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Education

- Dr.rel.pol. (Cultural Studies and Social Science), University of Osnabrück, 2020
 - Diploma in Political Science (equivalent to master's degree), Freie Universität Berlin, 2011
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Professional Experience

JULY 2024

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

- Member of the Asian Migration Cluster

JANUARY 2024 – JUNE 2024

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University

- Preparation of my current research project “Emergent Migration Societies. ‘Guest Workers’ in Post-WWII West Germany and Contemporary Taiwan”

MARCH 2022 – DECEMBER 2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica

- Research project “Living and Working under Taiwan’s Labour Migration Regime. An Ethnography among Indonesian Fishers and Factory Workers”

SEPTEMBER 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

Research Associate, Chair of Critical Development Studies, University of Passau

- Teaching in the bachelor’s programme International Cultural and Business Studies and the master’s programme Development Studies

FEBRUARY 2019 – MARCH 2021

Research Associate, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, University of Osnabrück

- Co-researcher in the joint research project “Welcome Culture and Democracy in Germany” of the University of Kassel, the University of Osnabrück, and the University of Tübingen, funded by Germany’s Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- Teaching in the master’s programme International Migration and Intercultural Relations

July 2024

Research Fellow, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin

- Co-researcher in the interdisciplinary project “The Researchers’ Affects” of Freie Universität Berlin and University of Bern and funded by Volkswagen Foundation

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Labour migration regimes in Asia
- Migrant worker subjectivities
- Migration, labour processes, and gender relations

Short Biography

In July 2024, I started my postdoctoral fellowship with ARI’s Asian Migration Cluster. My research interest lies in the lived experiences and agency of Indonesian migrant workers in various destinations. Previously, during my doctoral studies, I investigated the migration of Indonesian female domestic workers to Hong Kong. Before joining ARI, I held postdoctoral fellowships at Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University. In Taiwan, I studied migrant labour in the manufacturing and fishing industries. I explored the conditions, everyday practices, and self-organisation of mainly male Indonesian migrants. During my fellowship at ARI, I continue and expand this research by comparing Taiwan’s contemporary migration regime with the post-WWII “guest worker” migration to West Germany.

Publications

Refereed Articles

Dinkelaker, S. (2024). Striving for Control over Migrant Labour and Lives: Indonesian Factory Workers in Taiwan, *Work in the Global Economy* 4(1), 52–69. <https://doi.org/10.1332/27324176Y2024D000000016>

Padmanabhan, M., Dinkelaker S., Hoffman, M., Laksmaha, D., Maimunah, S., Rudakova, E., Still, E., and Trotier, F. (2021). Principles of Critical Development Studies: A Manifesto. *Asien* 160/161, 210–220. <https://doi.org/10.11588/asien.2021.160/161.19214>

Dinkelaker, S. (2018). National Belonging and Violent Norms of Gendered Migrant Citizenship. Indonesian Migrant Domestic Workers’ Appropriation of a National Ritual, *Gender(ed) thoughts. New Perspectives in Gender Research* 1/2018, 8–21. https://www.gendered-thoughts.de/fileadmin/user_upload/genderedthoughts_nr05_2018.pdf

Edited Books

Dinkelaker, S., Huke, N., and Tietje, O. (eds) (2021). *Nach der ‘Willkommenskultur’. Geflüchtete zwischen umkämpfter Teilhabe und zivilgesellschaftlicher Solidarität* (After ‘Welcome Culture.’ Refugees between Contested Participation and Civic Solidarity), Bielefeld: transcript.

Stodulka, T., Dinkelaker, S., and Thajib, F. (eds) (2019). *Affective Dimensions of Fieldwork and Ethnography*, New York: Springer.

Book Chapters

Tietje, O., Dinkelaker, S., and Huke, N. (2021). Umkämpfte Teilhabe (Contested Participation), in S. Dinkelaker, N. Huke, and O. Tietje (eds) *Nach der 'Willkommenskultur'. Geflüchtete zwischen umkämpfter Teilhabe und zivilgesellschaftlicher Solidarität*, Bielefeld: transcript, pp. 7–21. <https://doi.org/10.14361/9783839454145-001>

Braun, K., and Dinkelaker, S. (2021). Schutz für geflüchtete Frauen* im Spannungsfeld von besonderer Schutzbedürftigkeit und restriktiven Migrationspolitiken (Protection for Refugee Women* between Particular Vulnerabilities and Restrictive Migration Policies), in S. Dinkelaker, N. Huke, and O. Tietje (eds) *Nach der 'Willkommenskultur'. Geflüchtete zwischen umkämpfter Teilhabe und zivilgesellschaftlicher Solidarität*, Bielefeld: transcript, pp. 65–88. <https://doi.org/10.14361/9783839454145-004>

Thajib, F., Dinkelaker, S., and Stodulka, T. (2019). Introduction: Affective Dimensions of Fieldwork and Ethnography, in T. Stodulka, S. Dinkelaker, and F. Thajib (eds) *Affective Dimensions of Fieldwork and Ethnography*, New York: Springer, pp. 7–20. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-20831-8_2

Mattes, D., and Dinkelaker, S. (2019). Failing and Attuning in the Field, in T. Stodulka, S. Dinkelaker, and F. Thajib (eds) *Affective Dimensions of Fieldwork and Ethnography*, New York: Springer, pp. 227–31. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-20831-8_20

Stodulka, T., Dinkelaker, S., and Thajib, F. (2019). Fieldwork, Ethnography, and the Empirical Affect Montage, in A. Kahl (ed) *Analyzing Affective Societies. Methods and Methodologies*, London: Routledge, pp. 279–95. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429424366>

Others

Dinkelaker, S., and Ruckus, R. (2024). “We Still Have a Long Way to Go” – Interview with TIWA on their Activity and Changes in Taiwan’s Migration Regime since the 1990s, *Asian Labour Review*, 4 March. <https://labourreview.org/a-long-way-to-go>

Dinkelaker, S., and Ruckus, R. (2023). Sweatshops and Assembly Halls. The Class Composition of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Taiwan’s Manufacturing Industry, *Asian Labour Review*, November 30. <https://labourreview.org/sweatshops-assembly-halls>

Dinkelaker, S., and Ruckus, R. (2023). Indonesian Migrant Labor in Taiwan’s Racialized Capitalism. Preliminary Notes on a Research Project, *positions politics*, March 29. <https://positionspolitics.org/samia-dinkelaker-ralf-ruckus-indonesian-migrant-labor-in-taiwans-racialized-capitalism-preliminary-notes-on-a-research-project>

Dinkelaker, S. (2020). Negotiating Respect(ability). A Transnational Ethnography of Indonesian Labor Brokerage, E-Dissertation: Osnadocs. <https://doi.org/10.48693/21>

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

July 2013 – December 2017 Doctoral Scholarship from Volkswagen Foundation