

Joana Bürger

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Education

PhD Student at the History Department

University of Washington, Seattle

*Since
September
2021*

Research Focus: Modern Mediterranean Jewish History, Migrations in the Eastern Mediterranean, Jewish identity formation in early 20th century Greece

Master of Arts, Middle Eastern and African History (GPA 95 /100)

Tel Aviv University, Israel

*March
2020*

Thesis: Early Zionist Contribution to the Making of Greek Jewry: Case Study of Moisis Caimis' *Israilitiki Epitheorisis* (1912-1916) (thesis grade: 96 /100)

Concentrations: National movements and identity formation in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Balkans, Minorities in the Middle East

Honors, Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science, Psychology (GPA: 90 /100)

University of Potsdam, Germany

Jan 2018

Thesis: Association between Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD) and Attitudes Toward Reconciliation: Evaluation of Data from a Study with Survivors of the Khmer Rouge Regime in Cambodia

Concentrations: Social Psychology, Conflict Studies, Intergenerational Trauma Transmission

Study Abroad: Erasmus study exchange, Bahçesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey
Concentrations: Middle Eastern Politics, History of Istanbul

Spring 2016

Extracurricular Studies: Comparative Literature Studies
Free University of Berlin, Germany

Fall 2012

Publications and Conferences

Bürger, Joana. "Between Corfu and Athens. Moisis Caimis' Contribution to the Making of Greek Jewry (1885-1916)." *Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History. Journal of the Fondazione CDEC* 20 (December 2021), DOI: 10.48248/issn.2037-741X/ [forthcoming: February 2022]

Bürger, Joana. "Greece as Transit Space for Jewish Refugees: Greek Jews' Refugee Relief Work (1933-1941)," Presentation at the Annual Graduate Research Colloquium of the Society for Modern Greek Studies, September 2021.

Bürger, Joana. „Early Zionist Contribution to the Making of Greek Jewry,“ The Tenth Annual Conference of the Society for Sephardic Studies: Sephardic Jews between Religious, Ethnic, and National Identity, June 24 – 26, 2020 [postponed due to Covid-19, abstract under review]

Scholarship Awards

Recipient of a scholarship for outstanding students *German Academic Scholarship Foundation* Sep 2013 – Mar 2020

Short term research grant for travel expenses, archival research in Athens *German Academic Scholarship Foundation* Apr 2019

Short term research grant for travel expenses, field research in Israel *German Academic Scholarship Foundation* May 2017

Work and Research Experience

Research and Translation Assistance to Prof. Devin Naar Jul – Aug 2021

Private tutor of German and Modern Greek Aug 2019 – Aug 2022

Research Assistance to Dr. Dimitrios Varvaritis May – Jul 2020

- Archival research at the *Ben-Zvi Institute* and the *National Library of Israel*, Jerusalem

Oral History Project "Memories of the Occupation in Greece" *CeDiS Free University Berlin, Kapodistrias University Athens* Feb 2018 – May 2018

- translated interview transcripts from Greek to German

Field Research in Israel *In cooperation with AMCHA, Jerusalem and Center ÜBERLEBEN, Berlin* May 2017

- designed a survey on intergenerational trauma transmission, established contacts with study participants

Internship at AMCHA, Jerusalem *Oct 2016 – Feb 2017*
*National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support for Survivors of
Holocaust and Second Generation*

- organized social activities
- explored the topic of intergenerational trauma transmission

Summer Academy *La Colle-sur-Loup*, France *Sep 2014*
German Academic Scholarship Foundation

- Part of Comparative Literature Study Group:
“Thinking Europe from the South: La Méditerranée and
European Modernity”
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Community Engagement

Sheshet, Israel: grassroots initiative aiming to establish an online platform for family research on Greek Jewry *2019 – 2020*

- research and translations

Team Leader International Summer School in Kastoria, Greece *Jul 2015, Jul 2016*
Action Reconciliation Service for Peace

- organized a two-week summer school, conceptualized and conducted workshops on Greek history, conducted oral history interviews

Volunteer service in Israel *Sep 2011 – Aug 2012*
Action Reconciliation Service for Peace

- *Leo-Baeck Institut*, Jerusalem: assistance in organizing conferences, library inventory
 - *Yad Vashem*, International School of Holocaust Studies: translation work, participation at a seminar on Holocaust education for high school teachers
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Language Skills

German	<i>native speaker</i>	Greek	<i>fluent</i>	Hebrew	<i>fluent</i>
English	<i>fluent</i>	French	<i>intermediate</i>	Arabic	<i>elementary reading proficiency</i>
