

PD. MAG. DR. THOMAS WALLNIG, MAS**CURRICULUM VITAE**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Born: 24 June, 1975; Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)

Family status: Married, two daughters (15 and 17)

Language skills: native German, excellent English and Italian, excellent (passive) Latin, good French and (passive) Ancient Greek, rudiments of Russian

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MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

(Early) modern Central European history; auxiliary sciences of history; history of science and scholarship; digital humanities; monastic and church history; republic of letters; history of historiography (including 19th and 20th centuries); Austrian, German and Italian history; history of popular music, jazz & rock'n'roll.

EDUCATION

1993–2004: Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz (A):

Mag. phil. in History (minor subject: Italian Philology) with distinction, 1999.
Thesis: “Die italienische Korrespondenz des Freiherren Josef von Hammer-Purgstall” (advisor: Prof. Höflechner).

Dr. phil. in History, 2004. Dissertation: “Studien zu Herkunft und Bildungsweg von Bernhard Pez OSB vor 1709” (advisor: Prof. Höflechner).

1998–2001: Postgraduate education at the Institute of Austrian Historical Research, Vienna (A): MAS (Historical Research and Archival Sciences).

2007–2014: frequentation of the basic program in (group) psychotherapy of the ÖAGG.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Privatdozent, following Habilitation at the University of Vienna in May 2016 (*venia legendi* Modern History).

Senior Scientist (Digital Humanities), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies (since 2022).

Vice-Dean for digital and non-digital infrastructure, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies (from 1 October 2024).

PREVIOUS POSITIONS (AUSTRIA AND ABROAD)

2002–2003: Archivist at the Austrian Television Archives (ORF), Vienna (AT).

2002–2007: Archivist and historian of the “Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Österreichs”, Vienna.

2004–2008: Project assistant, FWF Project “The correspondence of B. and H. Pez (1709–1715)” (FWF P-16940), Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna.

2010–2012: Director of a historical sub-section of ProVision Project “Dealing with Divine Creation” (FWF PRV500012) at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (as sub-contractor).

2008–2014: PI, Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Start Project “Monastic Enlightenment and the Benedictine Republic of Letters” (among the best-funded and high-competition funding schemes in Austria, similar to ERC StG; FWF Y-390) at the University of Vienna, Department of History, and the Austrian Institute of Historical Research, Vienna. From 2009, parental part-time employment.

2015, Contractor (Austrian Institute of Historical Research): census of the correspondence of Gottfried Bessel; (University of Vienna): organization of an assessment workshop related to the digital transcription tool Transkribus.

2016–2020, PI, FWF Stand-Alone Project “Benedictines, Church Reform and the State in Austria, 1720–1740”, University of Vienna (P-28016).

2018–2022, PI, FWF Stand-Alone Project “The Oriental Outpost of the Republic of Letters. Sebastian Tengnagel (d. 1636), the Imperial Library in Vienna, and Knowledge about the Orient”, University of Vienna (P-30511).

2019–2020, Universitätsassistent, University of Vienna, Department of History (Digital Humanities / KONDE – Kompetenznetzwerk Digitale Edition).

2020–2021 (winter term, Sep–Mar), Visiting Professor, University of Padova/IT, DISSGeA.

2021 (summer term, Mar–Sept), Visiting Professor, University of Klagenfurt.

2021–2022, Lecturer, University of Vienna; subproject leader in the context of the consortium project DiTAH (Digital Transformation of the Austrian Humanities), University of Vienna.

FELLOWSHIPS ABROAD

Sep 1995–Jun 1996: Università degli Studi, Pisa (IT; Erasmus).

Sep 1996–Jun 1997: Università degli Studi, Torino (IT).

Apr–May, Oct 2003: Herzog-August-Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel (DE).

Mar–Jun 2006: Institut Historique Allemand, Paris (FR).

Jan–Apr 2015: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (USA; IAS Membership).

Apr–July 2015: Stanford University (USA; Fulbright Scholars Program).

July, Oct 2021: Universität Bayreuth (DE; Humboldt Short-Term Grant).

May–July 2023: Fellow, Institut für Bayerische Geschichte, LMU München (DE).

Jan 2024: Short-Time Fellowship with the research group on Early Modern Christianities. University of Frankfurt (DE).

INVITED LECTURES AND PAPERS (SELECTED)

2012, March: Lecture series “History of Scholarship”, Warburg Institute, London (UK): “‘Scholastic Trifles’ vs. ‘Salubrious Criticism’: on the Scholarly Dimension of the German Benedictines’ Struggle for Educational Reform in the Early 18th Century.”

2012, October: “Austrian History Lecture”, University College, Dublin (IE): “Was there a ‘Monastic Enlightenment’ in Austria and Southern Germany?”

2014, April: Keynote at the international conference “Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World”, Vienna (A).

2015, April: Lecture at the Center for Austrian Studies / Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of St. Paul/Minneapolis/MN (USA).

2016, December: Guest lecture at the “Séminaire de recherche: Nouveaux chantiers de l’histoire moderne”, Université Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne (FR).

2019, November: Keynote at the conference “Clerici sunt cives.” Die Kirche in Bedrängnis: Akteure, Strukturen und Diskurse im Aufgeklärten Absolutismus der Habsburgermonarchie, 1749–1792, Brixen (IT).

2021, October: “Kann man aus benediktinischer Sicht Globalgeschichte betreiben?” (key note). Jahrestagung der Historischen Sektion der Bayerischen Benediktinerakademie, Kloster Scheyern (DE).

2022, July: “The Binary Eagle: Resource Harmonization for the Eighteenth-century Habsburg Monarchy”. Digitizing Enlightenment V, University of Montpellier (FR).

2023, June: Workshop “Aufklärung und Kirchenrecht”, University of Munich (DE).

2024, March: Sebastian Tengnagel (d. 1636) and the collection of "oriental" manuscripts at the court library in Vienna: research and data, Hamilton College (USA).

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2005: Franz-Stephan-Preis der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts.

2005: Anerkennungspreis für Wissenschaft des Landes Niederösterreich.

2007: FWF Start Award.

2014: Awarded Honorary Fulbright Award for a stay at the University of Stanford/CA (USA) in 2015.

2014: Awarded Membership for the second term 2014/5 at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton/NJ (USA).

2019: International Award, University of Vienna (together with the group of mobility coordinators).

2021: Humboldt Short-Time Grant at the University of Bayreuth (DE).

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES, PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Chair of the Austrian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (OGE18).

Member of the Historical Section of the Salzburg Benedictine Academy.

Editor, “Das achtzehnte Jahrhundert und Österreich. Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts”; co-editor, „Schriftenreihe der Österreichischen Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts.“

Peer review for: Union der deutschen Akademien der Wissenschaften (DE); Grantová agentura České republiky (Czech Science Foundation), Prague (CZ); Integrated College Reference System (UK); Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt (DE); Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (CH), Franz Werfel Stipendienprogramm (AT); Brill Publishers, Leiden (NL); Journal of Religious History, Sydney (AUS); Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken, Rome (DE/IT); Intellectual History Review, Oxford (UK); Grotiana (NL); Storia e Regione (IT); Liverpool University Press (UK); Journal of Historical Network Research (LUX); Časopis Cornova (CZ), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DE)..

Membership: Centro per la ricerca sugli epistolari del settecento, Verona (IT, Comitato Scientifico). Austrian Society for the History of Science (AT; Steering Committee); AG Praemonstratensia (DE). Advisory board of Sjuttonhundrat: Nordic Yearbook for Eighteenth-century Studies (SE). Advisory board member, “Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment” and “Catholicisms c.1450-c.1800” (IMEMS / Durham UP). Member of the “Gruppo Austriaco” for Risorgimento History (IT/AT). Advisory board member, “Digital Scholarly Edition of Habsburg-Ottoman Diplomatic Sources 1500–1918” (AT).

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)

Der Standard / Newspaper (19.05.2009): Kritisches Denken in Mönchskutten

Ö1 / Radio (Salzburger Nachtstudio, 11.03.2015): Geist und Geister der Alma Mater Rudolfina. Die Universität Wien wird 650 Jahre alt (Intervention)

Ö1 / Radio (Dimensionen, 11.11.2016): Leibniz in Wien (Interview)

Die Presse / Newspaper (05.11.2020): Als Historicus am Hof des Sultans

ORF / Kreuz & Quer: Ein Fenster zur Vernunft: Die Katholische Aufklärung (06.09.2022); Die Forscher Gottes (26.05.2023)

ORF / ORFIII: Österreich – die ganze Geschichte, seasons 1 & 2 2023/4 (member of core advisory board)

FUNDED PROJECTS (also co-authored, with year of approval)

2003: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “The correspondence of B. and H. Pez (1709–1715)” (P-16940) [co-authored, submitted by Prof. Winfried Stelzer] (c. 150.000, 2004–2008).

2007: Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Start Project “Monastic Enlightenment and the Benedictine Republic of Letters” (Y-390) (c. 1.200.000, 2008–2014).

2013: COST Action IS1310 “Reassembling the Republic of Letters” [co-authored, submitted by Prof. Howard Hotson] (c. 600.000, 2014–2018).

2015: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “Benedictines, Church Reform and the State in Austria, 1720–1740” (P-28016) (c. 450.000, 2016–2020).

2017: Austrian Science Fund Stand-Alone Project “The Oriental Outpost of the Republic of Letters” (P-30511) (c. 400.000, 2017–2020).

2018: Austrian Academy of Sciences / Go!DigitalNext Generation: “Nuns and Monks. Prosopographical Interfaces” [co-authored, submitted by Irene Rabl] (c. 200.000, 2019–2021).

- 2021: Austrian Science Fund Publication Project “dQIÖG. A workflow for the Pez edition in a hybrid series” (50.000.-).
- 2023: “Investitionsvorhaben” of the University of Vienna, aimed at a digital description and online publication of the collections and papers held at the Department for Contemporary History [co-authored, submitted by Claudia Kraft] (c. 100.000.-, 2023–2024).
- 2023: Arrangement of the University of Vienna’s participation in the infrastructure project DH-Infra, led by the University of Graz (overall volume c. 3.000.000, inkind 60.000.-, 2023–2026).
- 2023: Application for hosting the DHd conference at the University of Vienna in 2026 [co-authored and submitted together with Tara Andrews, accepted in November 2023] (overall volume c. 200.000.-, 2026).
- 2024: COST Action “Print Cultures and Public Spheres in Central Europe, 1500-1800” [co-authored, submitted by Mona Garloff] (c. 600.000, 2024–2028).
- 2024: Clariah small project “Empfehlungen zum akademischen Zitieren elektronischer Ressourcen“ (c. 6.000, 2024–2025).

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2022/3: History Lounge. An evening with pop songs about history, performed and presented by Univie students. Vienna, Verein08, 29 September 2022; VHS Landstraße 2 February 2023.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PARTNERS

- 2004–2008: Member of the DFG Research Network “Historiographieggeschichte”, based at the University of Erfurt, and chaired by Susanne Rau.
- 2011–2014: Associate Member of the DFG Research Network “Learned Polemics”, based at the Humboldt-Universität Berlin, and the University of Giessen, chaired by Kai Bremer and Carlos Spoerhase.
- 2014–2018: Vice Chair – under Chair Howard Hotson, Oxford (UK) – of COST Action IS1310 “Reassembling the Republic of Letters 1500-1800. A Digital Framework for Multi-Lateral Collaboration on Europe’s Intellectual History”.
- 2016–: Chair of the Austrian Society for Eighteenth-century Studies, in that capacity connections with most of the major international, and in particular Central European and Italian, researchers in the field.
- 2024–2028: Working Group Leader – under Chair Mona Garloff (Innsbruck) – of COST Action CA23137 “Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe 1500–1800”.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2014–: Erasmus / mobility coordinator (Italy) first for the Department of History, then for the study program Digital Humanities; member of the review board for non-EU applications, University of Vienna (A).
- Member of key research areas “Digital Humanities”, “History of Science”, “Text & Edition” (speaker since 2023/Feb), University of Vienna.
- 2017–2020: Member of “Kompetenznetzwerk Digitale Editionen” (KONDE), chaired by the Zentrum für Informationsmodellierung, University of Graz.
- 2019–2020: Member of the study course drafting committee (*Curricularkommission*) for the MA Digital Humanities, University of Vienna.

Since 2018: Member of the Research Group “History of Human Rights and Democracy” at the University of Vienna.

Since 2019: Member of CLARIAH-AT (representing the University of Vienna).

2024–2026: Vice-Dean for (Digital) Infrastructure, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna.

2024–2026; Member of the Doctoral Advisory Board / History, University of Vienna.