

Curriculum Vitae



PD Dr. Claudia Lang

Research

Traditional medicine

Medical anthropology

Cross-cultural psychiatry and mental health

Global Health

Depression

Religion and ritual healing

Ayurveda

Anthropology of the state

Health and technology

Gender

Transgender/Intersexuality

Anthropology of the body/Embodiment

South Asia

Present position

ERC-funded postdoctoral research fellow with the GLOBHEALTH project at the Centre de Recherche Médecine, Sciences, Santé, Santé Mentale et Société (cermes3), Paris. Research topic: Ayurveda and Primary Health Care in India.

Past employments

2018

Stand-in professor for Prof. Dr. Ursula Rao, University of Leipzig, Institute of Anthropology.

- 2016-2018 ERC-funded postdoctoral research fellow with the GLOBHEALTH project at the Cermes3, Paris. Research topic: Depression in India.
- 2016 Visiting professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- 2015-2016 Stand-in professor for Prof. Dr. Helene Basu, Westfälische Wilhelms-University Münster, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology.
- 2014-2015 Stand-in professor for Prof. Dr. Frank Heidemann, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology.
- 2012-2016 (*with the two interruptions above for pursuing stand-in professorships*)
Employed research fellow at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology. Project leader of the project “The local reality of depression: Depression in the context of biomedicine and subjectivities of depression in Kerala, South India“, funded by the German Research Foundation (LA 3225/1-1).
- 2012 - 2016 Mentee in the LMU Mentoring Programm in the context of LMUexcellent, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich.
- 2009-2011 Employed research fellow at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology. Research staff for the project “Glocalizing depression in the context of Ayurvedic psychiatry in Kerala, South India”, funded by the German Research Foundation (HE 2034/18-1).
- 2007-2008 Employed lecturer at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology.
- 2006 - 2007 Employed research fellow at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, for the pilot project: Local reception and transformation of the concept of depression in the medical pluralism of South Asia, funded by Bavarian Equal Opportunities Sponsorship, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich.
- 2002 – 2004 Employed research fellow for the, project “Intersexual people between the two sexes”, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology.

Education

- 2017 Habilitation at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich. Referees: Prof. Dr. Frank Heidemann (LMU Munich), Prof. Dr. William Sax (South Asia Institute, Heidelberg), Prof. Dr. Mitchell Weiss (Swiss Tropical Institute, Basel).
- 2006 Dr. phil., Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, thesis title: Intersexualität.

Menschen zwischen den Geschlechtern (Intersexuality. People between the two sexes) at grade “summa cum laude”.

2001 Magister Artium, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology.

Further education

2014 „Kreative Gestaltung von Seminaren mit Studierenden”, LMU PROFiL.

2015 „Professionell Präsentieren“, Imme Schönfeld, Weiterbildung des Referats II.6, LMU PROFiL.

2015 LMU Profil Basisseminar.

2015 LMU Profil „PROFiL Follow Up- Interaktive Lehrmethoden“.

Languages

English: excellent

German: excellent

French: satisfactory

Malayalam: basic

Spanish: basic

Grants and fellowships

2014 Bavarian Equal Opportunities Sponsorship for the habilitation for 12 months: acquired grant of 29.460 Euro.

2012 German Research Foundation, research grant for the project “The local reality of depression: Depression in the context of biomedicine and subjectivities of depression in Kerala, South India“, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LA 3225/1-1): acquired grant of 263.300 Euro.

2009 German Research Foundation, research grant for the project “Glocalizing depression in the context of Ayurvedic psychiatry in Kerala, South India”, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (HE 2034/18-1): assistance in the acquisition of the grant of 219.400 Euro.

2006 Postdoctoral fellowship of the Bavarian Equal Opportunities Sponsorship, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich: acquired grant of 24.000 Euro.

Fieldwork

2018 2 months fieldwork in Kerala, Bangalore and Delhi, India.

2016 6 months of fieldwork in Kerala, India.

2009-2014	15 months fieldwork in Kerala, India.
2002-2004	Fieldwork in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Publications

Monographies and edited volumes

2019	(edited with William Sax) The Movement for Global Mental Health: Critical Views from South and Southeast Asia, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, edited volume (<i>in preparation</i>).
2018	<i>Depression in Kerala: Ayurveda and Mental Health Care in 21st Century India</i> , London and New York: Routledge.
2017	(edited with Philipp Zehmisch; Ursula Münster; Jens Zickgraf) <i>Soziale Ästhetik, Atmosphäre, Medialität. Beiträge aus der Ethnologie</i> . Frankfurt a. Main: Campus, edited volume.
2006	<i>Intersexualität: Menschen zwischen den Geschlechtern</i> . Frankfurt/Main: Campus.

Refereed journal articles and special issues

2018	(with Anne Lovell and Ursula Read), “Genealogies and Anthropologies of Global Mental Health”, special issue of <i>Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry</i> (<i>under review</i>).
2018	(with Anne Lovell and Ursula Read), “Introduction: Genealogies and Anthropologies of Global Mental Health”, <i>Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry</i> , special issue (<i>under review</i>).
2018	“Inspecting Mental Health. Depression, surveillance and care in Kerala, South India”, <i>Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry</i> , special issue (<i>under review</i>).
2018	“Theory and practice of Ayurvedic psychotherapy in Kerala, South India”, <i>Transcultural Psychiatry</i> , special issue “Other psychotherapies” (<i>under review</i>)
2018	“Neurochemistry and subjectivities of depression in Kerala, South India”, <i>Anthropology and Medicine</i> , special issue “Constructing diagnosis in 'mental health': the negotiation of categories, the encounter of subjectivities in South Asia” (<i>forthcoming</i>).
2016	“Translation and Purification: Ayurvedic Psychiatry, Allopathic Psychiatry, Spirits and Occult Violence in Kerala, South India”, <i>Anthropology & Medicine</i> , Published online: 08 May 2017, http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2017.1285001 .

- 2014 „Trick or Treat? Muslim Thangals, psychologisation and pragmatic realism in Northern Kerala, India“, *Transcultural Psychiatry* 51(6):904-923.
- 2013 (with Eva Jansen), „The Ayurvedic Appropriation of Depression: Biomedicalizing Ayurvedic Psychiatry“, *Medical Anthropology* 32(1):25-45.
- 2012 (with Eva Jansen), „Transforming the Self and Healing the Body through the Use of Testimonies in a Divine Retreat Centre, Kerala“ (with Eva Jansen), *Journal of Religion and Health* 51 (2): 542-551.

Non-refereed journal articles and working papers

- 2018 “Following depression in Kerala and beyond: Globalisierung, psychische Gesundheit und Medizinethnologie”, in: Dürr, Eveline; Heidemann, Frank; Reinhardt, Thoma; Sökefeld, Martin (eds.): *Working Papers in Social and Cultural Anthropology*, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (*forthcoming*).
- 2012 „Ayurvedische Pillen gegen Depression – Die Kommoditisierung ayurvedischer ‚Antidepressiva‘“, *Curare* 35 (3): 177-185.
- 2010 (with Eva Jansen) „Depression und die Revitalisierung ayurvedischer Psychiatrie in Kerala, Indien“, *Curare* 33 (3+4).
- 2008 (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl) „Intersexuality and Alternative Gender Categories in Non-Western Cultures“, *Hormone Research* 69(4): 240-250.

Book sections

- 2017 (with Jens Zickgraf; Ursula Münster, Philipp Zehmisch). “Einleitung”, in: Zehmisch, Philipp; Ursula Münster; Jens Zickgraf and Claudia Lang (eds.). *Soziale Ästhetik, Atmosphäre, Medialität*. Frankfurt a. Main: Campus: 7-20.
- 2017 „Traditional Medicine against Modern Suffering. Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals for Depression in Kerala, South India”, in: Zehmisch, Philipp; Ursula Münster; Jens Zickgraf and Claudia Lang (eds.). *Soziale Ästhetik, Atmosphäre, Medialität*. Frankfurt a. Main: Campus: 151-160.
- 2009 (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl) „Zwischen den Geschlechtern, zwischen den Kulturen – Intersexualität“, in Frank, Reiner (Hg.), *Kinder zwischen den Kulturen. Migration, Integration und seelische Gesundheit*, Marseille Verlag.
- 2008 „Konflikte um den intersexuellen Körper. Embodied experiences“, in: Höhne, Sven und Rainer Finke (Hg.), *Intersexualität bei Kindern*, Uni-Med: Bremen: 124-127.

Habilitation thesis

2016 *Depression Multiple: Ayurveda and mental health care in 21st century India*, habilitation thesis, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich, Germany, November, 2016.

Invited talks

- 2017 “Possessed in the clinic - The obscure object of psychiatry in a South Indian hospital”, University Paris Descartes, Paris.
- 2017 “Following depression in Kerala and beyond: Globalisierung, psychische Gesundheit und Medizinethnologie”, habilitation lecture, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich.
- 2017 “Inspecting mental health: Depression, surveillance and care in Kerala, South India”, GLOBHEALTH Mental Health Workshop: Historical and ethnographic perspectives on the emergence of global mental health, Florence.
- 2017 “Theory and practice of Ayurvedic psychotherapy”, key note lecture, Other psychotherapies. Psychotherapies across time, space and cultures, Glasgow.
- 2016 “Depression and global mental health in Kerala”, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2016 “The making of an epidemic: Depression multiple and global mental health in Kerala”, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- 2015 „Translation and Purification: Ayurvedic psychiatry and its relation to allopathic psychiatry, spirits and occult violence in Kerala, South India”, seminar series Medical Anthropology, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Berlin.
- 2015 “Appropriating depression in Kerala, South India”, Medical Anthropology Forum, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg.
- 2011 „Die lokale Aneignung der Depression in Kerala“, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Münster.
- 2011 „Ayurvedische Behandlung psychiatrischer Erkrankungen in Kerala“, lecture at the Bezirkskrankenhaus Kaufbeuren.
- 2009 “Fighting with rajas and tamas - Ayurvedic mimicry of allopathic psychiatric science: The case of depression”, Medical Anthropology Forum, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg.
- 2004 „Konflikte um den intersexuellen Körper. Gelebte Selbstentwürfe intersexueller Menschen aus ethnologischer Perspektive”, seminar series Jenseits der Geschlechtergrenzen of the working group Queer Studies, Hamburg.

Conference activities

Papers presented

- 2018 „Trick or treat? Muslim thangals, psychologisation and pragmatic realism in Northern Kerala, India“, European Conference of South Asian Studies, Paris.
- 2017 “Inspecting mental health: Depression, surveillance and care in Kerala, South India”, Conference “Historical and ethnographic perspectives on the emergence of global mental health” (with Anne Lovell and Ursula Read), Florence, June 2017.
- 2015 “Translation and purification: Ayurvedic psychiatry, allopathic psychiatry, spirits and occult violence in Kerala, South India”, Biennial Meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, Boston.
- 2014 “Nosological and ontological pragmatics in an Ayurvedic Mental Hospital in Kerala, South India”, 13th Biennial Conference of EASA, Tallinn.
- 2014 “Neurochemistry of depression and subjectivities in distress: Subjunctivity and ontological pragmatism in Kerala, South India”, European Conference of South Asian Studies, Zurich.
- 2013 “Pharmaceutical and porous selves - Engaging the neurochemical imbalance narrative of depression in therapeutic pluralism in Kerala”, Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 2013 “Engaging depression and the neurochemical imbalance narrative in the mental health pluralism of Kerala, India”, Encounters and Engagements conference of EASA Medical Anthropology Network and AAA Society for Medical Anthropology, Tarragona.
- 2012 “From possession to mental disorder and back. (Re-)Inventing and positioning ayurvedic psychiatry in the mental health pluralism of Kerala”, European Conference on South Asian Studies, Lisbon.
- 2011 “Ayurvedische Pillen gegen Depression – Die Kommoditisierung ayurvedischer ‚Antidepressiva‘”, meeting of the German Anthropological Association, Vienna.
- 2011 „From possession to mental disorder. (Re-)Inventing and positioning Ayurvedic psychiatry in the mental health pluralism of Kerala”, EASA Medical Network Conference, Rome.
- 2011 „The social life of depression in Kerala“, Biennial Meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, AAA, St. Monica.
- 2010 „Ayurvedic treatment of mental disorders in Kerala, Symposium „Mental Health in Developing Countries“, Munich.
- 2009 “Depression und die Revitalisierung ayurvedischer Psychiatrie in Kerala, Indien“, AGEM conference „Kultur, Medizin und Psychologie im Dialog II, Heidelberg.

- 2009 „Glocalizing depression in an ayurvedic mental hospital in Kerala, India. Vortrag im Rahmen des Panels „Appropriation of Medical Technologies“ auf der DGV-Tagung, Frankfurt.
- 2006 „Zwischen den Geschlechtern, zwischen den Kulturen – Intersexualität“ .Symposium of the Institute of child and adolescent psychiatry “Migration and Mental Health”, LMU Clinical Center, Munich.
- 2004 “Intersexuality and/or Alternative Sex Roles in Non-Western Cultures. A Comparative Medical and Anthropological Survey” (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl), poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, Philadelphia.
- 2004 „Konflikte um den intersexuellen Körper. Embodied experiences”, symposium „Intersexualität bei Kindern“, Halle.
- 2004 „Intersexuality and Identity. Conflicts upon the Intersexed Body” (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl), poster presentation, conference “Intersex – from Gene to Gender“, Lübeck.
- 2003 “Intersexuality: Medicine, Nature and Culture?” (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl), Annual Meeting of the ESPE, Ljubljana.
- 2002 “Intersexuality and alternative gender roles” (with Ursula Kuhnle-Krahl), poster-presentation, Annual Meeting of the ESPE, Phoenix.

Conferences, workshops and conference panels organized

- 2017 Panel “Embodied belonging: In/exclusion, health care, and well-being in a world in motion” (with Dominik Mattes), Conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGSKA), Berlin, Oktober 2017.
- 2017 Conference “Historical and ethnographic perspectives on the emergence of global mental health” (with Anne Lovell and Ursula Read), Florence, June 2017.
- 2017 Conference „Transfigurationen: medizin macht gesellschaft macht medizin“ (with AG Medical Anthropology, Medical Anthropology Switzerland, Wiener Dialoge der Medizinanthropologie, Basel, February 2017.
- 2017 Workshop “Social Anthropology of ‚Well-Being‘ – Prekäres Leben: Krieg, Flucht, Migration” (with Dominik Mattes and others), Workshop of the AG Medical Anthropology, Münster, May 2017.
- 2015 Panel „Mental health and anthropology: local challenges to Global Mental Health (with Sushrut Jadhav and Sumeet Jain), MAGic2015: Anthropology and Global Health: interrogating theory, policy and practice, Sussex, September 2015.

Courses taught

SS 2018	Vorlesung: Regional Anthropology Asia – “South Asia” Vorlesung: Methods of Anthropology Seminar: Regional Anthropology Asia: South Asia Seminar: Methods: Preparation and guidance to fieldwork exercise Vorbereitung und Nachbereitung der Übungsfeldforschung
WS 2015/16	Seminar: Ethnologie und Mental Health in Indien Seminar: Fieldwork (english)
WS 2014/15	Seminar: Local and global perspectives on mental illness Seminar: Theories of the Indian caste system – Dumont and Dirks Colloquium for B.A. candidates
SS 2014	Seminar: Introduction into the anthropology of India. New ethnographies and theoretical debates, with a focus on Kerala, South India
WS 2011/2012	Seminar: Psychiatric pluralism in India
WS 2008/2009	Seminar: Hijra, kawē-kawē and other third genders: The cultural dealing with people between the sexes
WS 2008/2009	Seminar: Introduction into Medical Anthropology
WS 2008/2009	Seminar: Indian medical systems between tradition and modernity
SS 2008 Seminar:	Medicine and glocalization in South Asia
SS 2008 Tutorial:	Introduction into the techniques of scientific work
SS 2007 Seminar:	Masala Medicine. Introduction into Medical Anthropology of India

Supervised Ph.D., MA and BA theses

Ph.D. and doctoral theses

Lama, Rinzi, 2015, “Utrinu, Jhar-Phuk, Hami-Hamro: A Sociological Inquiry into Spirit Possession and the Healing Practice of the Nepali Community of Darjeeling”, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India.

Tesche, Torsten, 2015, „Nachtodvorstellungen in Deutschland heute – Ein religionswissenschaftlicher Forschungsbeitrag“, Interfaculty Programme for the Study of Religion, LMU Munich.

MA theses

Waibel, Anja, 2015, Festgeschrieben – Der Körper als Beweis für Medizin und Justiz? Eine ethnologische Perspektive auf die Rolle des Körpers von Asylsuchenden im Einwanderungsprozess nach Deutschland, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich.

Sarikaya, Anna, 2010, Ayurvedische Psychotherapie Indiens, Interfaculty Programme for Religious Studies, LMU Munich.

Zettler, Stefanie, 2010, Der Einfluss sozialer Veränderungen auf die Tibetische Medizin in Dharamsala. Eine Feldforschung, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich.

BA theses

Matthausen, Laura, 2018, Black Women's Studies und die Erforschung afroamerikanischer Frauen in der US-amerikanischen Bürgerrechtsbewegung: Zwischen Empowerment und Marginalisierung durch race, class und gender oppression, University of Leipzig.

Zoche, Oskar, 2014, Die Bhoodan-Bewegung als postkolonialer Widerstand? Vinoba Bhave in der Analyse, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich.

Poell, Anne Sophie, 2014, 'Made in Portugal': Lokale Produkte und die Stiftung portugiesischer Identität in Folge der Wirtschaftskrise, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich.

Review work

Medical Anthropology Quarterly

Transcultural Psychiatry

Anthropology & Medicine

German Research Foundation (DFG)

German Academic Exchange service (DAAD)

Student fellowships

Memberships

Centre for Advanced Studies Research Focus Global Health, LMU Munich.

AG Medical Anthropology (since 2015 second chair)

AG Psychological Anthropology

German Anthropological Association (DGSKA)

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)