

CURRICULUM VITAE

RONY EMMENEGGER

Date of Birth: 04.05.1983
Place of Birth: Neuenkirch, Luzern
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EDUCATION

11/2016-07/2010 PhD at the Political Geography unit at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich.

09/2016-10/2014 Visiting Scholar at the Global Development section at the Department of Food and Resource Economics (IFRO) at the University of Copenhagen.

03/2010-09/2007 MSc at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich with a major in 'Human and Economic Geography' and a minor in 'Social Anthropology' and 'Agricultural Economics' (ETH Zurich).

02/2009-08/2008 Exchange Semester (Mobilité Suisse) at the University of Geneva (*Faculté des sciences économiques et sociales*) and at the Graduate Institute of Geneva (International and Development Studies).

05/2006-09/2003 BSc at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich with a major in 'Geography' and a minor in 'Environmental Science'.

EMPLOYMENT

01/2025-02/2019 Post Doctoral Researcher at the Sustainable Development Group at the University of Basel. Duties: Postdoctoral research project on "Governance of Risk and Sustainability"; teaching and supervision at PhD, master's and bachelor's levels; research planning and management.

01/2019-04/2017 Senior Scientist at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich. Duties: Design of a postdoctoral research project; teaching and supervision at master's and bachelor's levels; research management, accounting and administration.

11/2016-12/2016 Research Assistant in the University Research Priority Programs on Global Change and Biodiversity (URPP-GCB) at the University of Zurich. Duties: Reflection on the program's inter- and transdisciplinary research approach (see Emmenegger & Rowan et al. 2018).

09/2016-07/2016 Consultancy for the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich. Duties: Organization and conduct a Summer School (incl. planning, logistics and administration) on Governance at the Edge of the State: Spaces of Violent Rule (September 12-14, 2016).

03/2014-05/2014 Internship at the HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation. Duties: Organization of a visit to Switzerland of Councilors from Amhara National Regional State, Ethiopia, and guidance through a one-week training on 'Federalism and Local Governance in Switzerland'.

09/2014-07/2010 Teaching Assistant at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich. Duties: Design, management and conduct of PhD research project; teaching and supervision at master's and bachelor's level.

TEACHING

2019 As Lecturer in the tri-faculty specialized Master Program in Sustainable Development (MSD) at the University of Basel:
HS2019: 'Risk Society, Science and Nature'
HS2019: 'Perspectives of Social Sciences on Sustainability'

- 2018 As Teaching Assistant at the Department of Geosciences at the University of Fribourg:
GG.0318/HS2018: 'Environmental Geography' (Bachelor's seminar)
- 2017-2018 As Senior Scientist at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich:
GEO 421/HS2018: 'Development Studies' (Master's course taught with Norman Backhaus)
GEO 363/HS2018: 'Critical Geopolitics: Critical Reading and Writing' (Bachelor's course, *Assistant*)
GEO 425/HS2017: 'Political Ecology' (Master's course taught with Muriel Côte)
GEO 232/HS2017: 'Geographies of Difference' (Bachelor's seminar on 'Borders')
- 2016 As Teaching Assistant at the Department of Food and Resource Economics at the University of Copenhagen:
AGDK14004U 'Global Politics' (Seminar for Master in Global Development)
- 2010-2016 As Teaching Assistant at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich:
GEO 425/HS2016: 'Political Ecology' (Master's course, *Guest Lecturer*)
GEO 511/2014: 'Master's Colloquium in Political Geography' (Master's seminar)
GEO 511/2013: 'Master's Colloquium in Political Geography' (Master's seminar)
GEO 363/HS-2013: 'Political Geography II' (Bachelor course taught with Bart Klem)
GEO 242/FS-2013: 'Political Geography I' (Bachelor's course, *Guest Lecturer*)
GEO 363/HS-2012: 'Political Geography II' (Bachelor's course, *Guest Lecturer*)
GEO 112/HS-2011: 'Introduction to Scientific Writing' (First semester course with 140 students taught with with Pia Hollenbach, incl. coordination of lectures, seminars and tutors)
GEO 112/HS-2010: 'Introduction to Scientific Writing' (First semester course with 135 students taught with Mark Starmanns and Pia Hollenbach, incl. coordination of lectures, seminars and tutors)
GEO 222.2/232.1/HS-2010: 'Human Geography III' (Bachelor's seminar)

As External Examiner ('Fachfremder Beisitz') in master's exams for theses submitted in Physical Geography, Remote Sensing, Soil Science, GIS and Geocomputing.
- 2005-2009 As Tutor (undergraduate student) at the Department of Geography at the University of Zurich.

GEO423/FS-2009: 'Political Geography'. (Master's course)
GEO TutHu/HS-2008: 'Exercise in Human Geography'. (First semester course)
GEO TuHu2/FS-2006: 'Human Geography II'. (Bachelor's course)
GEO TuHu2/HS-2005: 'Human Geography II'. (Bachelor's course)

SUPERVISION

PhD Students: (Mentoring as part of a North-South Mobility Grant awarded by the University of Zurich)

2017/2018, Yihunbelay Teshome: *Living on the Margin: Livelihood Strategies in a Changing Riverine Environment of Middle Wabe Shebelle River among the Dube, Ethiopia*. Department of Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University. (5 month funding, co-mentoring with Ulrike Müller-Böker).

2016/2017, Girma Hundessa: *Land Tenure Policies, Certification and Customary Access in Plural Legal Settings in Danno District, Ethiopia*. Department of Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University. (12 month funding, co-mentoring with Benedikt Korf).

Master's Students:

2018, Anna Schneider: *Citizens and Experts: Nuclear Waste Disposal in Switzerland*. Master's thesis in Human Geography, University of Zurich. (ongoing).

2017, Nadine Wolf: *The Influence of Climatic Variability on Farmers' Resource Practices in Okakarara, Namibia*. Master's thesis in Political Geography, University of Zurich. (Co-supervision with Benedikt Korf and Olivier Graefe).

2015, Jonas Hunziker: *Planning (versus) the Unplannable: Urban Planning and the Production of Illegal Geographies in Kampala, Uganda*. Master's thesis in Political Geography, University of Zurich. (Winner of a University of Zurich Semester Award).

2014, Simon Celentano: *Somali Diaspora in Addis Ababa: Identity Discourses and Ethnic Federalism in Ethiopia*. Master's thesis in Political Geography, University of Zurich.

BSc. Students:

2018, Nicole Lisa Arnet: Environmental Governance: The Potential of Animal Geography on Nature Conservation Politics. Bachelor thesis in Political Geography on *Political Ecology and Resource Conflicts*, University of Zurich.

2014, David Streiff: Controlling Space and the Geography of Barbed Wire. Bachelor thesis in Political Geography on *Nature, Resources & Governance*, University of Zurich.

2013, Nadja Frei: The State in Africa: The Influence of Rebel Groups in DR Congo. Bachelor thesis in Political Geography on *State Violence and Democracy*, University of Zurich.

2011, Michael Meier: The African City and Urban Planning in Crisis. Bachelor thesis in Political Geography on *Space and Politics in Africa*, University of Zurich.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Articles: (peer-reviewed)

Emmenegger, Rony; Rowan, Rory; Zuppinger-Dingley, Debra; Krug, Cornelia; Parreño, Alejandra & Korf, Benedikt (2017): Ontology and Integrative Research on Global Environmental Change: Towards a Critical GEC Science. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 29 (Special issue on Global Change and Biodiversity): 131-137.

Emmenegger, Rony (2016): Decentralization and the Local Developmental State: Peasant Mobilization in Oromiya, Ethiopia. *Africa*, 87(2): 263-287.

Korf, Benedikt; Hagmann, Tobias & Emmenegger, Rony (2015): Respacing African Drylands: State Territorialization and Indigenous Commodification in the Ethiopian Pastoral Frontier. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 42(5): 881-901.

Emmenegger, Rony (2013): Entre Pouvoir et Autorité. Propriété Urbaine et Production de l'État à Jigjiga, Éthiopie. *Politique Africaine*, 132(4): 115-137. Special issue on *Propriété et citoyenneté dans l'Afrique des villes* in *Politique Africaine* edited by Christian Lund and Eric Komlavi Hahonou.

Emmenegger, Rony; Hagmann, Tobias & Keno, Sibilo (2011): Decentralization to the Household: Expansion and Limits of State Power in Rural Oromiya. *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 5(4): 733-754.

Chapters and Working Papers:

Imoberdorf, Ilona & Emmenegger, Rony (2018): Diverging Worlds of Biodiversity and Biosecurity: The Presence of Wolves in a Swiss Alpine Territory. Edited by Tschoffen, Bernhard & Fenske, Michaela, *The Return of the Wild: Human Encounters with Wolves in Europe*, Routledge (forthcoming).

Emmenegger, Rony (2016): Urban Planning in Practice: The Contemporary Dynamics of Land Formalization in the City of Jigjiga. *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*.

Emmenegger, Rony; Hagmann, Tobias & Keno, Sibilo (2013): Decentralization to the Household: Expansion and Limits of State Power in Rural Oromiya. Edited by Abbink, Jon & Hagmann, Tobias, *Reconfiguring Ethiopia: The Politics of Authoritarian Reform*. Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge.

Emmenegger, Rony (2012): The Roads of Decentralization: The Historical Roots of Rural Road Construction in Ethiopia. *NCCR North-South dialogue*, No. 39.

Theses:

Emmenegger, Rony (2017): *Writing Space and Time: An Ethnography of State Sedimentation in the Ethiopian Somali Frontier*. PhD thesis in Political Geography, University of Zurich.

Emmenegger, Rony (2010): *Decentralization to the Household in Oromia, Ethiopia. The Case of the Garee Misoma in State-led Rural Road Construction*. Master's thesis in Political Geography, University of Zurich.

Emmenegger, Rony (2006): *Tribalism in Southern Africa: The Creation of Ethnic Consciousness in Malawi*. Bachelor thesis in Human Geography, University of Zurich.

OUTREACH

2015, Center for African Studies, University of Copenhagen. Training seminar taught for the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on *Ethiopia: Society, Culture, History and Politics*, Copenhagen, April 28.

2015, New Political Geographies: Exploring Large-Scale Economic Infrastructures. Blog post on *Spatialising the State in Africa* co authored with Davide Chinigo, November 19, 2015. (<http://www.newpoliticalgeographies.com/news/2015/11/19/spatialising-the-state-in-africa>).

2013, Horn of Africa Seminar, Oxford African Studies Centre. Invited talk on *Negotiating Property Rights and Citizenship in Post-Socialist Ethiopia: The Case of Jigjiga*. Oxford, February 12.

CONFERENCES (a selection)

2018, RGS-IBG Annual International Conference: Geographical Landscapes – Changing Landscapes of Geography. Cardiff University, UK, August 28-31. Paper presented on *State Infrastructure: Materializing Memories and Modernities in the Ethiopian Somali Frontier*.

2018, School of Political Science and Sociology: Violence, Space and the Political. National University of Ireland, Galway, June 7-9. Paper presented on *State Sedimentation: Memorial Politics and Sovereignty in the Center of the Ethiopian Somali Frontier*.

2017, European Conference for African Studies (ECAS): Urban Africa – Urban Africans: New Encounters of the Urban and the Rural. Basel, June 29-July 1. Paper presented on *Memorial Politics and the Resurrection of the Dead in Post-Colonial Jigjiga*.

2015, European Conference for African Studies (ECAS): Collective Mobilizations in Africa Contestation, Resistance, Revolt. Paris, July 8-10. Panel co-organized with Davide Chinigò on *Spatializing the State in Africa*.

2014, Institute of Food and Resource Economics (IFRO): Competing Territorialities: Authority, Bureaucracy, and Boundary-Making, Copenhagen, December 8-10. Paper presented on *Populating State Infrastructure: Territorialization and Belonging in Urban Ethiopia*.

2013, European Conference for African Studies (ECAS): African Dynamics in a Multipolar World. Lisbon, Portugal, June 29. Paper presented on *Twilight Territories: Political Authority and Property Formalization in Urban Jigjiga, Ethiopia*.

2013, Property and Citizenship Research Network (ProCit): Property and Citizenship in Developing Societies. Copenhagen, May 28. Paper presented on *Power and Authority: Enacting the State Through Property in Urban Jigjiga, Ethiopia*.

2010, European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA): Crisis and Imagination. Maynooth, August 26. Paper presented on *Decentralization to the Household in Oromia, Ethiopia: The Case of the garee misoma in State-led Rural Road Construction*.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2018, University of Ghent: Governance at the Edge of the State: Materiality. Ghent, September 11-14. Seminar tutor.

2015, University of Copenhagen: Governance at the Edge of the State: Public Authority and Property in Conflict Environments. Copenhagen, September 8-11. Paper presented on *Property Formalization and Bureaucratic Encounters in the Capital of the Ethiopian Somali Frontier*.

2014, Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS): Mobilization and the State in Africa: Multiple Spaces for Political Action. Cagliari, June 24-28. Paper presented on *Urbanizing the Frontier and the Making of Calculable Spaces*.

2012, Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS): Methods in the Social Sciences. Lugano, August 20-24. Participation in the course on *Qualitative Data Analysis – Interpretative Research Strategies* taught by Prof. Véronique Mottier.

2011, Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS): Methods in the Social Sciences. Lugano, August 29 – September 2. Participation in the course on *Ethnographic Methods – Sociological Ethnography in Practice* taught by Prof. Karen O'Reilly.

REVIEWING

Journal Articles reviewed for Political Geography, Development and Change; Cambridge Africa Journal; African Conflict & Peace Building Review; EchoGéo; Journal of African History, Politics and Society; Journal of Asian and African Studies.

Book Proposal reviewed for Brill.

FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014-2016, SNF Doc.Mobility Fellowship funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) on *Governing Space and People: Territorialization and State Formation in Urban Ethiopia*, 59'200 CHF. (<http://p3.snf.ch/project-155385>).

2013-2014, Innovation Pool Project funded by the University of Zurich on *Critical GIS and the Production of Geographical Knowledge*, 5'300 CHF. Project co-organized with Flurina Wartmann, Ephraim Pörtner, Sara Maggi and Simon Sontowski. (<http://www.geo.uzh.ch/en/services/innopool/past-projects/critical-gis.html>).

2012, Short-Term Mentorships Abroad stipends awarded by the Gender Equality, University of Zurich, 1'500 CHF.

2009, Field research stipends for conducting master's thesis awarded by the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) North-South and the University of Zurich, 2'000 CHF.

2008, Swiss Mobility Fellowship funded by the University of Zurich.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Languages	German	Mother tongue
	English	Advanced and fluent speaking, reading and writing (C2)
	French	Fair speaking, reading and writing (B2)
	Danish	Basic knowledge in speaking, reading and writing (A2)
Computer skills	Word, Excel, PowerPoint (expert knowledge) MAXQDA and AtlasTI for qualitative data analysis (basic knowledge)	
Field Research/ Experience Abroad	Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, 11 months), Western Africa (Morocco, Mauretania, Senegal, Gambia, Guiney, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Niger, 11 months), Asia and Central Asia (China and Kirgizstan, 3 months), Indochina (Thailand and Cambodia, 2 months) and Denmark (Copenhagen, 24 months).	

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