stadtliteratur im 18. Jahrhundert. [Petersburg's Panegyrics in 18th-Century Russian Literature]. Frankfurt/M.: Peter Lang 2002, 208 pp.

Russian Translation: *Peterburgskii panegirik XVIII veka. Mif – ideologija – ritorika*. [18th Century St Petersburg's Panegyrics. Myth, Ideology, Rhetorics]. Moscow: Iazyki slavianskoi kul'tury 2009, 215 pp.

Reviews: Michaela Böhmig, *Russica Romana* 10 (2003); Felix Philipp Ingold, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, August 8, 2002; Dietrich Geyer, *DIE ZEIT*, May 15, 2003.

Edited collections of articles:

Die unsichtbare Ubiquität der Wissenschaftsrhetorik [The Invisible Ubiquity of the Rhetoric of Science]. Ed. with Elisabetta Mengaldo. New York/Berlin: De Gruyter [forthcoming November 2026], 239 pp.

Adventure Narratives in the Early Soviet Union. Ed. with Brigitte Obermayr. Boston: Academic Studies Press 2024, 243 pp.

Reviews: Jeff Brooks, *H-Net Reviews*, May 2025 (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=61989>); Clayton Black, *Ab Imperio* 3/2025, pp. 234–241; Ivana Peruško, *Umjetnost riječi* 49/2 (2025), pp. 372–376.

Culture and Legacy of the Russian Revolution. Rhetoric and Performance – Religious Semantics – Impact on Asia. Ed. with Christopher Balme, Burcu Dogramaci, Christoph Hilgert, Andreas Renner. Berlin: Frank & Timme 2021, 272 pp.

Interventionen in die Zeit. Kontrafaktisches Erzählen und Erinnerungskultur. [Intervention in Time. Counterfactual Narration and Memory Culture]. Ed. with Brigitte Obermayr and Nina Weller. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh 2019, 325 pp.

Reviews: Renate Lachmann, *Slavic Review* 79/4 (2020), pp. 841–842; Magdalena Leichter, *Komparatistik. Jahrbuch der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Allgemeine und Vergleichende Literaturwissenschaft* 2020/21, pp. 252–254.

Born to Be Criminal. The Discourse on Criminality and the Practice of Punishment in Late Imperial Russia and Early Soviet Union. Interdisciplinary Approaches. Ed. with Anne Hartmann. Bielefeld: Transcript 2017, 250 pp.

Reviews: Jonathan Daly, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 50/2 (2019), pp. 281–283; Mikhail Pogorelov, *Ab Imperio* 4/2018, pp. 341–348; Frederick H. White, *Slavic and East European Journal* 63/2 (2019), pp. 298–299; Alison Rowley, *The Russian Review* 78/1 (2019), pp. 156–157; Christian-Daniel Strauch, *Kritikon Litterarum* 47/1 (2020), pp. 148–159.

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Reviews: Alexis Peri, *The Russian Review* 78/2 (2019), pp. 329–331; Vladimir Maksakov, *Gefter*, January 15, 2018 (<https://gefter.ru/archive/23712>).

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Dzhambul Dzhabaev. Priklucheniia kazakhskogo akyna v sovetskoi strane. [Dzhambul Dzhabaev. The Adventures of a Kazakh Akyn in the Land of the Soviets]. Ed. with Konstantin Bogdanov and Jurij Murašov. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie 2013, 306 pp.

Rhetorik als kulturelle Praxis. [Rhetoric as Cultural Praxis]. Ed. with Renate Lachmann and Susanne Strätling. Munich: Wilhelm Fink 2008, 345 pp.

Review: Thomas Schirren, *Rhetorik. Ein internationales Jahrbuch* 29 (2010), pp. 160–164.

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Edited special issues and clusters of articles

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Jenseits der Nostalgie? Neuaneignungen des Spätsozialismus in osteuropäischen Gegenwartskulturen [Beyond Nostalgia? New Appropriations of Late Socialism in Contemporary Eastern European Cultures]. Ed. with Matthias Schwartz. *Wiener Slawistischer Almanach* 90 (2023), pp. 9–127.

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Politicheskaia ritorika v postsovetskoi Rossii [Political Rhetoric in post-Soviet Russia]. In: *Neprikosnovennyi zapas* 132 (4/2020), pp. 11–149.

Vrazhdennyi prestupnik: kriminal'naia antropologiya rossiiskoi imperii. [The Born Criminal. The Criminal Anthropology of the Russian Empire]. In: *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie* 144 (2/2017), pp. 312–382.

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Boris Nikolaevič goes to America. El'cins US-Kongressrede von 1992 als Beispiel rhetorischer Übersetzung [Boris Nikolaevič goes to America. Yeltsin's 1992 Address to U.S. Congress as an Example of Rhetorical Translation]. In: *Wiener Slawistischer Almanach* 93 (2024), pp. 63–76.

Poetics of Adventure in the 1920s (from Shklovsky to Bakhtin). In: Nicolosi, Riccardo/Obermayr, Brigitte (eds.), *Adventure Narratives in the Early Soviet Union*, Boston: Academic Studies Press 2024, pp. 43–64.

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Slum Bodies: Leo Tolstoy's What Should We Do Then?, the Moscow Poor, and Late Nineteenth-Century Russian Slum Literature. In: *The Russian Review* 83/3 (2024), pp. 348–361.

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Ritorika nauki v russkom darvinizme [The Rhetoric of Science in Russian Darwinism]. In: *Novoe literaturnoe obrozenie* 179 (2023), pp. 28–42.

Imagining Bosnia: Constructions of Bosnian and Bosniak Identity After the War. In: *Ab imperio* (1/2023), pp. 107–124.

Paranoia, Resentment und Reenactment. The Russian Political Discourse on the War in Ukraine, In: *Ab Imperio* (3/2022), pp. 247–261.

Paranoia, Ressentiment und Re-Enactment. Der russische politische Diskurs über den Ukraine-Krieg [Paranoia, Resentment, and Reenactment. The Russian Political Discourse on the War against Ukraine]. In: *Merkur. Deutsche Zeitschrift für Europäisches Denken*. 881 (October 2022), pp. 19–31.

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Vom Glücksritter zum Bürokraten. Transformationen des frühsowjetischen Abenteuer narrativs in Zwölf Stühle (1928) und Das goldene Kalb (1931) von Il'ja Il'f und Evgenij Petrov [From an Adventurer to a Bureaucrat: Transformations of the Early Soviet Adventure Narrative in *The Twelve Chairs* (1928) and *The Golden Calf* (1931) by Il'ia Il'f and Evgenii Petrov]. In: Wolfram Ette and Bernhard Teuber (Eds.), *Glücksritter. Risiko und Erzählstruktur*. Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2021, pp. 263–286.

Vvedenie [Introduction]. In: *Politicheskaia ritorika v postsovetskoj Rossii* [Political Rhetoric in post-Soviet Russia]. *Neprikosnovennyi zapas* 132 (2020/4), pp. 11–22.

Der Abenteuerheld in der sowjetischen Literaturtheorie der 1920er Jahre (von Šklovskij bis Bakhtin) [The Adventure Hero in the Soviet Literary Theory of the 1920s (from Shklovskii to Bakhtin)]. In: Oliver Grill and Brigitte Obermayr (eds.), *Abenteuer in der Moderne*. Wilhelm Fink: Paderborn, 2020, pp. 229–249.

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Infantilizatsiia pamiati. [The Infantilisation of Memory]. In: Ilya Kalinin and Kornelija Ičin (eds.), *Energiiia krizisa*. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2019, pp. 63–70.

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Vasilij Aksënovs Roman Ostrov Krym (Die Insel Krim) und die kulturgeschichtliche Dimension kontrafaktischen Erzählens in der Sowjetunion. [Vasilij Aksenov's *The Island of Crimea* and the Cultural-historical Dimension of Counterfactual Narration in the Soviet Union]. In: Riccardo Nicolosi, Brigitte Obermayr, Nina Weller (eds.), *Interventionen in die Zeit. Kontrafaktisches Erzählen und Erinnerungskultur*. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh 2019, pp. 135–166.

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and Eugenics in K.S. Merezhkovskii's *Paradise on Earth*], in: [Sic] 9/2 (2019)
<https://www.sic-journal.org/ArticleView.aspx?aid=562>

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Kolchosa intermedial. Anmerkungen zu Literatur und Film im Sozialistischen Realismus. [On Intermediality, Literature and Film in Socialist Realism]. In: Anke Niederbudde and Nora Scholz (eds.): *Revolution und Avantgarde*. Berlin: Frank & Timme 2018, pp. 315–339.

Saparmyrat Niyazov's Ruhnama: The Invention of Turkmenistan. In: Konstantin Kaminskij and Albrecht Koschorke (eds.): *Tyrants Writing Poetry. The Art of Language and Violence*. Budapest/New York: CEU Press 2017, pp. 233–149.

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Razgovor o tom, kak i zachem izuchat' blokadnye narrativy [A Conversation on How and Why One Should Study the Narratives of the Blockade] (with Polina Barskova). In: Polina Barskova and Riccardo Nicolosi (eds.), *Blokadnye narrativy. Sbornik statei*. Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie 2017, pp. 7–19.

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Ot sostavitelia. [Introduction to]: *Vrozhdennyi prestupnik: kriminal'naia antropologija rossiiskoj imperii*. In: *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie* 144 (2/2017), pp. 312–317.

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Conference Organization

2023/2024	Workshops "Historical Epistemology of Central, East and Southeast European Studies" (in English), Munich and Prague, co-organized with Jan Surman and Galina Babak.
2023/2024	Workshops "The Invisible Ubiquity of the Rhetoric of Science" (in German), Munich and Berlin, co-organized with Elisabetta Mengaldo.
2022	Workshop "Political Rhetoric in Eastern Europe (1980s-1900s)" (in German), Munich
2022	Workshop "On Plot" (in German), Munich, co-organized with Anja Burghardt

- 2022 International Conference “The Human Body and the Environment in Russian and Soviet Literature and Culture” (in English), Munich, co-organized with Elena Fratto
- 2021 Conference “Beyond Nostalgia. New Appropriations of Late Socialism in Contemporary Eastern European Cultures” (in German and English), Berlin, co-organized with Matthias Schwartz (ZfL/ Center for Literary and Cultural Research)
- 2021 International Conference “Periodicals in the Slavic World. Contemporary and Historical Perspectives” (in English and Russian), Munich, co-organized with Brigitte Obermayr and Ilja Kukuĵ
- 2021 Online-Workshops “Mad Fridays. Literature and Psychiatry in Late Imperial Russia” (in English and Russian), co-organized with Giulia Dossi
- 2019 International conference “Political Rhetoric in post-Soviet Russia,” Munich (in Russian and English)
- 2019 Workshop “Bakhtin and the Ancient Novel” (in German), Munich, co-organized with Susanne Gödde and Brigitte Obermayr
- 2018 Conference “South Slavic Studies Today” (in German), Munich, co-organized with Ulrich Schweier
- 2016 Interdisciplinary conference “Counterfactual Narratives between History and Fiction” (in German), Munich, co-organized with Brigitte Obermayr and Nina Weller
- 2016 International conference “The Culture of the Russian Revolution and Its Global Impact: Semantics – Performances – Functions” (in English), Munich, co-organized with Martin Schulze Wessel, Christopher Balme and others
- 2015 International conference “Narrating the Siege. The Blockade of Leningrad and its Transmedial Narratives” (in Russian and English), Munich, co-organized with Polina Barskova
- 2015 International workshop “The Born and the Common Criminal. The Discourse on Criminality and the Practice of Punishment in Late Russian Empire and Early Soviet Union (1880-1941)” (in English and Russian), Munich, co-organized with Anne Hartmann
- 2014 Interdisciplinary workshop “Thought Experiments between Science and Literature” (in German), Bochum
- 2012 International conference “Ethos and Pathos of the Media” (in German and English), Konstanz, co-organized with Tanja Zimmermann
- 2012 International conference “What if? Thought Experiments and Counterfactual Thinking” (in English), Konstanz, co-organized with Wolfgang Spohn, Marcel Weber and others
- 2011 Conference “Naturalism and Modernity” (in German), Bonn, co-organized with Ingo Stöckmann

2005	Interdisciplinary conference “Rhetoric as a Cultural Practice” (in German), Berlin, co-organized with Renate Lachmann and Susanne Strätling
2004	International workshop “Dzhambul Dzhabaev and Stalinist Culture” (in Russian), Prague, co-organized with Jurij Murašov and Konstantin Bogdanov
2003	International workshop “Medicine and Russian Literature” (in Russian), Konstanz, co-organized with Jurij Murašov and Konstantin Bogdanov
2009-present	Organization of several panels and round-tables at the ASEES conventions (Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, USA)

Courses Taught

Comparative Slavic Literatures:

Research Colloquium for Slavic Literatures (Munich, 2014-present; Bochum, 2013-2014, Konstanz, 2008-2009)

1989: Political Rhetoric in Eastern and Southeastern Europe (with Martin Schulze Wessel; Munich, Fall 2025 and Spring 2026)

Stanisław Lem and Science Fiction in Eastern Europe (Munich, Fall 2017)

Slavic Modernism (Munich, Spring 2016, Spring 2023, Fall 2026; Bonn, Spring 2011)

Russia and Ukraine: Cultural Orders (Munich, Fall 2015)

The Fantastic in Slavic Literatures (Bonn, Fall 2010)

Degeneration Novels in Slavic Literatures (Bonn, Fall 2009)

Introduction to Slavic Cultures (Konstanz, Fall 2008)

Russian Literature:

The Abnormals. Biosocial Deviance in Late 19th Century Russian Literature (Munich, Fall 2020, Spring 2023)

Degeneration in Russian Literature and Psychiatry (Munich, Spring 2019, Fall 2022, Fall 2026)

Adventure Literature in the Early Soviet Union (Munich, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

Pushkin's *The Bronze Horseman* (Munich, Fall 2015; Bochum, Fall 2013; Konstanz, Spring 2004)

18th-Century Russian Odes (Munich, Spring 2014; Bochum, Fall 2012; Bonn, Spring 2010)

Gogol's *Petersburg Tales* (Bochum, Fall 2012; Konstanz, Spring 2008)
Russian Narratology (Bonn, Fall 2011)
18th-Century Russian Literature (Munich, Spring 2011; Konstanz, Spring 2009)
St. Petersburg in 18th-Century Russian Literature (Munich, Spring 2022)
The Duel in 19th Century Russian Literature (Bonn, Fall 2010; Bochum, Fall 2013; Munich, Spring 2018, Spring 2021, Spring 2026)
Russian Avant-Garde (Bonn, Fall 2009)
The "Born Criminal" in 19th-Century Russian Literature (Konstanz, Fall 2008; Bochum, Fall 2012)
Contemporary Russian Theater (Konstanz, Fall 2008)
Russian Futurism (Konstanz, Fall 2006)
Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* (Konstanz, Fall 2006; Munich, Spring 2021)
Introduction to Russian Literature (Konstanz, Fall 2001-Fall 2005)
Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita* (Konstanz, Fall 2004)
Pushkin's Prose (Konstanz, Fall 2003)
Degeneration in Russian Literature (Konstanz, Spring 2003; Bochum, Spring 2013)
Dostoevsky's *The Double* (Konstanz, Fall 2002; Munich, Fall 2021)
The Kunstkammer of Peter The Great (Konstanz, Spring 2002)
The Myth of St. Petersburg in Russian Literature (Konstanz, Fall 2001)

Russian Culture and Media Studies:

The Culture of Perestroika (Munich, Fall 2026).
Putin's Rhetoric of War and Rhetoric in Putinism (Munich, Spring 2025)
The Rhetoric of Vladimir Putin (Munich, Fall 2022)
Political Rhetoric in Post-Soviet Russia (Munich, Spring 2019; Fall 2021; Spring 2022)
The Blockade of Leningrad in Literature and Film (Munich, Spring 2015, Fall 2020; Bochum, Fall 2012, Munich, Fall 2025)
Literature and Film in Socialist Realism (Munich, Spring 2015; Spring 2020, Fall 2021)
Intermediality in the Soviet Culture of the 1950s-1960s (Munich, Spring 2014; Bochum, Fall 2013; Munich, Fall 2018, Fall 2025)
Intermediality in Socialist Realism (Bochum, Spring 2013; Bonn, Spring 2011)
Darwinism in Russian Culture (Bochum, Spring 2013)
Fictional Thought Experiments in Russian Cultures (Bochum, Fall 2012)

South Slavic Literatures:

Modernism and Postmodernism in Yugoslav Literatures (Munich, Spring 2025)

Literary Bosnia (Munich, Spring 2023)

Ivo Andrić (Munich, Spring 2021)

Danilo Kiš (Bonn, Fall 2010)

Serbian Modernism and Postmodernism (Konstanz, Spring 2009)

The Blockade of Sarajevo in Bosnian Literature (Konstanz, Spring 2006; Munich, Fall 2018; Spring 2022; Spring 2026)

Comparative Literature:

Darwin and Literary Darwinism (Munich, Spring 2020)

Political Rhetoric in USA, Germany, and Russia (Munich, Spring 2018; Spring 2025)

Literature and Science (Munich, Fall 2017)

Narratives of Change (Munich, Fall 2017)

Migration and Exile in Postmodern Literature (Munich, Fall 2015)

What If? Counterfactual Fiction in World Literature (Munich, Fall 2015; Munich, Spring 2011; Munich, Spring 2019)

Knowledge and Narration. Biological Visions in Literature and Science (Munich, Spring 2015)

The Degeneration Novels in European Literatures (Munich, Spring 2014)

Narrative Theory (Munich, Spring 2014; Bochum, Spring 2013)

Thought Experiments in Science and Literature (Konstanz, Fall 2009)

Rhetoric of Science (Konstanz, Spring 2009)

Literature and Totalitarianism (Konstanz, Fall 2008)

The “Doppelgänger” in Literature (Konstanz, Spring 2008; Munich, Spring 2018)

Chekhov and Pirandello (Konstanz, Spring 2006)

Literature and Encyclopedia (Konstanz, Fall 2005)

Dostoevsky and Zola (Konstanz, Spring 2005)

Introduction to Rhetoric (Konstanz, Spring 2004)

20th-Century Political Theology (Konstanz, Fall 2002)

Italian and Russian Futurism (Konstanz, Spring 2002, Munich, Spring 2020)