

SILKE WERTH, PH.D.

Academic Curriculum Vitae

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara

East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies; September 2016

Dissertation: *Japan's Generation Z on the Move: Moratorium, Maturity and Home-making.*

CCUT University of California, Santa Barbara

Certificate for College and University Teaching; September 2016

M.A. Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg

Japanese Studies and Economics; September 2007

Thesis: *NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in Japan: Media and the "New" Phenomenon of Young Adults Outside the Workforce* (In German)

Tokyo Gakugei University (Exchange Program, 2003-2004)

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH/ TEACHING POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Westmont College

Research Associate, Center for Taiwan Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Lecturer, Anthropology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara

Research Associate, East Asia Center, University of California, Santa Barbara

Lecturer, East Asian Languages & Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Lecturer Anthropology Department, Allen Hancock College, Santa Maria, California

Lecturer, East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, University of California, Irvine

Post-Doc, IN-EAST Institute of East Asian Studies; University of Duisburg-Essen (Declined)

PUBLICATIONS

"Made in Taiwan: Global Storytelling, Childhood Memories, and Undergraduate Research in the 21st Century." In *International Journal of Taiwan Studies* 7,1. Co-authored with Sabine Fruhstuck. 2023.

"Glocalization of Lifestyle Sports: Californian Dreams of Japanese Skaters." In *The Perspective of Glocalization: Addressing the Changing Society and Culture under Glocalization*, edited by Tomiyuki Uesugi. Tokyo: Center for Glocal Studies at Seijo University, 2018.

"Not in Education, Employment or Training: Japan's 'NEET-Question.' Views of a Social Phenomenon." In: *JAPAN 2008 Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft*, Iris Wiecezorek (Ed.). Berlin: Vereinigung für sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung, 2008, 267-291.

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

UCSB Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant
European Association for Japanese Studies Travel Grant
UC Santa Barbara Senate Doctoral Student Travel Grant
Association for Asian Studies Dissertation Workshop Grant (Seattle)
Graduate Student Professional Development Award, UC Santa Barbara
Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara
Japan Foundation Dotoral Research Grant – 3 months
Institute for Research in Humanities, Kyoto University
European Association for Japanese Studies Workshop Grant (Frankfurt)
DAAD Doctoral Research Grant; University of Bonn (D)- 6 month
Japan Foundation Graduate Studies Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara
Japan Foundation Graduate Studies Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara
International Study Exchange Program Scholarship (1 year)
Tokyo Gakugei University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Implementing Global Storytelling in the Classroom,” presentation with Dr. Beatrice Zani (McGill University) at the International Workshop Global Storytelling: Narrating Childhoods in Taiwan, Santa Barbara, April 6-7, 2023.
- “Multimedia, Multi-approach: (Re)Designing the Digital and Physical Classroom,” Round-table at the UCSB Engaging Teaching Symposium, October 15, 2021.
- “Force of Change? Creating Belonging through Social Entrepreneurship in Japan,” paper in panel *Spaces In-Between: Negotiating Belonging and ibasho in Postfamilial Japan*. Annual Meeting American Anthropological Association+CASCA in Vancouver, November 20-24, 2019.
- “Therapeutic Bodywork: Strategic Ways young Japanese use ‘Movement’ to Realign their Futures,” paper in panel *Mobility, Alternative Lifestyles and Multiple Belonging in Post-growth Japan*. 15th Annual Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, Lisbon August 30-September 2, 2017.
- “Racializing Selves: Young Japanese Abroad Encounter Racial Discourse,” paper in panel *Beyond “Borders” in East Asia*. 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Minneapolis, November 16-20, 2016.
- “Moratorium Migration: Young Japanese Navigate their Maturation,” paper in panel *Re-negotiating Adulthood: Changing Ideals and Identities of Young Japanese*, Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference Seattle, April 1-3, 2016.
- Selected participant at the AAS Dissertation Workshop “*Social and Political Implications of New Media in Asia*,” organized by the Association for Asian Studies. March 28- 31, 2016.
- “Moratorium Migrants: Young Japanese Adults in Search for a Place to Call ‘Home.’” Paper accepted at the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Texas, November 6-7, 2015.
- Chair of panel “Playing + Games” at Conference “Child’s Play: Multi-Sensory Histories of Children and Childhood in Japan and Beyond.” UCSB, February 27-28, 2015.
- “‘Artists’ and ‘Artisans’ on the Move: A Hands on Approach to Learning Skills for a Desirable Future.” Chapter presented at the Japanese Arts and Globalization (JAG) Work in Progress Retreat, Lake Arrowhead, May 22-24, 2015.

- “Questioning Institutionalized Education: Young Japanese Adults go Global.” Paper presented at Western Conference of Association for Asian Studies, Phoenix, October 3-4, 2014.
- “Glocalization of Lifestyle Sports: Californian Dreams of Japanese Skaters.” Paper presented at the conference of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES with JASCA), Chiba (Japan), May 15, 2014.
- “Going Global:’ An-, Ein-, und Aussichten Junger Japaner im Ausland.” (Going Global: Opinions, Insights and prospects of Young Japanese Abroad) Invited talk, Japanology Department of Heidelberg University, Germany, June 8, 2013.
- “Self and Society Among Japanese Sojourners in Santa Barbara: On ‘Lifestyle Migrants,’ ‘Floaters,’ and ‘Subcultural Migrants’” Paper presented at the 9th EAJS Ph.D. Workshop. Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, March 7-9, 2013.
- “Maturation Goes Global: Self and Society Among Japanese Sojourners in Santa Barbara.” Paper presented at the Japan Foundation Summer Institute on “Modes of Japanese Multiculturalisms: coexistence and marginality.” Santa Barbara, June 22, 2012.
- “Nationalism and Distance.” Invited talk, Japan Foundation Summer Institute on “Nationalisms of Japan.” University of California, Santa Barbara, June 18, 2011.

TEACHING CERTIFICATES/ AWARDS

- Certificate of “UCSB’s Resilience Summit” 2021
- Certificate of Completion “Preparing to Teach Online” 2020
- Certificate for College and University Teaching, September 2016
- Nominated for the Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, March 2016
- Certificate of the Summer Teaching Institute for Associates (STIA), Santa Barbara, 2015
- UCSB Residence Halls Association’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology (Westmont College)

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- Peoples and Cultures, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
- Culture Theory, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology (UCSB)

- Transpacific Tales: Ethnographic Explorations of Childhood and Youth (Upper Division), Spring 2023
- Anthropology of Food (Upper Division); Fall 2018; Fall 2019, Fall 2022
- Ethnographic Research Methods: Ethics and Engagement (Upper Division); Winter 2017, Spring and Winter 2018, Winter 2020, Spring 2021 (remote), Fall 2021
- Anthropology of Japan (Upper Division); Spring 2018; Spring 2022
- Social Organization: Poverty, Class and Inequality. Covid 19 and Inequality: An exploration. (Upper Division) Fall 2020 (remote)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Lower Division) Winter 2022 (dual-mode)

Lecturer, East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies (UCSB)

Popular Culture in Japan (Upper Division); Winter 2017.
Sociology of Japan (Lower Division); Spring 2019.
Youth and Social Change in Today's Japan (Upper Division); Spring 2019; Spring 2020
Media and Japanese Society (Upper Division) Spring 2020 (remote)
Anthropology of Japan (Upper Division); Winter 2021(remote)

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology (Allen Hancock College)

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Winter 2020 (f2f then remote teaching).
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Winter 2021 (emergency remote teaching)

Lecturer, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature (UC Irvine)

Popular Culture in Japan (Upper Division); Winter 2018.

Instructor of Record, East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies (UCSB)

Popular Culture in Japan (Upper Division), Winter 2016
Sociology of Japan (Lower Division), Fall 2015
Anthropology of Japan (Upper Division), Summer 2015 (Cross-listed w. Anthropology)
Globalizing Japan: Culture and Society (Upper Division), Summer 2013 and 2014.

Teaching Assistant for Japanese Language and Cultural Studies (UCSB)

Asian Values (Lower Division), Spring 2015; Sabine Frühstück and Fabio Rambelli.
Anthropology of Japan (Upper Division), Winter 2015; Ann-Elise Lewallen.
Japanese Language, Level 2, Winter 2012; Chikako Shinagawa.
Japanese Language, Level 1, Summer 2011; Yoko Yamauchi.
Japanese Language, Level 3, Summer 2010; Nobutaka Takara.
Anthropology of Japan (Lower Division), Spring 2010; Ann-Elise Lewallen.
Sociology of Japan (Lower Division), Winter 2010; Sabine Frühstück.
Japanese Language, Level 4, Fall 2009; Hiroko Sugawara.

OTHER ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT AT UC SANTA BARBARA

Workshop Organizer, "Global Storytelling: Narrating Childhoods in Taiwan,"
International Workshop held on April 6-7, 2023.

Center for Taiwan Studies: Research Associate and curator of "Made in Taiwan"
database for life-history interviews of individuals who grew up in Taiwan, 2021-2023

Founding Member: Multidisciplinary Qualitative Data Analysis Study Group in
collaboration with the Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory at the library, 2017-18.

Pedagogy Workshop Instructor: "International TAs: Facilitating Effective Sections"
offered by the Department for Instructional Development, Fall 2015.

Conference Organizer, "Child's Play: Multisensory Histories of Children and Childhood
in Japan and Beyond," Conference held on February 27-28, 2015.

Conference Organizer, “Modes of Japanese Multiculturalism: Coexistence and Marginality.” Conference held on June 20-24, 2012.

Center for Nanotechnology in Society, Graduate Student Researcher, 2009-2011.

SELECTED GUEST LECTURES

- “Contemplating Socio-Dynamic Changes in Japan through images of the Shikoku Henro”
Invited talk at the Members’ Meeting of the Austrian Asian African Association, Völs, May 25, 2024.
- “Comparing school systems and experiences in California and South Tyrol” Invited presentation at the plenary conference of the Mittelschule Eppan, May 22, 2024.
- “Telling Guided Stories: An introduction to ethnographic interviews about Taiwan” Guest lecture with Q&A in course “Chin 138B: Culture, Identity, and Culinary Politics” (Instructor: Beth Tsai), University of California, Santa Barbara May 17, 2023.
- “Japanese Culture and Society: An introduction,” Guest lecture with Q&A for the Westmont College Choir (Director: Daniel Gee), Westmont College, Montecito, April 3, 2023.
- “Music and Protest after 3/11” Guest lecture with Q&A in course “Japanese Pop Culture” (Instructor: Carl Gabrielson), University of California, Santa Barbara July 22, 2020.
- “Can Japan’s Global Youth Internationalize Japan?” Guest lecture with Q&A in course “Globalizing Japan” (Instructor: Ann-Elise Lewallen), University of California, Santa Barbara, May 4, 2020
- “Social Movements and Modern Girls” Guest lecture in course “East Asian Traditions” (Instructor: An Pham), University of California, Santa Barbara, July 11, 2017.
- “Artists’ and ‘Artisans’ on the Move: A Hands on Approach to Learning Skills for a Desirable Future.” Research Focus Group Reinventing Japan, UCSB, March 18, 2015.
- “Young Japanese Adults: Migration out of Uncertainty?” Guest lecture in course “Sociology” (Instructor: Yuiko Fujita), Meiji University (Tokyo), May 7, 2014.
- “Japan’s Youth: Going Global?” Guest lecture in course “Globalizing Japan: Culture and Society” (Instructor: Ann-Elise Lewallen), UC Santa Barbara, October 24, 2013.
- “Maturation Goes Global: On the Experience of Uncertainty Among Japanese Young Adults.” Invited talk at the Institute for Modern Japan, Ph.D Colloquium. Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany, May 15, 2013.
- “Maturation and Migration: On the Experience of Uncertainty Among Japanese Young Adults.” Invited talk at the Graduate Program for Transcultural Studies Ph.D Colloquium, Heidelberg University, Germany, May 8, 2013.

JOURNAL PEER REVIEWER

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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Coordinator for International Relations

Miyagi Prefectural Government, Sendai, one-year appointment through JET, 2008-2009

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German (native); English (near-native); Italian (excellent); Japanese (excellent- JLPT 1)