

List of publications | Mirco Göpfert

Monographs

- 2020 *Policing the Frontier. An Ethnography of Two Worlds in Niger*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2013 *Disziplin und Kreativität an ghanaischen Internatsschulen* (mit Andrea Noll). Frankfurt: Brandes & Apsel Verlag.

Edited volumes

- 2017 *Police in Africa: The Street Level View* (ed. with Jan Beek, Olly Owen and Jonny Steinberg). London: Hurst Publishers.

Articles in academic journals with peer-review

- 2020 Epistemophilic obsessions: espionage, secrets and the ethnographer's will to know. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 10(2): 487-498 [<https://doi.org/10.1086/709483>]
- 2020 An artistic reaction to perceived injustice: Cartooning, resistance and textures of the political in Iran. *Anthropological Notebooks* 26(1): 147-166. [<http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4317442>]
- 2016 Repairing the law: the search for justice in the Nigerien gendarmerie. *Theoretical Criminology* 20(4): 446-461. [<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1362480616659819>]
- 2016 Surveillance in Niger: gendarmes and the problem of "seeing things". *African Studies Review* 59(2): 39-57. [<https://doi.org/10.1017/asr.2016.37>]
- 2015 Travelling police: the potential for change in the wake of police reform in West Africa (with Jan Beek). *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 23(4): 465-479. [<https://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12268>]
- 2015 Ethnographische Überlegungen zu Polizeiarbeit in Niger: Geschichten hören, verstehen und schreiben. *Paideuma. Mitteilungen zur Kulturkunde* 61: 237-255. [<https://www.jstor.org/stable/44242882>]
- 2013 State violence specialists in West Africa (with Jan Beek). *Sociologus* 63(1-2): 103-124. [<https://doi.org/10.3790/soc.63.1-2.103>]
- 2013 Police violence in West Africa: perpetrators' and ethnographers' dilemmas (with Jan Beek). *Ethnography* 14(4): 477-500. [<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1466138112463653>]
- 2013 Bureaucratic aesthetics: report writing in the Nigerien gendarmerie. *American Ethnologist* 40(2): 324-334. [<https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.12024>]
- 2012 Security in Niamey: an anthropological perspective on policing and an act of terrorism in Niger. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 50(1): 53-74. [<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X11000607>]
- 2011 „Ground work“ und „paper work“: Feldzugang bei Polizeiorganisationen in Westafrika (with Jan Beek). *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* 136: 189-214. [<https://www.jstor.org/stable/41941013>]

Chapters in edited volumes (*with peer-review)

- 2020 Karikatur und Widerstand in Iran. Perspektiven einer Visuellen Ethnologie des Politischen. In *Grenzen des Sag- und Zeigbaren: Humor im Bild von 1900 bis heute*, ed. by Antonia Gießmann-Konrads and Frank Becker. Darmstadt: wbg Academic, 187-202.
- 2019 Überlegungen zu einer Politischen Ethnologie des Nicht-Politischen, oder: Jetzt mal Butter bei die Fische! In *Zugehörigkeiten: Festschrift für Carola Lentz*, ed. by Jan Beek, Konstanze N'Guessan and Mareike Späth. Köln: Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, 54-73.
- 2017* Introduction: Policing in Africa reconsidered (with Jan Beek, Olly Owen and Jonny Steinberg). In *Police in Africa: The Street Level View*, ed. by Jan Beek, Mirco Göpfert, Olly Owen and Jonny Steinberg. London: Hurst & Company, 1-15.
- 2017* Soft law enforcement in the Nigerien gendarmerie: How a case is born. In *Police in Africa: The Street Level View*, ed. by Jan Beek, Mirco Göpfert, Olly Owen and Jonny Steinberg. London: Hurst & Company, 249-62.

Invited book reviews

- 2016 Glasman, Joël 2014. Les corps habillés au Togo. Genèse coloniale des métiers de police. Paris: Karthala. (*Politique Africaine* 143: 217-9)
- 2013 Körling, Gabriella 2011. In search of the state: An ethnography of public service provision in urban Niger. Uppsala: Uppsala Univ. (*Anthropos* 108(1): 333)

Working papers

- 2009 Security in nocturnal Niamey: Preliminary reflections and conceptual outlook. *Sociétés politiques comparées* 18.
- 2009 „They are not enlightened“: Wie Staatsbedienstete in Nordghana Differenz zwischen sich und ihren Klienten konstruieren (mit Gifty Amo Antwi, Jan Beek, Johanna Dienst, Maria Kind, Konstanze N'Guessan, Andrea Noll, Stefanie Ullmann, Bianca Volk). *Arbeitspapiere des Instituts für Ethnologie und Afrikastudien der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz* n° 97.
- 2008 „When we are disciplined, we can learn very well“: Schüler und Disziplin an einem Jungeninternat in Nordghana. *Arbeitspapiere des Instituts für Ethnologie und Afrikastudien der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz* n° 91. (Magisterarbeit)

Conferences, workshops and lectures

Organisation of workshops

- 2020 *Fieldwork Meets Crisis*. Autumn School of the German Anthropological Association for early career scholars (co-organisator), October.
- 2019 *Gestalten des Nichtpolitischen*. Workshop at the Conference of the German Anthropological Association in Konstanz, September/October.
- 2015 *Blue and green lines: police and military institutions in Africa* (with Jan Beek, Olly Owen and Jonny Steinberg). Workshop at the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) in Paris, July.
- 2014 *Collaboration in criminal justice: actors, processes and translation* (with Jan Budniok and Johanna Mugler). Panel at the conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) in Tallinn, July/August.
- 2013 *Mit Notizblock und Smartphone: ethnologische Verortungen*. Summer School of the German Anthropological Association in Worms, September.
- Just police work: ethnographic research on the police in Africa*. International workshop at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, June.

Invited lectures and discussions

- 2020 *Epistemophilic obsessions*. Guest lecture at the Ferdowsi University in Mashhad, Iran (online), December.
- 2020 *Karikatur und Widerstand in Iran. Perspektiven einer visuellen Ethnologie des Politischen*. Lecture in the departmental lecture series at the Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, January.
- 2019 *Heuristik der Dissonanz in Karikatur und Ethnologie. Ein Versuch über die Kunst und Wissenschaft der Erfahrung des Widersprüchlichen*. Lecture in the departmental lecture series of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hamburg, December.
- Invitation to the 1st Anglo-German Frontiers of Humanities (AGFOH) Symposium of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Lübeck, May.
- 2018 Round Table participant and general discussant at the Summer School „De l’agrafe au logiciel: technologies bureaucratiques et relations sociales dans les mondes du travail en Afrique” in Berlin, July.
- 2017 Impulse talk at the workshop „Visual culture and inequality,” University of Konstanz, July.
- Round Table participant „Of mimicry, similarity, and membership” with James Ferguson at the University of Konstanz, July.
- General discussant at the workshop „Activism, anthropologically speaking” at the University of Konstanz, February.
- 2015 *Ethnographie zwischen Epistemophilie und Spionage*. Lecture in the departmental lecture series at the Department of Anthropology, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, October.

- Bürokratische Ästhetik. Von Fakten und Akten in nigerischen Polizeistuben.* Key note lecture at the graduation ceremony of the Faculty for History and Cultural Sciences at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, July.
- Nigerische Gendarmen als Frontier-Bürokraten.* Lecture at the Institute for Advanced Study (Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg) Konstanz, Juny.
- 2014 *Security in Niamey „revisited“.* Presentation during the workshop „Les problématiques de la sécurité dans le Sahel“ at the Ecole de Gouvernance Économique in Rabat, May.
- L'esthétique de la bureaucratie: la rédaction des procès-verbaux dans la gendarmerie Nigérienne.* Lecture in the series „L'Etat documentaire et les mondes du papier en Afrique: matérialité, technologies, affects“ (CEMAf, EHESS) in Paris, April.
- Law and drama in the frontier: a story of the Nigerien gendarmerie.* Lecture in the series „Interrogating the New Africanist Anthropology“ at the Departments of African and African American Studies and Anthropology at Harvard University, March.
- 2013 *Et al. Gemeinsam forschen und schreiben.* Presentation in the plenary session „Neue Orte – neue Wege?“ at the conference of the German Anthropological Association in Mainz, October.
- L'esthétique de la bureaucratie: la rédaction des procès-verbaux dans la gendarmerie Nigérienne.* Presentation at the general meeting of the Réseau Européenne d'Analyse des Sociétés Politiques (REASOPO) in Paris, January/February.
- 2012 *La violence policière en Afrique de l'Ouest: dilemmes des auteurs et des ethnographes.* Lecture in the series „L'État vu d'en bas“ by Giorgio Blundo at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales EHESS Marseille, March.
- L'esthétique de la bureaucratie.* Lecture in the series „Développement, politiques publiques et modes de gouvernance: approches socio-anthropologiques“ by Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales EHESS Marseille, March.
- 2009 *Le policing au Niger.* Lecture at the Centre de recherches sociologiques sur le droit et les institutions pénales (CESDIP) in Guyancourt, France, March.

Workshop and conference presentations

- 2019 *Karikatur und Widerstand in Iran. Perspektiven einer Visuellen Ethnologie des Politischen.* Presentation at the workshop „Grenzen des Sag- und Zeigbaren: Humor im Bild von 1900 bis heute“ at the University Duisburg-Essen, June.
- 2018 *Dissonant imagination. Cartooning as the art of the absurd in Iran.* Presentation at the conference „Art, Materiality and Representation“ of the Royal Anthropological Institute, British Museum and School of Oriental and African Studies in London, June.
- Kritische Kunst und Handwerk der Imagination.* Presentation in the lecture series of the ERC-Project „Private Pieties“ (Loimeier) in Göttingen, January.
- 2017 *Iranian artists: caricature, the art of critique, and the craft of imagination.* Presentation at the „Political Imagination Laboratory: Visualizing and Investigating the Imagination of Contemporary Activism“ in Perugia, December.

- Ethnologie als Karikatur. Einige Gedanken zur Kunst und Wissenschaft des So-tun-als-ob.* Presentation during the conference of the German Anthropological Association in Berlin, October.
- 2015 *Gemeinsam ethnologisch forschen: Feldnotizen teilen.* Presentation at the conference „Geteilte Forschung: epistemologische Herausforderungen gemeinsamen Forschens in transregionalen Zusammenhängen“ (with Jan Beek) in Frankfurt, December.
- 2014 *Repairing the law: the search for justice in the Nigerien gendarmerie.* Presentation at the Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington D.C., December.
- 2013 *Soft law enforcement in the Nigerien gendarmerie: how a case is born.* Presentation at the European Conference on African Studies ECAS in Lisbon, June.
- Arrangements: social dramas on a legal stage.* Presentation at the workshop Workshop „Just police work: ethnographic research on the police in Africa“ in Mainz, June.
- Soft law enforcement in the Nigérien gendarmerie: how a case is born.* Presentation at the workshop „Reconsidering policing in Africa“ in Oxford, May.
- 2011 *Violence as normal exception in West African police organizations* (with Jan Beek). Presentation at the conference of the German Anthropological Association in Vienna, September.
- Violence as normal exception in West African police organizations* (with Jan Beek). Presentation at the conference „Making sense of violence? Interdisciplinary approaches to violence: past and present“ in Bern, September.
- Distantly close violence specialists: paramilitary state organizations in West Africa* (with Jan Beek). Presentation at the European Conference on African Studies ECAS in Uppsala, June.
- Distantly close violence specialists: paramilitary state organizations in West Africa* (with Jan Beek). Presentation at the workshop „Blurring of military and police roles“ at the conference of the European Research Group on Military and Society ERGOMAS in Amsterdam, June.
- 2010 *Bureaucratic aesthetics: writing procès-verbaux in the Nigerien gendarmerie.* Presentation at the conference of the German Anthropological Association in Mainz, April.
- 2009 *Security in nocturnal Niamey: preliminary reflections and conceptual outlook.* Presentation at the conference „États en chantier en Afrique au sud du Sahara“ („States at work in Sub-Saharan Africa“) in Niamey, December.
- 2009 *Abstention, delegation, imposition: security in nocturnal Niamey.* Presentation at the European Conference on African Studies ECAS in Leipzig, June.