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Academic vita

Since 02/2020	Junior Fellow at BIGSAS
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2019	Research Associate, Social and Population Geography, University of Bayreuth
2018 – 2019	Research Stay, Sociology of Ethnic and Racial Studies, University of Valle, Colombia
2018	Research Associate, Pilot Study on Creative Industries in Africa (on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development - BMZ), Institute of African Studies, University of Bayreuth
2016 – 2018	Research Associate and Lecturer, Social and Population Geography, University of Bayreuth
2016	Master of Arts: International Cultural and Business Studies, University of Passau, Germany, and Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
2013	Bachelor of Arts: International Cultural and Business Studies, University of Passau, Germany, and University of La Laguna, Spain

Publications

- Gruber, Valerie V. V. & Fernando Santos de Jesus (eds.) (2020). *Patrimônios e Identidades em (Re)Construções: Tensões, Embates e Negociações*. Rio de Janeiro: Telha & Terceiro Nome.
- Gruber, Valerie V. V. (2020). "Identificando Pesquisadores Pesquisando Identidades: Rumo a uma Análise Reflexiva dos Processos Identitários na (Co)Produção de Conhecimentos". In: *Patrimônios e Identidades em (Re)Construções: Tensões, Embates e Negociações*. Valerie V. V. Gruber & Fernando Santos de Jesus (eds.). Rio de Janeiro: Telha & Terceiro Nome. 19-49.
- Banguero Velasco, Rigoberto & Valerie V. V. Gruber (2020). "El muntu afrodiaspórico en el mundo-vida del Chocó, Colombia". In: *Historicidad y culturalidad afro en el norte del Cauca*. Rigoberto Banguero Velasco (ed.). Cali: Poemia. 64-83.
- Duarte de Souza, Cláudio Manoel, Valerie V. V. Gruber, Diana Carolina Mignano & Gilbert Shang Ndi (2020). "DjumbaiALA: Contributing to Polyphonic Dialogues across the Middle Passage". *NAB – Newsletter of African Studies at the University of Bayreuth* XVIII. 82-83.
- Gruber, Valerie V. V. (2019). "Relational Geographies of Afro-Brazilian Identities: What Can We Learn from the Candéal Neighborhood in Salvador Da Bahia (Brazil)?" In: *Cultural Mobility and Knowledge Formation in the Americas*. Volker Depkat & Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (eds.). Heidelberg: Winter. 95-119.
- Santos de Jesus, Fernando & Valerie V. V. Gruber (2018). "O mestre de capoeira: fortalecendo filosofias e práticas de (re)existência negra perante desigualdades sóciorraciais". *Outros Tempos* 15 (26). 126-146.

- Gruber, Valerie V. V. (2018). "Identidades multiterritorializadas: Una mirada relacional sobre los procesos de construcción identitaria en la comunidad de Candeal en Salvador de Bahía (Brasil)". *Entorno Geográfico* 16. 24-49.
- Gruber, Valerie V. V. & Eberhard Rothfuß (2016). "Interkulturelle Managementforschung: Reflexive Gedanken über eine unreflektierte Denkschule". *Interculture Journal* 15 (26). 117-137.
- Woischnik, Jan & Valerie V. V. Gruber (2016). "Municipal elections overshadowed by crisis: Amid a severe crisis of confidence the first ballot in Brazil's nationwide municipal elections favours political outsiders". *Country Reports of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation* 06 October 2016.
- Woischnik, Jan & Valerie V. V. Gruber (2016). "Kommunalwahlen im Land der Politikverdrossenheit". *Tópicos* 55 (4). 16-18.
- Gruber, Valerie V. V. (2015). *Der Habitus der brasilianischen Favelas. Ein städtischer Kulturraum?* e-fellows.net stipendiaten-wissen, vol. 3977. Munich: GRIN.
- Gruber, Valerie V. V. (2014). *Nachwachsende Rohstoffe als Treibstoff: Brasilien als Vorbild für die Welt?* e-fellows.net stipendiaten-wissen, vol. 2645. Munich: GRIN.

Selected conference contributions

- 2021: "Reciprocity in Diversity: Doing Collaborative Research with Afro-Diasporic Communities", Conference "Solidarity in Diversity: Highlighting Marginal Voices in Academia, Practice and Society", University of Melbourne, Australia/online.
- 2021: "Relational Transdisciplinarity and Artistic/Academic Knowledge Production", with Ute Fendler and Gilbert Shang Ndi, Annual Conference of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence "Africa*n Relations: Modalities Reflected", University of Bayreuth, Germany/online.
- 2021. "Intersticios de frontera: artivismos en Tijuana y Salvador de Bahía", with Sandra Amelia Martí, XXXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association – LASA "Desigualdades y centralidad de la vida", Vancouver, Canada/online.
- 2021. "Epistemologies of the Body: Cultural Resistance in Salvador (Brazil) and Cartagena (Colombia)", XXIV Biennial Graduate Student Colloquium "Hegemonic Ideologies and Resistance in Iberian, Latin American, and Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures", University of Texas at Austin, USA/online.
- 2019: "Weltkulturerbe, Widerstand und Multiterritorialität: Künstlerische Praktiken marginalisierter Gruppen in Salvador (Brasilien) und Cartagena (Kolumbien)", DKG – German Congress for Geography: "Changes and new beginnings – Geographies of the future", Christian Albrecht University, Kiel, Germany.
- 2019: "Crossing the Walls of Cartagena: Resistance and (Re-)Existence through Afro-Colombian Music and Dance", ERIP – 6th Biannual Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples' Conference – ERIP "Bridges and Walls Across the Americas: Dialogues of Survivance, Endurance, and Resistance", Gonzaga University, Spokane, USA.
- 2019: "¿De la inclusión urbana a la inclusión social? El caso de la comunidad de Candeal en Salvador de Bahía (Brasil)", XXXVII LASA – International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association: "Nuestra América: Justice and Inclusion", Boston/MA, USA.
- 2019: "Rumbo a una geografía emancipatoria", with Zaida Liz Patiño Gómez, XVII EGAL – Encounter of Latin American Geographers: "Towards Geographies of Integration and Diversity", Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador.
- 2017: "A estética da (re)existência: olhares filosóficos sobre o mestre de capoeira", with Fernando Santos de Jesus, XIII ENECULT – Meeting of Multidisciplinary Studies in Culture, Federal University of Bahia, Salvador/Bahia, Brazil.